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ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

Rev. Jas A. Mortenson, Pastor

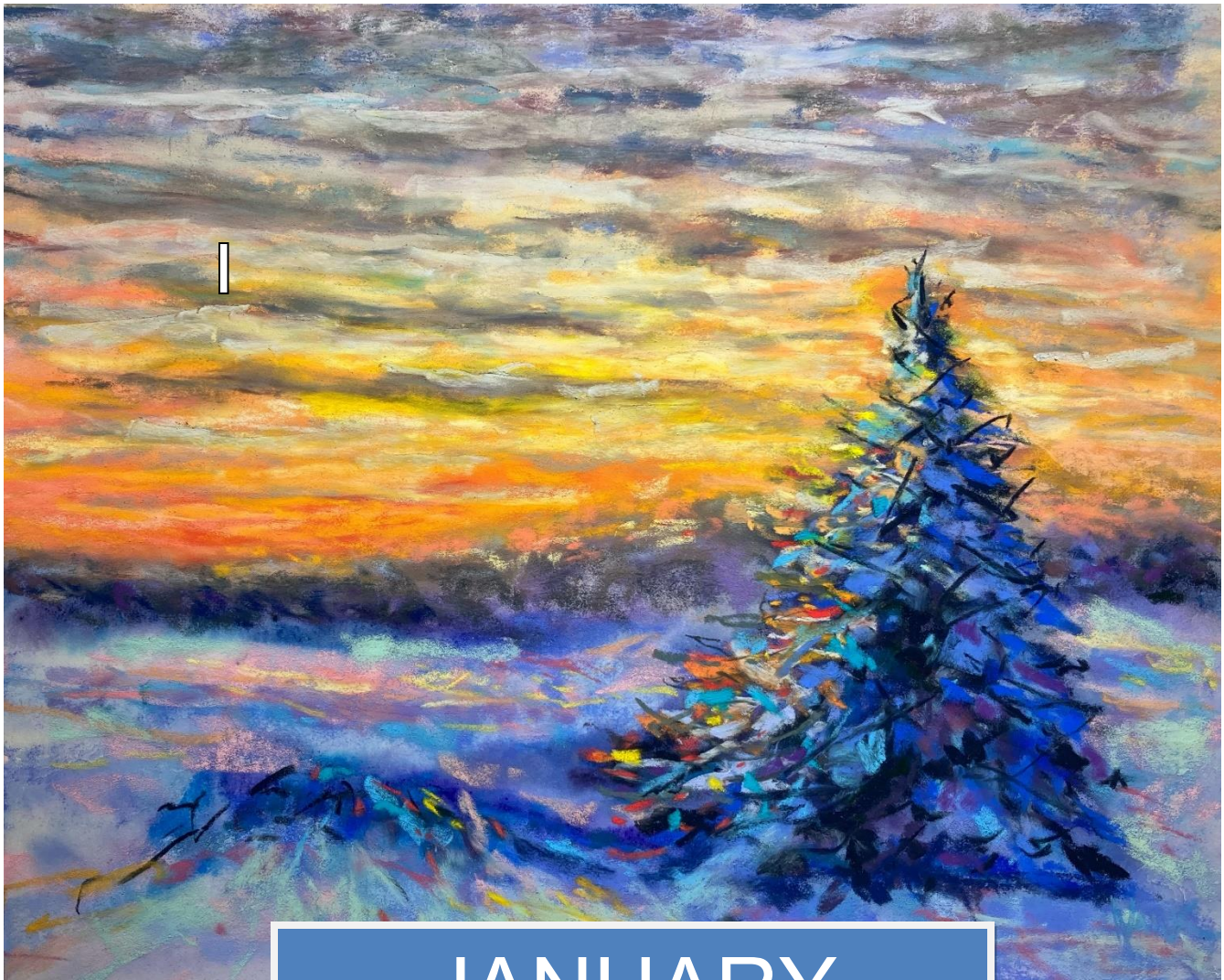
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We, a diverse Christian family, faithful in word and sacrament strive to share in God's unconditional love through prayer, worship, and outreach.



JANUARY

Saturday: 5:00 pm Liturgy I Low Mass
Sunday: 8:45 am SCS
9:00 am Pericope
10:00 am ELW

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
& THURSDAY
9:00am – 12:00pm



1-2 Kelly Schwartz
 1-3 Rorrie Lang
 1-7 Joni McDonald
 1-8 Leanne Buttke, Wally Hogan,
 Denise Schmid
 1-9 Howard MacMillan
 1-11 Jodi Heine, Bert Ugrotzi
 1-13 Diane Hogan
 1-16 Jason Koenig
 1-18 Jane Bogart, Jeanne Cassinelli
 1-19 Kay Thein
 1-20 Paul Turlais
 1-21 Benjamin Kawczynski, Lori Rathmann
 Julie Wishall
 1-22 Penelope Martinez
 1-24 Elaine Kuehn
 1-27 Keaton Atwood
 1-28 Sydney LaFond, Rick Wettengel
 1-31 Karol Docter, Haley Biersach

1-1 Cheri & Keith Saylor
 1-17 Kelly and Joseph Schwartz
 1-20 Pat and Kenneth Bruss-Horswill



COVER ART

"Blue & Gold" –
Original pastel painting
by Kinga E. Vnuk



Do you have an address, email, phone number or status change?
 Please contact the church office to report any changes to the records.
 This helps ensure our files stay current. **THANK YOU**

Comment Article: Celebrating 60 years!



On April 10, 2026, a Friday, All Saints will officially be sixty years old as a congregation.

It was on Easter Sunday, April 10th in the year 1966, that All Saints held its very first liturgy of worship.

The congregation met in the basement of the bank at Puetz and Howell Avenue.

It was a glorious time filled with hope and excitement. The church was being planted, the church was being established.

It had been a while in coming, thanks to the hard work of Rev. Ray Stubbe, who was called through the Board of American Missions to establish a congregation in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

The congregation was a part of the Lutheran Church in America, the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Synod.

All Saints was the farthest congregation South in Milwaukee County, almost to the Racine County line.

The actual plans for a congregation went back in time to the mid 1950's, when a parcel of land was purchased in Oak Creek for some future development.

There was the idea and the belief that "the church must be planted."

In Latin, the phrase is ECCLESIA PLANTANDA.

That phrase had been around since the days and times of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, who helped establish congregations in the early days of settling into the "New World."

The date is coming...and it is amazing...what a history...what a group of dedicated individuals... You obviously will be hearing more about this as the time grows closer.

So many saints to remember and to cherish, we really, truly do stand on the shoulders of giants... if it were not for them, we would not be here today.

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 1st Following The liturgy for the day!

(Food will be served!)

Who is eligible to vote?

To be a voting member of the congregation, you must GIVE A RECORD OF OFFERING at least once a year, AND you must have received the sacrament in the last year, as well. TO VOTE: you must do both. And yes, we keep records.

Who can be present?

Any baptized member or even a visitor is welcome to attend; they just cannot participate in the voting process.

What will be discussed?

The agenda for the meeting is published in the ANNUAL REPORT.

What is a quorum?

The quorum is the number of people who must be present for the business of the church to be conducted. If there is no quorum, there is no meeting.

Do I have to say anything?

You do not. You may be as quiet as a church mouse, should you so desire.

Can I just observe?

Of course, you may.

How long will it take?

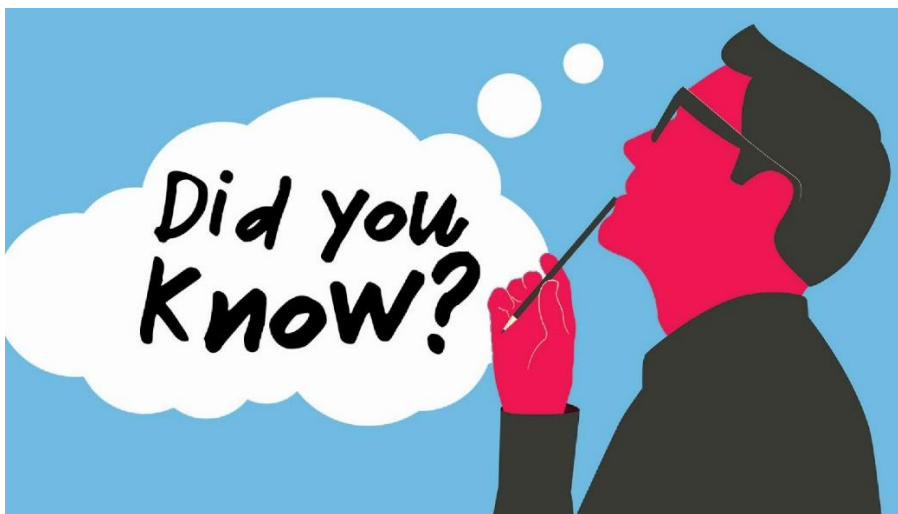
Every attempt is made to allow for discussion, cover the agenda, and get you in and out in a reasonable time. Sometimes, establishing the quorum is the biggest issue of the day.

What happens if it snows?

The meeting will still be held, provided that a quorum is reached. Please try to be here!

Did You Know? (ABOUT EPIPHANY)

- We are not going to give you the answers this time around. If you are interested, try G00gle! Become informed!
- The story of the visit of the WISE MEN appears in the Gospel according to whom?
- Who wrote the text of the Epiphany Carol – “We Three Kings of Orient Are?”
- What is a THREE KINGS CAKE?
- Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?
- Who wrote the poem – “THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI?”
- What is MYRRH and where does it come from? What was MYRRH used for?
- The three gifts are the theological heart of the hymn. The three gifts are symbolic --- what does each gift refer to?





Christmas Bazaar

WOW!

We are blessed throughout the year by various fundraisers...shortly in January, the NEW WINDOWS will be installed. We did it! We also did a SPRING CRAFT FAIR, two RUMMAGE SALES in the summer months, a FALL CRAFT FAIR, and a CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and COOKIE SALE. All of them are amazing, and they all help out at a time of need during our financial year. We are blessed. So many people are involved throughout the year. So many people are working behind the scenes.

We know it is a lot. We know that many, many hours are involved. It does take us all to accomplish great things...and we are doing it...

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped out with these varying events; they do make a difference.

The final total of the Christmas Bazaar was over \$10,200. That's a lot of cookies, a lot of baking, a lot of Christmas Memorabilia, a lot of Chili (we kept running out!), and a whole lot of work.

Thank you to everyone who has been helpful and supportive at any level. When the Annual Report is posted, you will be amazed at how much money these events bring into our church. Please help out where you are able. Blessings...

HISTORIAN

History has been made!

Yes, All Saints has made history in Oak Creek, WI.

And Pat St. Louis has patiently recorded the past 47 years of that history for our congregation.

PJ is hoping to complete the years before his arrival as our Pastor.

When Pat took on this work, she had a committee to help her.

At this time, I don't have all the names of those who helped but thank you to all who helped!

You are a blessing to our church!

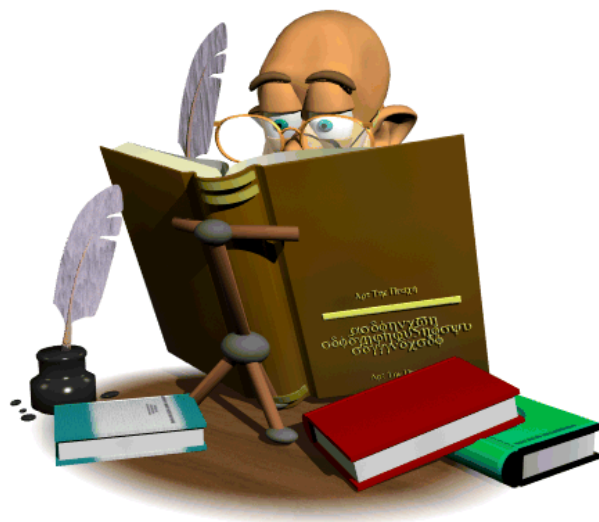
A HUGE THANK YOU TO PAT AND ALL WHO HELPED HER, FOR ALL THE WORK THEY COMPLETED IN THIS EFFORT!

But now, Pat can no longer proceed with this work.

In that light, we are looking for someone to complete the history that Pat has organized.

If you can help out, please contact Kathy Mack or PJ.

Thank you again, Pat!! You rock!





Thank you to the liturgy committee for all their work during the holidays and throughout the year.

Thanks to all those who purchased poinsettia plants for the church.

Thanks to all those who provide altar flowers throughout the year.

Thank you to the newly formed WOMEN'S CHOIR!

Thank you to those who baked cookies for our Christmas Bazaar and cookie sale.

Thank you for your faithfulness in worship and your gifts to the church throughout the year. (WE, unlike many churches, are in the BLACK!)

Thanks to all those serving on the CHURCH COUNCIL, you guys are a blessing to us all.

Thanks to the World Concern Committee for feeding people at the Fisher House.

Thanks to all those who bring in food and maintain our food pantry (special thanks to Pat and Ken!)

Thanks to Debbie Krajnak and Michael Steiner for their hard work in keeping our exterior property always looking awesome.

Thanks to everyone who brings in items for the wish list; you help out more than you realize.



President's Article

2025 is in the books! It has been an interesting year here at All Saints! As President of your church council, I have had the pleasure of working with a dedicated team of members who stepped up to become members of council. While we did not have a full council, it was a busy council. Thank you to all the council members-you are a great and talented team!

Highlights of this year are: Two craft fairs, two rummage sales, a cookie sale and Christmas Bazaar, which all added money to keep our budget on the plus side. Thank you to all who donated time and items to these events.

We experienced Peggy's retirement this past year. Joyfully, we wished her a happy and healthy retirement. THANK YOU, PEGGY, FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CONGREGATION!

Unfortunately, we also lost members this year, who are now at peace.

The Property committee also completed two church cleanings and kept up the property during the summer with grass cutting duties. They also kept the repairs and maintenance of our church property complete. Thank you to all who helped with these efforts.

The Evangelism Committee has been busy this year as well. They held three Bingo nights and collected canned goods for our food pantry. What a novel idea and well-received by all who attended. It was great to see kids at Bingo too! Thank you to all who joined this committee and brought new ideas to our church.

Did I mention World Concerns? This committee has dedicated itself to our community by holding Blood drives and serving at the Fisher House. Showing their love to others in need is an outstanding example for all of us to follow. Continuing to support the food pantry at our church is another example of this committee's work. Thank you to all who supported and worked on this committee.

Ah, Liturgy Committee! Probably the most organized and busiest committee of all the council committees. Responsible for changing the paraments of the altar and keeping the communion trays filled are just a few of the ways this committee has stepped up. Constantly coming up with new ways to adorn our church for all its seasons is another. Such talented people on this committee. You should be proud of all that you do and thank you!

We wouldn't be a very good church without a Christian Education committee. This committee keeps bringing the word to our children and to us. We are so lucky to have a dedicated team that guided us throughout the year with Pericope, Confirmation, First Communion, and Sunday School classes. Your work does not go unnoticed, and we all thank you for bringing God's word to us in a variety of ways.

Another way to serve on the council is on the Finance committee. This committee is sort of a watchdog over expenses and income for our church. Not the most glamorous of jobs, but a necessary one all the same. Many thanks for keeping our 'books' in order.

Other committees, such as Endowment, Mutual Ministry, and Memorial, continue to work behind the scenes for your church. Thank you to all who serve on these important committees.

There are officers on the council as well who deserve our thanks. Barb Schrubey has been our treasurer for many years and continues in this position-we hope for many more. Lisa Kleppek has been our council secretary a few times and does a great job of making sense of our meeting agendas and taking notes. Thank you to both of you for a great job!!

Thank you too to Jayne Murnane, council Vice President, for your support during the year and for handling a meeting that I could not make.

To PJ, Kinga, Peggy, and Sara, a HUGE THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY.

Thanks, are in order to all of you who donated over and above your normal pledged amounts, especially to the Window Fund. Because of your support, we will have new windows in our sanctuary and Ballbach Hall! Hopefully, we will see a difference in a more constant temperature in these areas going forward.

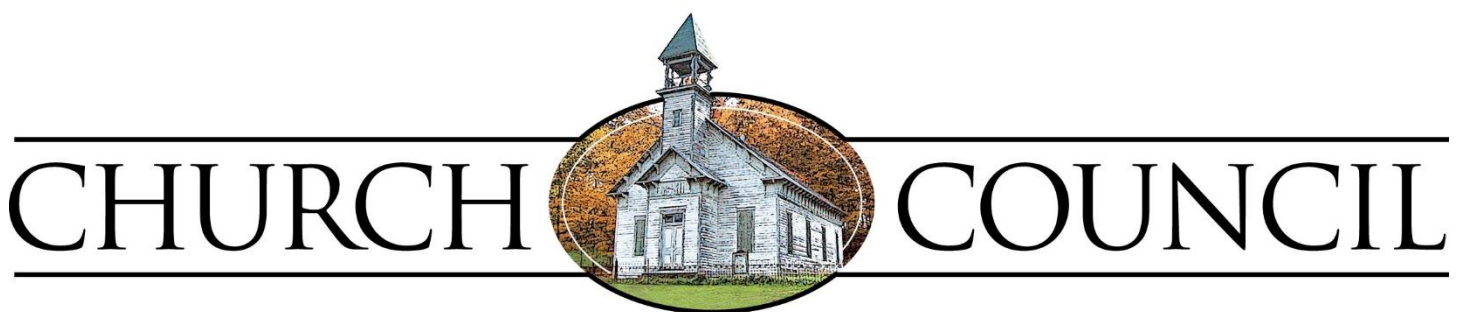
If I have missed an item or event, I apologize in advance, as it was not intentional.

In closing, I would like to ask you to consider joining the church council and serving God and your church family. It only takes about 3-4 hours per month of your time to volunteer for the council, but the rewards go on forever with the impact you can make and the friendships you will make.

I pray it is so.....

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mack
Council President





HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

The All Saints Annual Meeting will be held on February 1st, following the liturgy.

Please plan to attend so that we may continue our good works for 2026.

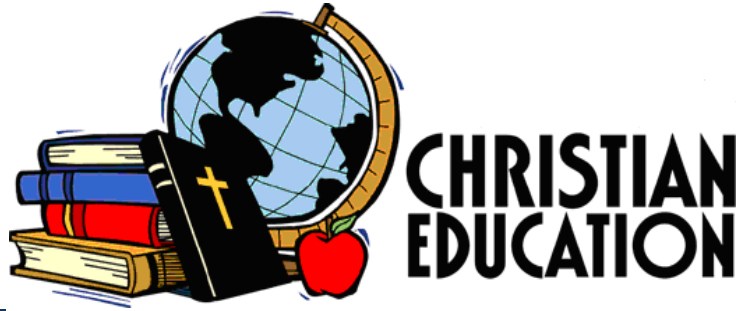
The council will provide sandwiches, and we are asking for donations of sides, desserts, and beverages.

There will be a sign-up sheet for these items.

In order to plan for 2026 and some really big changes at our church, we need a quorum of members, so the more the merrier!

Please take the time to attend this important event.

Thank you!!



Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming weeks:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>focus verses</u>	<u>Topics</u>
January		
○ 4	No Sunday School	
○ 11	2 Thessalonians 3:3 Philippians 4:13	Strength I Can Do All Things
○ 18	Ecclesiastes 4:9 Isaiah 40:29	Teamwork Strength to the Weary
○ 25	Ephesians 4:29 Proverbs 21:23	Words – Sweet & Sour Be careful what you say
February		
○ 1	Genesis 1:27 1 Corinthians 12:4-6	Made in his image Different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit

Annual Congregational Meeting – Hope to see you there

○ 8	1 John 4:10 1 John 4:8	Be Mine God is love
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Education Committee Meeting – Interested in the Education of the church, please join us.

All children are welcomed to join the Sunday School classes. Classes start at 8:45 am on Sundays.

Confirmation Students are meeting on Thursdays as planned. Please follow the schedule set.

Pericope Meets at 9:00am on Sundays. All are welcome to join in the discussion or just come and listen. They meet in the kitchen.

Christian Education committee will meet on January 11, 2026 & February 8, 2026. We meet in the Sunday School Classroom after service (near 11:15 am). If you are a parent, have an interest in the Christian Education of All Saints, or would just like to join our meetings, we would love for you to join us.

Congratulations to Jane Chovanec and Bryson Ugrotzi on their First Communion on November 2, 2025.

Thank you Angela Carroll Photography for capturing this special occasion.



Respectfully submitted,
Robin Schmitt



Council Meeting – Monday, January 19th at 6:30 pm
Check the Calendar for the dates and times
of the various Committee Meeting

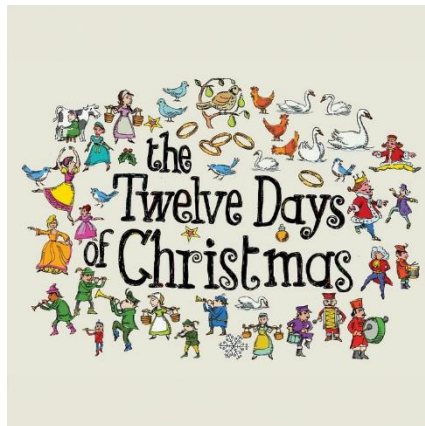
CHRISTMAS SEASON

Tradition says that the 12 days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany when they recognized him as the son of God.

The specific time period was likely part of the early church's effort to adapt pre-Christian celebrations that helped the ancient Europeans get through the long, cold winter days...

Christians have historically celebrated a period of 12 days surrounding Christmas.

The nearly two-week period starts and ends with two pretty significant holidays: Christmas on Dec. 25 and the Epiphany on Jan. 6.





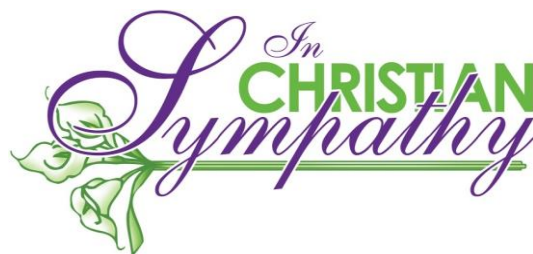
Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the December council meeting:

- Council approved the 2026 Budget with a 3% salary increase for employees and thanked Barb for putting a budget together that is only \$1000 over 2025's budget. The budget will be presented for approval at the Congregational Meeting on February 1st.
- Council approved scheduling the Agape Luncheon on Sunday, February 15th. Council discussed having games as entertainment. Tickets for the meal of spaghetti, garlic bread and salad will be \$5 (kids under 3 will be free) and will start being sold at the Annual Meeting.
- Council will seek volunteers to coordinate Easter Breakfast on April 5th.
- Council directed Barb to pay all the outstanding bills at the end of December 2025.
- Council directed Barb to close the books on December 31, 2025. Any monies coming in after that date will be recorded in 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek
All Saints Lutheran Church
Council Secretary



*Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy is extended
to Andrea Atwood and family
on the death of Andrea's Mother.
Blessed are those who die in the Lord*

Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, January 17th, 2026
5:00pm Liturgy

All Saints will once again become a joyful “zoo” this January as we celebrate our Annual Pet Blessing.

All pets are welcome! Each year brings something new, but one thing remains the same—there is something truly peaceful and heartwarming about worshiping alongside your faithful animal companion.



Let's bless our animals

Because...

They are such a blessing to us!

Join us. won't you?

It is always a blast!



Evangelism



In the month of October, the Evangelism Committee held the final BINGO night of the year. We raised \$196 to revamp our visitor bags and supplies, collected 160 items for our food pantry, and had 43 participants! During the New Member Mingle held in October we had 22 join us to celebrate our growing congregation. In November, the Evangelism Committee hosted an Ice Cream Social during Sunday fellowship; 22 people joined us. The kids raved about all of the wonderful toppings! Thank you so much to Dale and Lynn Friedman for donating their time, talent, and supplies to this event.

In the month of December, the Evangelism Committee collected hats, mittens, and scarves for Oak Creek Elementary schools and SAFE Haven. SAFE Haven is an emergency shelter for youth located in our neighboring community, Racine. A huge thank you to Kathy Bandstra-Bauman for her Thrivent donation to our cause and Sara Jolitz for putting our tree up. **We were able to gather 32 scarves, 20 gloves/mittens, 25 hats, and 15 hat/scarf/mitten sets!**

In the month of January, we are hosting the Annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, January 17th at 5:00pm. Bring in your animal companion to be blessed and join our “zoo” for the evening.

Our committee is looking for additional members to join us! We are in need of a few individuals who can lead our welcoming team (greeters, writing thank you cards to visitors, assisting with visitor bags) and a few individuals who can donate their time, talent, and creativity. If you're interested in learning more about our committee or joining us, please reach out to Brittany at 262/672-1943 or by email at Brittany.czarny@outlook.com.

Our next meeting will be a working meeting on Saturday, January 17th at 3:30pm. We will be setting up the Pet Blessing and meeting afterwards for our monthly meeting.

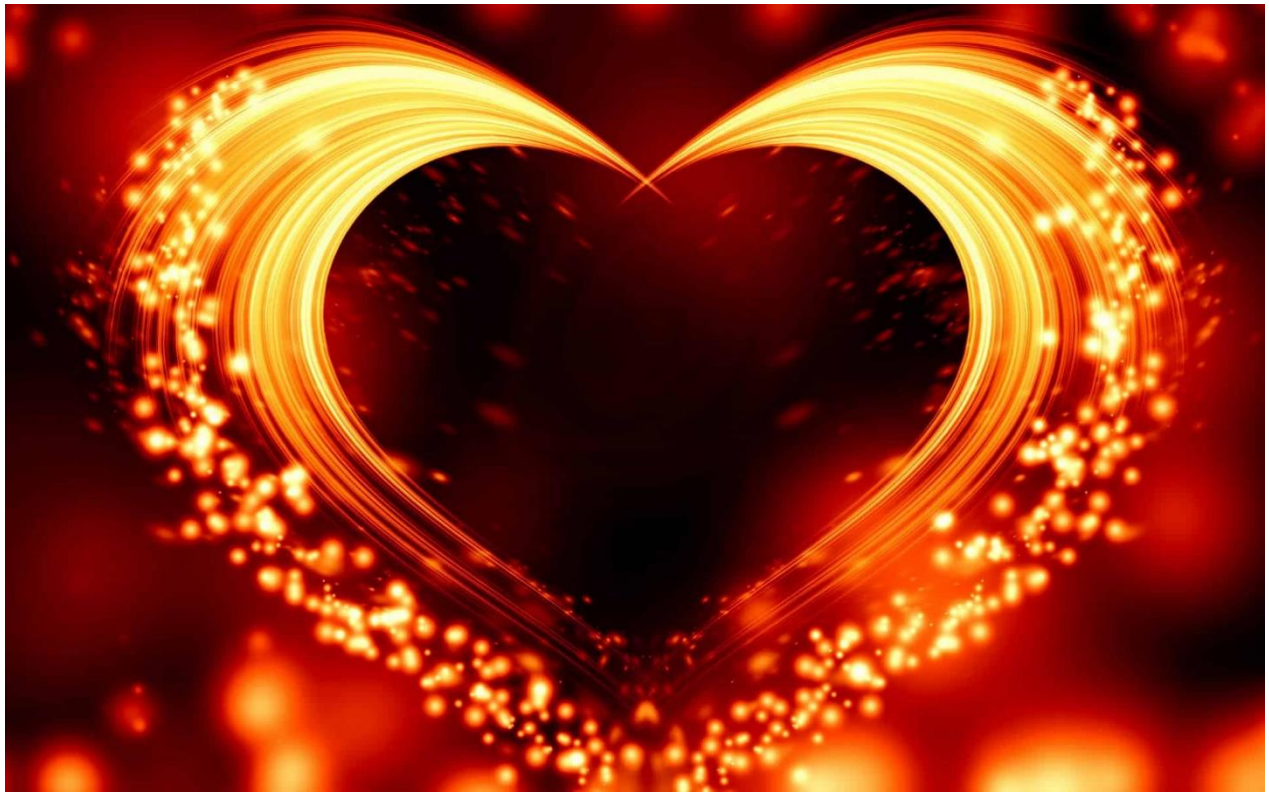
Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Czarny, Evangelism Chair

AGAPE SUPPER

Agape supper is a long running event at All Saints! It is a time to get together and celebrate God's Love-Agape means Love! The church council has decided to hold an Agape Supper on February 15th following the liturgy. A spaghetti dinner will be offered, and tickets will be \$5.00 per person. Children 3 and under will be admitted free of charge. Tickets will be available at the annual meeting and the following days leading up to the 15th.

The church council will host this event in honor of PJ's many years as our Pastor. This will be his last Agape supper with us, so please show your love for PJ's many years of service to our congregation and attend this fun event!

Love, love, love-that's what it's all about! Are you singing it?





Please remember the following people in your prayers...

**Keith and Cheri Saylor
Camille Begani
David Heine
RB & Linda Wood
Jayne Murnane
Debbie Maley
Sydney LaFond
Rick Ruhl
Dale & Nina Slowik
Peggy Rudolph Lisle
Rich Lisle
Jerry Pavlik
Kristen Nicole
Elaine Kuehn
Kathy Bauman
Terri Pratt
Marianne Zapp
Jeff LaFond**

**Dick Kahle
Linda Payne
Rob Kawczynski
Jess Bogart
Justin Halter
Joel Raison
Ana Rivas
Baby Bennett
Sue Gorecki
Barb Grobschmidt
Patti Sprague
Wally & Diane Hogan
Michael Dittmar
Cotey Speaks
Carol Kocourek
Rick Wettengel
Brent Mason**

**For the brother-in-law of Helen Haworth...
For Tom Kahle, brother of Dick...
For Kenadee and Nico, grandchildren of Rob and Pam...
For the children of Rita St. Louis...
For Debbie and John Krajnak
For the parents of Lisa Kleppek, Jodi Heine, Pam Kawczynski, and Robin Schmitt...
For the Father of Suz Pitts and the mother of Wendy Ruhl...
For all LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, MILITARY MEMBERS, FIREFIGHTERS,
PARAMEDICS, and all FIRST RESPONDERS...
And for all those addicted and still suffering...**

Lord, in your mercy...



Heavenly Father,

As I step into this new year, I thank You for the gift of life, for the lessons of the past, and for the hope of what lies ahead.

**Fill my heart with peace, my mind with clarity,
and my days with purpose.**

**Guide my steps so that I walk in wisdom, kindness, and truth.
Bless my family, friends, and all those I meet with health, joy,
and love.**

**When challenges arise, grant me strength; when blessings
come, keep me humble and grateful.**

**May this year be a season of growth, grace,
and unshakable faith.**

Amen.



Finance Committee

Finances for November 2025

Income. \$29,279.36
Expenses. \$18,901.45

Total. + \$10,377.91

Year To Date

Income. \$228,227.07
Expenses. \$214,221.42

Total. +\$14,005.74

Thanks for all that you do!

Brian Rathmann

Finance Chairperson

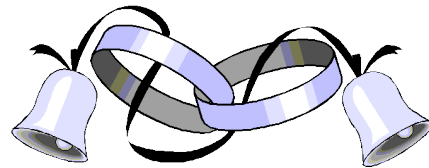




2026 DONATION CHART

Our 2026 Donation Chart for flowers, candles and bulletins is now posted on the ASLC Informative Board. Bulletin cost is \$15; Memorial/Honor Candle is \$10. Flowers need to be ordered on your own and need to be on the Sanctuary Altar before 5:00 pm on Saturday evening. Please help out All Saints by donating those items. Your help is greatly appreciated! God bless you!

Congratulations



*Congratulations to
Andrea Buchanan and Chris Atwood*

married here on December 6th, 2025.

*May God bless the love you have for each other and bless you
in all your years together ahead.*

WE THREE KINGS



Do you know the names of the three kings, three Magi, three priestly travelers, the three wise men?

Tradition says they are named Melchior (from Persia), Caspar (or sometimes Gaspar) from India, and Balthazar from Arabia.

Did you realize that the scriptures say “SOME TRAVELERS”; there is no specific number of them mentioned. We say, “THREE” based upon the number of gifts: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

The suggestion has been made for centuries that they could have been members of the priestly class of Zoroastrianism, in which case, they would have hailed from Iran.

There is nothing in Matthew’s gospel that implies they were “RULERS” of any kind. Now you are in the know... 😊

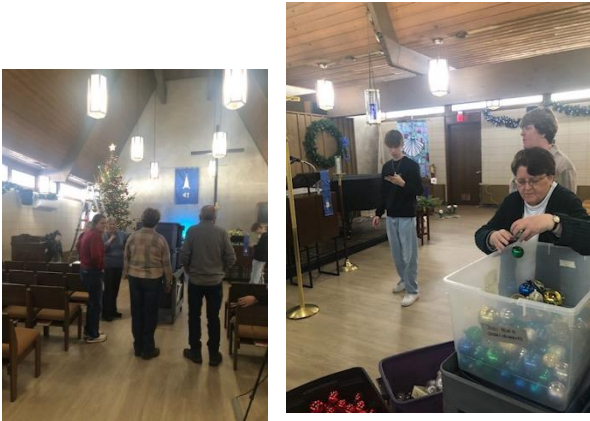


Liturgy Committee –

The Liturgy Committee would like to thank all of the folks who helped make this year's tree so amazingly beautiful! We really do appreciate all of your help and hope that you enjoyed the lunch that was served!

Pictured are front: Anton P., Mary Jo M., Robin S., Jared L., Tim J. (aka TJ), Judy W., Lisa K. back: Randy M., David S., Jim K., Joy K. Not pictured- Lynn S.

We would also like to give a hearty Thanks to Joy and Jim Kubusek for donating and hauling this lovely tree to our sanctuary! Looks great!



This is not the end!!

Please join us on Sunday, January 4th, 2026, to take down our lovely tree.

Lunch will again be served for all who help us.





From Moriah Joy

(Moriah's State of the Church Address)

You have to admit, I was a pretty good church dog this year...not a lot of barking, not a lot of jumping, no biting, no growling, a lot more sleeping, and a laid-back attitude.

I am going on 10, you know...

I am always glad you are here. You make my day. Everybody who stops in, I know, stops in just to see me. I love it when you come to my house. I still keep my eye on the parking lot and patrol the acreage.

I try not to miss anyone walking on OUR SIDEWALK, and I take note of every car just driving through our lot.

I greet all those who come in for the various meetings...during the week.

And I still occasionally bark at people that I know belong here, just because I am hoping they will come in and pet me or give me a treat or two.

I still run to get something for my mouth, because that is how I was raised from a little puppy on...

I am on guard.

And I do watch...and keep my ears open, even when my eyes are closed.
For the record.

There were no break-ins.

No fights.

Nothing needing my direct involvement...

I would say, security-wise, 2025 was a good year for us. I am keeping watch!





- **January 4 - Jayne Murnane**
- **January 11 - Judy Wolter**
- **January 17 - Dale Hochevar
(Pet Blessing)**
- **January 18 - Lynn Friedman**
- **January 25 - Brian Rathmann**

**Thank you so much, guys!
You ARE APPRECIATED!**

Property
Committee



Property

November and December have been busy months for the property team. Here are the highlights:

- We got together in early November and cleaned out and organized the garage.
- We will be looking for a replacement for the John Deer tractor as it is no longer working despite several attempts to fix it.
- The plumbing issue in the men's bathroom is ongoing. We are now discussing our options to either remove or repair the urinal.
- I would like to give a big thank you to Michael Steiner as he volunteered to clear the snow and salt the sidewalks around the church which gave us a small discount with the snow removal company.
- Repairs were made to the boiler in early December. Let's hope that it will keep running smoothly for a long time.

I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to my committee for all your help and hard work. I am truly grateful for each and every one of you!

God Bless,
Dan Thein (The Property Guy)





The season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and lasts until the day before Ash Wednesday, celebrating the revelation of Christ to the world.

The Season of Epiphany begins with the arrival of the sages from afar to visit and pay homage to the infant Jesus in Bethlehem — the event through which God makes known that Jesus is the Light for the world, not just for a chosen few.

We are reminded that while Jesus was a Jew and spoke largely to Jewish crowds during his life on Earth, He also spoke to non-Jews.

Throughout the Season of Epiphany, we celebrate the Light that Jesus has brought into the world.

The word EPIPHANY can take on any of the following meanings: A sudden striking understanding of something, coming into view, a manifestation, a moment of sudden revelation or insight, an appearance of, a realization, or a disclosure, an intuitive grasp of reality.

The Season of Epiphany is normally thought to be a 7 to an 8 week season, which is dictated by the date of Easter.

What begins with the BAPTISM OF OUR LORD ends with the TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD...both of which are WHITE in color; the rest of the season is green in color.

Holy Harley Of All Saints – Oak Creek



Another Harley Tree is history. Special thanks to everyone who contributed. Many people cleaned out their linen closets and came up with towels and blankets (which are very much in need and will be put to good use!)

All were donated to Secondhand Purrs (for kitties) and HAWS in Waukesha County (they received all the dog items!)

As of this writing, we do not know the monetary donations, but we will be certain to let you know in the next edition of the Revealers.

So bow-wow (from Moriah, our Church dog) and THANK YOU from Nina and Barbara. You made some homeless dog or cat very happy this Christmas season.

Thank You!
Moriah Joy, Nina Slowik, and Barbara Schrubey





Treasurer's report



For church members who use Simply Giving and would like to increase their giving to All Saints but are having difficulty changing their information, please let me know, and I will be more than happy to help.

Just email me (bschrubey@yahoo.com) with your increased donation amount (or any other changes you would like to make to your account – banking information or credit card information).

Thanks,
Barb...

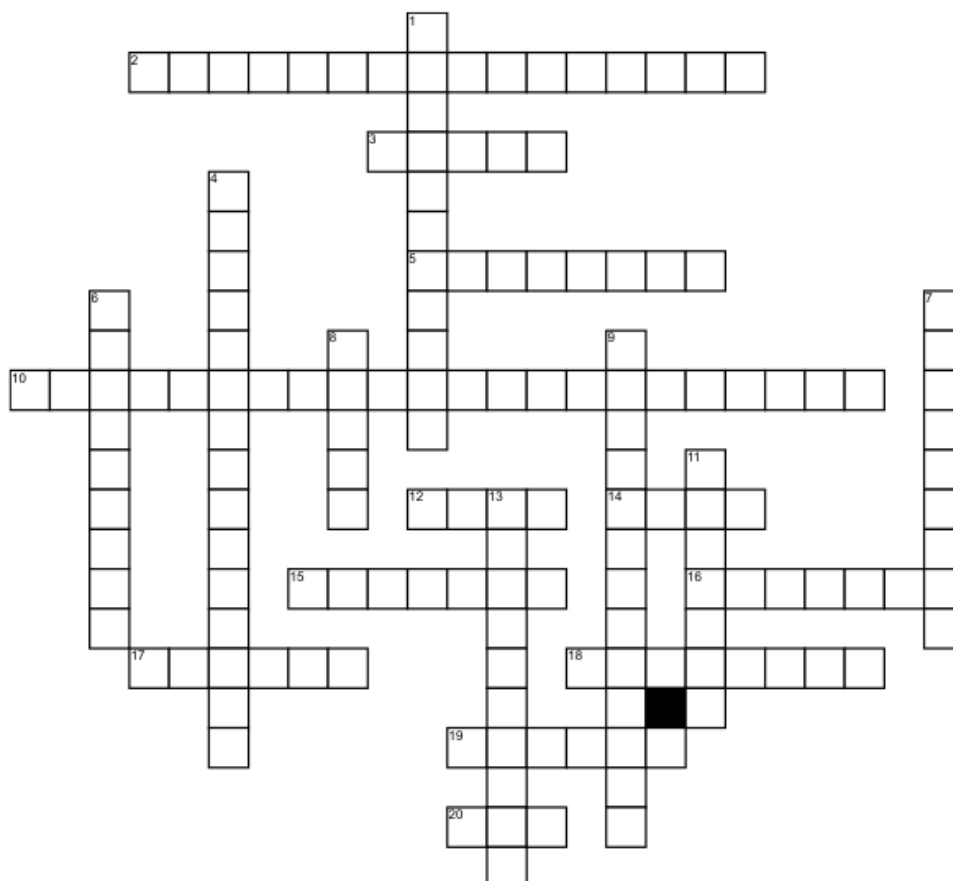


It was a good month for gift card sales. We did about \$10,000 in gift card sales for December – so – THANK YOU to all who used the gift card program. For the year 2025, we should probably do about \$3600.00 in gift card profit.

Also, check out the new, updated gift card order form. We have removed a few vendors and added a few. One that we have recently added is a VISA GIFT CARD for \$25.00. It has already been activated and has \$25.00 on it for you to use for purchases. Check it out...

And do not forget – if you have any questions on how the gift card program works here at All Saints, stop at the gift card table either before or after each liturgy. We are always happy to answer any questions that you might have about the program or how it works.

January



Across

2. What new product was introduced in January 2017
 3. What Month is ST Davids day in?
 5. Who Recorded Green Grass of home?
 10. Invacare is a leading what?
 12. What is infant whale commonly called?
 14. Where is Invacares Head office
 15. Which TV character said, 'Live long and prosper'?

16. what is the Scottish Emblem

17. What is converted into alcohol during brewing?
 18. Which boxer was called the Dark Destroyer?
 19. What was Beethoven's first name?
 20. How many arms/tentacles/limbs does a squid have?

Down

1. Who is the president of the USA?

4. Who was Radio 1's first female DJ?

6. What is the Invacare tagline?
 7. Which reggae singing star died 11th May 1981?
 8. what country is Wales playing in the first Rugby 6 nations championship 2016
 9. What goes a Geiger counter measure?

11. Which anniversary does a Crystal wedding celebrate?
 13. who is Invacare's sports ambassador



World Concerns

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe that 2026 is almost here.

On December 18, 2025, my committee visited Fisher House. Our menu included sloppy joes, buns, soda, juice, pickles, fruit fluff, beans, chips, potato salad, a veggie tray, and dessert.

There was no meeting this month.

The next meeting is on January 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming events—details to follow.

From January to November, the Food Pantry distributed 230 food bags.

Thank you for your generous donations, which truly help those in need.

For January, the food pantry requests canned goods such as tuna, Spam, chicken, ravioli, and spaghetti with meatballs.

God bless, and please remember the poor!

Elaine Kleinhans, Chairperson





**What do we always need?
What are we always running out of?
Garbage bags and Paper towels...
It is amazing how much we go through yearly.
Anything you do helps us.
Trust me when we say, it is appreciated.
We take nothing for granted.
Every gift...is a gift! A godsend, and we are thankful.
So while you are out shopping...Sara can ALWAYS USE Garbage Bags and Paper Towels.
Always...**

**Obviously, other things pop up from time to time, and shortages happen.
We continue to have a lot of self-help groups that utilize our building...we create a lot of
garbage.**

There is a lot to be cleaned up.

**Just know we appreciate everything.
We appreciate everyone.
We are indeed appreciative!
Thanks for blessing us!**

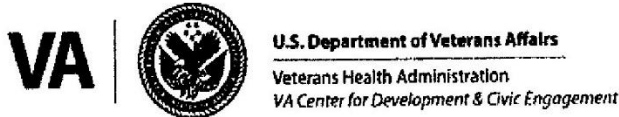
Remembered And Celebrated This Christmas



John and Lorraine Weeding
Evelyn and Ervin Todryk
Matthew Larson
Schuyler Prayn
Andrew Larson
Chuck Wolter
Joseph, Dorothy, and Alicia Hartnett
Armin and Verna Meier
Matthew and Mark Horswill
Katie Ruka



Letters we receive: Correspondence



Clement J. Zablocki VAMC
5000 W National Ave.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53295

December 17, 2025

In Reply Refer To: 695/135

All Saints Lutheran Church
9131 South Howell Ave
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Dear All Saints Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of time and supplies to host a meal at the Milwaukee VA Fisher House on August 14, 2025.

Your donation is a charitable contribution and may be used as a tax deduction. This letter acknowledges both the receipt of your donation, and that the VA did not provide any goods or services in consideration for your contribution.

The Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center greatly appreciates your interest in the well-being of our Veteran patients.

Sincerely,

Bradlee J. Gietzel

Voluntary Services Specialist

23 years ago today Andrea
and I went on our first date.
And we always said if we
ever get married, we want PJ
to officiate. Today you made
that dream come true for us.
Thank you so very much!
This day means so much more
with you a part of it. Thank you
for everything you've done for
our family throughout the years!

Chris Atwood

Thank you for Everything!

♡ ANDREA ATWOOD

Dear PJ and the
All Saints Family —

JOY
HOPE
LOVE

to
EVERYONE
everywhere

Our parents loved their
church and church family.
Thank you for always
making them feel so welcome!
Our heartfelt thanks
for everything —

Heidi, Mark, Michael,
Josh and Aubrey

Dear PJ —

You do so much
for everyone in your life —
for your family and friends,
your church community,
and everyone
who is lucky enough
to cross your path in a day.

With a smile or a kind word,
you spread Christ's love
in the best way there is —
with a gentle spirit
and a generous heart.
You're a special person,
and you're appreciated
so very much.

Thank You, PJ!

This card says it all !!!

Thank you for all you
do and for all you are —
Much love & gratitude,

The Family of Benny Brown

PS, Council members and
congregation of All Saints.

So grateful there are
amazing people in this world...
people like all of you.

Thank you for the beautiful
flowers and all of your
prayers for healing! I have
felt them deeply and am
very grateful for you all!

Love
Jamie Newman



Dear PG,

The nice things you do
are always appreciated.

Thank you so much
for your thoughtfulness.

Forever Blessed,
Thankful & Grateful
for you, with all you
have done for our
family through the years!

With much
Love & Prayers
♥ Deb, Jer, Hank
and Family

* Thank you for your continued
Prayers & Baptism of Baby Bennet!

Dear J —
We thank you so
much for helping us
get through a very difficult
time! Your eulogy for Dad
was beautiful... absolutely
perfect!
We appreciate you more
than you can imagine.

Heike, Mark
Michael, Josh and
Aubrey

During a time like this
we realize how much
our family and friends
really mean to us...

Your expression of sympathy
will always be remembered.

By the family of,
Benny Brown



From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

(Mother of PJ)

French Coffee Cake

Ingredients:

- ½ cup shortening
- 1 part butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp soda
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ pint sour cream

Directions:

Cream together the shortening, sugar, and vanilla.

Sift dry ingredients together and add to creamed mixture alternate with sour cream.

Spread half batter in greased 9x13 inch pan.

Sprinkle with half of the topping.

Cover with the rest of batter and cover with remaining topping.

Bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees oven.

Enjoy!



WORD SEARCH

C F W E G I C I C L E L A W X N R A	BOOTS
L R S C E T A R B E L E C S C A R F	CELEBRATE
C O B S M C Y Y D R C C Q R E M M R	CHILLY
C S R R G W I I E J K L A Y H W H O	COLD
T T A A C I R G O O F R W D L O C Z	EARMUFFS
V Y R A U N A J N W A E K X T N A E	FREEZE
B O B T E T S P M R N N E C B S Y N	FROSTY
O T R S L E D D I N G N O F I N K E	FROZEN
O E M A I R T E Y P R C X J O O F Y	GLOVES
T G L O V E S G G W O F D R E W M P	HAT
S W X H G I P B N A R E H E N F L E	HOT COCOA
G R E K L A F X S N O W B A L L S C	ICE
D J T E D R K A O S F F U M R A E S	ICICLE
Y D R C E Q R S U M I C E L C K R R	JANUARY
I E J E L A S N O I T U L O S E R G	NEW YEAR
H E Z C I R R O Q L I E J K L A N H	RESOLUTIONS
E E I U D S T W A A C A S G O I F R	SCARF
I T Y R E P P I L S W T A P I Q J N	SKIING
W A E K X V E N C S G E L K B T E R	SLEDDING
C H I L L Y E G B O Y K S N O O T R	SLIPPERY
	SNOWBALL
	SNOWFLAKE
	SNOWING
	SNOWMAN
	WINTER



Just for Laughs...

- Reverend Clive Morgan was completing his homily in St John's Church about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance.

He announced at the end of the sermon in a loud, clear voice, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned in an extremely serious manner, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.'

The Reverend Morgan then sat down.

Jerry, St John's leading chorister stood up and announced with a smile, 'For our closing hymn this Sunday, let us sing together hymn number 109: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'
- One beautiful Sunday morning, Reverend Barnard announces to his congregation, 'My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...

A \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes

A \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes

And a \$20 sermon that lasts a full hour.

Now, we'll take the collection and see which one I'll deliver.'



Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ~ Psalm 100:2

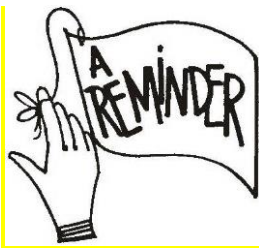
The blue donation's folder is posted on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

Remember, by donating Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles, and Bulletins you help with the church budget, and it is a great way to remember those special people and dates in your life. PLEASE PRINT



Donations:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Bulletins</u>	<u>Memorial Candle</u>	<u>Honor Candle</u>
January 3 to 9	Montague	Open	Open	Vnuk
January 9 to 16	Montague	Open	Open	Open
January 17 to 23	Open	Open	Open	Open
January 24 to 30	Open	Open	Open	Open
Jan 31 to Feb 6	Open	Open	Dailey	Open



Revealer Articles are due on Wednesday January 21st by Noon.

With extending the deadline, to the Wednesday after Council meets -

this is a firm deadline for all Revealer Articles. You are encouraged to send them to the church office in advance if possible. Please make sure to have them in on time. Thank you.

**2nd Sunday of Christmas**

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1: [1-9] 10-18

Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 79:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Numbers you should have at hand:

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Youth	OPEN	
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Do you have an address, phone number or status change? Please contact the church office to report any changes to the records. This helps ensure our files stay current. THANK YOU

MONEY COUNTERS TEAMS:

TEAM 1:

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Tom Coonan
Judy Wolter

January 25th, 2026

TEAM 2:

Don Olsen, Captain
Dena Olsen
Elaine Kleinhans

January 4th, 2026

TEAM 3:

Brian Rathmann, Captain
Barbara Schrubey, Captain
Lori Rathmann

January 11th, 2026

TEAM 4:

Denise Kalski, Captain
Lynn Friedman
Tim Jackalone

January 18th, 2026

SUBSTITUTES:

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