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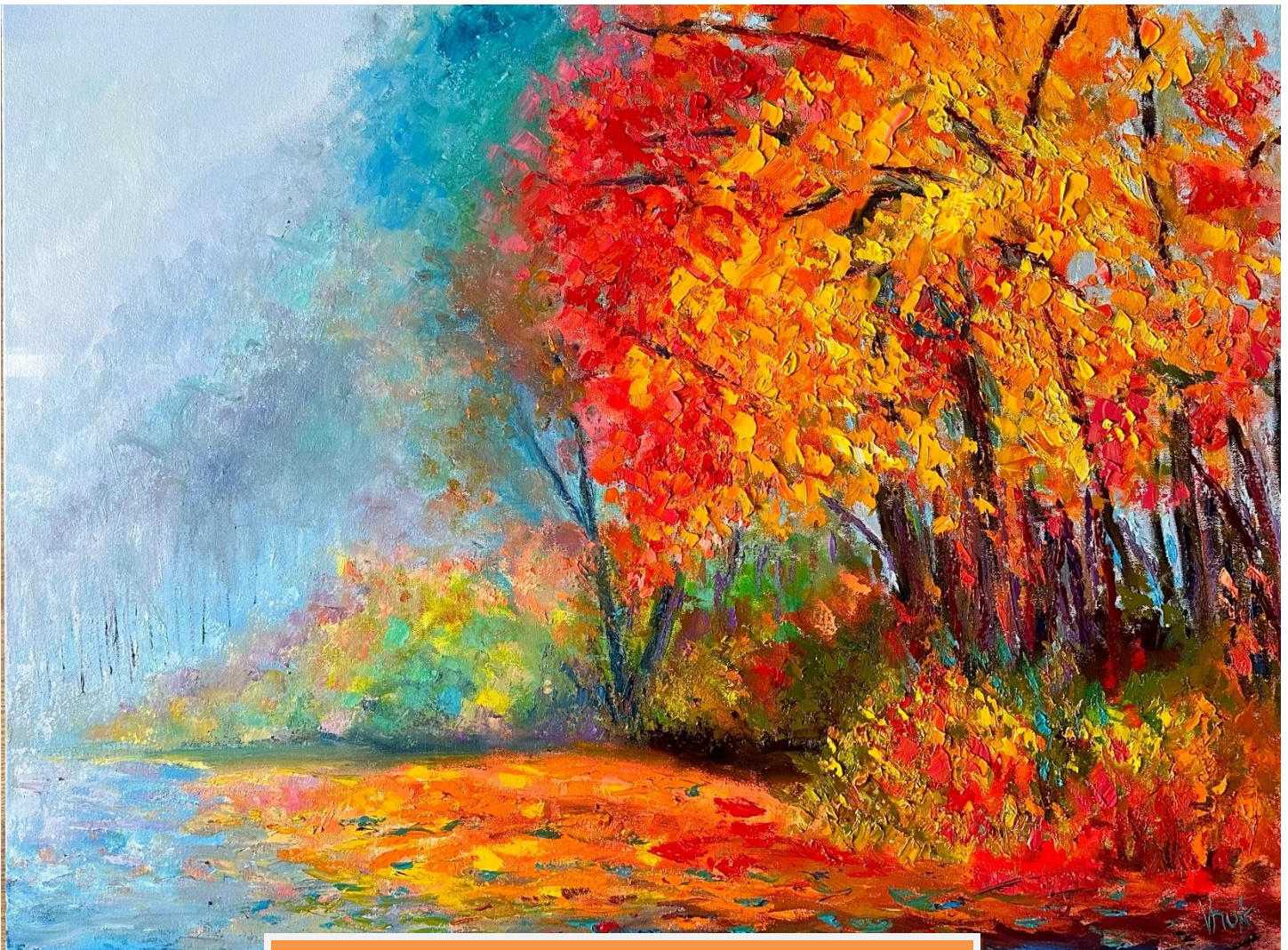
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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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.



## NOVEMBER

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

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm Liturgy I  
**Sunday:** 9:00 am Pericope  
10:00 am ELW





11-1 Marge Sageser, Bodhi Wettengel,  
Tammy Schmidt  
11-2 Kinga Vnuk  
11-6 Kathy Mack  
11-8 Karl Kleppek, Wendy Ruhl  
11-9 Sandy Thom  
11-11 Bonnie Windschanz  
11-17 Debbie Dahm  
11-18 Logan Tyszko  
11-20 Bonnie Dailey, Nancy Mason,  
Dave Stecker  
11-21 Karin Franklin  
11-22 Nina Slowik  
11-24 Stacy Kingston, Reese Jastrow  
11-25 Sandy Montague  
11-26 Joan Koenig  
11-29 Jackson LaFond  
11-30 Mary Zahn

11-21 Cyndi and Steve Uyhely  
11-29 Dale and John Hochevar



**COVER ART**

**"November" –  
Original oil 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 – “Gratitude”

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We all know that words can be cheap.

They flow easily from the lips (sometimes, too easily!)

But are the words we express truly meant?

Please, read on...

A lady worked as a janitor in a company for many years.

Now, being a janitor is a pretty thankless job, which many of us might consider as a "dirty" job or at least pretty far down the totem pole.

In other words, probably not a whole lot of fun.

Janitors are not usually noticed.

They blend in.

They are there.

Quietly doing their thing in the background somewhere.

It happened the company changed owners.

Within a few days, the new owner wrote a personal thank-you card to every employee in the company.

He had his assistant go around and hand them out.

When “this particular lady” received and opened her card, she burst into tears.

She asked if she could be excused from work.

Thinking she was sick, she was allowed to leave for the rest of the day.

What really happened...

What the real story was - they found out a few days later - she had never received even a verbal thank you from the previous owners and management, much less a personal card.

Nothing, zip, nada.

And she had worked there 20 or 30 years!

So she was really touched when the new owner sent her a card of appreciation.

And ... she had been thinking the change of ownership was probably a good time for her to quit and to leave her job.

And ... she was planning to let them know "that very day."

Which she didn't.

Because of the little time, the little extra effort of the owner to send a little business thank you card helped the lady change her mind.

Sometimes it is the little things that make a world of difference...

A thank you card.

An acknowledgement.

A phone call.

A text.

The SEASON OF GRATITUDE is upon us...it is time to say, "Thank you" ...it is time to let people know they are appreciated, before it is too late to do so.

When's the last time you said, "Thank you?"

Did you mean it?

Was it heartfelt?

Try gratitude...after all, isn't it about time?

See you in worship!

Pr. Mortenson

And thanks for all you do and have done 😊





# Congratulations



To our Fall Class of 2025  
on receiving their First Communion

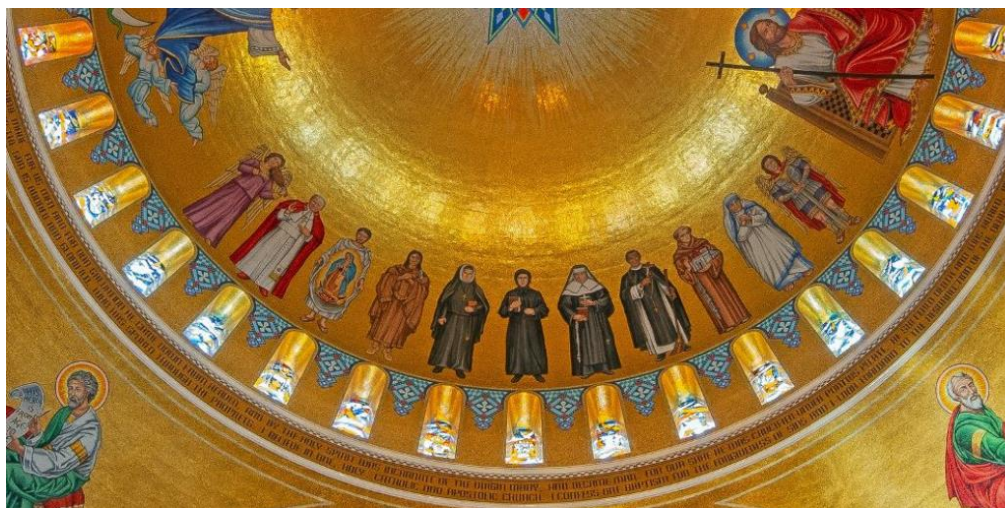
Bryson Aaron Ugrotzi  
Jane Emily Chovanec



## Congratulations

to Bennet Robert Veres,  
Nathaniel Jay Stephens  
and Marques Xavier Stephens  
on Their Baptism.

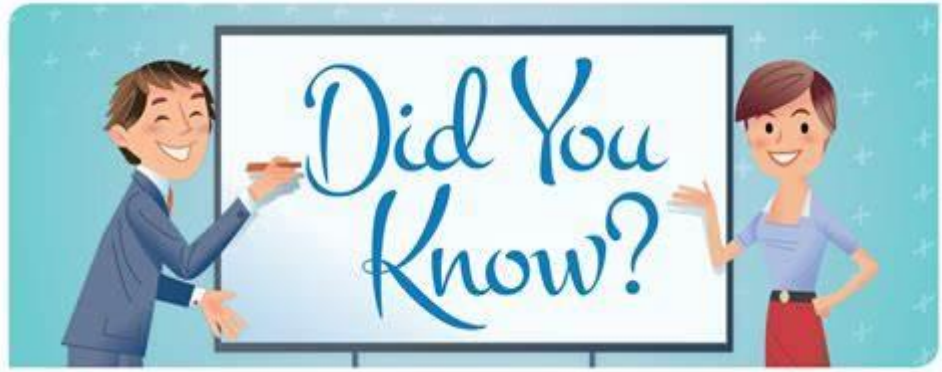
May they grow in wisdom  
and stature  
and in favor with God and all humankind.



## **The Saints since last year on November 1<sup>st</sup>**

1. Lenore Mildred Rudolph
2. Charles William Wolter
3. Joanne Irene Kalski
4. Scott Thomas Delebeck
5. Debra Ann Delebeck
6. James Arthur Sprague
7. Maria Christine Becchetti
8. Lynda Christine Seegert
9. Olga Dee Zielinski
10. Jane Lucille Dietz
11. Rita Lee Cieszynski
12. William Wallace Boyce
13. Charles John Kocourek

**“Blessed are they, that die in the Lord!”**



## Did You Know?

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### (All About the New Liturgical Year)

First of all, each of the three years is dedicated to a different **Gospel**.

- **Year A** – Gospel of **St. Matthew**
- **Year B** – Gospel of **St. Mark**
- **Year C** – Gospel of **St. Luke**

The Gospel of St. John is typically used for saint days, special occasions, and during Holy Week, and the shorter Gospel of Mark is usually supplemented with readings from Matthew and Luke in Year B.

Run, this is a “**math warning**”...I know, no one told you there would be math, but guess what? There is... (Run or read on 😊)

One of the simplest ways to determine the cycle year is to **add the digits** of the calendar year and see if they are **divisible by three**. If it is divisible by three, then it is “**Year C**.” Once you figure that out, the rest of the years are easy to determine.

### Take the year 2025, for example:

$2+0+2+5=9$ , and yes, 9 is divisible by 3. So, the year 2025 **follows the year of Luke**. Which is exactly what we have done. That means that the following year, 2026 (which equals 10), is going to be Matthew’s gospel. Mark’s gospel will follow the year after that. Then, back again, to Luke

The three years always change with the new year. So, every year in ADVENT is when the switch occurs. Starting with this Advent, we will make the change, as we have done every year for the last 59 years of our existence.

So, expect “**the year of Matthew**” starting with Advent and going forward...should you look at page 18ff. in the **RED HYMNAL**, you will find all of the proper lessons and the proper prayers for the day.





**Christmas Cookie Sale**

**Crafter's**

**Raffles**

**Chili-to-Go**

**Christmas Memorabilia**

**Pictures with Santa**

**December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**





# Council Nominations



Right now, we need members to step up and run for council in 2026.

There will be a 'Nominations Box' in the narthex and forms to submit a name for next year's council.

2026 will be a pivotal year at All Saints!!

We need a full council to continue the work of our church in the Oak Creek community.

This council will be charged with guiding our church family and perhaps with the selection of new pastoral leadership going forward.

Please consider what All Saints has meant to you and your family, and I pray that you will step up and consider running for the council in 2026!

Let's face the future with the same strength we have shown over the past 59+ years and grow this congregation for God and for one another!

I pray it is so.....

Kathy Mack

Council President

## NOMINATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Your Name) hereby nominate

\_\_\_\_\_ (Nominee's Name) for the All Saints Lutheran Church Council. I have spoken with and have permission from the nominee to enter their name into the voting at the Congregational Annual meeting to be held on February of 2026

# Thrivent!

Are you a Thrivent Member?

If so, your church needs to know.

We are looking for any Thrivent members who would be willing to use their Thrivent Action Team on behalf of All Saints.

Would you step up and help out your church in this way?

If so, please contact Kathy Mack or PJ. Kathy's email is [kathyjm88@gmail.com](mailto:kathyjm88@gmail.com), or you will find her phone number listed in this Revealers.

It's easy to apply for a Thrivent

Action Team and it helps out your church.

Kathy has ideas, and so does PJ.

So, if you have never applied for a team, they can make suggestions and help out.

Thank you for your consideration, and let's work together to take advantage of what Thrivent offers by applying for an action team.



**Give us a shout out – TODAY!**

**Thank you!**

## How has Thrivent helped All Saints???

Thrivent is a new name for an old friend. The Aid Association for Lutherans was the former name that many of us knew. Yes, Thrivent is an insurance and investment company, but their outlook is to “Thrive” as their members thrive and to share that with their members using Thrivent Action Teams.

Formerly, their sharing took the following routes: They provided gallons of milk to our church World Concerns committee, which in turn took those gallons to serve at St. Vincent DePaul meals.

About 15 years (or so) ago, they made a change to their form of sharing and instituted “Thrivent Action Teams”. Thrivent members could apply to run an action team and receive up to \$250.00 and event supplies such as t-shirts.

All Saints members (who are eligible Thrivent members) can apply for an action team and receive the \$250.00 and supplies

Examples of how and where action teams have been used at All Saints are as follows:

- Craft Fairs
  - Sweet Sundays Quilters
- Christmas Cookie Sale and Bazaar
  - Sunday School Back Packs
    - Art Fair
    - Harley Tree
  - Mitten and Hat Giving Tree
  - Easter Breakfast Youth Program
- Sunday School World Hunger Campaign
  - Rummage Sales

These are just a few examples of how we can “Thrive” by using the Thrivent Action Teams.

If you are a Thrivent Member or want to become a member and need more information about how you can apply for a team to help out your church, please contact Kathy Mack at [kathyjm88@gmail.com](mailto:kathyjm88@gmail.com) or call her at 414-460-9006. Of course, PJ can help too!!



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup> 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.



## **Have a blessed Thanksgiving, everyone!**

I'd venture to say, you probably never heard this before...

Plymouth's Thanksgiving began with a few colonists going out "fowling," possibly for turkeys but more probably for the easier prey of geese and ducks, since they "in one day killed as much as...served the company almost a week."

Next, 90 or so Wampanoag made a surprise appearance at the settlement's gate, doubtlessly unnerving the 50 or so colonists.

Nevertheless, over the next few days, the two groups socialized without incident.

The Wampanoag contributed greatly to the feast, which included fowl and probably venison, eels, shellfish, stews, vegetables, and beer.

Since Plymouth had few buildings and manufactured goods, most people ate outside while sitting on the ground with plates on their laps.

The men fired their long guns, ran races, and drank the spirits, struggling to speak in broken English and Wampanoag.

The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock was probably not at all what we might envision it to be. Why, I bet you probably never heard of the Wampanoag before!





## Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the September council meeting:

- Council approved a motion to approve first communion for Jane Chovanec and Bryson Ugrotzi on November 2nd following completion of their First Communion Classes.
- Council approved the snow removal contract with CY Construction (the same company we used last year).
- Council approved a motion to put up the Harley Tree during Advent collecting donations for Secondhand Purrs and HAWS and the Giving Tree benefiting OC Elementary Schools and Safe Haven in Racine.
- Council approved asking Peggy if she would be interested in playing on Christmas morning.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek

All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary



**Council Meeting – Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**Check the Calendar for the dates and times**  
**of the various Committee Meetings**



**To**  
**Julie and Jerome Dittmann**  
**On the death**  
**Of Julie's Mother,**  
**Beverly Wirt**  
**In Spring Hill, Florida**  
**Blessed are they that die in the Lord!**  
**Our thoughts and our prayers**  
**Are with you!**



**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**In-Person Classes Resume**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Yay!!!**

**Just a heads-up...  
we have class on the 6th, 13th,  
and 20th,**

**and then we are on break for Thanksgiving! Classes resume again on December 4th,  
11th, and 18th...don't forget Christmas Caroling and the Pizza Party!**

**Then, we are breaking until the new year, 2026!**

**The 8th-grade class will continue with online  
instruction...**



## Christian Education

On November 2, 2025, we will be celebrating with Jane Chovanec and Bryson Ugrotzi as they take their First Communion. Please welcome these two as Communicant Members of All Saints.

There will be cake following the service to help with the celebration.

November 2 is also when Daylight Savings Time Ends, so we get to Fall Back (don't forget to adjust your clocks).

Sunday School (starts at 8:45 am) focus for the coming weeks:

<u>Date</u>	<u>focus verses</u>	<u>Topic</u>
November		
○ 2	Ephesians 2:14	Peace
	• Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the storm
○ 9	Psalms 119:36	Selfishness
	• Luke 15:11-23	Prodigal Son
○ 16	Hebrews 13:5	Contentment
	• Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
○ 23	Ephesians 5:20	Praise God
	• Psalm 107:1	Give Thanks to the Lord
○ 30	Philippians 4:6	Prayer
	• Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
December		
○ 7	Matthew 20:28	Service
	• Romans 12:4-6	One Body, Many Parts

**\*\* On December 14, we will have our Sunday School perform a short Christmas program during the 10:00 am service. \*\***

All children are welcomed to join the Sunday School classes.

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 November 9, 2025 & December 7, 2025. We meet in the Sunday School Classroom after service (near 11:15 am). If you have an interest in the Christian Education of All Saints, we would love for you to join us.



First Communion Class (and family helpers) making the Eucharistic Bread that will be used for their First Communion.

Robin Schmitt  
Christian Education Chairperson





## Christ the King

Christ the King is not a festival of great antiquity, supplying the church year with neat narrative punctuation from time immemorial. In fact, the festival didn't emerge until the twentieth century, and at first it had nothing to do with the end of the church year at all.

Pope Pius XI established Christ the King Sunday in 1925 to counter what he regarded as the destructive forces of the modern world: secularism in the West and the rise of communism in Russia and fascism in Italy and Spain, harbingers of Nazism soon to seize Germany. Pope Pius intended to oppose the totalitarian claims of these ideologies to the rule of Christ. By intention or coincidence,

the festival of Christ the King also coincided with the last Sunday in October, aligning with the Protestant celebration of the Reformation.

That was an "uh-oh moment." It needed to be moved...the date changed.

Placed at the end of the church year, with its traditional eschatological emphasis, the festival now proclaimed Christ as "the goal of human history, the focal point of the desires of history and civilization, the center of humankind, the joy of all hearts, and the fulfillment of all aspirations," in short, a positive reconstruction of the festival's original polemic against political ideologies.



## **Thank you, Christy and Committee!**

(Thank you to Mary Jo Meier for overseeing and backing up, Christy!)

It is always amazing, all that work, all that effort, all those crafters, all those people entering into our building...

And in a matter of "no time," we are ready for worship again.

Thanks to all who helped out in any way; all of it makes a difference...all of it adds to our success.

The Raffles are over. The kitchen is cleaned. The garbage has been taken out. And the money counted. Do you know that well over 40 people were directly involved in making this happen?

From tearing it all down, to setting it all up, to tearing it all down again, and setting up the church, money counters, bakers, people who donated items, people who made the food, sold items, priced items, the meetings beforehand and afterward. The counting of the money and the deposits. It only happens because "that many individuals were involved." There is always room for more help, more bakers, more sellers, more volunteers...

When the dust settled, we took in \$ 8,800.00 additional dollars for our church.

Thank you, everyone, blessings...

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# Christmas Bazaar And Cookie Sale!

Please consider baking!

The cookie sale is on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>!

The more cookies we have, the higher our profits...

All Cookies should be at the church no later than 4:00 P.M. on Friday.

Cookie Packers are always needed on Friday night! We pack cookies starting at 4:00, until we are done! (We pack on Friday Night the 12<sup>th</sup>!)

We can sell 300-400 boxes of cookies...but to do that, we need MORE bakers!

Do you know our cookies are usually sold out by 1:00 P.M.?

We also need help putting the church back in order at 3:00 P.M. any help is appreciated!

Remember there is worship on Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

Did we mention, we can always use more bakers?



Confirmants receive “service hours” for helping out with the cookie packing!





## **Financial:**

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### October Financials

Income.       \$19,448.09

Expenses.     \$18,765.14

Total.        +\$ 682.95

Year To Date Income.       \$184,242.73

Expenses.     \$179,344.32

Total.        +\$ 4,898.41

Thanks for all that you do.

Brian Rathmann Chairperson



## All Saints Day 2025 Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

The Altar has been decorated  
with White Roses that have been  
generously donated by

### Jayne Murnane

- 1 rose In Memory of Betty Wittke
- 1 rose In Memory of Robert Wittke
- 1 rose In Memory of Harold Sr Murnane
- 1 rose In Memory of Kathleen Murnane

### Julie Padden

- 1 rose In Memory of Karen Padden

### Robert Padden

- 1 rose In Memory of Karen Padden

### Mary Zahn

- 1 rose In Memory of Robert Zahn
- 2 roses In Memory of John and Mickey Vittek
- 1 rose In Memory of Jack Zahn Jr
- 2 roses In Memory of Eleanor and Jack Zahn
- 1 rose In Memory of David Zahn

### Judy Wolter

- 1 rose In Memory of Chuck Wolter

### Elaine Kleinhans

- 1 rose In Memory of my Mother, Steve Hutchison
- 1 rose In Memory of my Grandson, Scott Willms
- 1 rose In Memory of my Nephew, JJ Cleppe
- 1 rose In Memory of my Nephew, CJ Cleppe

### Bonnie and Dan Dailey

- 1 rose In Memory of Katie Ruka

### Nathan, Emily, and Lizzy Ruka

- 1 rose In Memory of Katie Ruka

Marianne Zapp

- 1 rose In Memory of Siegfried Zapp, Husband

Myrna Farrell

- 3 roses In Memory of Carol Moz

Mary Jo and Randy Meier

- 1 rose In Memory of Dorothy Hartnett
- 1 rose In Memory of Joseph Hartnett
- 1 rose In Memory of Verna Meier
- 1 rose In Memory of Armin Meier
- 1 rose In Memory of Alicia Hatzinger - Hartnett

Jodi Hienz

- 1 rose In Memory of Rita Cieszynski
- 1 rose In Memory of my Family Members who have passed

Debbie Krajnak

- 1 rose In Memory of Bill Boyce
- 1 rose In Memory of Jim Sprague
- 1 rose In Memory of Dawn Case
- 1 rose In Memory of Mary Manthzi
- 1 rose In Memory of Eva Brown
- 1 rose In Memory of Kelly Oger
- 1 rose In Memory of Gramma and Grandpa Hahn
- 1 rose In Memory of Aunt Pag and Uncle Orlin Hahn
- 1 rose In Memory of Aunt June and Uncle Elmer Hahn
- 1 rose In Memory of Cousin Richard Hahn and
- 1 rose In Memory of Uncle Ray Hanh
- 1 rose In Memory of Aunt Joyce and Uncle Buck Buchholz
- 1 rose In Memory of Aunt Carol and Uncle Leo Fish
- 1 rose In Memory of Cousin Bob Fish
- 1 rose In Memory of Cousin Laurel Demter
- 1 rose In Memory of Hattie and Robert Wettengel
- 1 rose In Memory of Uncle Russel Wettengel
- 1 rose In Memory of Aunt Florie and Uncle Vern Brown
- 1 rose In Memory of Frank and Fern Brandis
- 1 rose In Memory of Betty Wittke
- 1 rose In Memory of Chuck Kocourk
- 1 rose In Memory of Alice and Robert Wettengel
- 1 rose In Memory of John and Carol Krajnak
- 1 rose In Memory of Mary Ann Krajnak
- 1 rose In Memory of Sister Cathy Krajnak
- 1 rose In Memory of Lulu McCallum
- 1 rose In Memory of Esther Gelling
- 1 rose In Memory of Bety and George Steiner
- 1 rose In Memory of John Uglarik
- 1 rose In Memory of Bill Wishall

Betty Ford

- 1 rose In Memory of Daughter, Shari
- 1 rose In Memory of Husband, Bill
- 1 rose In Memory of Grandson, Jason Weinhold
- 1 rose In Memory of Grandson, Johnny Weinhold

Karen Bishop

- 2 roses In Memory of Brian Bishop

Jeanne Cassingelli

- 5 roses In Memory of Joseph Cassingelli

Tom and Margaret Coonan

- 2 roses In Memory of Helen and Val Barak, Parents of Margaret Coonan
- 2 roses In Memory of Doris and Jerry Coonan, Parents of Tom Coonan
- 1 rose In Memory of Dan Coonan, Tom's Brother

Sandy Montaguz

- 1 rose In Memory of John Montaguz, Husband, Father, and Grandpa
- 1 rose In Memory of Rita Cieszynski, Friend
- 1 rose In Memory of Erik Krausz, Nephew

Kinga Vnuk

- 1 rose In Memory of my Dad, Marzék Cisowski
- 1 rose In Memory of my Grandma, Zofia Kutynia
- 1 rose In Memory of my Grandpa, Wiktor Kutynia
- 1 rose In Memory of my Grandpa, Józef Cisowski
- 1 rose In Memory of my Grandma, Weronika Cisowska
- 1 rose In Memory of my Godmother, Małgorzata Jaros
- 1 rose In Memory of my Uncle, Stanisław Jaros
- 1 rose In Memory of my Uncle, Adam Stojek
- 1 rose In Memory of my Cousin, Mikołaj Zadworny
- 1 rose In Memory of Rita Cieszynski







## Liturgy Committee –

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Thank you to everyone who purchased a white rose for All Saints Day, in memory of a loved one. They were beautiful!

Poinsettias will be available for purchase again this year.

Help us create a beautiful altar for Christmas by purchasing a Poinsettia plant in Memory of or in Honor of a loved one...or two or three...etc.

We will be ordering from Milaege's again this year.

We are offering them AT COST. See the order form attached and, in the bulletin, or on the table in the narthex.

The Absolute Final day to order is **Sunday, November 30th**.

Thank you! Mark your Calendars!!

Come and help us decorate the Christmas tree on Sunday, December 7th, 2025. We will meet at about 11:15 after the Sunday Liturgy.

The Liturgy Committee will provide food to graze upon so that you can maintain your strength for this wonderful event! See you there.



# Poinsettias Order Form



YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

It's Time to Order your Christmas Poinsettias!

Choose RED or WHITE

**\$15 per potted plant**

(we are selling plants *At Cost* this year!)

Indicate **Name of Person** to be remembered/honored AND **Color of plant**

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # of plants ordered** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$15 = Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Moriah Joy says...

(Things I am thankful for...in no specific order...)

Grass to eat

Carrots to crunch on

The BIG BROWN TRUCK that brings the CHEWY BOX

Walks

Sniffing after other dogs

Ice cubes

Cookies from the cookie jar

Culvers

Leons

Rabbits to chase

Squirrels to watch

Medication for my allergies

Sleeping on the sofa undisturbed

Liver sausage to hide my medication in

Water bowls with ice cubes

American Singles Cheese

Legs that still work

Hills Science Diet Dog Food

Suckers, I can grab from little kids...

Bugs to chase and eat

Truck rides to work

Truck rides home

A window to stick my nose out of...

Eating goose poop

Giving kisses (after eating goose poop)

Hugs



In Christianity, ADVENT refers to the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas. It begins on the Sunday closest to NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, ST. ANDREW'S DAY and ends on December 24<sup>th</sup>. It is a "time of anticipation" and "preparation" for the birth of Jesus on Christmas morning.

Some people may know that the ADVENT SEASON focuses on "expectation" and think it is an anticipation of Jesus' birth, but that is only a part of it.

The word ADVENT is derived from the LATIN WORD "ADVENTUS," which means "coming" or "arrival," which translates to the GREEK WORD "PAROUSIA."

Scholars believe that during the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> centuries in SPAIN and GAUL, ADVENT was a season of preparation for the baptism of NEW CHRISTIANS at the January Feast of the EPIPHANY.

EPIPHANY celebrated God's INCARNATION (or becoming flesh) represented by the visitation of the MAGI (or WISEMEN) to the baby Jesus, then, there was the celebration of his BAPTISM IN THE JORDAN RIVER by John the baptizer and his first miracle at the WEDDING FEAST at Cana in Galilee...

By the 6<sup>th</sup> century, however, Roman Christians had tied ADVENT to the coming of Christ. But the coming they had in mind was not Christ's FIRST COMING in the manger in BETHLEHEM, but his SECOND COMING as JUDGE of the world.

The ADVENT SEASON was not explicitly linked to Jesus' FIRST COMING at Christmas until the MIDDLE AGES. There is a long history of development here.

Hopefully, for some of you, this will be the first time you are hearing this...it is part of the LITURGICAL HISTORY of the church.



**To Christine Boyce, Family, and loved ones...  
We are so sorry for your loss of Bill**

**And to Jaclynne Cera and Carol Kocourek, Family and loved ones  
We are so sorry for your loss of Charles**

**"Blessed are they who die in the Lord!"**

**Both Chuck and Bill will be buried in November at the  
Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, Wisconsin.**

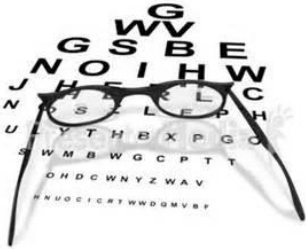




# Information for your reference.....

## **Note on Hospitalizations...**

Federal Law restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. Therefore, if you are hospitalized and want the Pastor to know, it is important for you or the family to give us a call, as soon as possible. Church Office at 762-5111, P.J.'s private line at 762-6101 or his cell at 414-276-2788.



### **Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Wanted**

All Saints is collaborating with the Lion's Club to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids, which can be recycled for those in need. Pass the word to friends and relatives, too. A drop box is located in the entryway.

Lions Club of Oak Creek extends a Thank You to all who have been contributing to their cause. The response has been great and much appreciated.

## **Can I or A Family Member Have a Church Funeral?**

This is a question that arises quite frequently by non-members or Members with non-member family. The answer is not always an easy one but, the only people eligible for a funeral held at All Saints are Members of All Saints. P.J. will only do immediate family funerals for Members of All Saints at their discretion and only at the Funeral Home and not the Church.



### **Wine or Grape Juice, Gluten free wafers?**

Are you aware that both wine and grape juice is available on each communion tray? The grape juice are always in the center glasses.

If you wish to have grape juice all you need to do is, ask the communion assistant and it will be given.

# Holden Advent Prayer Liturgy

(Adapted for Morning worship)

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For the four weeks of Advent, we will be using a new liturgy.

This liturgy, which was originally written for a liturgy of darkness in the early evening hours, has now been rewritten for our use on Sunday mornings...

We hope you will find it meaningful.

We will return to using the RED HYMNALS for the Season of Christmas...

With the coming of the NEW LITURGICAL YEAR and with the coming of SERIES A, and the Year of Matthew, we thought the change might do us all good.

The only season of the church year shorter than Advent is the Season of Christmas, which is, as we all know, 12 Days in length.

We pray that you will love this new adaptation as much as “others” loved the Holden Advent Evening Liturgy of Prayer. It is a self-contained liturgy.

Blessings...

Our thinking is that this “new liturgy” may grow on you...and you will delight in it.



## Pray with us, won't you?

Keith and Cheri Saylor  
 Richard Kahle  
 Linda Payne  
 Benny Brown  
 Terri Pratt  
 Jeff LaFond  
 Camile Begani  
 Sydney LaFond  
 David Heine  
 Lynn Friedman  
 Debbie Maley  
 Justin Halter  
 Dale Slowik  
 Joel Raison  
 Nina Slowik  
 Ana Rivas

Rich Lisle  
 Jess Bogart  
 Peggy Rudolph-Lisle  
 Michael Dittmar  
 Jerry Pavlik  
 RB Wood  
 Kathy Bauman  
 Linda Wood  
 Elaine Kuehn  
 Justin Halter

Brent Mason  
 Carol Kocourek  
 Betty Ford  
 Patti Sprague  
 Wally & Diane Hogan  
 Baby Bennett  
 Kristen Nicole  
 Karen Bishop  
 Fred Ruhl  
 Debbie & John Krajnak

- For the family and friends of Bill Boyce
- For the family and friends of Chuck Kocourek
- For the family and friends of the mother of Julie Dittmann
- For Jane Emily and Bryson Aaron, who received their FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
- For Tom Kahle
- For Kenadee and Nico
- For the children of Rita St. Louis
- For Corby and Mike Erickson
- For the sister of Jeff Sageser
- 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 those addicted and still suffering...
- For all LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, Military members, Firefighters, Paramedics, and All First Responders...and so many, many more...



## Property

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October has been another busy month for the property team. Here are the highlights:

- The fall clean-up went smoothly. We had great weather and got a lot done. Big thanks to Debbie Krajnak, Michael Steiner, Kay Thein, Brian Rathman, Bill Elmore, Mary Zahn and Margaret Coonan for all your hard work!!
- We are replacing light fixtures in the storage shed.
- We are planning to clean out the garage on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to help, please come and join us! Any and all help is appreciated.
- We have chosen a local company for snow removal. Let's all pray for a mild winter!
- We are keeping the lawn manicured and looking great, thanks to Debbie Krajnak, Michael Steiner and Jim Kubusek, you are awesome!
- Final measurements have been made for the new windows. I will keep you posted as to when they will be installed

Just a reminder; The signup sheet for grass cutting and trimming is up on the wall just outside the fellowship hall. If anyone would like to help with grass cutting, please sign up. You will help your church look great, get vitamin D from the sun, fresh air and that great fresh-cut grass smell 😊

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)



## Treasurer's report

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please don't throw away your offering envelopes. If you notice, there is no date on them, as we enter 2026, you can still use the envelopes you have. USE THEM ALL UP. If it's Christmas and you have envelopes from Easter, use the Easter envelopes. It doesn't matter. JUST DON'T THROW ANY ENVELOPES AWAY - USE THEM ALL.

And - if you do use up all your envelopes and find that you need another box of envelopes, just sign up on the bulletin board leading into the Fellowship Hall. Put your name on the list, and within 10 days you'll have your new box of envelopes. Thanks...

### GIFT CARDS

Through September, we've made over \$2,500 in gift card profit. Thanks to all of you who use the gift card program here at All Saints. Your purchases are appreciated.

We're gearing up for the Christmas season by expanding our inventory. Start your Christmas shopping early and buy your gift cards for those hard—to—buy—for people on your list. And don't forget to check the 3-ring binder at the gift card table because in it there is a listing of ALL the vendors in the program. You'll be surprised to see what you find.

If you have any questions on how the gift card program works here at All Saints, just stop by the gift card table before or after each liturgy. We're always happy to help...

### THE HARLEY TREE

Harley Tree will be up in the narthex next to the gift card table right after Thanksgiving. There are so many homeless animals in the shelters lately, all looking for their "fur"ever homes. Please help them, won't you? There is a poster up near the tree with a "wish list" of those items urgently needed for the shelters. Pick up a slip and buy one or two items from the list.

Oh, and did we mention: the shelters we will be helping this year are, again, SECOND HAND PURRS (where our own Lisa Kleppek volunteers weekly), and HAWS (Humane Animal Welfare Society) in Waukesha. Both are no—kill shelters (the BEST kind).

So, we know you're pulled in all directions during the holiday season for giving/donations, but please find it in your hearts to help out the animals who give us all so much love but expect almost nothing in return. Thanks...

Moriah Joy, Nina Slowik & Barbara Schrubey





## **World Concerns:**

**Hello Everyone,**

As the holidays quickly approach, it's hard to believe how fast time is passing!  
There are several things happening with **World Concerns** that we'd like to share.

### **Fisher House – Thursday, December 18, 2025**

We'll once again be preparing and serving meals. This time our menu includes:

- Sloppy Joes
- Beans
- Coleslaw
- Juice and soda
- Fruit fluff
- Kringle

### **South Milwaukee Human Concerns**

We reached out to them after they were affected by the August flood, which caused nearly **\$100,000** in losses and cleanup expenses. More details will follow on how we can help.

### **Food Pantry Update**

For the month of **November**, the pantry is requesting:

- Cartons of milk (available at dollar stores)
- Cereal
- Pancake mix

From **January through September**, the pantry has distributed **175 bags of food** to those in need entirely to the generosity of our **All Saints family**. No outside donations were needed. That's truly fantastic!

Thank you all so much for your continued kindness and support.

**God bless—and remember the poor.**

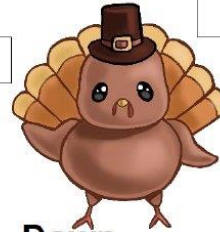
Elaine Kleinhans

World Concerns Committee

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# November Crossword



## Across

1. Warm hand coverings for chilly weather
7. Often found in fields during harvest time
8. Sport associated with Thanksgiving Day
12. Nut that falls from oak trees in autumn
13. Natural decoration that signifies winter is coming
14. Early settlers celebrated the first Thanksgiving
16. Many kids create Thanksgiving-themed projects in school
17. Bird often eaten during Thanksgiving dinner
19. Something warm to snuggle under as the weather gets colder
20. Some places may see this for the first time in November
21. Common decoration for Halloween and Thanksgiving
22. Used in many November recipes, like pumpkin pie
24. Sauce often served with turkey
26. Weather in November can be this
27. Season for gathering crops

## Down

2. Holiday celebrated in November
3. Season that November is part of
4. Tart fruit often made into sauce for Thanksgiving
5. Eleventh month of the year
6. Used to decorate tables during Thanksgiving
9. These change color in November
10. Fun outdoor fire often enjoyed in November
11. Popular vegetable at Thanksgiving meals
15. Big meal shared with family and friends
17. Feeling people express on Thanksgiving
18. Another word for the abundance of crops collected
19. Common activity during the holidays
22. Cozy clothing to wear as it gets colder
23. Warm drink made from apples, enjoyed in November
25. Cozy addition to homes during the chilly month



## From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

*(Mother of PJ)*

### ***Beef Stroganoff***

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 slice round steak, cut ½ inch thick
- Instant unseasoned meat tenderizer
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 1 large, chopped onion
- 1 can (6 oz) sliced mushrooms
- 2 tbsp. chili sauce
- 1 tsp salt and ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- Oil for frying
- Noodles, or rice for serving

#### **Directions:**

Moisten steak and sprinkle with meat tenderizer. Place on cutting board; cut into ¼ inch thick slices. Shake in paper bag with flour to coat it. Brown, a few slices at the time in oil in a large frying pan. Remove, add onion and sauté just until soft. Return meat to pan. Stir in mushrooms and liquid, chili sauce, salt, and pepper. Cover. Simmer for 1 hour, or until meat is tender. Just before serving, stir about 1 cup of the hot meat and sauce mixture into sour cream in a small bowl, then stir back into remaining in frying pan. Heat very slowly just until hot. Serve over cooked hot noodles or fluffy rice if you wish.

Makes 4 servings.

# **Sara's Wish List**

- **Paper towels**
- **Dishwasher soap**
- **Garbage Bags**
- **Kleenex**
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Antibacterial Soap Refills**  
(Everything helps! TIA)



## From the Mailroom!

Dear All Saints,

You all do a great job – I appreciate your efforts in these dark times.

Keep up the struggle.

I believe in you!

Courage,

Lori Rudolf

Dear PJ,

Thank you for the prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Kathy Bandstra





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AIR DAY  
ESPRESSO DAY  
ORIGAMI DAY



## Just for Laughs...

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- "Why did the farmer have to separate the chicken and the turkey?"  
He sensed fowl play."
- "Why did they let the turkey join the band?" "Because he had his own drumsticks."
- "What side dish do you bring for Thanksgiving dinner when you accidentally sat on the sweet potatoes?"  
"Squash casserole."
- "Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?" " "  
It had 24 *carrots*."
- "Why did the cranberries turn red?"  
"Because they saw the turkey dressing."
- "What kind of music did the pilgrims listen to?"  
"Plymouth Rock."
- I shot my first-ever turkey for Thanksgiving this year.  
Sure scared everyone in the grocery store, though
- Thanksgiving is a time to count your blessings, one by one,  
as each relative goes home.



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

The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder 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>
<b>November 1 to 7</b> <b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</b>	All Saints Roses	Mutual Ministry	Open	Vnuk
<b>Nov 8 to 14</b>	Grom	Open	Haworth	Coonan
<b>Nov 15 to 21</b>	Open	Open	Wolter	Open
<b>Nov 22 to 25</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	Open	Open	Vnuk	Heine
<b>Nov 26 to 28</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	Hochevar	Open	Hochevar	Open
<b>Nov 29 to Dec 5</b> <b>ADVENT</b>	Vnuk	LaFond	Open	Vnuk



### **All Saints Sunday**

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

### **Pentecost XXII**

Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

### **Pentecost XXIII**

Malachi 4:1-2a  
Psalm 98  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
Luke 21:5-19

### **Christ the King**

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:33-43

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**November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 - DST Ends**

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**November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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