

# "THE REVEALER" VOLUME: 49 / NUMBER: 2 FEBRUARY 2026



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.



## FEBRUARY

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm Liturgy I

**Sunday:** 8:45 am SCS  
9:00 am Pericope  
10:00 am ELW

**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm Lenten Liturgy II  
(Feb 25 - March 25)

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Ash Wednesday Liturgy:**

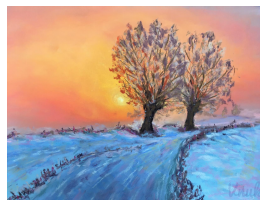
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

at 7:00 pm



2-1 Pam Halter, Susan Payne,  
 2-2 LeeAnn Davies  
 2-3 Grayson Venne  
 2-5 Mary Anderson  
 2-6 Marvel Baumgartner  
 2-7 Brandon Kawczynski, Justin Halter,  
 Leslie McAbee  
 2-8 Peggy Todryk  
 2-9 Chris Boyce, Patti Sprague  
 2-11 Joe Wiorek  
 2-13 Elsie Ellenbecker  
 2-14 Cheri Saylor  
 2-17 Elizabeth Payne  
 2-18 Bob Payne  
 2-19 Cinnamon Salchow  
 2-20 Coraline Meier, Jane Voelker  
 2-25 Michelle Dittmar, Carolyn Hughes,  
 Jaime Stecker, Jeff Sageser  
 2-27 Barb Grobschmidt

2-3 Nathan and Kat Holzman  
 2-7 Annie and Kevin Polster  
 2-17 David and Peggy Todryk  
 2-23 Steve and Suz Pitts  
 2-23 TJ and Dora Jackalone



**COVER ART**

**"Sunset Crossroads" –**  
**Original pastel painting**  
**by Kinga E. Vnuk**



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 Please contact the church office to report any changes to the records.  
 This helps ensure our files stay current. **THANK YOU**

## Comment Article: “Getting closer to God”

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Whether we feel ready or not, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church’s observance of the Lenten season—six weeks set apart to draw us closer to God and to seek him out “with greater intensity in our daily lives.”

It is not a long time. It is only six weeks. And frankly, I could use more time than that.

We never know quite how much time we have. And we always want more.

Unfortunately, the Lenten season often gets reduced to the question, “What are you giving up for Lent?” This is an okay question, but it can only take us so far.

The real question of the Lenten season is, “How will I repent and return to God with all my heart?”

With all my heart. My whole heart. The whole thing. Holding nothing back.

This begs an even deeper question: “Where in my life have I gotten away from God, and what are the disciplines that will enable me to find my way back?”

I have always taken Lent seriously. I have.

But I know down deep in my heart, if allowed to, I can slip-slide away, just like everybody else.

Not necessarily in big ways, but in little subtle ways...I have pulled away.

I have run away. I have turned my back on Him. I have turned my back on my values and what I hold dear.

Lent calls us home. Lent beckons to us. Lent calls to us to return.

Very much like a prodigal son or a prodigal daughter, it is time. Time to return to that place where I should have been all along.

But it is so easy today... I didn’t read my devotions. I just skipped them, no biggie. I didn’t pray. So what? I can pray tomorrow... I didn’t do anything for others.

Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in ourselves, at others' expense. What about ME...



Don't I deserve everything that others have? Stinkin' thinkin' comes so easy to me sometimes...and I do know better...

The purpose of engaging in Lent is to become more finely attuned to our longing for God so we can TRULY seek him with all our hearts.

As we wrestle with a more realistic awareness of the grip our attachments have on us, we enter into godly grief that leads to repentance, then to forgiveness, and, prayerfully, to freedom. Serious as the Lenten season is for me personally, it is also a time of "great hope" as we experience "God's steadfast love for us," even in the midst of whatever sin or sins we are acknowledging.

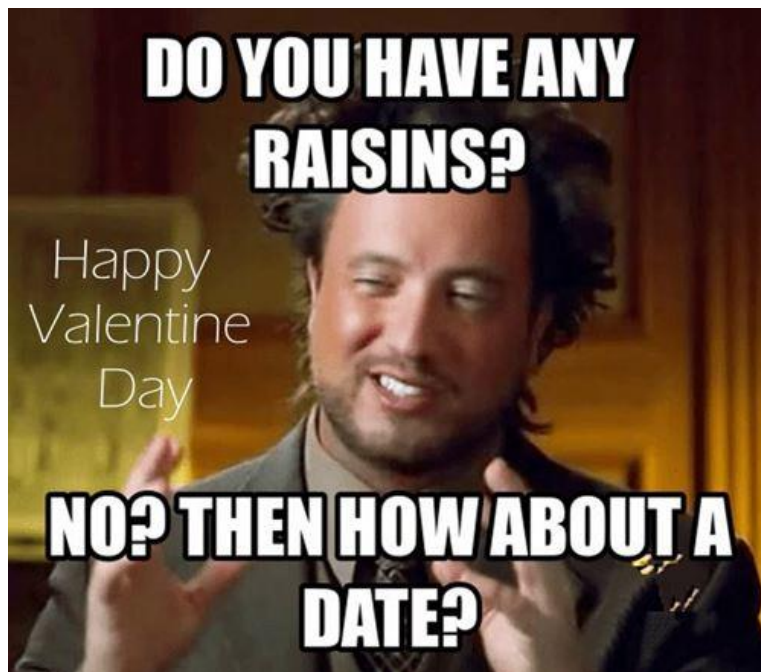
He loves us in spite of our backpaddling and our running away from him.

"In the shadow of Christ's cross and impending resurrection," we are assured that "there is forgiveness and cleansing for all who turn to him." There is. But we have to make that turn.

In him, there is the power to pass from death to life in the places where we ourselves need resurrection. Lent is about coming to him, turning to him, but it is also about coming into ourselves. So, I have decided I need Lent more than Lent needs me. Are you with me?

See you in worship!

Pr. Mortenson



- "Love is an electric blanket with somebody else in control of the switch."
- "I told my wife a man is like wine; he gets better with age. So, she locked me in the cellar." – Rodney Dangerfield
- A man promised his girlfriend a diamond on Valentine's Day; he took her to a baseball game.

# MORE THAN 60 years ago

According to the US CENSUS BUREAU, the city of Oak Creek has a total area of 28.6 square miles, of which 28.6 square miles is land, and 0.03% is water.

Oak Creek is located at 42 degrees, 53 feet 4 inches North and 87 degrees, 53 feet 57 inches West. Oak Creek is located South of Milwaukee, on the shore of Lake Michigan, in Milwaukee County. The area was inhabited by the Potawatomi and Menominee until the mid-1830s, when the United States government forced them off their land.

Wisconsin became a state on May 29, 1848, statehood being GRANTED by an act of Congress. Wisconsin became the 30<sup>th</sup> state in the UNION.

Like many of Milwaukee's suburbs at the time, Oak Creek was primarily an agricultural center, with numerous farms spread across the area. The railroad connecting Milwaukee and Chicago began running in 1855 and brought much commerce to the emerging village.

In addition to farming, major local businesses included the United States Glue Company, American Tar Products, and Lake Side Distillery. As the dairy industry began to dominate the state's agriculture, many creameries and cheese houses were also built.

In 1956, General Motors' AC Spark Plug was built in town. NASA selected the plant to participate in America's Space Program for the guidance and navigation systems onboard the APOLLO aircrafts in 1962.

In 1965, following graduation from the Seminary, Pastor Ray Stubbe was called by the Board of American Missions to explore planting a church. He was sent to Oak Creek, Wisconsin. His parents resided in Milwaukee, and his home congregation was Redeemer Lutheran Church at 19th and Wisconsin in downtown Milwaukee. So, Pastor Stubbe was somewhat familiar with the area. Pastor Stubbe found an apartment across from Oak Creek High School. It was from this apartment that his work would begin.

"Ecclesia Plantanda" was a phrase that was used by Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, the Patriarch of Lutheranism in North America. The Latin phrase means the church must be planted! The question was whether another church was needed or necessary in the Oak Creek area. That was 61 years ago.



# ANNUAL MEETING

**President – Kathy Mack**  
**Vice President – Lisa Kleppek**  
**Council Secretary – Joy Kubusek**  
**Treasurer – Barb Schrubey**  
**Financial Secretary – Sue McIntosh**  
**Church Historian – Pat Bruss-Horswill**

## **The Committee Structure:**

**Christian Education Committee – Robin Schmitt**  
**Evangelism Committee – Brittany Czarny**  
**Finance Committee – Jodi Heine**  
**Liturgy Committee – Lisa Kleppek**  
**Property Committee – Dan Thein**  
**Stewardship Committee – Jayne Murnane**  
**World Concerns Committee – Debbie Krajnak**  
**Youth Ministry – Jerod Lovas**

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**We had eight lucky winners of gift cards  
At our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**We wanted to make sure the eight lucky winners are mentioned!**

**They were:**

- 1. Brian Rathmann**
- 2. Lori Rathmann**
- 3. Mary Jo Meier**
- 4. Lynn Friedman**
- 5. Dan Thein**
- 6. Brittany Czarny**
- 7. Michael Steiner**
- 8. Jodi Heine**
- 9. Tom Coonan**

**Congratulations guys!!!**



## Did You Know?

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- Ash Wednesday is February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Ash Wednesday is the first day of the church's liturgical season called LENT.
- Ashes represent repentance, mortality, and humility.
- Traditionally, the ashes are made in the form of a cross on the forehead.
- The ashes are made from the previous year's Palm Sunday palms.
- The words that echo throughout the church are "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return."
- Ash Wednesday is observed by Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Methodists, and some other Protestant denominations.
- The Orthodox church does not celebrate Ash Wednesday.
- Ash Wednesday is a movable feast day and changes each year, depending on when Easter (The Resurrection of Our Lord) falls.
- The Season of Lent lasts forty days, not including Sundays.
- The tradition of Ash Wednesday has its roots in the early Christian church, where people publicly repented and were marked with ashes...
- Ash Wednesday is NOT CONSIDERED a "celebration" but rather a solemn observance in which the Eucharistic Meal is shared.
- The colors associated with Lent are purple or black, based on the congregation's tradition.
- Ashes are connected to Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness, prior to the beginning of his ministry, symbolizing repentance.





# “The Transfiguration of Our Lord”

(The Last Sunday After Epiphany!)



The Transfiguration serves as a revelation (an epiphany) of Jesus’ divine glory, confirming his role as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

The event acts as a foretaste of the coming KINGDOM OF GOD, emphasizing the divine nature of Jesus, to his closest disciples.

It is a theophany (a manifestation or visitation by God) that shows God’s divinity through Jesus, celebrated in many, many Christian traditions.

The Transfiguration challenges believers to recognize Jesus’ authority and align their lives with his teachings...

The Transfiguration marks the glorification of Jesus’ human body, indicating the nearing conclusion of his earthly ministry.

Jesus is shown to be greater than the law and the prophets.

In the Transfiguration, Jesus, witnessed by his closest friends, is transformed into a being emanating intense white light who was also talking with two of the main figures of ancient Judaism. It is filled with awe and awesomeness!



## **President's Article**

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As I write this article, the 2025 annual meeting has not been held. I do not know if I will be re-elected as council president, but I do know that I will serve the last year of my council term of three years. Whatever committee or position I will hold, it has been a wonderful year of service by so many of my church family. Whether you serve on council or as a member of the committees or just by attending liturgy, I hope you will continue to serve in our 60<sup>th</sup> year!!

**Going forward, we will have a pastoral change as PJ retires. Thank you to PJ for his counsel to myself and many others. Thank you for all your help with the Presidency this past year as well. You have led us in faith and demonstrated what it means to “live by faith”. God’s speed to you in your retirement!! Enjoy it to the fullest!!**

On another note, I am hopeful that members will step up to serve our church family by joining the church council. We need you to join us in order to keep the church running smoothly during a transitional year. Please step up and help out where you can. I hope the spirit moves you to join us on the council.

In case you haven’t noticed, the new windows have been installed in the church sanctuary and Ballbach Hall. They really look so nice, and they will keep us warmer in winter and cooler in summer. Thank you to the property committee for all their work in obtaining quotes and supervising the installation of the windows. Great job! Thank you also to all who donated to the window fund and to the Endowment Fund for their donation to the window fund. Petunia says “oink, oink” translated to “Thank you to all who donated!”

February 15<sup>th</sup> we will hold an Agape Luncheon after our liturgy. There will be a great spaghetti dinner with tickets available at the door for \$5.00/each and children 3 and under are free. There will be games and an anniversary timeline for all to participate in. Hope to see you there at 11:15 following liturgy. This is PJ’s last Agape event with us, so I am hoping to see many people present for this event.

Spring is around the corner, and we have survived another winter with some pretty cold temps, hopefully, with Easter and the Spring Craft Fair on the horizon, we also will see some warmer weather! Hoping to see you in church!!

Prayerfully submitted,

Kathy Mack  
President

# **Agape Luncheon**

**The Sunday before Lent Begins...  
February 15, 2026**

**Spaghetti  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert**



**\$5.00 Adults  
Children under three – Free  
Only At All Saints  
Come, and have your faith lifted!**

**All are welcome!**



## Council Capsules

Council approved the following matters at the January council meeting:

- Council approved the motion by the Evangelism Chairperson to host Bingo on February 8th at 11:30 am.
- Council approved a motion by the Property Chairperson to allow Sara Jolitz to store her riding mower at the church and allow trained persons from the church to use the mower on the church grounds. An agreement will be written up and signed by both Sara and a representative from the church.
- Council approved a motion by the Property Chairperson to allow Michael Steiner to take the John Deere Tractor to Proven Power to find out what is wrong with it and get it repaired. Michael has offered to pay for the transport and the repairs.
- Council approved a motion by the Liturgy Chairperson to hold Lenten liturgies on Wednesdays during Lent.
- Council approved a motion to move the 29 people listed on the December statistical report to Inactive Status.
- Council approved a motion by Barb to move \$20,000 to an interest-bearing CD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wytrykus Kleppek  
All Saints Lutheran Church Council Secretary



# Boundaries...

It is all about boundaries and healthy congregations...and healthy pastors.

Pastors retiring are required to find a NEW CONGREGATIONAL HOME. Pj is a member of All Saints Lutheran Church; he will officially resign his membership as of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Of primary concern is the health of the church family going forward.

Retired pastors cannot be called upon to perform any pastoral acts once they have left a congregation. Their call to that congregation has officially ended.

All pastors leaving congregations should refrain from “active engagement with ALL former members,” including digitally.

It is not uncommon for social media platforms to be problematic. It is not uncommon for such sites to be abandoned. Some pastors choose to unfollow or even unfriend former parishioners.

Most people do not know this, but a pastor's status on the “retired roster of the ELCA” is a privilege granted only by the Synod Council. It is not a right that is assumed.

Pastors who behave in a manner “that is inconsistent with the expectations of a rostered minister and public leader” may be denied entry onto the retired roster, or they may be “removed” by action of the synod council.

The ELCA Roster Manual indicates that “the status of every retired rostered minister” is to be reviewed at least every three years.

A pastor removed from the roster would then be considered “a layperson” and unable to conduct activities normally associated with ordained ministry.

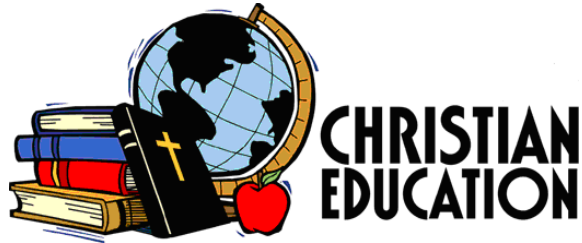
It is truly all about establishing healthy boundaries going forward.

It is believed that a pastor's love for the congregation and its continued ministry is more important than “their affection for any specific individual or family in the congregation.”

Former means just that, “former.”

Boundaries must be established.





## Christian Education

Sunday School focus for the coming weeks:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>focus verses</u>	<u>Topics</u>
February		
• 1	Genesis 1:27 1 Corinthians 12:4-6	Made in his image Different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit
<b>Also, on February 1 - Annual Congregational Meeting – Hope to see you there</b>		
• 8	1 John 4:10 1 John 4:8	Be Mine God is love
<b>Also, on February 8 - Education Committee Meeting – Interested in the Education of the church, please join us at 11:15 am</b>		
• 15	Deuteronomy 31:6 1 Samuel 17	Courage David & Goliath
• 22	Joshua 24:15 Ruth 1-4	Family Ruth & Naomi
March		
• 1	Proverbs 16:3 Philippians 3:14-15	Goals Goal to win the prize
<b>Also, on March 1 – tentative date for Education Committee Meeting – We would welcome visitors or others who would like to join the committee.</b>		

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

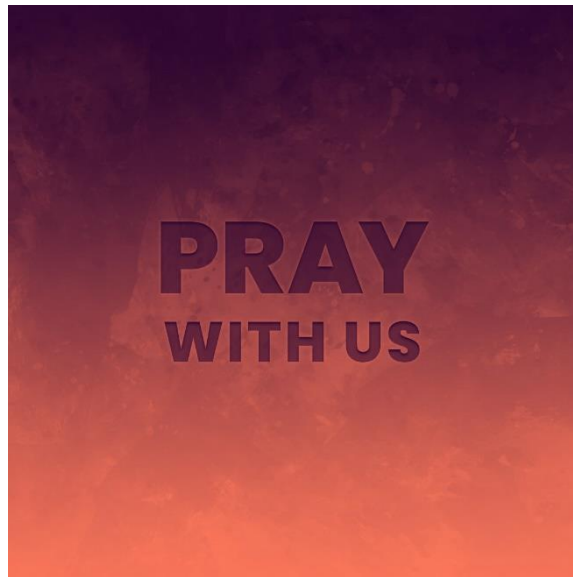
Confirmation Students are meeting on Thursdays as planned. Please follow the schedule set.

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 February 8, 2026. Other tentative meeting dates of March 1, 2026 & April 12, 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Schmitt  
Christian Education Chair

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**We want you to pray with us!  
(Please)**

Keith and Cheri Saylor  
Wally and Diane Hogan  
Linda Payne  
Brent Mason  
Camille Begani  
Baby Bennett  
David Heine  
Ana Rivas  
RB and Linda Wood  
Carol Kocourek  
Justin Halter  
Betty Ford  
Dick Kahle  
Jayne Murnane  
Jess Bogart  
Patti Sprague  
Paul Turlais  
Jeff LaFond  
Marianne Zapp

Sydney LaFond  
Sue Gorecki  
Michael Dittmar  
Rick Wettengel  
Cotey Speaks  
Peggy Rudolph Lisle  
Barb Grobschmidt  
Rich Lisle  
Terri Pratt  
Kathy Bauman  
Rob Kawczynski  
Joel Raison  
Rick Ruhl  
Jerry Pavlik  
Kristen Nicole  
Elaine Kuehn  
Dale and Nina Slowik

We appreciate every prayer offered.

Keep those prayers going...



**Sunday,  
February 8th  
11:30am**

Hotdogs, Tuna Salad & beverages available for purchase.

**Bring 2 non-perishable, non-expired canned goods to play.**

**No cash accept; No cash prizes**

**Join us for a fun BINGO lunch after liturgy!**

**\*Please spread the word!**



Respectfully Submitted,  
Brittany Czarny, Evangelism Chair



- Thank you to Bill Elmore, who met constantly with the window contractors.
- Thanks to all those who attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the congregation.
- Thanks to those who contributed to the WINDOW FUND.
- Thanks to those who launder the dirty towels...
- And, to those who launder tablecloths...
- Thanks to our money counters, who seldom get recognition...
- Thanks to our Treasurer, Barb Schrubey, and to our Financial Secretary, Sue McIntosh.
- Thanks to all who have served on our church council.
- Thank you for your faithful giving, whether you are present or not.
- Thanks to all those purchasing flowers to adorn our altar.
- Thanks to the ladies of our Women's Choir!



## Finance Committee

### **December 2025 Financial Stats**

#### Monthly

Income.   \$36,878.09

Expenses   \$27,127.28

Total.       + \$9,750.81

#### Year to Date

Income.       \$265,105.15

Expenses.     \$241,348.60

Total.       + \$ 23,756.55

Thanks for all that you do!

Chairperson

Brian Rathmann







**7:00 P.M.  
Wednesday's**

**For  
Five Weeks  
Will YOU join us?**

**The chosen liturgy will be Liturgy #2 – in the WHITE BOOKS.**

**Which means we will gather around the altar for consecration together.**

**It is always a special time, and the singing is nothing short of “heavenly.”**

**Please consider joining us.  
We would love to see you here!**



**Many Hands Make *LIGHT* Work**

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

**Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**Love never ends.**

**And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.**



# Souper Bowl Sunday!



We thought last year was amazing. Elaine Kleinhans counted up all the cans of soup. Mr. Tibbs verified her totals, and at the end of the day last year, we collected 200 cans of soup for the food pantry, which we thought was outstanding.



New England Patriots VS the Seattle Seahawks  
At Levi Stadium in Santa Clara, CA

How many cans of soup will be gathered this year? The totals are not yet in!  
(Wait for it!)

# 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?**

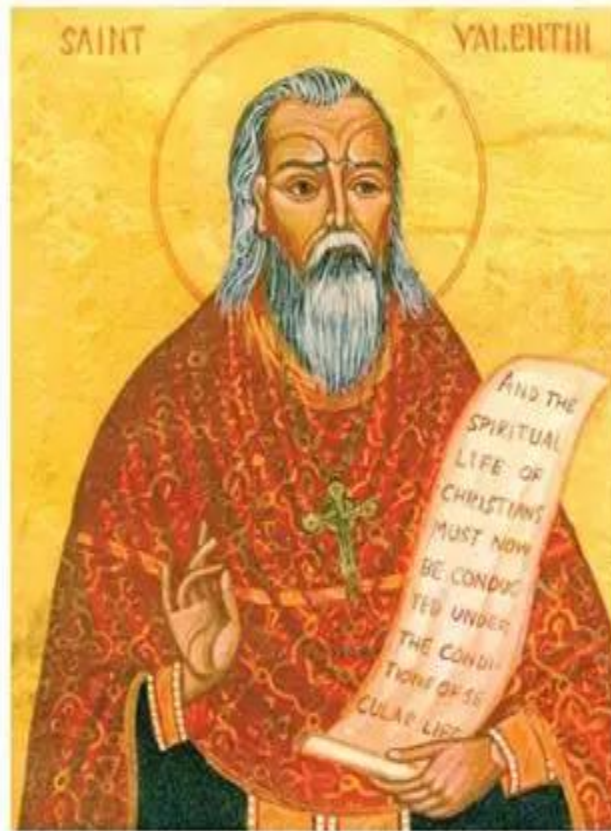
This is a question that arises quite frequently by non-members or Members with non-member family. The answer is not always an easy one but, the only people eligible for a funeral held at All Saints are Members of All Saints. P.J. will only do immediate family funerals for Members of All Saints at his 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 is 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. We also have gluten free wafers available, but you need to let Pj know before the liturgy if you wish them available for communion.





St. Valentine

According to at least one legend, St. Valentine signed a letter “from your Valentine” to his jailer’s daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.

Another common legend states that he defied the emperor’s orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from being conscripted to serve in war.

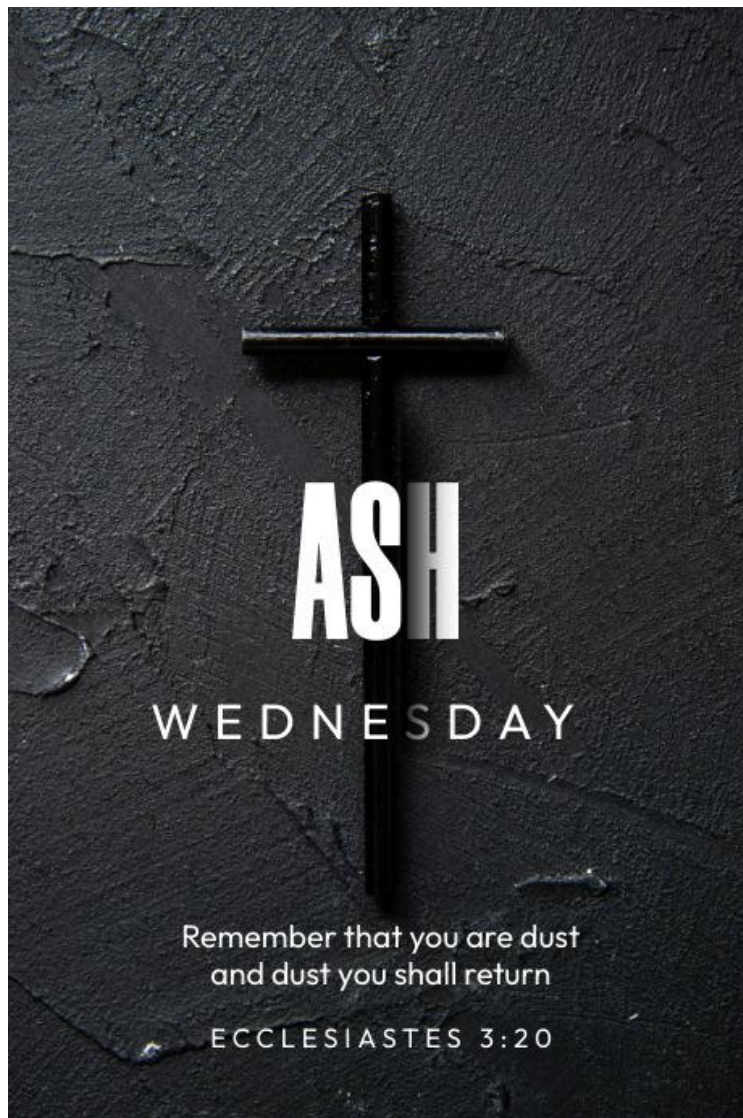
St. Valentine’s Day as a lovers’ festival --- dates at least from the 14th century.

The tradition of giving cards on Valentine’s Day began in the 18th century.





# Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00 P.M.



# Wish List



Thanks for all you do!



**February 1 - Dale Hochevar**  
**February 8 - Judy Wolter**  
**February 15 - Lynn Friedman**  
**February 22 - Dan Payne**



**Thank YOU!**



### **BLAME IT ON THE GERMANS!**

I bet you do not know the history behind “this thing.” The GROUND HOG DAY tradition originated from European folklore, specifically from German-speaking areas, where it was believed that if a “BADGER” emerged from its burrow and saw its shadow, it would indicate six more weeks of winter.

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> century, European Celts believed that animals had special senses to predict the weather. Local storytellers said marmots or bears had this supernatural ability, and some later changed this to groundhogs or foxes.

This belief was brought to the United States by the Pennsylvania Dutch immigrants in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The first “official celebration” took place in 1887 in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where a groundhog named PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL was chosen to predict the weather.

The day has since become a popular event in the United States and Canada, celebrated on February 2 of each year. If it is any consolation to you at all, they say, the groundhogs have only been accurate about 30% of the time.



Our Blood Drive is March 3, 2026  
From 2:00-6:30 P.M.

Please Donate if you are able, it does save lives!

Just a reminder that in 2025, 235 families were fed by our church family. Gas cards and money for motel stays were also given out to those in extreme need.

Presently, our food pantry shelves are filled to capacity. Thanks for all that you have done all year long.

We will keep you informed of the number of soup cans we collected for SOUPER BOWL 60!

The next meeting of the World Concerns Committee will be on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.  
Come and Join Us!

Remember, with every donation of blood, three lives can be saved or affected!

Won't YOU consider donating?

God Bless  
And  
Remember the Poor!

Elaine Kleinhans, Chairperson



# SPRING CRAFT FAIR

**March 21, 2026, from 9 am – 2 pm**



**Many hands are needed to have a successful event!**  
**Sign-up sheets will be posted on the church doors in the Narthex.**  
**Please help as you can, with your donations and time.**

## **RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED:**

- We are looking for these new items for the raffle baskets:
  - Pokemon items
  - Bottles of wine
  - Scrip cards – any amount, any type
  - Any questions? Contact Lynn Speaks at 262-930-0772

## **BAKERS NEEDED!**



- We need cakes, cupcakes, cookies, breads, fudge, muffins, rice krispy treats, candy, and especially full-sized and individual sized pies!
- We need donations of canned pie filling. Shop the store sales, if you are able,  
We need them at the church by March 15<sup>th</sup>
- We need these kinds of pie fillings: Berry Medley (mixed berry), Strawberry Rhubarb, Blueberry, Apple, Cherry and Peach.
- Our church members will be baking pies at church on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 pm and Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-2 pm.

More help is needed; we will teach you how to bake pies.

Craft Fair help is needed (Mark your calendars):

#### Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:00 pm

- Help needed to move chairs and tables! Please help if you can!! We need lots of help, but it should only take 30 minutes if we have 10+ people.
- ❖ Breakdown of the Sanctuary. Move chairs, remove chair holders, move altar, and remove hymnals to make room for craft tables and chairs.
- ❖ Bakers needed at church to help bake pies from 1 – 6 pm.

#### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

- ❖ Bring baked goods between 2:00-6:30 pm. We will price the baked goods for you. *Plastic containers are available outside the kitchen after February 28<sup>th</sup>.*
- ❖ Bakers needed at church to help bake pies from 9 am – 2pm.
- ❖ Clean and Set-up kitchen for luncheon starts at 3 pm.
- ❖ NEED FOOD DONATIONS BY NOON on Friday! It's okay to drop off a day or 2 prior.

#### Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Craft Fair from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

- ❖ Help needed in many areas: kitchen, runners, greeters, raffle basket area and baked goods table. There will be sign-up sheets on the church's narthex door. Take a 2-hour shift if you are able.
- ❖ **Come to the Craft Fair!** We have fishing lures, hand painted items, quilts, stuffed toys, handmade 3D cards, paper goods, bakeware cozies, Tupperware, aprons, t-shirts, jams, jellies, unique handmade baskets, Easter gifts, sewn items, embroidered towels, soaps, bath bombs, lotions, coasters, pottery, jewelry and much more!
- ❖ **We have an excellent lunch:**
  - Hot turkey sandwiches, BBQ sandwiches and/or quarter pound hot dogs
  - Plus PJ's famous beans all for very reasonable prices
- ❖ **Amazing baked goods, and a fabulous Raffle too!**
- ❖ **Come to the craft fair, and shop for unique Easter gifts, birthday gifts, for others or for yourself! Better yet bring a friend, sister, husband, or neighbor with you! Support your church!**
- ❖ Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:30-3:30 pm - Many hands and strong bodies needed to put the Sanctuary back together in time for our 5:00 pm Liturgy. We need 10-12 people to help. Many hands make for light work.
- Committee meetings:
  - Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm - Planning meeting
  - Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm - Church set-up (moving tables, and chairs)
  - Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm - Post Craft Fair Meeting, wrap up.

- The craft fair proceeds are a good part of our annual budget, so we need all the help you are able to give. THANK YOU and God Bless you!

Christy Ugrotzi, Craft Fair Coordinator  
414-403-8872

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**Please help with the Craft Fair Raffle by donating a scrip card. The church receives all the profits from the craft fair raffle (and luncheon, bake sale, and crafter table rentals). Your donation will be added to your church statement. Church gets donation for scrip and for raffle tickets! Double donations! Purchase Scrip of your choice and give this form and the scrip gifts to PJ. He will ensure the Craft Fair committee receives it.**

Print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIP CARD	AMOUNT	RETURN	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
Marcus Theatres	\$25	9%		
TJ Maxx	\$25	7%		
Pick and Save	\$25	4%		
Menards	\$25	4%		
Sendiks	\$50	5%		
Restaurant Scrip	Any amount			
Starbucks	\$10	7%		
Kwik Trip	\$50	10%		
Barnes and Noble	\$10	8%		
Any card	Any amount			

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## WORD SEARCH

Solve the following puzzle by finding all the hidden words!



PRAYER  
LENT  
PALMS  
REPENTANCE  
CHURCH  
WEDNESDAY

SACRIFICE  
ASHES  
REFLECTION  
FOREHEAD  
OBLIGATION  
WORSHIP

FAITHFUL  
SPIRITUALITY  
FORGIVENESS  
PROMISE  
FASTING  
BAPTISM



## Just for laughs...

- After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden. Adam has a simple answer for this:  
“Your mother ate us out of house and home.”
- During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam’s ribs. Later on in the week, the boy’s mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless:  
“Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I’m getting a wife.”
- Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: “It’s right here—HEBREWS.”







## From the Kitchen of Saint Ruth

*(Mother of PJ)*

### *Carrot Cake*

#### For Cake

- 2 cups of sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1½ cups oil
- 3 cups grated carrots
- 2 tsps. Soda
- 1 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tsp cloves
- 1 tsp cinnamon

#### For Frosting

- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- ¼ cup butter
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ black walnuts

#### **Directions:**

Mix sugar, eggs, oil, and grated carrots. Sift dry ingredients together and add to the wet mixture. Spread the batter in a greased pan.

Bake for 1 hour in a 350 degrees oven.

Cream together the cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar, and vanilla.

Spread over the cooled cake and decorate with crushed walnuts along the sides and the top.

Enjoy!

# "Just Desserts"

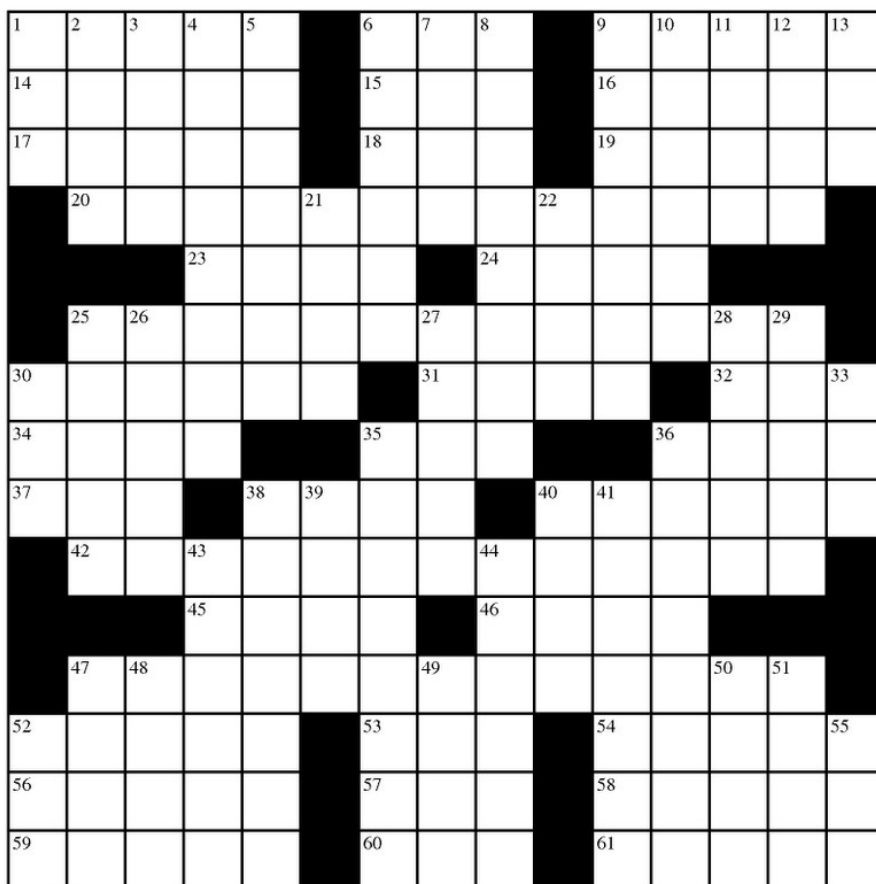
by Matt Gaffney

## ACROSS

- 1 Singer Abdul or comic Poundstone  
6 Shook hands with  
9 Separated  
14 More competent  
15 Midwestern megacampus: abbr.  
16 Grounds  
17 Veranda, or a Hawaiian island  
18 American "Uncle"  
19 Slap hard  
20 Judicial summons that makes you yawn?  
23 Conception  
24 Laze (around)  
25 Refused to let anyone listen to Kurt Cobain's music?  
30 Future cake  
31 Boleyn or Frank  
32 Eggs, on biology tests  
34 Not \_\_\_ many words  
35 Humongous  
36 "I couldn't agree more!"  
37 HST's successor  
38 Word repeated after "Que" in a song  
40 Home of the Mud Hens  
42 Women's part of the house in an Iraqi home?  
45 Fine \_\_\_  
46 With, in Bordeaux  
47 Itinerary listing after "Argentina ayer, Paraguay hoy"?

## DOWN

- 1 Chum  
2 Quatrain rhyme scheme  
3 Forearm bone  
4 Go toward, as the wind  
5 She helped Theseus escape the Labyrinth  
6 Israeli intel agency  
7 Jacob's twin  
8 Falling (down)  
9 Cleanse of sin  
10 Actress Anderson  
11 Strong \_\_\_ ox  
12 Costa \_\_\_



- 13 "For shame!"  
21 Skeezy look  
22 Blue stuff  
25 Alternative to a hotel  
26 Out on the waves  
27 Water nymph  
28 Julius in "Gaius Julius Caesar," e.g.  
29 Brand of 52-down  
30 eBay try  
33 "I guess that's \_\_\_"  
35 South American capital  
36 Not as part of a combo  
38 Psychologists, casually  
39 1999 movie directed by Ron Howard  
40 Sandals brand  
41 Unity  
43 Lead ore type  
44 African country whose capital is Lusaka  
47 Suspenders alternative  
48 Office shape  
49 Opera set in ancient Egypt

- 50 Crossword, Iceland or astrophysics  
51 Puts 2 and 2 together  
52 Place for a facial  
55 Watch closely



## Letters we receive: Correspondence



*Dear All Saints,  
Our group thought we'd help you reach your goal of collecting  
250 cans of soup.  
Your friends,  
Nar-Anon Family Support Group*



*PJ and Kinga,  
I am so sorry on the loss of Moriah.  
She will always live in your hearts.  
Blessings,  
Jodi Heine*



*Dear All Saints Lutheran Church Congregation,  
Thank you so much for your continued support of HAWS through  
your Harley Tree fundraiser. Your generosity keeps our doors  
open, allowing us to give the animals in our care the support  
they need as they await their forever homes.  
Blessings,  
Monica*



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January 13, 2026

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Warmest Regards,

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Maggie Tate-Teichtmann  
Executive Director

Thank you, thank you!

PS Please visit [www.hawspets.org](http://www.hawspets.org) for information on HAWS' many fostering opportunities, community events, adoptable animals, training classes, children's camps, and much more.

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*So wonderful; thank you!*

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

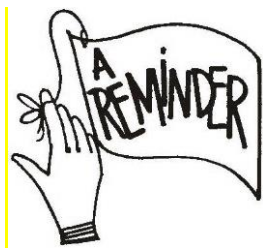
The donation's folder is posted in the blue folder on the Bulletin Board. Select your dates for those special occasions or people in your lives and follow the instructions on the inside front cover.

**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:

Date	Flowers	Memorial Candle	Honor Candle	Bulletins
Jan 31 to Feb 6	Open	Dailey	Open	Krajnak
February 7 to 13	Montague	Vnuk	Open	Open
February 14 to 20	Montague	Open	Open	Open
Feb 21 to 27	Mutual Ministry	Open	Open	Open
Feb 28 to March 6	Mutual Ministry	Open	Open	Krajnak



Revealer Articles are due on **Wednesday February 18<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



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

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

#### **5<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

#### **1 Lent**

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## **Numbers you should have at hand:**

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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:**

**Paul Salewski, Captain  
Tom Coonan  
Judy Wolter**

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

### **TEAM 2:**

**Don Olsen, Captain  
Dena Olsen  
Elaine Kleinhans**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

### **TEAM 3:**

**Brian Rathmann, Captain  
Barbara Schrubey, Captain  
Lori Rathmann**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### **TEAM 4:**

**Denise Kalski, Captain  
Lynn Friedman  
Tim Jackalone**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

### **SUBSTITUTES:**

**Kathy Grom, Captain  
Jeff Grom  
Scott Woiak**

