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New Photo Directory!

Lifetouch Photography will be at All Saints beginning Thursday, September 22 through Saturday, September 24 and again on October 3 and 4 to take photos for a new All Saints Photo Directory. Everyone who participates will receive a free color 8 X 10 photo and a free church directory. There is no charge for this photo, however, you will be given the opportunity to purchase prints if you so desire. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase photos.

Photo session reservations will be taken after each service beginning Sunday, August 21, and run through Sunday, September 18. You can also reserve your photo appointment online Monday through Saturday, until September 20, by clicking the Lifetouch icon on www.allsaintsbyron.org. There are a variety of time slots available, from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm during the week and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday.

This is a great opportunity to update your family photo if you so desire. You can invite extended members of your family to come to your photo session, even if they are not members of All Saints. You can even bring Fido and/or Kitty! The photo you choose for the directory will be the pose you will receive for your free 8 X 10.

Lifetouch is partnering with us to provide needed items for People Helping People. If you bring non-perishable food items to your photo session, you will receive a $5.00 off coupon to use towards any portraits you might wish to purchase.

The All Saints Photo Directory will be delivered towards the end of the year. Please check with the photographer for estimated delivery of any portraits you may purchase. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact Kay Johnson.

Annual Picnic - September 11

It's almost here! The All Saints Church and Neighborhood Picnic is Sunday, September 11, at 12:30 on the north lawn of our church. We will have lots of food, games, and fun for everyone! This year we again celebrate "God's work Our Hands" Sunday by raising money to benefit St Vincent de Paul, a local agency serving those in need in the Byron area. This will be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us in this celebration of fellowship. If you have a yellow "God's Work Our Hands" t-shirt, or any other All Saints shirt be sure to wear it! There are a limited number of yellow t-shirts available in the office for $10 if you would like to purchase one. If you have any questions about the picnic, please contact Pam Kultgen or Theresa Fitzsimmons.

NEW OFFICE HOURS!

Effective September 1 there will be new hours of operation for the All Saints office staff. Monday through Thursday the hours will be 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, and Friday will remain 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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Deadline for the October Saintly News is **September 18**
Please send articles to
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A Note From Pastor Janet Wold

Dear Friends,

What a busy, interesting summer it's been! As we gear up for the busy fall schedule, I want to point you to the enclosed "Education Opportunities" brochure and speak to a couple of those opportunities.

1. I am really excited about our new **Sunday school** curriculum that we will be using this fall. "**DIG IN"** from Group Publishing has some amazing music, videos and creative lessons to help the kids learn about the life of Jesus. We are hoping that the kids will be able to sing some of the songs they've learned in church on a regular basis as well. New format, seasoned and new teachers, new curriculum – all of this adds up to a positive and fun learning experience for our youth.

2. **Wednesday afternoon Bible study.** Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 1:30, we will reconvene our weekly Wednesday Bible Study. This group of men and women gather together weekly to drink coffee, share stories…AND study the Bible! This fall, we will be studying the book of Revelation.

3. **Tuesday evening Bible study** reconvenes on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm. This group of men and women will be studying the book ***James, Genuine Faith*** by Sam Allberry.

4. **Sunday morning Adult Class** begins on Sept. 18, utilizing the study ***How Jesus Became God.***

More information about all these classes, and confirmation classes, are in the enclosed brochure.

Sometimes I hear people say they are "afraid" to come to Bible study because they don't want to look "stupid" because they aren't very familiar with the Bible. We have people in these adult classes who have widely varying backgrounds in their knowledge of the Bible. How can you increase your knowledge of the Bible if you don't take the time to learn more about the Bible? Please come and join us – we'd love to have you there!

As you can see, there are many opportunities to continue to grow in our faith. Learning never stops! In addition, these classes are a great way to get to know some more folks from All Saints Lutheran. Please prayerfully consider joining us for one or more of these occasions!

God's blessings be with you all –

Pastor Janet Wold

Pastoral Acts

August 7 – Baptism of Elizabeth Faith Gile daughter of D. J. and Dawn (Niehaus) Gile

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday Night Bible Study will reconvene on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 pm. This group of men and women will be studying the book ***James, Genuine Faith*** by Sam Allberry. We will meet in the main conference room. Please enter through the South door, in the Sunday School wing.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 1:30, we will reconvene our weekly Wednesday Bible Study in the main conference room. This group of men and women gather together weekly to drink coffee, share stories…AND study the Bible! This fall, we will be studying the book of Revelation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 11

Join us at 9:15 am for the kick off of another great Sunday school year at All Saints! There will be activities and balloon release for the students and a chance to meet the teachers. Parents can register their children for Sunday school at the registration table during the festivities.

As a part of Rally Day activities, Bibles will be presented to children during both worship services. If you have a child older than 3rd grade who has not received a Bible, please let the church office know so that we will have Bibles and dedication labels for all. Children of all ages are also invited to bring their school backpacks to worship to receive a special blessing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START ON SEPTEMBER 18 for ages 3 through adults.

School Supplies Collection

Between the dates of July 18 and August 7, we collected school supplies for the students and teachers of Mary Morgan Elementary School in Byron. At the conclusion of the project we inventoried the donations and found we had collected: 9 spiral notebooks, 128 dry erase markers in various colors, 22 dozen colored pencils, 9 mechanical pencils, 394 #2 pencils, 4 erasers, 30 ballpoint pens, 63 highlighters in various colors, 50 Post-It notes in various sizes, 4 Sharpie permanent markers, 54 glue sticks, 21 5" pointed scissors and 17 backpacks. These items were delivered to Mr. Stuart, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Barton, Principal of Mary Morgan Elementary School on the morning of August 8. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success! Also a huge thank you to Thrivent Financial for the grant money to help purchase additional supplies.

Special Visitors from the Arcot Lutheran Church!

Visiting us on Rally Day (September 11) and just in time to celebrate our Annual Church Picnic is the Reverend Solomon Rajan Babu, a senior pastor of Arcot Lutheran in India. On May 1, 2011 All Saints became a Companion Congregation with the Siloam Pastorate of the Arcot Lutheran Church, so Reverend Babu's visit is quite an honor for us! Please be sure to greet him, his wife and his son at worship and also during the picnic that afternoon!

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, Sept. 4
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, Sept. 11
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, Sept. 18
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, Sept. 25
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Please Clip & Save for your reference

Outreach News

If someone new moves into your neighborhood, please notify the church office, Pastor or Pam Kultgen and give them the address and if you have a name, that would be great. The outreach committee is working hard to bring God's word and an invitation to join us at All Saints to our community and we really appreciate any help that you can give us in this matter.

The GATHERING

Join the GATHERING for great conversation, fun and food on the second Tuesday of each month. We will meet on September 13 at 9:00 to work on our craft projects or to just enjoy each other's fellowship. Join us for a great time!

Quilters

The quilters plan to meet on September 1st from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the church. This will be a busier than usual month for our group as we prepare to get ready to send our quilts to Lutheran World Relief in October. At our August meeting, we watched a video from LWR showing what happens to a quilt once it leaves the church where it was made until it arrives at its destination and given to a person in need. The donations of fabric and sheets have been especially generous this year. Twelve ladies or more come together each month to work on quilts the first Thursday of every month. Please join us for a time of service and fellowship.

A Special THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our volunteers: Heather Green, Amy Harn, Doug Knodle, George Krebs, Susan and Kermit Krug, Pam Kultgen, Lisa Perket, and Jan Sloan, who watered the flowers and hanging baskets this summer. With the unusually hot and humid weather, your diligence assured the flowers remained bright and beautiful all season!

WELCA

(Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Ladies of the church! Do you enjoy gathering with a small group for dinner or dessert?

Please join us September 19 for a Pizza Supper at 5:30pm in the newly carpeted Fellowship Hall.

A new convenor will be selected at that time. Hope to see you there!

Lutheran World Relief

We are Collecting Items for Personal Care Kits

The collection of items for the personal care kits continues through September 28th in the hallway basket. Fourteen kits have already been assembled. Any donations will be gladly accepted as we try to help people with just the basic items when they are in need. The finished kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief early in October. Thank you for helping out people in need!

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

- one light weight bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- one adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- one sturdy comb
- one metal nail clipper

Blessing of Backpacks

On Sunday, September 11 at both services, we invite all students to bring their backpacks to church! During worship, Pastor Janet will bless the backpacks (and the children who carry them) so that as we enter a new school year we are all reminded that God is with us everywhere we go! Parents will be invited to come forward as we lay our hands on the backpacks in blessing.

Crossroads Blues at All Saints

Macyn's musical journey started when she was 7 years old in her Brownie troupe. They were slated to do a talent show at the local nursing home but she didn't think she had a talent. Her dad had an old guitar at home and said he'd give her some lessons. Within a month she had learned over 20 songs. She began playing at lots of retirement homes, farmers markets, coffee shops, fund raisers and even at some Irish pubs. She loved it and even started to play on sidewalks and earned the title of "Sidewalk Superstar!" Next she got some gigs at the student union at Madison where an impressed music instructor suggested that she enroll in some college music courses. Soon she was enrolled at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee school of music in the only accredited Fingerstyle Guitar program in the world where she is working toward a degree and performing publicly wherever she can. She graduated college at 17 and has even completed her masters degree in music. She is an amazingly talented young guitar player and we are excited to have her back at All Saints!

Book Club

Book club begins again after a three month summer vacation. We begin this new season of good reading, great discussions and delicious treats on September 26 at 1:00 pm in the newly carpeted fellowship hall. The book for this month is ***The Faded Flower*** by Paul McCuster. " The day when everything changed for the Reynolds family started out as normal as normal could be." Before the day was over, Colleen and Frank received a letter from Aunt Minnie explaining Pap, Frank's father, was experiencing Alzheimer's symptoms, Frank was fired when his company was purchased by a conglomerate that wants to consolidate everything at their headquarters, and their high school graduate son decides to take a year off traveling the country before making any future plans.

Please come join us as we see God's plan for this family. The book is being passed around and your name can easily be added to the list or just come to listen and enjoy.

K-5

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at UCB after school until 5:30 pm. We walk the kids from school to UCB.

Next Kids Club meets October 12, 2016

Youth NEWS

September 2016

The Youth Group meets at United Church of Byron (UCB) or All Saints Lutheran (ASL) as noted below.

Christian Concert

All are invited to come see and hear **Carpenter Tools International,** a Christian Music group, on September 15th, 2016. The concert will be held at Ebenezer Reformed Church located at 2997 N German Church Road, Oregon, IL. There will be a 6:30 pm meet and greet and the concert will begin at 7:00 pm. If you would like to carpool, meet at 6:00 pm at UCB. If you have any questions call Audrey @ 815-509-2682

Youth Group Planning

Soon we will be making plans for High School age youth to attend the **ELCA Youth Gathering** in Houston, Texas from June 27 to July 1, 2018. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

We will begin having planning meetings and fundraisers for this event soon. Watch for details in October! If you are interested in going to the ELCA Youth Gathering, helping with fundraising or being an adult chaperone, please contact Audrey at 815-509-2682.

Our Mission statement:

Seeking God, Serving Others & Having Fun!

Audrey Adams, All Saints Youth Leader

S.T.A.T.I.C

Students Taking Action Together In Christ

2017 Budget

The Finance Committee will be asking for budget input for 2017 from All Saints committees starting in September. Committees will receive a letter with a copy of the 2016 budget, current 2016 spending to date, and some prior year financial data to review so they can assess and make their input.

We have gotten pretty good at budgeting to our needs. We do not have a lot of fluff or extras built into our budgets. We try to be realistic in estimating what we have spent and where we will go in the next year with our mission and ministries. Thanks to all who support this process!

Steve Jones, Finance Chair

All Saints Serves Meals on Wheels in October --Volunteer Drivers Needed

In the month of October, All Saints Church will be helping LifeScape deliver Meals on Wheels to our special friends that live in and around the Byron area. Volunteers meet with the LifeScape driver at Neighbors Rehab Center at approximately 12:15 pm. Volunteers are provided with the meals and a daily roadmap as we set out on our adventure in delivering the meals. It takes approximately an hour to deliver an average of ten meals daily. If anyone is interested in taking part in this worthwhile activity and can spare an hour of their time, contact Pam Kultgen at pamelakultgen@yahoo.com or call at 815-985-1948.

Worship Attendance				
	8:00	10:30	Total	Sunday School
July 31	52	47	99	n/a
August 7	48	57	105	n/a
14	45	40	85	n/a
21	52	42	94	n/a
Total	197	186	383	n/a
Average	49	47	96	n/a

LIBRARY NEWS

This month I am adding several recent Book Club selections to the library. I hope you will read and enjoy them as much as we did.

A Pearl in the Storm by Tori Murden McClure is the true story of Tori's rowing across the Atlantic and all the perils she faced.

Miracle in a Dry Season by Sarah Loudin Thomas takes place during a devastating draught. Perla, trying to hide her past, is pulled into the town's turmoil. She has a talent for cooking- no matter how little she has to cook with, the food never ends. Why does it bring gratitude and condemnation, fear and faith?

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan is a blend of fact and fiction. After Edwin and Mamah Chaney commission Frank Lloyd Wright to design their new home, Mamah and Frank fall in love. The human aspects of Wright, his artistic talent and eccentricities, Mamah's emotional torments, and the development of the feminist movement in the U.S. and Europe are a few of the themes in the book.

The Prayer Box by Lisa Wingate- Hiding from her abusive husband, Tandi and her children rent a cottage on Hatteras Island. When the owner of the cottage dies at age 91, Tandi is hired to clean out her home. She discovers 81 decorated prayer boxes each filled with a year of hopes, wishes, fears, and thoughts.

Crying Wind by Crying Wind Stafford is a biographical novel that follows Cry from reservation life with her grandmother and uncles to life in a large city with no friends, family or money. After an attempt to commit suicide, she finds a church in the yellow pages. The encouragement and love of the pastor and his wife help her accept herself and Christ as her Savior.

For One More Day by Mitch Albom- Charley Benetto's life is falling apart. A less than stellar baseball career, a divorce, and alcohol drive him to a near-death experience following a car accident. He finds himself at his childhood home where his dead mother is still living. She welcomes him as if nothing has happened and takes him on a journey through his troubled life.

I am also adding ***My Searching Heart*** by Crying Wind. The book picks up where Crying Wind left off. It is the exciting story of how God is using this Indian woman to bring people of all races to Him.

Finance Report

Budget Items		Item Description	Actual July	Budget July	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2016
Revenue		General Fund	$18,094	$16,717	$101,967	$117,022	$200,609
		Mortgage	$1,831	$2,333	$13,956	$16,333	$28,000
		Other Giving	$79	$429	$1,814	$3,004	$5,150
		Total Revenue	**$20,004**	**$19,480**	**$117,736**	**$136,359**	**$233,759**
Expenses	1000	Mission Support	$520	$1,417	$4,038	$9,917	$17,000
		Other Outreach	$0	$471	$1,640	$3,296	$5,650
		Total Outreach	**$520**	**$1,887**	**$5,678**	**$13,212**	**$22,650**
	2000	Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	$829	$1,189	$4,745	$8,320	$14,264
		Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	$10,465	$11,433	$76,611	$80,032	$137,198
		Total Ministries	**$11,294**	**$12,622**	**$81,355**	**$88,352**	**$151,462**
	3000	**Total Building (Non Capital)**	$1,997	$2,896	$15,568	$20,274	$34,756
		Total Expense	**$13,811**	**$17,405**	**$102,602**	**$121,838**	**$208,868**
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	$2,074	$2,074	$14,519	$14,520	$24,891
		Other Building Capital	$50	$0	$60	$0	$0
		Total Building Capital	**$2,124**	**$2,074**	**$14,579**	**$14,520**	**$24,891**
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	**$15,935**	**$19,480**	**$117,182**	**$136,358**	**$233,759**

August Council Highlights

* Heard plans for the annual picnic are progressing
* Learned Pastor Gary Erickson's outreach meeting was well received
* Learned new media desk being handcrafted by Gary Asher is nearly complete
* Heard security system sustained lightning damage during a recent storm, repair of which cost nearly $800.
* Learned there is a need for additional Sunday school teachers

Save the dates for the 2016 Discipleship Gatherings!

More information to follow…

- Thursday, October 6, Central St. Paul, Sterling
- Tuesday, October 11, West/Southwest Augustana, Andover
- Tuesday, November 1, East St. John, Joliet
- Thursday, November 3, South St. John, Peru
- Wednesday, November 9, North St. Mark, Rockford
- Thursday, November 10, Northeast Bethany, Crystal Lake
- Tuesday, November 15, Northwest Prince of Peace, Freeport

Rockford Literacy Council Thank You!

The Rockford Literacy Council has sent All Saints a letter of thanks for the amazing 500 books and countless bookmarks that were donated to their cause during Vacation Bible School. You can read the entire letter on Bulletin Board #1 in the narthex. Thank you all for your generosity!

In Our Prayers

Health & Healing
Jeannine Hayes
Sharon Kirchner
Al Olsen
Leroy Pederson
Jim Reif
Ellen (Booth) Spencer
Kim Sherman
Mary Dummer
Peggy Swinney
Don Hartman
Juanita Williams
Patricia Skutt
Duane Burnett
April Roos
Dean Booth
Bill Brown
Dean Lundgren
Pamela Newman
Marie Schulte
Tim O'Hare
Laura Egler
Marcia Kasmaric
Eileen Bunge
Chuck Goering

Shut Ins
Eileen Carlson
Blanche Schroeder
Lori Pederson
Patricia Mohr
Mary Whitmer

Military
David Bishop
Joe Wrasse
Landon Skaar

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Installation of Bishop H. Jeffrey A. Clements

Installation of the Rev. Jeffrey Clements as Third Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod
By the Grace of God
The Rev. H. Jeffrey A. Clements
is called as the third bishop of the
Northern Illinois Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
He will be installed
at a festive service of Holy Communion
Saturday, the twenty-fourth of September, two thousand sixteen
at ten o'clock in the morning.
First Lutheran Church
225 South Third Street
Rockford, Illinois
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
will preside and preach
Your prayers and presence are requested.
Reception immediately following the service will be held at
Our Savior's Lutheran Church Shepherd's Gate
3301 Corbridge Avenue
Rockford Illinois

The Augustana College Choir and a Synod-wide choir will be singing. Instrumental music will be provided by members of the Rockford Symphony Orchestra and youth from Synod congregations.

You are asked to park at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and bus transportation to First Lutheran Church will be provided and back again at the conclusion of the installation. The reception will include a light lunch.

Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, and Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.