

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## February, 2020

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One of the things that I enjoy about my job is sharing God's word with you in worship each week. I find great joy in reading the texts appointed each week and spending time thinking about how they apply to God's people at All Saints and in the communities in which we interact, be it at school, work, play or wherever.

Often times I find that I have much more to say than is really possible in the midst of a worship service. A typical week finds me trying to decide which idea of many I want to go with and how to best express that idea. I find myself wanting to go in two directions and knowing I can only go in one. So I make choices, knowing that the Holy Spirit takes that choice and uses it in ways I cannot begin to imagine.

You might notice in the next few weeks we are getting readings from Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians—a fantastic letter written by Paul. It is one of my favorites. This being the month of February, plus Valentine's Day, it's easy to want to wander down the path of 1 Corinthians 13. Many of you are very familiar with the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians; it is often referred to as the "love chapter." You know the verse I'm talking about—**"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."** We love to use it at weddings, talking about how great love is. Don't get me wrong, love is fantastic and we need to strive to love one another—but did you know that the people of Corinth, the people Paul is writing to, didn't get along? At all?! If they did, it was begrudgingly at best. Paul goes to Corinth to show the people who are constantly arguing with each other that there is a better way to be in community together, to love one another, to celebrate each other's gifts. It is not to argue about who is right and who is wrong, not to point fingers at each other for their faults, but to love one another as God has loved us. We don't deserve God's love. We have done nothing to earn God's love and there is nothing we can do to earn that love. As broken sinful people, we fall short of God's grace. Thankfully it is not up to us, but it is up to God. God has claimed us and loves us just as we are. **"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."**

Two quick additional notes if I may - Life in the congregation (especially during the Christmas season) is so very busy and before I knew it, the New Year had snuck up on me. So, I want to take this moment now, to let you all know how much I love each and every one of you with the love of Christ. Thank you so much for your cards and gifts – but even more so, the gift that you are to both Jesse and me each and every day. I am, we are, so very grateful for the gift that each and every one of you are in our lives. The second note is – please consider joining us for Bible Study on Sunday mornings. On February 2, we will begin a study of Luther's second favorite book, Galatians. (The Gospels were first and foremost for Luther. Then he loved the book of Romans.) We will look at why Luther was so passionate about Galatians. We will look at the historical context of this letter.

There are so many exciting things happening at All Saints and we have an exciting year in the making. Together we are called to share the good news to all people. I am thankful that I get the opportunity to do that with you. I look forward to a great year together! God has amazing things in store for us! May you continue to be a blessing to others as God has first blessed you.

Shalom, Pr. Paul <><

**p.s. Did you know?** *Who doesn't love food? Whether it's roasted lamb served in a hurry, bread that falls from heaven like snowflakes, or Jesus himself in bread and wine, God sure does invite God's people to some strange feasts! Yet other times God's people are told not to eat at all--what do the Ninevites have to do with the Sermon on the Mount? And, by the way, who's invited to the feast? Gentiles? Tax Collectors? Sinners?! We better hope so! Join us at the table this Lent as we journey through stories of fasting and feasting! Beginning with Ash Wednesday services on February 26 and then continuing each Wednesday as we gather around the table with Eckert Presbyterian and Cedaredge Methodist. Watch your newsletter and bulletin for details.*

**p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said. . . ???** *"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary."*

## Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

### The Lessons for Worship in February

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

#### February 2 – Presentation of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm 84  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40

#### February 9 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 112:1-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16  
Matthew 5:13-20

#### February 16 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37

#### February 23 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

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



#### Stewardship Committee

Each month we have asked a member of the congregation to give a testimonial of their faith or of their involvement in the ASLC church. These efforts will continue throughout 2020. We are looking forward to meeting with Tina Kvitek of ELCA Foundation again to hear about estate planning for gifts to the church. The committee has begun discussions about the book, "Not Your Parents' Offering Plate", which gives a new view of church stewardship.

#### SONS OF NORWAY

Vestafjell Lodge, Sons of Norway, will meet on Saturday, February 8, with social time at 1:30 p.m., and Lodge Meeting at 2 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3133 F Road, Grand Junction, CO. Light refreshments will be provided by the lodge. Generations', a local barbershop quartet will entertain us with their wide variety of songs, some familiar, some new.

Guests interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture are welcome. For more information call 245-5649, or 858-6702. Visit the lodge website, [www.vestafjelllodge.org](http://www.vestafjelllodge.org) or on Facebook/Vestafjell Lodge 6-146 (Public Group)

## Council Meeting Highlights January 14, 2020

The joint 2019-2020 Council meeting was called to order by Don McMillan.

Members present: Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Liebetrau, Joel Magnuson, Don McMillan, Don Ranta, Niles Riese, Pastor Paul, Marj Seely, Michelle Specht and Wyatt Smith.

The agenda was approved.

The December minutes were approved.

The 2019 council said farewell and thanked Niles Riese for his 6 years of service. The 2019 Council was closed and the 2020 Council was opened. Items carried over from the final meeting of the 2019 Council were the new front door, security cameras and new keys.

Officers are: Don McMillan, President; Joel Magnuson, Vice President; Michelle Specht, Secretary; Sharon Johnson, Treasurer.

New Committee Chairs are: Building and Property, Don McMillan, Niles Riese, Wyatt Smith; Education, Wyatt Smith; Outreach, Marilyn Liebetrau; Stewardship, Don Ranta; Worship, Joel Magnuson. The Council welcomed Marj Seely and Michelle Specht.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Pastor's vacation days in February/March.
- Building use by the Republican Caucus.
- Lenten services and soup suppers.

Sharon Johnson presented the treasurer's report. It was moved and seconded to approve. Motion passed.

**January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019:**

Total Income:	\$92,679.00
Total Expenses:	\$86,281.00
	+\$6,398.00

**December, 2019:**

Total Income:	\$11,171.00
Total Expenses:	\$6,594.00
	+\$4,577.00

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is February 11 at 6:00 p.m.

## Men's Winter Retreat



Let's get together for a men's winter retreat for the men of All Saints and Joy Lutheran Churches. Mark your calendars for March 13– 15 so you don't miss out. Pastor Rod Hank will be hosting the topics and discussion during the retreat. The retreat will be held at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in Hillside Colorado. Rainbow Trail has been chosen for this year's winter retreat to avoid a last minute cancelation due to snow or weather conditions and reduce the time and logistics of getting everyone to Bret's cabin.

### Retreat Detail Highlights:

**How do I sign up:** A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Sign up or request more information.

**Who will be attending:** Men of All Saints and Joy, sons and friends

**Dates:** March 13-15, 2020

**Location:** Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp , Hillside, Colorado

**Driving Time:** 3 h 15 m

**Cost:** \$80.00 (If the cost is an issue, scholarships are available. Please talk to Pastor Paul.)

A brochure and signup list are in the narthex. If you have any questions please contact Bret Specht ([bretspecht@msn.com](mailto:bretspecht@msn.com) – 303.885.6241) or Pastor Paul.

### Lenten Worship Opportunities

Plan now to maximize your personal Lenten experience by participating in worship, reflection and fellowship opportunities.

**Ash Wednesday**, February 26: Each congregation will host their own service. All Saints will host an abbreviated service at 12 noon without communion. Communion will be served at the 7:00 p.m. Service.

Each Wednesday Lenten soup supper and worship will begin at 5:30 p.m. for soup with worship following at 6:15 p.m.

- March 4 @ Cedaredge Community United Methodist Church
- March 11 @ Eckert Presbyterian Church
- March 18 @ All Saints Lutheran Church
- March 25 @ Cedaredge Community United Methodist Church
- April 1 @ Eckert Presbyterian Church

**Maundy Thursday**, April 9 at All Saints Lutheran. Details are being determined.

**Good Friday**, April 10, 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran.

**Easter Vigil**, April 11 at St. Luke's Episcopalian. Details are being determined.

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## Miriam Circle Notes

After a Bible study entitled “We Are Called,” the group decided to disburse \$3,500 of the proceeds from the Craft/Bake Sale to the following non-profits: Alice Marie’s Haiti project, Abraham Connection, Community Options, Delta County Correctional Facility, Families Plus, food pantries in Cedaredge and Delta, Habitat for Humanity, HopeWest, House of Promise, Young Life—Delta County and the animal shelters in Cedaredge and Delta.

In 2019 Miriam Circle funds were used to purchase office supplies, coffee, dishwasher, vacuum parts and paper goods for All Saints. Non profit giving last year from Miriam Circle funds was approximately \$5,900. All Saints Lutheran Church benefited by approximately \$2,700.

**This could not be done without the support of our congregation!! Thank you!** Plan to join us for our next Bible study and meeting at **10:00 a.m. on February 5.**

**Bible Study**  
**February 11, 2:00 p.m.**

Wilma Reeve will lead us in a study of the book of Mark! Plan to join us for lively discussion. Bring a friend.

**Lifeline Screening!**  
**Thursday, February 27**

Lifeline screening will be held on February 27. Take advantage of medical screening to help you understand your physical health. Schedule your appointment on the signup sheet on the table in the Narthex.

# FEBRUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	2 Communion	9	16 Communion	23 Communion	26 Ash Wednes- day
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	Joel	Don	Marj	Diane Haupt	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Wilma		Janell	Olinda	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Marj		Marj	Marj	Marj
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>	Olinda		Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shannon		Claudia	Alice	
<b>Readers</b>	Claudia	Del	Michelle	Janell	
<b>Ushers</b>	Don	Bret	Duane	Niles	Niles
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda	Michelle	Sharon	Janell	Janell
<b>Stewards</b>	Lloyd/Erich	Don Mc/ Janell	Don R/Jack	Claudia/Rick	Don Mc/ Janell
<b>Fellowship</b>	Don/Gigi/ Janell	Marj	Bret and Michelle	Olinda	

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, 835-3928. To usher or greet at worship, sign up on the white board on the cupboard in the back of the sanctuary. Help your congregation by offering your time.

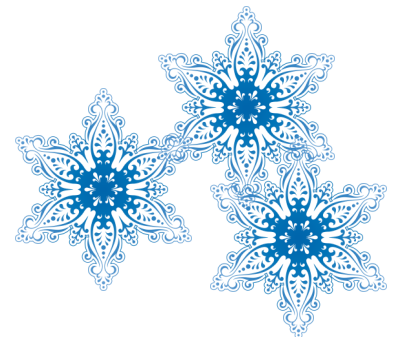
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## All Saints Special Occasions for February

**Birthdays:** 2/1 Jack Prosser 2/10 Mary Ann Johnson 2/13 Peggy Saxton  
2/13 Lloyd Liebetrau 2/21 Sharon Johnson 2/22 Marj Seely

**Baptismal Birthdays:** 2/10 Shannon Fritchman  
1/12 Brenda Slagg 1/20 Del Miessler

**Anniversaries:** 2/24/1968 Erich and Olinda Patzer



## ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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### Council Officers & Committee Chairs:

Don McMillan, President and Building and Property  
Joel Magnuson, Vice President and Worship Chair  
Michelle Specht, Secretary  
Sharon Johnson, Treasurer  
Marilyn Liebetrau, Outreach Chair  
Don Ranta, Stewardship Chair  
Wyatt Smith, Education Chair  
Marj Seely, Financial Secretary  
Memorial Fund: Executive Committee  
Finance Committee: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Executive Committee

### Non-Council Committee Chairs:

Fellowship, Janell Riese  
Readers, Olinda Patzer  
Ushers and Greeters: Niles Riese and Bret Specht  
Altar Guild: Alice Spika, Shannon Fritchman, Claudia Kellogg  
Prayer Chain, Claudia Kellogg

### Weekly Bulletin:

Carolyn Goller  
Joel Magnuson  
Janell Riese

### Newsletter:

Janell Riese, Carolyn Goller and Claudia Kellogg

### Marquee:

Joel Magnuson  
Niles Riese  
Jesse Rosin

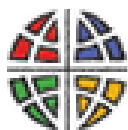
**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone  
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care.**

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