

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## April, 2020

*“I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him” (Psalm 22:22-24, NRSV).*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

This season of Lent has been like nothing I have experienced before. From the onset of my Shingles diagnosis, I have felt the love and prayers of so many people. I have also had moments of feeling isolated and feeling nothing more than the affliction that goes with Shingles. Yet in the whirlwind of emotions, as I read this text as part of my devotions, I felt the comfort of God who loves me, and has made Himself known to me as I cried out. “For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.”

Then added to my personal emotions, an unknown entity invaded our lives in the form of Covid-19 Coronavirus. Many have often approached their journey in Lent as time in the wilderness. But this now, is a time in the wilderness that is unfamiliar to all of us. The season of Lent calls us to reflect on God’s deep love and desire to restore relationships with each of us. “For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.” Through Lent, we journey with Jesus and his disciples as Jesus turns his eyes toward Jerusalem and the cross. Holding on to that promise, and given the circumstances that we now live, this letter needs to take a different approach than any other letter I have written.

We now need to adapt ourselves with the news and how our community may or may not be changing. When I first sat down to write this letter, it had a particular focus but within the time span of a day, we began to see how being church needed to change with our community. As soon as I send this letter to be included in the newsletter for printing, I cannot help but wonder how much the world will change overnight. So how do we adapt or respond? We respond in prayer with wisdom and with caution.

In a letter that pastors received from Bishop Gonia, he said: “This time of social distancing – or better said, physical distancing – does NOT mean we are suspending being the church! On the contrary, this means that we become church in new ways. It is ironic but true that the best of who we are as church has always flourished under adversity. How will this moment invite us to reframe who and why and how we are as Christ’s body for the life of the world?”

Throughout history, Christianity has grown the most when times were darkest. Our opportunity is this: people are social beings. We like getting together. I have said MANY times over, God created us to be in relationship with Him and then with each other. As many public events are suspended, we are granted the perfect opportunity to deepen our one-on-one relationship with God. Spend more time in devotion and prayer. First by yourself, then with someone you love. “For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.”

Then, as long as we are safe and healthy, these next few weeks might be a good time to invite a friend to play games, have a cup of coffee or just a chat at your house. Just curious? When was the last time you invited someone over just to play a board game? Jesse and I took the time this weekend doing just that. I had forgotten how much I love the game of checkers. This could be a wonderful time to build or deepen relationships with family and friendships with your neighbors.

Bishop Gonia challenged pastors (I now challenge you) – to imagine new ways to be church for the life of the world. **Every Sunday, right before I send you with a blessing, I proclaim to you that “You are now being sent into God’s mission.”** Consider now, how is God calling you to be church in the community of those who you hold dear in your life?

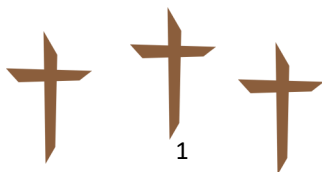
One last word if I may: Your continued financial giving is VERY important. Regular, Faithful. Please don’t put it off until we are able to gather once again. Everything that we do as Church and as All Saints depends on our collective generosity. Please consider mailing your tithe.

Moving forward, in the midst of it all, we will care for one another, we will pray for one another and we will be Christ’s Church, better together! Please know that I love you and I am praying with you and for you!

Servants together, Pr. Paul <><

p.s. Did you know?? We have set up our own “reverse call” system in order to better communicate with you as a congregation. Please don’t block or hang-up. On behalf of the council, we will not abuse and overuse to become the despised “robo-call” that we all dislike. We will use it for times like this to let you know that worship has been cancelled or to highlight a particular event in the congregation. It is a wonderful tool to help us with communication for the sake of the congregation. More on this soon.

p.s.s. - Did you know that Luther said. . . . ??? “Everything that is done in this world is done by hope.”



## **Council Meeting Highlights March 1, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Don McMillan. Don shared devotions.

Members present: Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Liebetrau, Joel Magnuson, Don McMillan, Don Ranta, and Marj Seely .

The meeting agenda was approved.

The February minutes were approved.

The letter from the synod was read regarding the necessary precautions that should be taken in light of the coronavirus.

Sharon and Duane Johnson are donating a defibrillator to the church. What a great gift! Thank you.

Committee Reports were given.

- The security cameras are installed and operating.
- The March fifth Sunday offering will go to the Delta Food Pantry.
- The mailbox for the church will be moved to church property from its current location on Highway 65 .
- The Spaghetti Dinner will be April 17. (Since the council meeting, the spaghetti dinner will be postponed.)
- An outside work day will be scheduled for late April or May to remove tumbleweeds and spruce up the church.

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

### **January 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020**

Total Income:	\$16,425.00
Total Expenses:	\$15,209.00
+	\$1,216.00

Contact Don McMillan or Don Ranta if you would like to assist with the revision of the constitution. They are looking for members for a committee.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting is April 14 at 6:00 p.m.



## **Thank you to everyone who has abided by the suspension of activities at All Saints Lutheran Church.**

As the Coronavirus situation is constantly changing, church activities may be suspended, cancelled or postponed. Although we may not be able to be in worship and fellowship together, please pray for our congregation including our worship leaders. Please continue to abide by the suspension of activities at All Saints.

## 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 April

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

#### April 5 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

#### April 9 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-10  
Psalm 116:1-2, 2-19  
1 Corinthians 11: 23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

#### April 10 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53: 12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19: 42

#### April 12 – Easter

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Matthew 28:1-10

#### April 19 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:4a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

#### April 26 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

### Palm Sunday and Holy Week Worship Opportunities

The current situation with the Coronavirus may force the cancellation of these worship opportunities. **We will not have a Palm Sunday Breakfast.**

**Palm Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m. at All Saints Lutheran.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Lutheran including foot washing.**

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

**Easter Vigil, April 11, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.**

**Easter Worship, April 12, 10:00 a.m. At All Saints Lutheran.**

## Miriam Circle Notes

Following the third session of "We are Called," the business meeting was called to order by Claudia Kellogg.

- The group voted to hold the annual yard sale on Friday and Saturday May 1 and 2.
- The angel tree toppers have been repaired and are ready for Advent.

**Please join us on April 8 (Please note date change.) at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study. The business meeting will follow.**

**Please continue to pray for those who have been listed in our bulletin.**

### **From Our Congregation:**

Ada Boelter	Roger Grudt
Joyce Jensen	Ardis Kelly
Milford Knutson	Don McMillan
Gigi McMillan	Pastor Paul
John Realph	Peggy Saxton

### **Our Family and Friends:**

Jessica Rodriquez (McMillan's daughter)  
Kristy Lahoe (Gigi's friend)  
Karen Krill (Martinson's friend)  
Dorothea Daubert (Olinda's sister)  
Bonnie Lyons (Dennis Bloemaker's sister)  
Dennis Smith (Friend of All Saints)  
Dan Egberg (Bloemker's friend)  
Pete Darling (McMillan's friend)  
Judy Champion (Bev McKinney's aunt)  
Bill and Kim Vezzoso and Jo (Sharill's friends)  
Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)  
Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)  
Lee Ann Brewer (Gigi's friend)  
Dallas Jensen (Joyce's husband)  
Mike Calhoun (Kellogg's friend)  
Connie Stromenger (LuAnn's sister)  
Cindy Bailey (Alice's friend)  
Julian Laurita (Don McMillan's cousin)

### **Our Service Men and Women:**

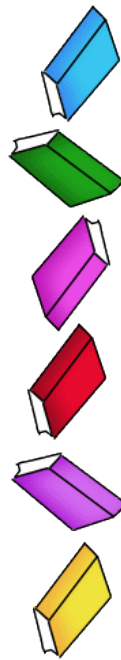
Austin Applekamp (Scott and Gail's son)  
David Boyd (Don & Gigi McMillan's nephew)  
Jeremiah & Joshua Specht (sons of Bret and Michelle)  
William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)

### **Traveling:**

Pam Spika (Alice's daughter -- travel to art shows)

### **In Mourning, Family and Friends of:**

Carolyn Kuhn (Janell's cousin)  
Martha Grewal (Reever's friend)  
Debba Petersen (Carolyn's friend)



## Spaghetti Dinner Update

The annual spaghetti dinner will be postponed to a date yet to be selected. The Cedaredge Library will be the beneficiary of the proceeds of the dinner.



## April Bible Study

We are skipping Bible study in April!

## Horizons

Horizons has cancelled Sunday Worship at 4:00 p.m. until further notice. All Saints was scheduled for March 29.

# APRIL SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	5 Communion Palm Sunday	12 Communion Easter	19 Communion	26
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	Joel	Don	Marj	Diane Haupt
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Wilma		Don Ranta	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Marj		Marj	
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Shannon	Alice	Claudia	
<b>Readers</b>	Carolyn w/	Carol	Sharill	Joel
<b>Ushers</b>	Niles	Niles	Duane	Bret
<b>Greeters</b>	Janell	Janell	Sharon	Michelle
<b>Stewards</b>	Don R/Janell	Jack/Erich	Rick/Claudia	Lloyd/Jack
<b>Fellowship</b>	Palm Sunday Breakfast cancelled.	Linda	Carol Martinson	Wilma

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 April

**Birthdays:** 4/4 Kelly Kellogg 4/15 Alice Spika 4/16 Ardis Kelly 4/20 Joyce Magnuson  
4/29 Doris Babbel

**Baptismal Birthdays:** 4/5 Claudia Kellogg 4/12 Robert Young 4/15 Kishara McFarland  
4/17 Carolyn Goller 4/17 Rosalee Ring 4/17 Pastor Paul ?? Wilma Reever

**Anniversaries:** 4/16 Don and Gigi McMillan



## 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:

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Joel Magnuson

Janell Riese

### Newsletter:

Janell Riese, Carolyn Goller and Claudia Kellogg

### Marquee:

Joel Magnuson

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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