

# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## December, 2021

### **Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

***And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”*** (LUKE 1:46B- 55  
ESV)

In Luke, we hear Mary’s song, a song of promise and hope that is spoken from one who is a self-proclaimed lowly servant. We hear this beautiful song that reminds us that no matter how we might feel in our life we are given a song to sing. God has shown mercy to all people who fear and love God, from generation to generation. Through her song, Mary speaks of God’s love for us, the surprise that God has in store for us. God flips the world on its ear by taking the powerful out of a position of power and lifting up the lowly to a place of power.

Mary’s song comes to us at a time when many of us can feel frazzled and overwhelmed. Christmas day is almost here and the list of things that need to be accomplished seems to be getting longer instead of shrinking. We feel many emotions toward our fellow man and love is probably not on the top of the list. Why not stop and take a moment to hear Mary’s song spoken into your life. Be reminded that God has looked upon you with favor and loves you completely. Take the time to look at your fellow man in a different light, to see them as a fellow brother (or sister) in this world. Let love open your eyes to the surprise that God has in store for all of us.

Blessings to you, brothers and sisters in Christ, during this most lifegiving time of the year as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child and the fulfillment of God’s promise to God’s people. May you continue to be amazed at the wonder of God’s love.

In the Shalom of the Christ child,

Pr. Paul <><

***p.s.. - Did you know what Luther said about Christmas???*** *“If Christ had arrived with trumpets and lain in a cradle of gold, his birth would have been a splendid affair. But it would not be a comfort to me. He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be thought of little significance in the eyes of the world. Now I can come to him. Now he reveals himself to the miserable in order not to give any impression that he arrives with great power, splendor, wisdom, and aristocratic manners. But upon his return on that Day, when he will oppose the high and the mighty, it will be different. Now he comes to the poor, who need a Savior, but then he will come as a Judge against those who are persecuting him now.”*

*Martin Luther*





## Thank you!

What an amazing group of people!! The proceeds from the craft and bake sale exceed \$5,000. Donations will be made to local non-profits at the **December Miriam Circle meeting on December 1 at 10:00 a.m.** Miriam Circle has already given 10% of the proceeds to All Saints and paid a \$100 fee for use of the building. This success could not be celebrated without the help of many. Thank you for donated items baked goods, and volunteered hours to organize, setup and clean up!

### Stewardship

Thank you for supporting your church with a current total of pledges of \$42,670. Unfortunately, that amount is \$18,406 less than last year. The pledges not only pay for the Pastor's salary, but also pay for the utilities, custodial services, and support all of the church committees. If you haven't had an opportunity to pledge for the 2022 year, please consider giving your pledge card to Marj.

Book Bible Study will resume in January.

### Let There Be Light

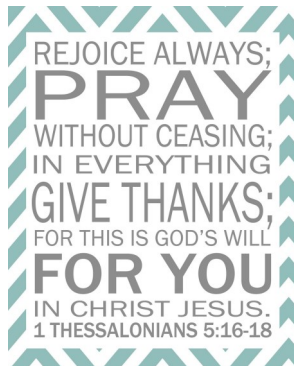
Thursday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

A world-famous, lifelong atheist delights in debating and defeating Christians but is emotionally empty. Isolated from Katy, the wife he divorced following the harrowing loss of their first son, and a lousy part-time dad to their two younger boys, his self-destruction culminates in a car crash that leaves him clinically dead for four minutes. The four-word message from that experience challenges his convictions, sending him into a panicked tailspin. Reluctantly leaning on his family's forgiveness, love and faith, he struggles to find meaning and purpose in the words "Let There Be Light."

### Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends

#### From Our Congregation:

Sonja Anders      Marvin Harrah  
Jordyn Huff      Joyce Jensen  
Ardis Kelly      Karen McFarland  
Bev McKinney      Bob McKinney  
Don McMillan      John Oien  
Samantha Prosser      Rosalee Ring  
Pastor Paul      John Realph  
Wyatt Smith



#### Our Family and Friends:

Sean Brady (Patzner's son-in-law)  
Gene and Loretta Wright (Marsha's sister and brother-in-law)  
Becky Marcus  
River Glempse (Jesse's co-worker)  
Don Swisher (Riese's brother-in-law)  
Sandy and Tom (friends of All Saints)  
Bill Babbel (Doris' husband)  
Don Chapman (Kellogg's friend)  
Dottie Carr (Conlon's friend)  
Aaron Lindsey (Gigi's friend)  
Evan (Jesse's co worker)  
Sarah Morlock (Reever's daughter)  
Danette Sampson (Riese's niece)  
Martin Stanford (Gigi's friend)  
Laura and Tom Schwarz (Wilma's sister and husband)  
Heather Dach (Peydon's aunt)  
Dottie Carr (Conlon's friend)  
Joey Pacheco (Gigi's friend)  
Samuel Jones (Gigi's friend)  
Martin Stafford (Gigi's friend)  
Sheila Parks (Sharill's friend)

Rea Coleman (friend of All Saints)  
Carlee Jo Bronkowski (McMillan's friend)  
Jessica Rodriguez (McMillan's daughter)  
Tricia Dickinson (Carolyn's friend)  
Becky Riese (Riese's sister-in-law)  
Denise Burton (Del's daughter)  
Eric Rosin (Jesse's dad, Pastor's brother)  
Mike Hally (Kathy Conlin's brother)  
Debbie Slater (McKinney's friend)  
Cindy Gonzales (Claudia's niece)  
June Huff (friend of All Saints)  
Kim Quijano (Sharill Beach's friend)  
Darien Bushy (Shannon's friend)  
Dora Mueller (Shannon's friend)  
Diana Brown (Gigi's friend)  
Hatsuko West (Shannon's mother)  
Craig Tutura (McMillan's friend)  
Mandy Colbaugh (McMillan's friend)  
Adam Kamerzell (Pastor's cousin)  
Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)  
Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)  
Lee Ann Brewer (Gigi's friend)  
Dallas Jensen (Joyce's husband)

#### Our Service Men and Women:

Austin Applekamp (Scott and Gail's son)  
David Boyd (Don & Gigi McMillan's nephew)  
Amber Ellison (Jennifer Oien's cousin)  
Jeremiah and Joshua Specht (Specht's sons)  
William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)

#### Travelers:

Marj Seely

## 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 December

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.

#### December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4  
Psalm: Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

#### December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

#### December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5: 2-5a  
Luke 1:68-79 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-55

#### December 24, Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

#### December 25, Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:1-20

#### December 26, First Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Hebrews 1:12  
Luke 2:1-20

### Farewell from Bret and Michelle

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, after much prayerful consideration Bret and Michelle Specht will be leaving All Saints at the end of the year. We are extremely fond of the congregation and value the friendships we have made. We will miss you very much and would love to stay in touch. There are a couple of things for which we have sole responsibility that we will need to transition to one or more volunteers. One is Head Usher and the other is Church Records Maintenance. If you have an interest in taking over either (or both!) of these responsibilities, please see Bret or Michelle. We are happy to provide training before we leave. Grace and peace to you always!

Thank you from Wyatt Smith

Thank you to the congregation for the 5th Sunday donations received in September. This money will be used to pay off a portion of my tuition in the 2022 spring semester. This congregation has played a monumental role in shaping my foundation with Christ and forming me into the person I am.

## Council Meeting Highlights November 9, 2021

Members Present: Don Ranta, Pastor Paul Rosin, Janell Riese, Niles Riese, Marj Seely, and Michelle Specht

Absent: Don McMillan and Wyatt Smith. Guest: Carolyn Goller

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Don Ranta.

Silent individual prayers were offered followed by devotions from Pastor Paul.

The agenda was approved.

The October minutes were approved.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee: Pastor reported that adult education will begin after Sunday services.

Building and Property: Niles reported vandalism of the ASLC sign on Saturday night; he has begun research on roof replacement options.

Stewardship: Don R reported 22 pledges totaling \$42,670 which is down from \$61,076 last year.

Worship Committee: A written Worship Committee report was submitted. Marj reported that the Committee voted to not serve soup suppers during Advent. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service. Advent services will begin Wednesday, December 1 at 6:15 p.m.

Outreach Committee: Carolyn will become committee chairman taking over the committee following Marilyn's resignation. The group has taken over Fellowship following church services.

Pastor's Report: Because there was not a recognized 5th Sunday offering in October, Pastor suggested a special offering on November 21 to benefit Abraham Connection. It is possible that the computer inherited by the church from Nancy Mills will replace the old one in the church office.

Treasurer's report was approved. January 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.

### January 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021:

Total Income:	\$82,493.00
Total Expenses:	\$72,079.00
	+\$9,414.00

### Month of September:

Total Income:	\$11,624.00
Total Expenses:	\$7,587.00
	+4,037.00

### Old Business:

- The proposed budget was approved to be presented to the Congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting on December 5.
- One volunteer has submitted her name for election to the Council. More nominees are needed for Council positions. If you are interested, please talk with a member of Council or Joel Magnuson. An agenda for the Annual Meeting was approved.

### New Business:

- Outstanding business was reviewed as a quarterly review.
- The Council will hold a pre-meeting on November 21 after church service to make final plans for the Annual Meeting.
- Niles Riese submitted his resignation from the Building and Property Committee and from Council.
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Prayers and praises: Prayers for Don McMillan for a quick recovery from surgery.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Annual meeting is scheduled for December 5.

The next Council meeting will be December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Don and Linda Ranta's home.

Yours in Christ, Don Ranta, Council Vice-President

# DECEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	<b>5 2nd Sunday in Advent Communion</b>	<b>12 3rd Sunday in Advent</b>	<b>19 4th Sunday in Advent Communion</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>	<b>26 1st Sunday in Christmas</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	Brandy Wood	Don Ranta	Veronica Schroeder	Joel Magnuson	Diane Haupt
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Brandy Wood		Veronica Schroeder	Joel Magnuson	
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Elinor/Marj		Elinor/Marj	Elinor/Marj	
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>					
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice		Sharon		
<b>Readers</b>	Carolyn	Sharon	Janell		Joel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Robert	Jordyn	Amber	Jordyn Amber Robert	Robert
<b>Ushers</b>	Bret	Duane	Niles	Bret/Niles	Don
<b>Greeters</b>	Michelle	Michelle	Janell	Michelle/ Janell	Linda
<b>Stewards</b>	Rick/ Thad	Sharon/ Michelle	Erich/Don M	Don R/Thad	
<b>Fellowship</b>	Stewardship Beverages	Outreach Birthday	Worship Beverages		Open

This newsletter was made possible by contributions from: Sharon Blanchard, Carolyn Goller, Carol Martinson, Olinda Patzer, Don Ranta, Janell Riese, Cristi Rivero, Pastor Paul, Marj Seely, Wyatt Smith, Bret Specht, and Michelle Specht.

## All Saints Special Occasions for December

**Birthdays:** 12/18 Danielle Saxton

**Baptismal Days:** 12/1 Robert Smith

**Anniversaries:** 12/30/1967 Don and Linda Ranta



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**Council Officers & Committee Chairs:**

Don McMillan, President

Don Ranta, Vice President and Stewardship Chair

Michelle Specht, Secretary

Janell Riese, Treasurer

Shannon Fritchman

Marilyn Liebetrau, Outreach Chair

Niles Riese, Building and Property

Wyatt Smith, Education Chair

Marj Seely, Worship Chair and 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 and Shannon Fritchman

Prayer Chain: Claudia Kellogg

**Weekly Bulletin:**

Carolyn Goller

Joel Magnuson

Janell Riese

**Newsletter:**

Janell Riese, Carolyn Goller, Sharon Blanchard

**Marquee:**

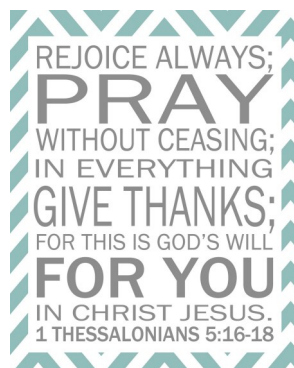
Joel Magnuson

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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