

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

January, 2021

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

A new year with new opportunities!

As I extend new year greetings to you, I do so with the hope that the 12 days of Christmas (which continue to Epiphany, January 6) have been and continue to be a joyous blessing to you and all who are close to you. As the new year begins many will be making "resolutions." I encourage you to do so beginning with your worship life in Christ.

Plan to worship on a regular basis, which some already do. I believe worship is central to the life of the ministry here at All Saints. Worship is the time we come to together as a community of faith: To hear the good news of Christ, to celebrate the sacraments, and to share time with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our worship is about God and not ourselves. We certainly receive from God as we worship. However, first and foremost, worship is about our praise for God and bringing our thankfulness for His love and forgiveness given to us in Christ. Our worship is about the All Saints family coming together. Our/your worship is the only scheduled time in which we come together and greet one another in the name of the risen Christ.

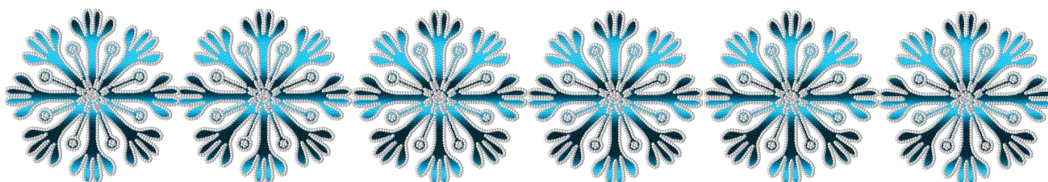
One quick note, this year, the whole Church, including we here at All Saints, will be looking at the life of Christ through the eyes of the Gospel writer of Luke. Within this New Testament Gospel, we will read of the lives of many people personally touched by the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. The story of Jesus becomes the story of us, one that becomes intricately interwoven within the stories of each of our personal lives and family stories. Each of us has our own story, rich in the mysteries and messiness of life. Through the words of Luke, we recognize ourselves within the story of Jesus.

I invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. As you resolve to worship regularly, please do so with an attitude of "This is about God!" Come and rejoice in the good news of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Servants together, + Pr. Paul +

p.s. Did you know? Our youth will once again be organizing and hosting this year's Twelfth Night (Epiphany) Bon fire on **Thursday, January 6 starting at 5:30 p.m.** We will have chili, hot cocoa, hot cider, hot coffee and plenty of carol singing to bring Christmas to a close. By the way, remember, that there are 12 days of Christmas so keep on celebrating. If you have a real tree, please keep it and bring it with you to place on the fire. If you have neighbors who are looking to dispose of their live trees, please ask them to drop it off at the church. See you then!

p.s.s. – Did you know that Luther said. . . ??? "Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto man His Son hath given; While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth."



Carol delivered this message personally in worship on November 21. Many of you who know Carol and knew Lee were not able to hear her message. Each of you will want to send Carol to her home church with love and thanksgiving.

Good Morning!

This is a bit different, but I feel led of the Lord to share with you this morning.

I see there are new people who have no idea who I am, but there are also many here I hold dear to my heart.

Last Friday marked the one year anniversary of the passing of my husband, Lee. From the time he was born in Warren, MN, until the last months before he passed, he was a faithful Lutheran, loved his church, loved the people, and was active in all aspects of the church. Most of all, he loved the Lord.

When he and I began to see each other (dating????), we had an immediate connection. He had been divorced for 14 years, and I had been a widow for a little more than a year. As our relationship became more serious, we spent hours praying and discussing what we would do about "church" if we should marry. I had been a part of the Church of the Nazarene since birth, graduated from a Nazarene University and had never been to a Lutheran church. Lee had never been to a Nazarene church. At last, we knew we didn't want to separate on Sunday mornings and attend our own churches. Since our children were grown, we felt that we would be able to participate in both churches by attending each one 50% of the time.

So on November 27, 1999, we married and included both churches in the service and reception. I came with him, handed him the hymnal for him to find the pages (there were many). Liturgy was completely foreign to me. It took time for the Lord (to help me learn to worship in this new way), but I was determined. In the early years, I joined many different committees, helped teach SS, visited homebound or hospitalized folks and tried to be a Lutherene (as Pastor calls me). Lee also learned to worship in a non liturgical church and to have grape juice for communion. We came to love both churches and the people there.

For several months after Lee passed I continued to come twice a month. Now I am feeling a desire to return to the church where I was raised. I have family that attend fairly regularly and old friends who have become a part of that church.

So you will not see me regularly, but I will drop in on occasion because I love all of you, pray for you, and you are part of my extended family.

I discovered through my 22 years of half time attendance that we all desire to make heaven our eternal home. We have different methods, but in the end, if we walk close to Christ, follow His word and stay in relationship with Him, we will all meet in Heaven one day. I have always said that as we walk into heaven our denominational tags will be left behind and we will rejoice together in one accord for eternity.

I love all of you. May God continue to have first place in your lives and help see this church grow as you become Kingdom Builders.

Blessings and love to you, Carol Martinson

Miriam Circle Notes

Donations were made to local non-profits at the December meeting: Families Plus, \$500.00; Hope West, \$1,000.00; Pregnancy Resource Center, \$150.00; Community Options, \$150.00; 180 Ministries (House of Promise), \$500.00; Delta Co. Humane Society, \$150.00; Cedaredge Animal Shelter, \$150.00; Bill Babbel Flag Mission, \$250.00; Brush with Kindness (Habitat /Humanity), \$100.00; Delta Co. Ministries Fellowship (Christmas dinner at prison), \$200.00. **This success could not be celebrated without your help.** Thank you for donated items, baked goods, and volunteer hours to organize, setup and clean up!

The next meeting is **January 5 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Bible study!** Join us!

Book Bible Study

January 18, 2:00 p.m.

Our study will resume this month. Carolyn will lead us in Galatians. Don't miss this opportunity. If you want to step up to lead a study, please call Carolyn or Olinda!

Let There Be Light

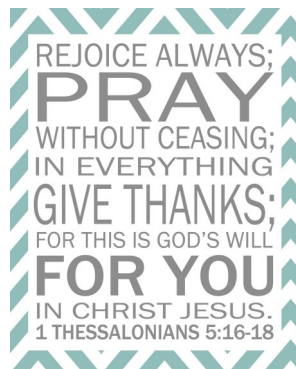
Thursday, January 20, 6:30 p.m.

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
Rosalee Ring	Pastor Paul
Marj Seely	Wyatt Smith



Our Family and Friends:

Ken Stancato (Claudia's brother)
Sean Brady (Patzner's son-in-law)
Gene and Loretta Wright (Marsha's sister and brother-in-law)
Kyle Richardson, Karen McFarland's grandson)
Don Swisher (Riese's brother-in-law)
Bill Babbel (Doris' husband)
Don Chapman (Kellogg's friend)
Dottie Carr (Conlon's friend)
Aaron Lindsey (Gigi's friend)
Sarah Morlock (Reever's daughter)
Martin Stanford (Gigi's friend)
Laura and Tom Schwarz (Wilma's sister and husband)
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)
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)
Adam Kamerzell (Pastor's cousin)
Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)
Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)
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 (Jenifer Oien's cousin)
Jeremiah and Joshua Specht (Specht's sons)
William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)

Travelers:

Praises:

Sean Brady (Patzner's son-in-law)
Ken Stancato (Claudia's brother)
Ryker Haze Fletcher (Marj's newest great grandson)

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 January

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.

January 2, Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 9, Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:11
John 2:1-11

January 23, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 30, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Council Highlights December 14

The brief meeting was followed by a small potluck. This is a council tradition to have a Christmas party after a brief meeting. Sickness, recoveries and Covid forced a small gathering at the church instead of at council member's residence. Sharon Blanchard and Brandy Wood, two of our newly elected members, joined us as guests. After the agenda was approved, the November treasurer's report was approved. The minutes from the annual meeting were approved. Sharon Blanchard asked to speak and voiced her recommendations for the coming year. Those recommendations will be addressed by the new council starting in January when new officers are elected and new committees formed. Our church custodian will no longer be able to perform these duties, so volunteers are going to be needed to clean. If we use volunteers, we can put those monies back into the general fund. We have opportunities for members to help in various areas, please contact me or any council member, current or past.

November, 2021:

Total Income: \$5,940.00
Total Expenses: \$7,076.00
(\$1,136.00)

January through November 30, 2021:

Total Income: \$83,476.00
Total Expenses: \$80,033.00
\$3,443.00

Have a blessed Christmas. Yours in Christ, Donny McMillan

JANUARY SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	2 2nd Sunday in Christmas Communion	9 Baptism of Our Lord	16 2nd Sunday Epiphany Communion	23 3rd Sunday Epiphany	30 4th Sunday Epiphany
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
Liturgy Assistant	Diane Haupt	Brandy Wood	Veronica Schroeder	Don Ranta	Joel Magnuson
Communion Assistant	Diane Haupt		Veronica Schroeder		
Communion Bread	Elinor/Marj		Elinor/Marj		
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don	Don
Pianist	Ellen Berg	Ellen Berg	Ellen Berg	Ellen Berg	Ellen Berg
Altar Guild	Jenna		Sharon		
Readers	Veronica	Claudia	Don Ranta	Linda Ranta	Wilma
Acolytes	Amber	Jordyn	Robert	Amber	Jordyn
Ushers		Duane		Don	
Greeters				Linda	
Stewards	Sharon/Rick	Erich/Don M	Don R/Thad	Don R/Don M	Erich/Thad
Fellowship	Stewardship Beverages	Outreach Birthday	Worship Beverages		Council

This newsletter was made possible by contributions from: Sharon Blanchard, Carolyn Goller, Carol Martinson, Olinda Patzer, Janell Riese, Cristi Rivero, Pastor Paul, Marj Seely.

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody: There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did. Somebody became upset that the job was undone because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody would not do it. Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.



All Saints Special Occasions for January

Birthdays: 1/8 Sharill Beach 1/9 Joel Magnuson 1/10 Kishara Holiman 1/18 Del Miessler
 1/23 Elaine Heinz 1/27 Barb Cairns 1/29 Christine Garner, Claudia Kellogg, Robert Smith

Baptismal Days: 1/9 Alice Spika 1/20 Del Miessler

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Pastor Paul Rosin

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Council Officers & Committee Chairs:

Officers will be decided at the January council meeting.

Sharon Blanchard

Don McMillan, President

Don Ranta, Vice President and Stewardship Chair

Jenna Rule

Wyatt Smith, Education Chair

Marj Seely, Worship Chair and Financial Secretary

Brandy Wood

Kip Wood

Memorial Fund: Executive Committee

Finance Committee: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Executive Committee

Non-Council Committee Chairs:

Altar Guild: Sharon Blanchard, Jenna Rule

Fellowship, Outreach Committee

Outreach, Carolyn Goller

Readers, Olinda Patzer

Prayer Chain: Claudia Kellogg

Janell Riese, Treasurer

Weekly Bulletin:

Carolyn Goller

Joel Magnuson

Janell Riese

Newsletter:

Carolyn Goller, Sharon Blanchard

Marquee:

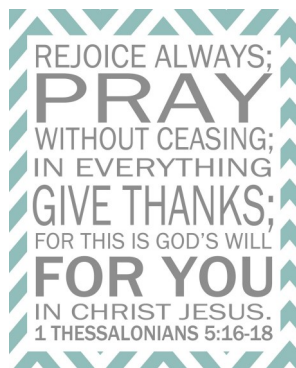
Joel Magnuson

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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