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# The Communicator

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## Sunday Worship

8:30 AM  
10:30 AM  
6:00 PM

## Sunday School

Ages 4 years to grade 5  
10:30 AM  
(Sept-June)

## Mission

**Welcoming all who  
yearn to  
encounter God and  
who long to follow  
Jesus more  
closely.**

**Send Communicator  
articles to the office:  
[office@myallsaints.com](mailto:office@myallsaints.com),  
to be included in the next  
monthly newsletter.**

## 2018 Season of Lent

### *He Chose Nails*

We pray the Season of Lent will spark renewed passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ, deepen and sustain your spiritual journey.

Worship services during this Lenten season included the following. Please join us.

All are welcome!

### **Ash Wednesday Services**

2/14 @ 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

### **Sunday Services**

February 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am

February 25 through April 1 - 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday Gathering**

1:00 pm Study and Worship

6:30 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper

7:30 pm Worship

2/21 *He Chose to Be One of Us*

2/28 *He Chose to Forgive Us*

3/07 *He Chose to Invite Us*

3/14 *He Chose to Love Us Forever*

3/21 *He Chose to Give Us Victory*

### **Holy Week**

3/25 Passion/Palm Sunday  
*He Chose to Suffer for Us*

3/29 Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm  
Community Seder Meal at Hartland United Methodist Church,  
10300 Maple Rd, Hartland, MI

3/30 Good Friday Community Worship  
1:00 pm Hardy United Methodist Church,  
6510 East Highland Road, Howell, MI

7:00 pm All Saints Lutheran Church  
12701 Highland Road, Hartland, MI

4/01 Easter Sunday Services  
*Resurrection of Our Lord*  
7:30 am - Sunrise Worship  
9:00 am - Breakfast  
10:30 am - Easter Worship

## Your Staff Team

### Denise Russell

Pastor

### Linda DeGiorgio

Office Administrator &  
Worship Support  
Secretary

### Denise Clarey

Preschool Director

### Martha Gordon

Musician

## 2018 Council Representatives

### Julia Keller

Council President

### Rick Mann

Council Vice President

### Marc DeGiorgio

Council Treasurer

### Becky Manross

Council Secretary

### JoEllyn Bernardin

Christian Education

### Judy Kniaz

Congregational Life

### Louise Holtz

Evangelism

### Suzanne Compton

Managing a Christian  
Lifestyle

### Mike Erismann

Property

### Sue Horn

Social Concerns and  
Health Ministry

### Liesl Schick

Worship & Music

## From Our Pastor

### CHRISTMAS THANKS

Brent and I would like to express our gratitude for the gifts, cards, prayers, and well wishes shared with us during the holidays. We so appreciate them but we much more appreciate you and the ministry we share together here at All Saints for the Kingdom of God. It is a privilege to be your pastor and an honor to call you friends. God's blessings to you and your family now and always.

Pastor Denise

## Valentines for Shut Ins

On Sunday, February 4, we'll be making Valentines for our Shut Ins. All supplies needed to make wonderful valentines will be available at all worship services. Please stop & make a few and we'll mail them out. What a great way to let folks know their All Saints family is thinking of them!

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

## Ladies Luncheon – February 5

All ladies are invited to our next monthly luncheon at the Red Olive Restaurant on Monday, February 5th at noon. Red Olive is located at 10594 Highland Road in Hartland. Phone 810-632-2400.

Please contact Sue Horn at 248-705-9893 for reservations.

Come enjoy some fellowship, good conversation, delicious food, and get to know someone a little bit better.



## Ash Wednesday Worship – February 14

As we enter into the season of Lent, Ash Wednesday Worship will be held at All Saints at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

## Wednesday Mid-week Lenten Services 1:00 PM and 7:30 PM

For those who cannot attend an evening Wednesday mid-week Lenten service, All Saints will have a Wednesday midday worship Service of the Word at 1:00 PM. The service will include the video series "He Chose Nails" by Max Lucado.

Wednesday evenings begin with a Soup & Sandwich Supper at 6:30 pm, followed by the video series "He Chose Nails" by Max Lucado. Night Prayer Compline worship begins at 7:30.

## Small Group and Other Leaders

**Open**  
Altar Guild

**Mike Hoffman**  
Financial Oversight  
Committee

**Becky Manross**  
Financial Secretary

**Karen Walker**  
**Lou Prine**  
Prayer Requests

**Denise Clarey**  
Sunday School

**Pastor Denise Russell**  
Women's Bible Study

**Open**  
Creative Saints  
in Fellowship

**Open**  
Men In Mission

**Mike Hoffman**  
Saints on Wheels

### *Lenten Potluck Dinners – Begin February 21st*

Wednesday night potluck dinners start on February 21<sup>st</sup>! Please bring soup, salad, sandwiches, chips, dessert—whatever you can and are moved to share. We'll put it all together at 6:30, and enjoy some food and fellowship before the 7:30 Lenten midweek service.

Wednesday evenings in Lent—food for your tummy, food for your soul.



### *Healing Worship Service – February 13th and February 27th*

The world is a pretty harsh place and because of this we, our families and friends, suffer bumps, bruises and illnesses of all sorts. Bring your hurts, whatever they are, to our God, the great healer and comforter of all, to a service of healing, prayer, and anointing.



The service will contain gentle music, a time of quiet meditation, anointing, and prayer led by Pastor Denise. A time for private, confidential prayer, with pastor, as you desire, will conclude the worship.

The next Healing Worship Services are scheduled for Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am and Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### *One Service Sunday – February 18 at 9:30 AM*

On Sunday, February 18 our All Saints family will come together as one as we all worship together at 9:30 AM.

Immediately following the worship service there will be a brief Congregational Budget Meeting. The agenda for this meeting is (1) vote on the 2018 budget and (2) vote to pass the updated congregational constitution. *Please note the updates only consist of required changes in wording to the basic constitution that were passed at the National Assembly meetings in 2013 and 2016.*

**Please plan to attend worship at 9:30  
and  
to stay for the Congregational Budget Meeting.**

### *Thank You from Salem Lutheran Church in Flint*

Thank you for all the water and other supplies you have brought to Salem this past year. May the blessings at Christmas continue throughout the New Year for the members of All Saints.

Be sure to see the Christmas photo posted on the bulletin board by the Information Table.



## February Birthdays

02/02 Jody Wehner  
 02/03 Carol Taggart  
 02/04 Judy Kniaz  
 02/05 Brandon Wehner  
 02/06 Kevin Keller  
 02/11 Don MacDonald  
 02/11 Kate Zywicki  
 02/12 Dieter Forberger  
 02/14 Betsy Cornellier  
 02/17 Moorgan Peterson  
 02/17 Erin Schreiner  
 02/18 Melanie Kahl  
 02/20 Leni Hoffman  
 02/21 Gracie Curcuru  
 02/21 Michelle Radzwion  
 02/22 Carol Fletcher  
 02/22 Kevin Hansel  
 02/22 Jacquie Read  
 02/25 Alex Hansel  
 02/25 Martin Mann  
 02/26 Carly Foust-Christensen  
 02/27 Hanna Brady



## February Anniversaries

February 4  
 Bill & Judy Shook

February 5  
 Tim & LouAnne Audette

February 15  
 Chuck & Judy Stepanian

## First Communion Class – March 18

Do you have a child who is asking for bread and wine? This question may mean your child is ready to participate with their All Saints family in holy communion.



Our next class for those interested is on Sunday, March 18 following the 10:30 worship service. An additional class will be scheduled if needed. Please contact Pastor.

First Communion will be Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## "The Winds of God" - April 15

Celebrating the variety of musical gifts of this community involving all ages, a special 10:30 AM Worship Service of song, instrumentation and reflective readings call "The Winds of God" will be held on Sunday, April 15.

Children's choir will be rehearsing during Sunday School beginning in February. Other rehearsals to be announced.

Please contact Martha for more information and to share your gifts.

## From our Evangelism Team

Dear Lord,

Thank you for a new year filled with fresh grace and countless opportunities! Lead me to Your heart, Your word and Your ways as I plan to live it out. Let me think of others more than myself. Let me walk out of my comfort zone and walk in the shoes of others. Let me put You first in my thoughts, words and deeds.

God's Love, Peace, Hope and Joy to you for the year ahead.

Help us to find God not just inside our church but also in our community. Join our team and bring your ideas to better serve those around us looking for a church to call home.

Your Evangelism Team.  
 Louis Holtz, chairperson

## New Member Class – Starts April 15

We will be offering new member class for those who are interested in joining the All Saints community. The class will meet on Sundays April 15, April 22 and April 29 following the 10:30 am worship and will conclude by 2:00 pm.

We will begin with lunch and then move into discussion that cover three areas of discipleship, "What it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ", "What it means to be a Lutheran disciple" and "What it means to be a disciple at All Saints". Contact Pastor Denise at 248-860-2645 with any questions.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I have been blessed to serve in many various ways at All Saints. I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as the Congregational Council President for the next two years. There are many opportunities to participate and serve within our walls and outside in our community. I encourage you to choose several ways to serve, to grow and to be involved with those that worship with you here at All Saints. Just a few of those opportunities are listed below.

Attend a Bible Study, Midweek Lent video/discussion series, Serve as a Worship Participant – usher, acolyte, reader, assisting minister, sacristan, altar guild

Volunteer a special talent – instrumental, vocal, drama, worship team, teach/assist at Sunday School, start up a Sunday Morning Nursery

Pray - participate on the All Saints prayer chain (requests and updates are sent via email)

Serve on a Committee...

- Congregational Life
- Christian Education
- Church Property
- Evangelism
- Social Concerns
- Stewardship
- Worship and Music

Help out with Special Events – Vacation Bible School, Winterfest, Synod Assembly, Congregational Potlucks, Choir on special Sundays

Represent our congregation by being involved in local and regional events and service organizations – City and Township Meetings, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer for special projects – gardening, kitchen help, table and chair set-up/tear down for events, property 'clean-up' days, chaperone youth events

Please feel free to contact me if you want to find out more or just talk about these, or other, ways to serve, grow and be involved.

One with you in Christ's Service,

Julia Keller  
248-931-5622  
Jkrew10@yahoo.com

*Sunday School*



"WINTER GAMES" is the theme for Sunday School during February. All children ages 4 years to grade 4 are invited! Sunday School will be held during the 10:30 worship service. Children will rejoin their parents before communion. Children, grandchildren, friends, all are welcome!

## *Downsizing*

One of the many jobs I had in my life was working for LouAnne Audette at Moving Forward. The company was just getting off the ground and she asked me if I would like to come and work for her. I was intrigued by the fact that I would be helping seniors to downsize and moving them to a smaller location. I learned so much from that job. Everyone we moved had way too much stuff. After the first interview we talked to the owners about how they can simplify their life. We told them about the three boxes theory. Keep, repurpose, and discard. We gave them a few weeks to purge. Many needed help with the discard and repurpose part. Keeping was easy.

Thinking back on that job I realized that I was falling into the same trap. Keeping WAS easy! The tennis shoes I wore in North Carolina are still in my closet along with sweaters, blouses and jeans that I was hoping to get back to that size 6 again. My basement has become a catch-all because I can't find the time to clean or sort through old papers, decorations, craft projects, broken items I wanted to fix. And yes, all the baby clothes and toys I knew my kids would want when their kids came along, WRONG!

I spent a whole day cleaning out cupboards and drawers in the bathroom. I discarded a large garbage bag of outdated items and I feel a lot better having gotten rid of them. I even threw out the 20 year old tennis shoes.

My basement will be next. I took a quick look at all my treasure and thought WHY. Why am I saving so much stuff? Things that I have been holding on to "just in case". Repurpose! How can I do that? Where can I take them? Light bulb moment! Salem Lutheran Church in Flint.

Yes, we are heading to Flint in February, date to be determined. Read the Herald. So please bring to church those gently worn items that you no longer wear or can no longer get into. Toys, purses, shoes, boots, jackets, snowsuits and any other item that are weighting you down or taking up too much space that your kids will never want.

My mom would tell me that for every item you buy you must throw or give away another like item.

Thank you and God Bless.

The Evangelism team. Hey that's you!

## *Special Hymn Sing Sundays!*

All Saints has something in store for those months we have 5 Sundays. In April, July, and September, we will enjoy a hymn sing at each service with a family breakfast potluck occurring between the 8:30 and 10:30 morning services.

Warm up those voices, start thinking about those hymns you love, and plan on visiting with your All Saints family for some great food and fellowship.

The first hymn sing and breakfast potluck will occur on April 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Don't forget to direct Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire!

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31, 2018 to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars.

Help support All Saints Lutheran Church. Go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to direct your dollars or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

### *A Message from our NEW Dishwashers*

We're Rosebud and Wolfgang, your brand new dishwashers, and we can hardly wait to work for you. We want you to know that ANYONE can load us!

If the clip sign on our front says "**DIRTY**", that means you can place dirty cups and dishes in our racks. We don't care if you're a guy or a gal or a little kid---we'll take your dirty stuff with a smile.

If we're full, please start us up! There's liquid or power pac detergent in the cupboard above the sink— fill our cup; turn us "**ON**", set us on "normal" wash and we'll get right to it. After starting us, please turn our clip sign around to "**CLEAN**", so everyone knows we've done our job. After we've run, please press our "**OFF**" button! We've got to get a little rest to work our best. You're welcome to unload us; there are labels on the cabinets to help you know where everything goes.

The sink hasn't learned how to move those dirty cups to our racks, so we're counting on you humans---please don't let us down!

Thanks,  
Rosebud and Wolfgang, your brand new dishwashers



### *Simply Giving®*

The *Simply Giving*® program provides you with the opportunity to give your All Saints offerings automatically. No more Sunday envelopes. Through *Simply Giving*®, your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic donation. It is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. Your donation is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings.

But you're not the only one that benefits. All Saints benefits from steady, more predictable revenues through the year and greater confidence in meeting its financial commitments. Fill out the Authorization Form location on the Information Table and turn it into the office.

*Council Member Contact List*

Do you have a question, comment or concern? Do you know who to turn to? Council! Yes, that's right! Council was elected by the congregation to lead the congregation and make decisions regarding the church. In order to effectively do that, council needs feedback and they would love to hear from you. Below is a list of staff and council members, their mailbox numbers (in the office), email addresses and phone numbers. Please contact them with questions. If you are unsure about which council member would be the correct person to address your questions, put them in the President's box and it will be steered to the proper committee or person so that your question can be answered. Thanks and council can't wait to hear from you.

| Name              | Ministry                             | E-mail                  | Phone        | Mail Box # |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Judy Kniaz        | Congregational Life                  | ajkniaz@comcast.net     | 810-991-1169 | 14         |
| JoEllyn Bernardin | Christian Education                  | jbernardin@comcast.net  | 810-599-7093 | 13         |
| Louise Holtz      | Evangelism                           | lbholtz@comcast.net     | 248-889-3040 | 16         |
| Suzanne Compton   | Managing a Christian Lifestyle (MCL) | billsuzbec@hotmail.com  | 248-240-6189 | 18         |
| Mike Erismann     | Property Committee                   | erismanm@ymail.com      | 734-578-5567 | 12         |
| Sue Horn          | Social Concerns                      | britchesmom72@gmail.com | 248-705-9893 | 20         |
| Liesl Schick      | Worship and Music (WAMO)             | shikfmly@prodigy.net    | 810-610-7676 | 21         |
| Marc DeGiorgio    | Council, Treasurer                   | degiorgiomr@gmail.com   | 248-887-8060 | 9          |
| Becky Manross     | Council, Secretary                   | becknit@aol.com         | 517-546-6378 | 10         |
| Rick Mann         | Council, Vice President              | mannandrolls@beesky.com | 248-685-7527 | 8          |
| Julia Keller      | Council, President                   | Jkrew10@yahoo.com       | 248-931-5622 | 7          |

*Staff/Support Contact List*

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| Denise Russell  | Pastor   | pastor@myallsaints.com     | 248-860-2645 | 1          |
| Denise Clarey   | Director, Little Saints Christian School         | deniseclarey@hotmail.com   | 248-390-7550 | 27         |
| Linda DeGiorgio | Office Administrator & Worship Support Secretary | office@myallsaints.com     | 248-534-9087 | 2          |
| Martha Gordon   | Musician   | marthanotebynote@gmail.com | 248-698-4810 | 6          |





### **Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests can be forwarded to: office@myallsaints.com; or call Karen Walker at 517.546.4948; or Lou Prine at 810-227-0535, or fill out a prayer request form available in the narthex. Unless otherwise noted, prayer requests will remain on the list for four weeks at which time they will be removed but may be reinstated by following the steps above.

If you have an emergency need for prayer, Call Karen Walker and she will communicate with a team of 4 to 5 individuals to begin immediate prayer. The email request will also be communicated.

All Saints Council and staff  
All who are hungry and/or homeless  
All who are unemployed and seeking work  
All of our troops, especially those in places of conflict  
Andrew Cline – son of Patti Nicolo  
Barb Jacob – friend of Karen Walker  
Barbara Robinson  
Becky Manross  
Betsy Cornellier  
Bill Weaver  
Colleen Cox – niece of Patti & Richard Nicolo  
Diana Edmundson – friend of Patti Nicolo  
Diane Detter – friend of Mim Zurn  
Dolly Collins – mother of Suzanne Compton  
Don MacDonald  
Doris Appleton  
Family of Ken Nelson  
Family of Kevin Keller's stepfather  
Family of Susan – friend of Marlene Donnelly  
Frank Trace  
Ginnie Lazar  
Godwin Family – friend of Herm & Julie Markwart  
JoAnn Orlando – sister of Richard Nicolo  
Heather – daughter of Bill & Sue Horn  
Judy Shook  
Karen Walker  
Kathy Bianchini – friend of Louise Holtz's cousin  
Kelly LaPalm & family – granddaughter of Dick & Ginny Hobson  
Lynn Moffat – friend of Patti Nicolo  
Marty Mills  
Michael & Hannah Carney  
Mike Read  
Nancy Yount  
Patti Nicolo  
Phillip Cook II – son of Sue Horn  
Richard Nicolo – husband of Patti  
Tanya Rorem – friend of Laura & Randy Smith  
Tyler & family – friends of Sonja Markwart