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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,
to be included in the next
monthly newsletter.**

From Our Pastor

Lent 2018

As we continue our Lenten journey our midweek services (Wednesday at 1:00 and 6:30 pm) include a learning opportunity through the video series *He Chose Nails* by Max Lucado. The study begins by linking Easter to Christmas, they are book ends if you will of God's great love for us. The gift of Jesus, the gift of the cross.

It is certainly easy to understand that Christmas is the season of giving gifts. We give because the Jesus the greatest gift of all is born! Jesus received gifts of Frankincense, Gold, and Myrrha at his birth. The tradition of giving continues throughout the centuries. Stories of St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, provided for the poor and children in need, who from which the developed the legend of Santa Claus.

But seldom do we understand the season of Lent to be a season of gift giving. As we walk this season of Lent toward the cross we will continue to open the gifts of God. The first being that Jesus chose become one of us, and through him we have the gift of forgiveness, the gift of being invited into the presence of God, the gift of love and the gift of life, victory over sin and death.

In our Lenten journey I pray that God will remove anything from our lives that would hinder us from recognizing and receiving these gifts.

Blessings
Pastor Denise

Easter Brunch – April 1 @ 9:00 am



You're invited to an Easter Brunch!

Congregational Life Committee is hosting a brunch at 9 a.m.
between morning services on Easter morning.

Fruit, juice, muffins, breakfast casseroles or whatever you are able to share will be welcome. Even if you can't bring something, do join us—there'll be enough to go around!

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
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Rick Mann
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Marc DeGiorgio
Council Treasurer

Becky Manross
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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

Holy Week Worship

As we approach the joy filled celebration of the resurrection of our Lord we must recall the sacrificial gift Jesus made for us.

Palm Sunday, March 25 @ All Saints

On Palm Sunday March 25th morning worship services we have a special treat! Local resident Bill Adams will share with us his Mediterranean donkeys. "The girls" Anna Belle and Andy will lead us in procession as we enter into worship and shout hosanna to our King Jesus. Anna Belle and Andy will spend the morning with us, plan some extra time to meet them and hear the legend of this beautiful creatures.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 @ Hartland United Methodist Church

On Thursday, March 29th at 7:00pm we will partake in a Community Seder Meal at Hartland United Methodist Church (10300 Maple Road, Hartland). We will remember Christ's Passover meal with his disciples and the gift of Holy Communion Christ's own body and blood shed for all people for the forgiveness of sins.

Good Friday, March 30

1:00 pm - Community Worship at Hardy United Methodist Church, 6510 East Highland Road in Howell.

7:00 pm - at All Saints. We will travel with Jesus to Calvary and hear the final words of Jesus, as the light of the world is extinguished in Jesus' death.

Easter Sunday, April 1 @ All Saints

7:30 am - Sunrise Worship
9:00 am - Easter Brunch
10:30 am - Easter Worship

We as people of God come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. What a joy it is to come to the empty tomb to hear the good news that Jesus lives, He is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 is having a Wednesday midday worship Service of the Word at 1:00 PM. The service includes 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 beings at 7:30.

Lenten Potluck Dinners

Wednesday night potluck dinners continue this month on March 7th, 14th and the 21st. 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.



Fasting and Feasting

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

Tradition teaches us to fast during Lent, but because Lent prepares us for Easter, the victory of life over death, we need also to feast on the life God offers as we seek to deepen the divine life within us. It is appropriate then to fast AND to feast!

Fast from harsh or mean words!

Feast on words that encourage and support others.

Fast from anger!

Feast on patience.

Fast from worry!

Feast on God's love and care.

Fast from sadness and depression!

Feast on joy and peace of mind.

Fast from complaining!

Feast on appreciation and gratitude.

Fast from bitterness!

Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from resentment!

Feast on acceptance.

Fast from jealousy!

Feast on being oneself.

Fast from self-centeredness!

Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from excess!

Feast on moderation.

Fast from acquiring!

Feast on generosity.

Fast from apathy!

Feast on caring.

Fast from discouragement!

Feast on hope.

Fast from judging others!

Feast on finding Christ in them.

Ladies Luncheon – March 5

All ladies are invited to our next monthly luncheon at Benstein Grill on Monday, March 5th at noon. Benstein Grill is located at 2435 Benstein Road in Commerce Township. Phone 248-624-4100.

Please contact Linda Moxham at 248-887-2558 or Jeannie Kummeler at 248-684-8964 for reservations.

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



Men-in-Mission Meets March 10

All Saints Men-in-Mission group meets on Saturday, March 10th at 8:00 AM at the church. All men are invited to come for breakfast, fellowship and some good discussion.

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MEN IN MISSION



March Birthdays

03/07 Mary Mudge
 03/07 Michael Read
 03/07 Mika Riihiluoma
 03/07 Sean Sommers
 03/10 Jennifer Hardy
 03/12 Karen Moyski
 03/13 Sue Hansel
 03/14 Marlene Donnelly
 03/14 Rebecca
 Hammond
 03/14 Kristin Hansel
 03/17 Aven Jensen
 03/20 Barbara Robinson
 03/21 April Mills
 03/21 Karen Stewart
 03/22 Donna Sanglier
 03/29 Ella Zywicki
 03/30 Becky Compton
 03/30 Joshua Hemeyer
 03/31 Judy Stepanian



March Anniversaries

March 26
 Dave & Joanne Kindred

March 31
 Leon & Erin Schreiner

Easter Flowers Available



Easter Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils are available for your purchase to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

The price for each flower is \$10 per pot. Orders must be prepaid at time of order. Pick up an order form from an usher. Make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 18. Please put your order and payment in the offering plate. Thank you.



Altar Guild Needs You

The Worship and Music committee is very thankful to all who help out by performing the necessary tasks to prepare for our worship services throughout the year. We want to formalize the Altar Guild team and provide opportunities for training about the colors of the seasons and the elements of worship. We are looking for someone who will work with Worship and Music to lead this team of WONDERFUL volunteers, and help train additional persons.

Please contact Liesl Shick or Pastor Denise if you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild, or learning more about what it would mean to lead the team.

Did You Know?

In January, the cold temperatures caused the gas bill to be twice as much as normal totaling more than \$2,000. Just like at home bills need to be paid, please consider signing up for Simply Giving for electronic and automated giving.

Marc DeGiorgio
 ASLC Treasurer

Healing Worship Service –March 13th and March 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, March 13th at 11:00 am and Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 pm.

Sunday School

"EASTER SCIENCE" is the theme for Sunday School during March. 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!



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, April 8th.

Thank You

Congregational Life is delighted and grateful for our new appliances and cabinets! We want to thank several very generous members of our All Saints family for our shiny, new stoves. We're thrilled to have ovens that heat evenly and can be cleaned without stressing our bodies.

Thanks also go to everyone who contributed to the success of the Cookie Walks. The proceeds from the Cookie Walks bought the laminate top for two base cabinets which was brought in from the pole barn. We're not only grateful for the cabinets but also for our two congregation's elves who thoroughly cleaned them and installed them and the top!

Cookie Walk monies also provided one of our new dishwashers; one of All Saints' families provided the other. Our dishwashers were no longer cleaning our dishes; we'd hand wash them before putting them in the dishwasher, and they'd come out dirtier than when we put them in! We're very excited to have dishwashers that do such a great job on our dishes!

Lastly, after many restarts of our old unit, a new disposal was installed. We're so glad to have a working unit!

Congregational Life extends heart-felt thanks to all of you!



"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.

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

New Member Class – Starts April 15

We will be offering a new member class for those who are interested in joining the All Saints community. The class will meet three 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.

Thank You

Dear All Saints Family,

Thank you so very much for all the Valentine cards. They certainly brightened an otherwise dreary day. It was rather like getting a big hug from all of you. Thank you for remembering me.

Fondly, Nancy Yount



5th Sunday Hymn Sing

All Saints has something in store for those months we have 5 Sundays. In April, July, and September, we will enjoy singing hymns at both morning services that the congregation has picked as their favorites. We will be accepting ideas beforehand so we can be prepared, as your favorite hymn may not be in our current hymnal! Look for a suggestion box soon!

Also, a family breakfast potluck will occur 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 29th.



Thrivent Choice®

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 to direct your dollars or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

God's Super Market

In a dream I had the other night, I was standing in front of a store.
A sign that read, "God's Super Market," was just above the door.
To my surprise as I walked in, an angel gave me a cart.
And pointing to the first big aisle, he told me I could start.....
To select whatever I needed, from every shelf and rack,
and if I couldn't carry it all, I was welcome to come back.
First I got some PATIENCE...LOVE was on the same row.
I picked up UNDERSTANDING, we all need that, you know!!
I got a box of WISDOM, and a great big bag of GRACE.
FAITH that looked like mustard seeds was scattered all over the place.
I pushed my cart up the PRAYER AISLE and put three bunches in,
because I know that later on, I'd run right into sin.
A case of PRAISE, a sack of JOY, and two containers of PEACE;
A carton of SONGS in a hundred flavors, with which to season my feast.
By now my cart was overflowing, so I asked, "How much do I owe?"
"Oh, nothing," said the angel, "take more before you go."
"No, really," said I, feeling anxious, "the cost is great, I know."
"Your debt," he said, "was paid by Jesus, a long, long time ago."

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 #
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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
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Becky Manross	Council, Secretary	becknit@aol.com	517-546-6378	10
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Julia Keller	Council, President	Jkrew10@yahoo.com	248-931-5622	7

Staff/Support Contact List

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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
Cheryl Masek
Colleen Cox – niece of Patti & Richard Nicolo
Diana Edmundson – friend of Patti Nicolo
Diane Detter – friend of Mim Zurn
Don MacDonald
Doris Appleton
Frank Gyorkos – friend of Wes Walker
Ginnie Lazar
Godwin Family – friend of Herm & Julie Markwart
Heather – daughter of Bill & Sue Horn
Jacquie Read
JoAnn Orlando – sister of Richard Nicolo
Judy Shook
Karen Walker
Kathy Bianchini – friend of Louise Holtz’s cousin
Lynn Moffat – friend of Patti Nicolo
Marty Mills
Michael & Hannah Carney
Mike Read
Nancy Yount
Nick – son of Julia Keller’s co-worker
Phillip Cook II – son of Sue Horn
Renee Bland – mother of Julia Keller’s coworker
Richard Nicolo – husband of Patti
Tyler & family – friends of Sonja Markwart