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# The Communicator

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## Sunday Worship

8:30 AM  
10:30 AM

## 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.**

### From Our Pastor

*"You don't think your way into a new kind of living. You live your way into a new kind of thinking." Henri J. M. Nouwen*

I'm a quite a fan of the writings of Henri Nouwen. His reflections of God and of the life of disciple of Jesus Christ have both challenged and inspired me. I recently came upon the quote above while reading from the book, *The Sacred Valley, a guide for growing leaders with a deep, bold, consequential faith* in preparation for our next council meeting. The All Saints Council and I have been reading and working through this book together as our focus for 2018. It too inspires and challenges us individually and communally. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to live our lives as witness to resurrection. Part of discipleship living involves being in community together as the Church. As the Church we exist to draw others to Christ.

I think that at times we "over think" our mission as disciples and as the Church. We think that trying different music or implementing some new type of programing will flood the building with masses of new people, deepen our faith, or even soothe restless, conflicted, or bored members. In doing so the Church can get caught up in "doing" rather than "being", "thinking" rather than "living".

In August our gospel readings have centered on the gospel of John. One of the key themes in John is abiding in Christ. To abide means to accept or to act in accord with, to keep with, to observe, to follow. God has chosen us to and calls us as God's own and through the gift of Jesus saves us from sin and death. God has given God's very self to us and calls us to follow and live lives of faithful witness. When we abide in Jesus, he promises to abide in us!

So how then to we abide? Good question. Abiding in Jesus is like any other relationship, it must be lived into. We spend time with the people we with whom we have a relationship. We devote our energies and efforts into the care and nurture of the relationship. Our relationship with Jesus begins with the commitment of our time and energies. God speaks to us in scripture, so we read the bible or join a bible study. God listens to us as we pray. God grants us forgiveness in confession and the sacraments which are celebrated at Worship.

I had a teacher who would frequently say, "If you're not a good student but want to be one, do what good students do." These words have remained with me over the years, and I have applied them to other areas in life. I can see their value in living a life of discipleship and a person of faith. If we want a deeper, richer, more vibrant faith life, live into it. If we want a church that is a life giving community of faith, come, and invest your time, your efforts, and energies.

God's Church does not need a "flashy this or catchy new that", it needs people filled with the Holy Spirit, on fire for God, living into the love they found in Jesus Christ.

Blessings on your abiding,  
Pastor Denise

## 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

**Open**

Property

**Sue Horn**

Social Concerns and  
Health Ministry

**Liesl Schick**

Worship & Music



## End-of-Summer Lunch Potluck September 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service



### Healing Prayer and Anointing Station



New healing prayer and anointing station  
to be added to worship services.

We would like to provide healing prayers and anointing during communion at the altar located at the back of the church. After communing and on the way back to their seats, parishioners will be able to receive a healing prayer as well as being anointed.

To provide this form of care for our brothers and sisters in Christ we need volunteers.

Were you a Stephen Minister or are you gifted in prayer? Would you like to volunteer your time and talents in this way during the worship service? If so, please contact Liesl Schick or Pastor Denise. We would to start offering the healing station as soon as possible.

## 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

### Attention Youth 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and Up

Consider joining us for our \*NEW\* informal Youth Group starting in September. Twice monthly outings and a way to connect with other kids the same age (5th grade and up).

Looking for a formal confirmation as well? We have that too! Our CDT meets twice monthly for Sunday School classes and special weekends throughout the year.

Grab a schedule in the Gathering Space!



### God's Work, Our Hands

Join with ELCA Lutherans nationwide in answering God's call to serve and love our neighbors!

September is "mission month" and now is the time to sign up. We have multiple ways to serve - something for everyone! Check out the poster in the narthex to explore the various opportunities and **sign up now!**

Call Sue LaRoy, 248-240-0895, if you have any questions.

### Hymn Sing @ Village Manor - September 19 @ 6:00 PM

All are invited to participate in our monthly Hymn Sing at Village Manor (9501 E. Highland Rd in Howell) on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 PM.

This is a new outreach ministry at All Saints. Please join us at Village Manor, meet the residents & sing along!





## September Birthdays

09/01 Dick Hobson  
09/08 Adam Kahl  
09/08 Heidi Mills  
09/09 Carolina Curcuru  
09/09 Vera Edblad  
09/14 Cynthia Meyer  
09/16 Allison Clarey  
09/17 Cheryl Carney  
09/17 Ginny Smoot  
09/20 Julia Keller  
09/21 Jessica Potter  
09/22 Mike Bockelman  
09/22 Laura Hartman  
09/24 Don Lawrence  
09/26 Dustin Meyer  
09/26 Benjamin Scherzer  
09/26 Sophia Trump  
09/27 Jacob Nelson  
09/28 Jeannie Kummeler  
09/30 Paul Fanson  
09/30 Cathy Stoej

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## Ladies Luncheon – September 10

All ladies are invited to our next monthly luncheon at Applebee's Grill & Bar on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at noon. Applebee's is located at 30686 Lyon Center Dr in New Hudson. Phone 248-446-1770.

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.



## ASLC Property Committee Needs You!

We are trying to reorganize the committee that keeps the church's buildings and grounds in good condition. Our active group is now down to 3 men and that is not sufficient. If we can enlarge the number of people willing to help with this task, we can reduce the workload on any one individual (and on those remaining 3). Are you aware that all of our maintenance except weekly cleaning and "mow & snow" has been handled in the most recent past primarily by 4 individuals?

We envision/need a "team" of volunteers whose specific talents and interests are cataloged such that we can call on each as their particular expertise is needed. We will handle the reporting duties (to council); funding requests; and distribution tasks such that no one is "heavily loaded" BUT we need more help. If you feel you have no specific talent to lend, we need your help. We won't even ask that you attend a regular meeting.

You can contact any one of the 3 of us - Mike Hoffman, Rick Mann, Mike Read - to let us know you are willing and what your specific interests/talents are - via telephone, email, or find us at church and talk to us. Our phone numbers and email addresses are in the church directory.

It's your church, please consider donating your talents to keep it in good repair.

Mike Hoffman, Mike Read, Rick Mann



## September Anniversaries

September 4  
Len & Shannon Hammond

September 6  
Vito & Deb Curcuru

September 13  
Don & Margaret  
MacDonald

September 14  
Jeff & Karen Moyski

September 21  
Karen & Wes Walker

September 27  
Don & Louise Holtz

September 28  
Doug & Indy Bacon

### *Sunday School is Coming – September 9th*

Sunday School is almost here! Join us for our new series 'GOD Colors'.

All children ages 4 years to grade 5 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!



### *Blessing of the Backpacks – September 9th*

We'll have Blessing of the Backpacks during both services and Rally Day following the 10:30 service on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

We also welcome all the Sunday School teachers, CDT teachers, and any other teachers that would like a blessing to come up for a special prayers for a successful school year.



### *A BIG THANK YOU!*

2018 Vacation Bible School was a spirited success with giggles, smiles, laughter and learning!!

Because of our generous congregation, snack supplies were donated and the volunteer positions were well covered. We ministered to approximately 67 children from the surrounding communities and our ministry would not have been as successful without support from Pastor, Little Saints staff, All Saints volunteers and Thrivent Financial. Thank YOU!!

**THANK  
YOU!**

### *I Simply Give*

The *Simply Giving*® program is a very easy way to ensure that your pledge is up to date, even if you have to miss a week of church. But for some, it is hard to get used to not putting an envelope into the offering plate when it goes by.

If you *Simply Give* and still want to put something in the plate, there will now be a basket just inside the sanctuary with a laminated card that says "I Simply Give". Feel free to take one on your way in and put it in the offering plate.

### *From our Social Concerns Committee*

The blood drive was a success, 41 donors and 38 units. 126 pounds of food was donated to Gleaners Food Bank from our pantry.

God's Work Our Hands project, Health Care Kits for the Homeless. The sign with all the items needed and the bin for collection are in the narthex.

Sue LaRoy is going to come to our next meeting to tell us about ways we can help her in community outreach.

The next meeting will be September 6th at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

Sue Horn - Social Concerns

### *Adopt-a-Highway – September 22*

The next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help clean up our stretch of Highland Road. Please sign up on the sheet on the Information Table. Any questions, please contact Donna Sanglier.

The more hands the lighter the load! Thank you!



### *All Saints Council Meeting – July 12, 2018*

Below are the highlights of the All Saints Congregational Council meeting held on July 12, 2018. A copy of the complete meeting minutes are available in the office.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday potluck scheduled for July 29.

Sundae Sunday scheduled for August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Simply Giving is making a difference.

Little Saints Christian School will be paying for carpet & installation in the narthex.

The Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### *Congregational Council Positions*

Our Congregational Council consists of 4 officers and 7 committee chairs. The council holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:15 PM. The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) also meet monthly with the Financial Oversight Committee, usually the first Thursday of each month.

At our annual meeting in November we will be holding elections for new 2-year terms for the following 5 positions:

Vice President, Treasurer, Evangelism, Stewardship, Worship and Music

If you would like more information or have an interest in being a part of next year's council, please contact Julia Keller 248-931-5622, Rick Mann 248-496-3490 or Pastor Denise.

### *Support Bottled Water in Flint through Thrivent Action Teams*

Greetings friends!

Here is a cool way to support bottled water in Flint:

Thrivent Members can apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time fundraiser, service activity or educational event that can be completed within 90 days.

Once your project is approved, you'll receive a Thrivent Action Kit, including:

- Promotional banner.
- Invitations and thank-you cards.
- Thrivent Action Team T-shirts.
- A \$250 Community Impact Card you can use as seed money to get your project off the ground and make a bigger impact.

Thrivent Action Teams are a creative way that congregations with Thrivent Members can support bottled water efforts in Flint. Some congregations have done education events, some have used VBS to collect water, some have come to Flint for community service, some have used/sent the \$250 Action Card for the purchase of water. The sky is the limit on creativity.

We use about 6 pallets of water per week. Each pallet costs about \$120.

Each Thrivent Action Team provides enough water for a day of deliveries to medically critical and disabled residents.

With faith in action,  
Monica



*Thinking About Evangelisms in Different Ways*

"A good exercise for the heart is bending down and helping someone to get up." Proverb

Frederick Buechner said, "The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt." We are all here together. Separateness is an illusion, for we all touch each other in ways we cannot fathom.

Emily Dickinson wrote,  
If I can stop one heart from breaking,  
I shall not live in vain.  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

There is more happiness in giving than in receiving." *Acts, 20:35*

"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us." *Flora Edwards*

"Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid." *Albert Schweitzer*

"Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds." *George Eliot*

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

"He stands erect by bending over the fallen. He rises by lifting others." *Robert G. Ingersoll*

"Never look down on anybody unless you helping him up." *Jesse Jackson*

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." *Winston Churchill*

"People seldom refuse help, if one offers it in the right way." *A. C. Benson*

"Is anybody happier because you pass his way?" *John Hall*

"There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by giving a helping hand to someone in the dark." *Helen Keller*

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." *Anne Frank*

"Look up and not down. Look forward and not back. Look out and not in, and lend a hand." *Edward Everett Hale*

"When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die." *Eleanor Roosevelt*

"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." *Bob Hope*

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." *Danny Thomas*

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting." *Elizabeth Bibesco*

"A life isn't significant except for its impact on other lives." *Jackie Robinson*



*Thinking About Evangelisms in Different Ways (continued)*

"The wise person understands that his own happiness must include the happiness of others." *Dennis Weaver*

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." *Leo Buscaglia*

"Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug." *Og Mandino*

"We're here for a reason. I believe a bit of the reason is to throw little torches out to lead people through the dark." *Whoopi Goldberg*

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." *Albert Pike*

"The best minute you spend is the one you invest in people." *Ken Blanchard*

"You will discover that you have two hands. One is for helping yourself and the other is for helping others." *Audrey Hepburn*

"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us." *Flora Edwards*

*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.

**The Simply Giving® Program**



*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.

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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  
Alaina Pardounet – daughter of Mike & Leni Hoffman  
Andrew Cline – son of Patti Nicolo  
Andrew & Jennifer Smith – children of Randy & Laura Smith  
Barb Jacob – friend of Karen Walker  
Barbara Robinson  
Barbara & Bud VanRenterghem  
Betsy Cornellier  
Diana Edmundson – friend of Patti Nicolo  
Don Holtz  
Don MacDonald  
Family of Rick Sanglier  
God's Work Our Hands Ministry  
Hannah Brooks  
Heather – daughter of Bill & Sue Horn  
Jim Woods – friend of Suzanne Compton's father  
Judy Shook  
Lynn Moffat – friend of Patti Nicolo  
Marianne – sister of Patty Degner  
Marty Mills  
Mary Wilson  
Phillip Cook II – son of Sue Horn  
Tim Brooks  
Tim Carney  
Tom Hoffman – brother of Mike Hoffman