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# The Communicator

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

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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.**

## PRAY FOR LEADERS

Elections on NOVEMBER 11th after 11:30 Worship Open Council Positions

Our Congregational Council consists of 4 officers, 7 committee chair positions and Pastor Denise. The council holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:15 PM.

At Council meetings we plan for upcoming events and discuss the direction of the congregation. The Constitution of All Saints also entrusts the elected council to vote on policy.

Is God calling you to become involved in discerning and deciding how All Saints should move forward as we serve God's call in Hartland, Michigan?

The following TWO-YEAR terms are open:  
Vice President, Treasurer, Evangelism, Stewardship, Worship and Music

The following positions are also open and have ONE-YEAR remaining on their term:  
Property, Social Concerns

If you would like more information about running for a position on the Leadership team at All Saints, please contact Julia Keller 248-931-5622, Rick Mann 248-496-3490 or Pastor Denise.

Due to our busy lives, it can be difficult to commit to a leadership role due to our monthly council meetings on Thursday nights. Many of our committees have solved this problem by serving successfully as elected **co-chairs**. Ask someone you know to pray about serving with you!

## Annual Meeting November 11

Our 2018 All Saints annual meeting will be held on November 11 immediately following our 10:30 am worship service. We will elect council chairs, positions up for election are Vice President, Treasurer, Evangelism, WAMO (Worship & Music), Stewardship and Property. We will also discuss the upcoming 2019 budget.

Please plan to attend.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

All are invited to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service at the Hartland Music Hall (3619 Avon Road in Hartland) on Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 PM.

## 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

## From our Pastor

### A Time of endings, beginnings and giving thanks

As we enter into November and December we enter a time in the life of the church of endings and beginnings. On November 4th we celebrate All Saints Sunday, where we remember the saints among us who have gone on to their heavenly home and rejoice with the new saints who join the body of Christ through holy baptism. November 22<sup>nd</sup> is Thanksgiving Day, a day for giving thanks for the many blessings God has blessed us with in the past year and the promises of God's continued blessings all through our lives. All Saints will once again participate with in a community Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Hartland Music Hall beginning at 4:00 pm. All are welcome as we together as God's people worship and give thanks. The Liturgical church year ends with on November 25<sup>th</sup> with Christ The King Sunday, a day that the church honors Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords with complete and full authority over all creation, Jesus' reign is eternal.

The liturgical church year begins anew with Advent. Advent is a time of remembering and celebrating the coming of God among us through Jesus Christ birth. Jesus is the greatest gift to humanity from loving God, all we want, all we long for, all we will ever need. Our advent mid-week study entitled, "All I Want for Christmas, Opening the Gifts of God's Grace" will begin on November 28 and will meet four consequent weeks, times and dates are listed in this newsletter, on handy bookmarkers, available at worship, on our website [www.myallsaints.com](http://www.myallsaints.com) or by contacting the church office. I encourage you, despite the busyness of the season, to make room for in schedule for worship, for mid-week study, for prayer, scripture reading, and reflection. The time with God will bring rest for your weary soul and a renewed spirit within you. The "things of the season" will get done...they always do, instead let God meet you and fill you with the joy and wonder of this holy time.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Denise

## Annual Chili & Dessert Cook-Off – November 11



### Annual Chili & Dessert Cook-Off Sunday, Nov. 11th



Immediately Following our Annual Meeting

Get your pots perkin'!  
Bring your best—taste the rest!

Unique Categories!!  
Let our church family savor your talents.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Social Concerns will be putting together 20 Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need. The sign-up donation sheet is in the Gathering Space. Items are to be brought in by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please donate as you are able.

*Consecration Sunday Is Coming – November 18*

**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

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our stewardship committee has selected the **New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program** as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. **New Consecration Sunday** is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. **New Consecration Sunday** encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards.

We encourage everyone to join us for a celebration luncheon following service that day.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

*All Saints Annual Cookie Walk – December 1*

This year's cookie walk will be on Saturday, December 1. Mark your calendar!

We are again requesting donations of 6 dozen homemade Christmas cookies, all one kind. Please remember to label your cookies with the recipe name and if they contain nuts and/or peanut butter.



*Order Your Poinsettias*

Poinsettias in white, red or pink are available for your purchase to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve.



The price for each 6" poinsettia with a bloom count of 4-6 is \$11. Orders must be prepaid at time of order. Make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church. Deadline to order is November 25th. Put your order and payment in the offering plate.

Thank you.



### November Birthdays

- 11/01 Joanne Kindred
- 11/02 Nathen Schick
- 11/04 Martha Gordon
- 11/05 Julie Markwart
- 11/08 Kevin Hardy
- 11/10 Owen Clarey
- 11/10 Gary Manross
- 11/11 Payton Meyer
- 11/12 Ginny Hobson
- 11/13 Lucas Schreiner
- 11/13 Alexander Stoey
- 11/14 Steve Donnelly
- 11/14 Samantha Mudge
- 11/19 Ginnie Lazar
- 11/21 Don Eklov
- 11/24 Carol Fletcher
- 11/24 Judy Shook
- 11/25 Jeff Moyski
- 11/26 Lainie Behnke
- 11/27 Sharyn Sommers
- 11/29 Scott Taggart
- 11/29 Bill Weaver



### November Anniversaries

November 23<sup>rd</sup>  
James & Lorie Smith

### Advent and Christmas Decorating - November 25

The annual decorating of our Sanctuary and Narthex will take place on November 25<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 service.



Please join us in decorating our lovely worship space for the Advent and Christmas Season. Many hands make light work.

A few volunteers are needed to help get the decorations down from the loft on Saturday, November 24 at 9:00 AM. Please call Liesl at 810-632-6443 to let her know if you will be there to help. Thanks!



### Ladies Luncheon - November 5

All ladies are invited to our next monthly luncheon at the home of Louise Holtz, 589 Nairn Circle in Highland on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.



Please call Louise at 248-889-3040 to let her know you will attend.

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

### Mid-Week Advent Services

2018 Mid- week Advent Services will begin Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

We will offer two service times, one beginning at 1:00 and a second beginning 6:30 with a soup and sandwich dinner, followed by worship at 7:30.

The video series we will be studying is **All I Want for Christmas.**





### December Birthdays

- 12/02 Lou Prine
- 12/06 Rachel Anderson
- 12/06 Colby Gibson
- 12/09 Anna Riihiluoma
- 12/12 Suzanne Compton
- 12/17 Indy Bacon
- 12/17 Chuck Stepanian
- 12/17 Sue Stuef
- 12/19 Jan Erisman
- 12/20 Bev Weiss
- 12/22 Bill Clements
- 12/22 Larry Fletcher
- 12/24 Nancy Yount
- 12/27 Morgan Flatt
- 12/27 Nathan Kahl
- 12/31 Addison Jensen
- 12/31 Tony Kniaz



### December Anniversaries

- December 4  
Bill Weaver & Gerda Smida-Weaver
- December 10  
Roger & Cynthia Meyer
- December 23  
Rudy & Cheryl Masek
- December 26  
Herm & Julie Markwart
- December 31  
Rod & Wendy Duffe

## Sunday School

**“PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD”** is the theme for Sunday School during November. 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!



**“INCREDIBLE CHRISTMAS”** is the theme in December. And be sure to mark your calendars for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am worship service.

### Hymn Sing @ Village Manor – November 21 @ 6:00 PM

All are invited to participate in our monthly Hymn Sing at Village Manor (9501 E. Highland Rd in Howell) on Wednesday, November 21st at 6:00 PM.



Please join us at Village Manor, meet the residents & sing along!

### AmazonSmile Donates to All Saints

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**Sunday Advent Services – 8:30 am, 10:30 am**

December 2 – *The Light of Hope*

December 9 – *The Light of Peace*

10:30 am worship includes Christmas Program - "*Incredible Christmas*"

December 16 – *The Light of Joy*

December 23 – *The Light of Love*

**Midweek Advent – each Wednesday, November 28, December 5, 12 and 19**

1:00 pm – *All I Want for Christmas*

6:30 pm – Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00 pm – *All I Want for Christmas*

7:30 pm – Holden Evening Prayer

Nov 28 – *The Gift of Good News*

Dec 05 – *The Gift of a New Understanding*

Dec 12 – *The Gift of a Strong Foundation*

Dec 19 – *The Gift of a New Style of Living*

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Worship

Holy Communion and Candlelight at both services

*The Gift of the Savior*

4:30 pm and 10:30 pm

**December 25** – No worship services

**December 30** – First Sunday of Christmas

Service of Lessons and Carols

8:30 am and 10:30 am

**Sunday, January 6, 2019** – Epiphany

*The Everlasting Light*

8:30 am and 10:30 am

*Advent Potlucks start November 28*

Please join us each Wednesday evening in Advent (November 28, December 5, 12 & 19) for a light potluck supper. Soups, sandwiches, salads, desserts or anything you're led and able to share are welcome.

Enjoy fellowship at the 6:30 dinner and prepare your hearts for His birth at the 7:30 service.



**LEMON SLICE SUGAR COOKIES**

(makes about 2 dozen)

**INGREDIENTS**

½ cup unsalted butter, softened  
1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) instant lemon pudding mix  
½ cup sugar  
1 large egg  
2 Tbsp. 2% milk  
1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
¼ tsp. salt



**ICING**

2/3 cup confectioners' sugar  
2 to 4 tsp. lemon juice

In a large bowl, cream butter, pudding mix and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and milk. In another bowl, whisk flour, baking powder and salt; gradually beat into creamed mixture.

Divide dough in half. On a lightly floured surface, shape each into a 6-inch-long roll. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate 3 hours or until firm.

Preheat oven to 375°. Unwrap and cut dough crosswise into ½-inch slices. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake until edges are light brown, 8-10 minutes. Cool on pans 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.

In a small bowl, mix the confectioners' sugar and enough lemon juice to reach a drizzling consistency. Drizzle over the cookies. Let stand until set.

**TO MAKE AHEAD:** Dough can be made two days in advance. Wrap in plastic and place in a resealable bag. Store in the refrigerator.

**FREEZE OPTION:** Place wrapped logs in a resealable plastic freezer bag and freeze. To use, unwrap frozen logs and cut into slices. Bake as directed, increasing time by 1-2 minutes.

*All Saints Council Meeting – September 13, 2018*

Below are the highlights of the All Saints Congregational Council meeting held on September 13, 2018. A copy of the complete meeting minutes are available in the office.

- There are 6 seat to fill on council for 2019-2020; Vice President, Evangelism, WAMO, Treasurer, Stewardship & Property.
- The Stewardship Campaign will be held in October and September.
- November 18th Consecration Sunday. There will be a pulpit exchange.
- A FALL work day will be scheduled for early October.
- Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed to families in Highland Greens Park.



### **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.

### *Please Pray For*

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  
Barbara & Bud VanRenterghem  
Betsy Cornellier  
Connie Stagger  
Diana Edmundson – friend of Patti Nicolo  
Diane Stephens – friend of Karen Walker  
Don Holtz  
Don MacDonald  
Family of Denise Baughman – former All Saints member  
Hannah Brooks  
Heather – daughter of Bill & Sue Horn  
Jim Woods – friend of Suzanne Compton’s father  
Judy Giegler  
Judy Shook  
Linda Elinspahr – friend of Suzanne Compton’s father  
Lynn Moffat – friend of Patti Nicolo  
Marianne – sister of Patty Degner  
Marty Mills  
Pat and Rick Deanhofer – mom & step-dad of Bill Compton  
Phillip Cook II – son of Sue Horn  
Tim Brooks  
Tim Carney  
Tony – son-in-law of Julia Keller

### *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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