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The Communicator

OCTOBER 2019

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Sunday Worship

8:30 AM
10:30 AM

Sunday School

Ages 4 years
to grade 4
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

Called to serve for the sake of the world.

As we enter into the season of harvest, the bounty of the earth bears witness of God's great love for us providing all we need for daily life. In grateful response to God's generous love and care for us we respond in lives of service to the Kingdom of God for the sake of the world. I thank God for the good work that is done through the ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church as a community of faith and individually through each of you. Many of the ways you serve are easy to see, the collections of items for those in need, leading and participating in worship, teaching our children, and caring for our building and property. Other service happens out of the visual site and that too is valued. I know that each of you have other things in life that pull on your resources of time and energy, knowing that, I appreciate the sharing of your gifts in whatever form you serve.

I as a leader in God's church, walking in faith with you at All Saints, also give of my time and energy serving God's Kingdom. During my time here as your pastor, I have served as Dean of our local synodical conference. A Dean is an extension of the Bishop's office, a "feet on the ground" leader and pastoral presence for other pastors in a geographical area. I have also served on the multi-synod Michigan candidacy committee. Candidacy accompanies and guides individuals who are discerning the call to leadership in God's church in the ELCA. We work with Synod offices and seminaries. I consider it both a privilege and a responsibility to share of the gifts and talents that God has given to me.

Recently I was asked by Bishop Kreiss to discern a different position of leadership and service to the Southeast Michigan Synod as Director of Candidacy. After prayerful consideration I have accepted. As a result of this new position I will relinquish my role as Dean and member of the Candidacy committee so that I can assume this role while balancing the pastoral leadership of All Saints. On the next page is a letter from the Bishop to the congregation concerning my new position. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. I am excited for this new opportunity to serve our God and the church.

New opportunities for serving are before us here at All Saints. At our annual meeting on November 10, 2019 we will elect leadership positions in several areas. You will find more information about positions open in another article of this newsletter. I ask you to prayerfully consider how and where God is calling you to serve in the upcoming year.

Ministry is about vocation. Vocation is living out the spiritual gifts given to us in baptism. Vocation happens in relationships. We are a priesthood of all believers.

Pastor Denise

Emergency Contact Information

We are in the process of establishing an emergency contact list for our church members and friends. This list will be kept in the office and will not be published. If you would like to be included, please fill out the form on the Information Table and turn it into the office or put it in the offering plate.

Your Staff Team

Denise Russell
Pastor

Linda DeGiorgio
Office Administrator &
Worship Support
Secretary

Sarah Jason
Preschool Director

Martha Gordon
Musician

2019 Council Representatives

Julia Keller
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Sonja Markwart
Council Vice President

Marc DeGiorgio
Council Treasurer

Becky Manross
Council Secretary

JoEllyn Bernardin
Christian Education

Judy Kniaz
Congregational Life

Sue Stuef
Evangelism

Linda DeGiorgio
Linda Lawrence
Stewardship

Bill Horn
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Health Ministry

Rick Mann
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September 10, 2019

To the Congregation Council at All Saints, Hartland:

Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

I write to let you know that after considerable discernment and prayer, I have asked Pr. Denise Russell (your pastor) to serve as Director of Candidacy for the Southeast Michigan Synod. After some considerable amount of prayer and discernment on her part, Pr. Russell has indicated a willingness to accept this position. I am very, very pleased.

Let me be clear: this does not mean that Pr. Russell is accepting another call, or that she is preparing to leave All Saints. She is not.

It does mean, however, that in addition to her pastoral responsibilities Pr. Russell will be our synodical point person helping candidates for ordained ministry (both pastors and deacons) negotiate the paperwork, the course work, and the spiritual work necessary to prepare folks for their first call. I hope that you will agree with me that Pr. Russell's own gifts, her pastoral skills, and her service as a member of the synod's Candidacy Committee make her an ideal person for this position.

Practically, this means that Pr. Russell will be managing the paperwork that accompanies each candidate in this process. She will have some clerical and administrative help from my office as well. She will also need to be present at occasional but regularly scheduled candidacy retreats (which do not take place on Sundays) and to be a resource for candidates in the process that leads toward ordained service in the ELCA. And while the Director of Candidacy is a very part-time position, there will be times when she will need to focus on that portion of her responsibilities, and then re-engage with the saints at All Saints.

I am confident that Pr. Russell has the bandwidth and the capacity to take on this responsibility and to do it very well at the same time as she continues to serve as the very talented and gifted pastor of All Saints. I would ask you for a measure of grace as she becomes acclimated to the position. There is, frankly, a lot to learn before she will be able to develop patterns and routines that will speed this part of her work.

I look forward to an opportunity to be with you in person to offer my thanks for your partnership.

Grace and peace,

Bishop

Small Group and Other Leaders

Open
Altar Guild

Open
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

Congregational Council Elections – Open Positions

Elections on NOVEMBER 10th after 10:30 Worship

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 7:00 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: **President, Secretary, Congregational Life, Property, Christian Education, Social Concerns**

We also have the following ONE YEAR term open: **Treasurer**

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 or Pastor Denise.

*Due to our busy lives, it can be difficult to commit to a leadership role due to the 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!***

"YOUR CHURCH DOES NOT NEED VOLUNTEERS"

The title of this piece is from an article I was forwarded last week, written in 2017 by Erin Wathen, a minister in the Christian Church. The premise is that we are *called to serve* at church rather than *asked to volunteer*.

Rev. Wathen helps us understand the difference with an example from family life. When a mother is attending a function outside the home, folks often refer to the husband as *babysitting* the child while she is out, although the father is actually *parenting*. Babysitting is an important activity, but not something you do a child that belongs to you.

Volunteering is also an important activity. When we volunteer, we are stepping in as an outside resource to help an organization in need, such as preparing food at a homeless shelter, or to helping build a house with Habitat. Volunteering is what we do at a place that is important to us – but not at a place that belongs to us.

Rev. Wathen writes: "You cannot volunteer at your own church, in the same way you cannot babysit your own kid. Because the church belongs to you in the same way your family does. It's your own place, your own people. So of course you help take care of it. Of course you do yard work and make coffee and teach the kids and sing in the choir and whatever all else it is you do for the home and the people that you love."

Performing a job at church – greeting folks before worship, teaching Sunday School, doing maintenance, and countless other activities – these are all examples of ways that we serve and do *ministry*. *Ministry* is prayerful and focused on serving the Lord. *Ministry* builds community and fellowship. *Ministry* welcomes everyone with open arms.

When you answer the call to *serve*, you accept that you don't just belong to the church, but the church belongs to you!

Julia Keller, Congregational Council President



October Birthdays

10/05 Leah Gibson
 10/05 Lucas Gibson
 10/05 Aliyah Najjar
 10/05 Marsha Zielinski
 10/06 Becky Manross
 10/07 Lori Davey
 10/07 Gerda
 Smida-Weaver
 10/08 Chad LaRue
 10/09 Kathy Eklov
 10/09 Lori Wackerman
 10/12 Brent Russell
 10/13 Kaye Gietzen
 Philip
 10/18 Will Kahl
 10/21 Matt Schick
 10/24 Katie Peterson
 10/26 Joey Beyer
 10/27 Len Hammond
 10/31 Meghan Sommers

Trunk or Treat – October 18

Join us for Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 18th at 7:00 pm. We'll trick or treat in the parking lot, enjoy some refreshments and the haunted trail at dusk.



Sign up to pass out treats from your trunk and/or donate candy near the display in the Gathering Space.

Youth Lock-In - October 18

Youth grades 5 and up are invited to a lock-in on October 18-19th.

We will begin our time together by helping with trunk or treat, so costumes are welcome. Meet at the church by 6:45 pm for a scary (not too scary) good time.

Reformation Dinner – October 27



Reformation Dinner
 October 27th,
 following the 10:30 service

Brats/Hot dogs, German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut and Black Forest Cake will be provided.

Dinner is free but monetary donations will be gratefully accepted.

Hymn Sing @ Village Manor – October 15 @ 6:00 PM



All are invited to participate in our monthly Hymn Sing at Village Manor (9501 E. Highland Rd in Howell) on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:00 PM.

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



October Anniversaries

October 15th
Don & Linda Lawrence

October 22nd
Matt & Liesl Schick

October 22nd
Marcus & Michelle
Hemeyer

October 24th
Todd & Jeanette Russell

October 26th
Anthony & Judy Kniaz

October 26th
Scott & Carol Taggart

October 29th
Tom & Lori Wackerman

Oct 30th
Mike & Michelle Bernardin

October 30th
Martin & Janene Scherzer

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - November 10

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 11:30 AM

Our 2019 All Saints Annual Meeting will be held on November 10th immediately after our 10:30 AM worship service. We will elect council chairs and discuss the upcoming 2020 budget.

Annual reports will be available the first of November for your review prior to the meeting.

Please plan to attend worship on November 13th and participate in the annual meeting.

Consecration Sunday Is Coming - November 3

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 continues with 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 a *God Loves a Cheerful Giver*, our 2020 Commitment 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.

Men-in-Mission - Saturday, October 26 @ 10:00 AM

All Saints Men-in-Mission group is back in full swing this Fall. The group will meet at All Saints at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 26th.

All men are invited to come for fellowship and some good discussion. Bring a neighbor!

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MEN IN MISSION

The Bricks are Coming, The Bricks are Coming!!!

After a long hiatus we are finally up and running. **Yes**, once again it is time to purchase Bricks for the Memorial Garden. For as little as \$100 you can have your name or that of someone you love "written in stone".

Engraved bricks can commemorate births, thanksgivings, baptisms, passing of a love one, weddings, and anniversaries: the celebrations of life. Personalized bricks are the perfect permanent gift for special people and special occasions. Meanwhile, your gift to the Memorial Garden will enable All Saints to provide a place for meditation, remembering and healing.

Forms will be available on the information counter. Completed forms can be mailed or put in the offering plate at church. Please mark your check "**Buy A Brick**" in the memo section. An order will be placed when we reach at least 10 requests. One 8"x 8" brick will cost \$200 for 6 lines and one 4"x 6" brick will cost \$100 for 3 lines. We would like to have the bricks in the ground by the end of October.

For more information contact Louise Holtz at 248-889-3040.

Cookie Walk News

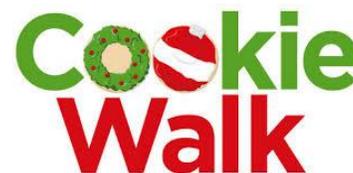
Mark your calendars - December 7 will be our 11th annual Cookie Walk!

This is a wonderful church and community event that many people look forward to and attend every year.

Money raised in past years has given us the opportunity to give generous donations to Love, Inc., help our church youth attend summer camp, purchase gas cards to give to people in need, purchase materials to make blankets for babies in neonatal care and purchase materials to build a handicap ramp for a parishioner in need. We have also purchased many items for the church including computer software, office chairs, dishwasher, kitchen countertop, LED lightbulbs, altar linens and paraments, materials for a new deck on the parish house, the large nativity we use every Christmas, and more.

This event is a success because of all of you! We can't do it without your cookie donations, so we are again asking for at least 6 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies. If you love to bake, make 6 dozen of your favorite two cookies! You can make and freeze them now! We will again put recipes in the Herald in the coming weeks.

Please help us make this year's cookie walk the best ever!



They Need Our Help – Student Pantry

Hartland High School has an ongoing need for food items for the student pantry. This pantry has been set up for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, no student is turned away. The students have access to food to take home during the evenings, weekends & breaks. Their need is great!

Items needed: peanut butter crackers sandwiches, cheese cracker sandwiches, meat sticks, trail mix, juice boxes, squeezable applesauce pouches, soups with pullback top, men's/women's deodorant, and microwavable meals (NO Mac & Cheese).

Bring items to church by Sunday, October 13th. Thank you!

Our Promise to Baptized Children

We will be having a baptism October 13 and while many of us are very familiar with the service, I wonder if we truly understand how we as The All Saints Family should be acting when we promise to support this child and this family. Before the Sunday School welcomes the 3 year old child, we should also make welcome babies and young toddlers, with their sounds and actions, since we can't expect them to be silent and still! Our PrayGround is one step in the right direction.

From an article in the June issue of Living Lutheran

Supporting the needs of the parents of young children may include meal deliveries, baby-sitting connections, a nursery during special services, perhaps Bible Study times for parents and infants.

We also promise to pray for this new member of our congregation and their families. Keep this in mind during your prayer time.

All families need support and encouragement in their busy, pressured lives. Our congregation has opportunity to nurture and love them.

Delight in the blessing of the youngest as well as the oldest.

Synod Leadership Training Opportunities

As part of the "Rise Up Campaign", the Southeast Michigan Synod is offering Leadership Training Workshops to all members of the Lutheran churches in the Synod. If you are interested in any of the workshop topics and would like to attend, please email b.fisher@semisynod.com to register for any or all of the workshops.

October 19, 2019 - Cross Generational Learning & Worship
Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Bloomfield Hills
Ms. Michelle Ketepa

November 16, 2019 - Storytelling for Faith Sharing
Lutheran Church of the Master, Troy
Pastor Paul Walters

Ladies Luncheon – October 7

All ladies are invited to our next monthly luncheon at **59 West** Monday, October 7th at noon. **59 West** is located at 786 Highland Rd (west of Milford Rd) in Highland.

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.

Sunday School – GROSS!

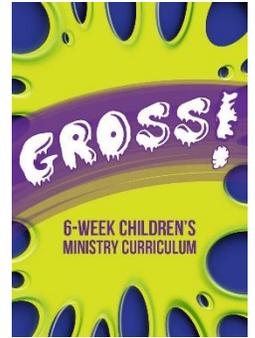
GROSS!

is the theme for Sunday School during October.

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!



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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



All Saints Council Meeting – August 8, 2019

Below are the highlights of the All Saints Congregational Council meeting held on August 8, 2019. A copy of the complete meeting minutes are available in the office.

Monthly committee meetings will be held after the 10:30 service on the 3rd Sunday of the month in September, October & November. All are welcome to attend.

The Annual Meeting will be held November 10th after the 10:30 service.

All bills are paid up to date.

Consecration Sunday is November 3rd. New pledge card was approved.

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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Please Pray For

Prayer Requests

Prayer requests can be forwarded to: office@myallsaints.com; or call Karen Walker at 517.546.4948; 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
Allison Bars – God-daughter of LouAnne Audette
Andrew Cline – son of Patti Nicolo
Barbara VanRenterghem – mother of Kathy Eklov
Carl Bruckner – friend of Patti Nicolo
Diana Edmundson – friend of Patti Nicolo
Don Holtz
Don MacDonald
Heather – daughter of Bill & Sue Horn
Lou Prine
Lynn Moffat – friend of Patti Nicolo
Michael Certo – son of friend of Patti Nicolo
Pam Munroe – Jan Martin’s daughter-in-law’s aunt
Phillip Cook II – son of Sue Horn
Rene & Peggy Staeb – friends of Randy & Laura Smith
Robert Hutter – son of Karen Walker’s friend
Tom & Jackie Hoffman – brother and sister-in-law of Mike Hoffman