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# The Communicator

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

## 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 are available on the Information Table for your review prior to the meeting.

Please plan to attend worship on November 10<sup>th</sup> and participate in the annual meeting.

## Consecration Sunday – 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 asked 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 encouraged everyone to join us for a celebration luncheon following service that day.

Thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

## Men-in-Mission – Saturday, November 23 @ 10:00 AM

All Saints Men-in-Mission group will meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. All men are invited to come for fellowship and some good discussion. Bring a neighbor!

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MEN IN MISSION

## 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**  
Council President

**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**  
Property

**Suzanne Compton**  
**Sue LaRoy**  
Social Concerns and  
Health Ministry

**Rick Mann**  
**Julie Markwart**  
Worship & Music

## Hymn Sing @ Village Manor – November 19 @ 6:00 PM



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

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

## Thanksgiving Baskets



Thanksgiving is coming soon and we are once again collecting food and money for Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets. Our goal is to provide 20 dinners, to be given to needy families from area schools.

Please sign up on the board in the Gathering Space and make this Thanksgiving a blessing for those in need! Donations need to be brought by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Thanksgiving Worship

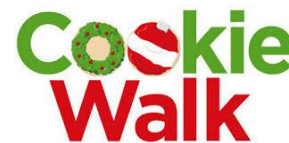
All are invited to attend the Community Thanksgiving Service at Hardy United Methodist Church (6510 E. Highland Road in Howell) on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

## All Saints Annual Cookie Walk – December 7

This year's cookie walk will be on Saturday, December 7. 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.

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



## Synod Leadership Training Opportunity

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 attending the workshop, *Storytelling for Faith Sharing* at Lutheran Church of the Master in Troy with Pastor Paul Walters on November 16<sup>th</sup>, please email [b.fisher@semisynod.com](mailto:b.fisher@semisynod.com) to register.

**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

*Looking Ahead...*



Yes, Christmas is coming! For the Black Friday shoppers among us, the Christmas Angel Tree (for needy children in our area) will be up on November 24.

Be ready to pick your "angel(s)" and shop till you drop!

*Sunday School - COOKING WITH JESUS*

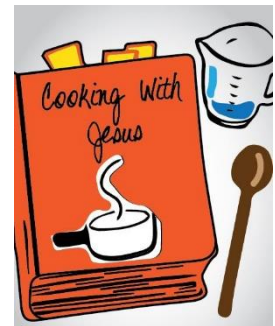
**COOKING WITH JESUS**

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!



*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 24th. Put your order and payment in the offering plate.

Thank you.

*Emergency Contact Information*

We continue to update the 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.



### 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



### October Anniversaries

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

### Advent and Christmas Decorating - November 24

The annual decorating of our Sanctuary and Narthex will take place on November 24<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.



### Mid-Week Advent Services

2019 Mid- week Advent Services will begin Wednesday, December 4<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.

### 2019-2020 Advent, Christmas, Epiphany

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

- December 1 – *The Blessing of Blessing*
- December 8 – *The Blessing of Mary*
- December 15 – *The Blessing of Wonder*  
10:30 am worship includes Christmas Program
- December 22 – *The Blessing of Joy*

#### **Midweek Advent – each Wednesday, December 4, 11 and 18**

- 1:00 pm – *The Gift of the Nutcracker*
- 6:30 pm – Soup & Sandwich Supper
- 7:00 pm – *The Gift of the Nutcracker*
- 7:30 pm – Holden Evening Prayer
  - Dec 04 – *Waiting for Christmas*
  - Dec 11 – *A Godfather’s Love*
  - Dec 18 – *Changing Perspective*

**December 24** – Christmas Eve Worship  
Holy Communion and Candlelight at both services  
*The Blessing of the Christ Child*  
4:30 pm and 10:30 pm

**December 25** – No worship services

**December 29** – First Sunday of Christmas  
Service of Lessons and Carols  
8:30 am and 10:30 am

**Sunday, January 5, 2020** – Epiphany  
*The Everlasting Light*  
8:30 am and 10:30 am



### Advent Potlucks start December 4

Please join us each Wednesday evening in Advent (December 4, 11 & 18) 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.



## 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

### Advent Adventures – November 24

All are welcome to participate in this opportunity to learn about Advent by making a wreath and other crafts for yourself or for gifts for that special friend or neighbor.

Projects are for all ages. Sample projects for your viewing and sign-up sheets will be available on the Information Table in the next week or so.

WHEN: Sunday, November 24 following the 10:30 worship service.  
 A light lunch will be provided. Free will offering.

### Save the Date – January 2, 2020



January 2, 2020 (Thursday), Noon-6pm

American Red Cross Blood Drive  
 at All Saints Lutheran Church

The holiday need is great. Please plan to donate, and help as you are able.

### AmazonSmile Donates to All Saints

You shop. Amazon gives.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Select All Saints Lutheran Church in Hartland MI (be sure to pick the correct All Saints as there are many). Then shop and All Saints will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases!

### 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 located 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.

Name	Ministry	E-mail	Phone	Mail Box #
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Julia Keller	Council, President	jkrew10@yahoo.com	248-931-5622	7

*Staff/Support Contact List*

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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



*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  
Danny Cox – nephew of Patti Nicolo  
Debbie Barone – sister of Jacquie Read  
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  
Patti Nicolo  
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  
Wendy’s ex-husband – ex-husband of Mim Zurn’s daughter