

# All Saints Lutheran Church

Welcoming all who yearn to encounter God and who long to follow Jesus more closely.

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A regional Church.....serving Brighton, Commerce Township, Davisburg, Fenton, Grand Blanc, Hartland, Highland, Holly, Howell, Linden, Lyon Township, Milford, South Lyon, Union Lake, Walled Lake, Waterford, White Lake, Wixom and always expanding.

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### Office Hours

Pastor is available by phone to schedule appointments or for emergencies.

MARCH 17, 2024  
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ALL SAINTS AT 10:00 AM

HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SAINTS IS OPEN TO ALL CHRISTIANS  
WHO PUT THEIR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR LORD AND SAVIOR.

### Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are here! Please fill out a Pew Card located in the seat pocket in the chair in front of you. Let us know how we may serve you. Keep the top half as a gift bookmark. Drop the bottom half in the offering plate or hand it to an usher before you leave. We hope that you will join us again for worship!

### Sunday Morning Coffee

All are welcome to meet for coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am before Sunday worship service.



### All Saints Worship on Video

All Saints has returned to in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Our worship services are also available online. Go to our website: [www.myallsaints.com](http://www.myallsaints.com) for the link to view live stream or by video.

### Easter Egg Hunt – March 31

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt immediately following Easter Service. We will collect donations of individually wrapped treats and other goodies to fill the eggs. The church has a supply of eggs to be stuffed if you would like to take some home to fill. All eggs and goodies need to be turned in by Palm Sunday. There will be a collection box in the gathering space.



### Wednesday Mid-Week Lenten Service – 7:30 pm



Wednesday evening worship during Lent begins February 21st through March 20th at 7:30 pm.

Come early Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm to enjoy a Potluck Dinner at Church. Please bring soup, salad, sandwiches, chips, dessert—whatever you can and are moved to share. Pastor will lead discussion during dinner and follow with a brief Taize service at 7:30 pm.

### Holy Week Worship at All Saints

3/24 Palm Sunday – Worship at 10:00 AM  
3/28 Maundy Thursday – Worship at 7:30 PM  
3/29 Good Friday – Worship at 7:30 PM  
3/31 Easter Sunday – Worship at 10:00 AM



### Easter Sunday Activities

Join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate God's greatest sacrifice with a morning of meaningful events for you and your family including:

Coffee and Fellowship at **9:30AM**

- Join us for coffee and conversation at the *Water into Coffee Café*

Service Begins at **10:00AM**

- Pastor Denise Russell's special Easter message
- LIVE Kids Puppet Show (during service)

Following Worship Service (**approximately 11:00AM**)

- Bounce House (weather permitting)
- Egg Hunt
- Treats and Snacks

All are welcome!

### **Readings for Week of March 17**

Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33
Monday	Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 43:8-13 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Tuesday	Psalm 119:9-16 Isaiah 44:1-8 Acts 2:14-24
Wednesday	Psalm 119:9-16 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23 John 12:34-50
Thursday	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Philippians 2:1-11
Friday	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:1-9 Philippians 2:12-18
Saturday	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Jeremiah 33:10-16 Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

### **THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS:**

#### **Sunday, March 17**

8:45 AM Confirmation Class  
9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
11:00 AM Adult Sunday School

#### **Monday, March 18**

6:30 Boy Scouts Meeting

#### **Tuesday, March 19**

#### **Wednesday, March 20**

10:00 AM Bible Study  
1:00 PM No Book Study  
2:00 PM No Evangelism Book Study

#### **Thursday, March 21**

#### **Friday, March 22**

5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

#### **Saturday, March 23**

#### **Our Daily Bread**

Enjoy a copy of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional booklet (March through May) that are available on the Information table in the Narthex. All free will donations will be given to its creators to help them maintain and further this valuable ministry.

### **New Member Class**

The Evangelism Committee is pleased to announce that a New Member class will take place on Sunday, March 24, 2024 after the Palm Sunday worship service. Pastor Denise will facilitate this brief orientation meeting in the narthex over coffee. We will subsequently welcome our new members at worship on Sunday, April 7, and ask them to join the Welcome to Spring potluck hosted by Congregational Life immediately following worship. (New members do not need to bring anything to the potluck.) A sign-up sheet is on the counter in the narthex. You can also sign up by calling the church office and leaving a message at 248-887-8060. Contact Pastor Denise or Julia Keller 248-931-5622 with any questions.

### **Youth Activities at All Saints**

Starting on Friday, April 5, we will have an activity for youth (upper elementary through high school) on the First Friday of the month. These activities will include outings, service projects, campfires and whatever else we can dream up together. The goal is to create a welcome place for all of the kids of this age, and to have fun! You are encouraged to bring friends too!



The first event will be a trip to the Escape Room in Brighton! The cost per person is \$30. (If you need help with the cost, the church can always help out) In order to reserve our spot, we need to pay ahead. We plan to meet at the Escape Room at 7:15 PM. (Rides to be arranged.) Afterwards, we will go to Aubree's for pizza.

See signup sheet on the counter in the Gathering Space.

### **Evangelism Book Club**

The Evangelism Book Group seeks to learn more about our neighbors, and how we can share God's love with them. We are starting a new book in April, and all are welcome to join us! We meet on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm in the Library, with Pastor Diane facilitating.



The book is called "Love Without Limits" - here is quick summary:  
Our world feels more divided than ever. Polarizing politics, racial violence, economic inequity, sickness and suffering continue to leave us grappling with the loss of civility, respect, unity, and hope. Many of us question whether it's possible to cultivate a love big, revolutionary, and radical enough to overthrow hate and heal hurt. Award-winning author and public theologian Jacqueline A. Bussie not only believes it's possible--she knows it's the only path.  
Sign up today!

### **Wednesday Bible Study and Book Studies**

Wednesday morning Bible Study 10:00 am, No Book Study or Evangelism Book Study until after Easter. All are welcome.



### **Prayer Requests & Updates**

Prayer requests can be forwarded to: [office@myallsaints.com](mailto:office@myallsaints.com); or call Julie Markwart at 248-887-9513 or email Julie at [j.markwart@comcast.net](mailto:j.markwart@comcast.net).

### **Opportunity for meaningful community giving during Lent**

Prayer, fasting and charity or service are classic Lutheran Lenten practices. (All Saints, you are so good at charity and service within our community.) Social Concerns felt it fitting to offer a way to participate in charity and service to those in our community who have been victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual abuse through supporting LACASA.

LACASA Center is the only agency of its kind in Michigan-and one of just a few in the nation-that provides all services for abuse victims and survivors under one roof.

They have many needs but we will be focusing on eight items. Please consider 2x or 3x sizes for the clothing.

- LETS bus tokens
- \$10-\$25 gift cards for gas or groceries
- Adult Pajamas
- White T-Shirts all sizes
- Long Sleeve T-Shirts all sizes
- Women's underwear all sizes
- Crewneck Sweatshirts for Men, Women, and children all sizes
- Diapers Sizes 5 and 6

The board and the collection table will be in the sanctuary. We will be collecting the items from Ash Wednesday through Easter.

It is because of people like you, their grassroots supporters, that they are able to provide all victims services at no charge. As always, your donation stays local and helps victims and survivors right here.

Contact Jennifer Hardy at 810-335-3584 or [hardyjennifer35@yahoo.com](mailto:hardyjennifer35@yahoo.com)

### **WANTED: TABS from cans –**



pop/soda/beer/energy drinks, etc. You get the idea, right? Please continue to bring your tabs to All Saints in

support of Emelia Clements, granddaughter of Bill and Rosemarie. There is a jar on the Information Table for collection. Ask your friends and neighbors to save them too! What an easy and fun way to show we care!

### **Faith Study: Lutheran Trump Cards**



Join us the first Thursday of the month, Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm at Hartland Brewing Company.

About Lutheran Trump Cards:

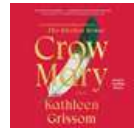
Many Lutherans aren't sure how to articulate for themselves what they believe. In a clear, easy to read and useful style, Lutheran Trump Cards give 13 ideas (Ace through Two of our Lutheran "suit") on how these concepts help us understand and articulate our faith in today's world.

Perhaps no book is as accessible and useful for people who share a Lutheran background and want to make sense of and find ways to graciously share their faith in today's world.

Questions? Contact Liesl Schick or Sonja Markwart

### **Fiction Book Group**

Our group meets at church the second Tuesday of each month, at 3 PM. All are welcome to join and if you have any questions please contact Milissa Schmantowsky, 248-420-8756. April 9th we will discuss "Crow Mary" by Kathleen Grissom. We would love to have you join us!



### **Adult Sunday School**



Adult Sunday School is held each week after Service in the library. Our sessions usually consist of a bit of education and background on the Bible character in question, followed by a good amount of group discussion. If you might be interested in a broader

understanding of everything Biblical, consider joining us. Contact Ralph Flatt for book information and questions at 248-242-4736.

### **Prayer Corner: How Can I Pray for You?**



We are making a change to the prayer corner volunteers, we are inviting everyone that feels comfortable praying with and for another to become a part of this revised ministry.

Previously, there has been a trained Stephen Minister available to pray with during communion and after service ends. Instead, we would like to open up this ministry to others with a heart for praying.

Interested? Feel God tugging on your heart to participate? This is your invitation to participate!! Come, join us!

Connect with Lou Prine, Judy or Gordy Peterson. We will provide answers, support and some practical "how to" tips to prepare you to be a part of this new team. Current members will continue in this role as well.

### **Simply Giving®**

The Simply Giving® program endorsed by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans 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. It is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. To enroll, please fill out the Authorization Form and turn it into the office.



### **Worship Participants – March 17**

Bill Lane – Video  
 Carol Fletcher – Usher  
 Cheryl Rossello – Assisting Minister  
 Cheryl Taylor – Greeter  
 Colby Gibson – Basket Holder  
 Deb Curcuru – Sacristan  
 Gail McIntosh – Usher and counter  
 Gary LaRoy – Sound  
 Jennifer Hardy – Acolyte and Basket Holder  
 Judy Peterson – Prayer Corner  
 Julia Keller – Counter  
 Lori Wackerman – Sunday School Teacher  
 Margaret MacDonald – Communion Assistant  
 Shannon Hammond – Worship Coordinator  
 Sonja Markwart – Lector and Communion Assistant

***Need – Visitor Support***

### **Worship Participants – March 24**

Bill Lane – Communion Assistant  
 Deb Curcuru – Lector  
 Doris Appleton – Greeter  
 Gail McIntosh – Communion Assistant  
 Jenny LaRue – Sunday School Teacher  
 Judy Peterson – Assisting Minister & Visitor Support  
 Julia Keller – Sound  
 Kevin Flatt – Video  
 Leah Gibson – Acolyte & Basket Holder  
 Margaret MacDonald – Sacristan  
 Richard Sommers – Usher  
 Shannon Hammond – Prayer Corner  
 Sharyn Sommers – Worship Coordinator & Usher & Counter  
 Sonja Markwart – Counter

***Need – Basket Holder***