

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
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AUGUST 3, 2025
8TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

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 worships in-person on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Our worship services are also available online. Go to our website: www.myallsaints.com for the link to view live stream or by video.

Pastoral Emergency Care

Call Pastor Diane at 989-262-9878 for emergency care this week.

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.

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. August 12, we will discuss "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult. We would love to have you join us!

To Envelope or to Not Envelope - That is the Question!



Many of us are making online offerings, but All Saints still provides offering envelopes for those who prefer cash or checks. Next year's envelope boxes will be in the gathering space for pickup in mid-December. If you would like envelopes but didn't have them this year, please let me know. Or, if you had envelopes this year but no longer need them, please let me know so we don't waste them. Thanks! Sue LaRoy, Financial Secretary
(248) 240-0895
susan.laroy@comcast.net

Lunch Bunch Tuesday, August 19



All ladies and men are invited to the next monthly luncheon at Highland House on Tuesday, August 19, at noon. Yes, men are welcome and can have their own table. Highland House is located at 2630 E. Highland Road, Highland, MI. Please RSVP to Carol Fletcher at 810-623-6128. There is also a signup sheet in the Gathering Space. Come enjoy some fellowship, good conversation, delicious food, and get to know someone a little bit better.

Readings for Week of August 3

Sunday	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21
Monday	Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 2:1-17 Colossians 3:18---4:1
Tuesday	Psalm 127 Psalm 60 Ecclesiastes 3:16---4:8 Colossians 4:2-6
Wednesday	Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14 Luke 12:22-31
Thursday	Psalm 33:12-22 Job 21:1-16 Romans 9:1-9
Friday	Psalm 33:12-22 Ecclesiastes 6:1-6 Acts 7:1-8
Saturday	Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 11:27-32 Matthew 6:19-24

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS:

Sunday, August 3

9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday, August 4

Tuesday, August 5

Wednesday, August 6

Thursday, August 7

Friday, August 8

5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, August 9

Church Income and Expenses

For your information, below is a monthly synopsis of giving and expenses since the start of the year:

We extend a challenge to everyone to try increasing giving by 10% for a few months.

	<u>Offerings</u> <u>& other</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
<u>2025</u>			
Jan	\$36,730	\$24,776	
Feb	\$22,163	\$25,594	
March	\$22,432	\$26,157	
April	\$19,975	\$21,122	
May	\$17,760	\$19,224	
June	\$22,783	\$20,635	



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Lutheran Disaster Response

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike.

With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will support people affected by the catastrophic flooding in Texas and any other disasters that may strike this season.



Gifts designated to "U.S. Flooding" will be used in full (100%) for those affected by flooding in the United States.

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to "**pray, pray, pray** for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property." Merciful God, hear our prayer.

As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood.

May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.

[Give Now](#)

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

To give by phone, call **800-638-3522**. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Checks or money orders can be mailed to:

**Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

Prayer Corner:
How Can I Pray for You?



On Sunday mornings a Stephen Minister is available in The Prayer Corner during communion to pray for you. We would like to expand this ministry by inviting other volunteers with a heart for praying with and for another to join this team. Interested? Feel God tugging on your heart to participate? Come, join our current members in this ministry!

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 team.

CHECK WITH THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS!

ACOLYTE
ALTAR GUILD
ASSISTING MINISTER
BASKET HOLDER
CLEAN TEAM
COMMUNION ASSISTANT
GREETER
LECTOR
PRAYER CORNER
SACRISTAN
SOUND
USHER
VIDEO
VISITOR SUPPORT
WORSHIP COORDINATOR

Need Volunteers for Coffee Crew



We're looking for folks to come in by 9:00 AM to start the coffee and hot water. Directions for coffee making are available. We are also looking for folks to clean up after worship. Please let Leni know if you can help or there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space.

Huge Fundraising Opportunity
Michigan Renaissance Festival

All Saints is being asked to volunteer to serve beer, wine and pre-mixed cocktails at the Michigan Renaissance Festival in Holly again this year. **The dates are Saturday and Sunday, August 16,-17, August 23-24, September 6-7, and September 26, 27, and 28.**



Food Pantry Update

Our congregation has fed the hungry in so many ways through the years and one of those was our food pantry in the Narthex, a wonderful way to help those close to home. As times have changed and our building is not accessible to the public on most days we find that our own food pantry is not the useful tool it once was. The food expires, food banks will not accept it and the food goes to waste. We want to be good stewards of our resources and have decided to close our own food pantry here at All Saints but encourage our congregation to donate directly to those who regularly distribute to those in need.

We will continue to hold food drives and offer opportunities for our congregation to volunteer in other ways to feed those in need.

If you have items you would like to donate we suggest the following organizations who do an exceptional job of doing God's work.

- Gleaners 5924 Sterling Drive Howell Mi. 48843
- Community Sharing 400 Beach Farm Circle Highland Mi. 48356

Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat – October 18th!



Join us for a fun-filled evening as we partner with Little Saints Christian School for Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 18th!** This event is open to our congregation, school families, and the entire community. We're currently in the **planning**

stages and need volunteers to help make it all happen. Check out the **sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space (Narthex)** to see where you can pitch in. See a member of our church council for more information.

Let's make this a night to remember—full of faith, fun, and fellowship!

Our Daily Bread

Enjoy a copy of the "Our Daily Bread" devotional booklet that is 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. July through September booklets are now available.

Save the Date - Adopt-a-Highway
Saturday, September 27

Our next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up date is Saturday, September 27, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help clean up our stretch of Highland Road. See Donna Sanglier for more information.



Hello Congregation,

My name is John Jamieson, and I am seeking a kidney from a living donor. I have battled end stage kidney failure for the past four years, continuing to pray and hope I will find a way to continue my life. I'd like to see my son continue to grow up, support my faith-strong wife, and eventually return to work to contribute to society.

I hope you would prayerfully consider reaching out to folks you know and tell them my story (or have them call me 586-354-0901) I would appreciate it.

Those interested in kidney donation can find all the information at the U of M Transplant website at UofMhealth.org and search for "living kidney donation" or call 1-800-333-9013.



Prayer Requests & Updates

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

Worship Participants – August 3

Carol Fletcher - Usher
Cheryl Taylor - Greeter
Colby Gibson – Basket Holder
Donna Sanglier – Counter, Sacristan
Jennifer Hardy – Communion Assistant
Joanne Kindred – Counter
John Jamieson - Sound
Judy Peterson – Prayer Corner, Visitor Support, Worship Coord
Ken Stuef - Video
Leah Gibson – Acolyte, Basket Holder
Milissa Schmantowsky – Communion Assistant
Ralph Flatt – Lector
Sonja Markwart - Usher
Sue Stuef – Assisting Minister

Save the Date: Church Picnic at Settler's Park!

Mark your calendars and get ready for some good old-fashioned fellowship and fun! Our **Church Picnic** is happening on **Sunday, August 17th** at the **pavilion in Settler's Park**, right next to the Hartland Township offices.

We'll gather after worship for a relaxed afternoon of food, laughter, and community. The church will provide **hot dogs, buns, and all the fixings**, and we invite you to bring a **dish to pass**. There's a **sign-up sheet in the Narthex/Gathering Space**—let us know what you're bringing so we can plan accordingly!



What to Bring:

Your **own table settings** (plates, utensils, napkins, etc.)

A **lawn chair or blanket** to relax on

Outdoor games, bikes, or anything fun for the park

A joyful spirit and maybe a friend or neighbor!

Settler's Park features **public restrooms**, a **playground for the kids**, and **walking/biking trails** for anyone who wants to stretch their legs or take a scenic stroll.



Let's soak up the sunshine, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate the blessings of our church family. We can't wait to see you there!

Worship Participants – August 10

Bill Clements – Greeter, Usher
Carol Fletcher– Counter
Deb Curcuru – Lector, Sacristan
Gary LaRoy - Video
Harlow Wheeler – Basket Holder
Herm Markwart – Counter, Usher
Jo Ellyn Bernardin –Worship Coordinator
Judy Peterson – Communion Assistant
Julia Keller – Assisting Minister, Visitor Support
Margaret MacDonald – Communion Assistant
Milissa Schmantowsky – Prayer Corner
Rosemarie Clements – Greeter
Sue LaRoy - Sound
Vivienne Wheeler – Acolyte, Basket Holder