

# All Saints Lutheran Church

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

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## The Herald

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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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DECEMBER 21, 2025  
4TH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT

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.mysaints.com](http://www.mysaints.com) for the link to view live stream or by video.

### 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.

### 2025 ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, EPIPHANY

#### **Sunday Advent Services-10:00 am**

November 30 *The Light of Hope*  
December 7 *The Light of Peace*  
December 14 *The Light of Joy*  
December 21 *The Light of Love*

#### **Midweek Advent – Each Wednesday**

6:30 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper  
7:00 pm *The Voices of Advent*  
7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer  
12/03 *The Voice of John the Baptist*  
12/10 *The Voice of Mary and Zechariah*  
12/17 *The Voices of Angels and Prophets*

#### **Christmas Eve -Dec 24**

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*  
7:00 pm  
Children's Christmas Play  
With Communion and Candlelight



#### **December 28, 2025 Christmas 1**

10:00 am Service of Lesson & Carols

### Cookies needed – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Congregational Life would like to serve cookies on Christmas Eve following the candlelight service, so if you have cookies you would like to donate they would be welcomed.

### **Readings for Week of December 21**

Sunday Psalm 80:3-7, 17-19  
Matthew 1:18-25

Monday 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Genesis 17:15-22  
Galatians 4:8-20

Tuesday 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Genesis 21:1-21  
Galatians 4:21---5:1

Wednesday 1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Genesis 37:2-11  
Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:1-20

Friday Psalm 148  
Wisdom 4:7-15  
Acts 7:59---8:8

Saturday Psalm 148  
Proverbs 8:22-31  
1 John 5:1-12

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

#### **Sunday, December 21**

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

#### **Monday, December 22**

#### **Tuesday, December 23**

6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting

#### **Wednesday, December 24**

#### **Thursday, December 25**

#### **Friday, December 26**

5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

#### **Saturday, December 27**

### **Financial Update**

Thank you all for supporting the mission of All Saints Lutheran Church with your financial offerings. To keep everyone informed of our income and expenses, the following summarizes the previous month's numbers followed by the Year to Date (YTD) summary.

2025

Nov Income = \$17,400

Nov Expenses = \$21,064

YTD Income = \$233,724

YTD Expenses = \$238,806

### **Amazon Smile Donates to All Saints**

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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!



### **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).

### **Kroger Community Rewards Program**

Did you know that Kroger will donate annually to All Saints based on our percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations?



All you have to do is create an account on Kroger.com. Then under MY ACCOUNT select Community Rewards. Choose All Saints (organization number NJ909) and SAVE your selection.

Now going forward any transactions using the Shopper's number associated to your digital account will be applied to the Community Rewards program at no cost to you! What a great and easy way to support the mission of All Saints!

### **Call Committee Update**

The Call Committee is finalizing the form that will be sent to the Synod. This latest version will be sent to the Committee first for final approval very soon. We expect to have the form submitted to the Synod Office before the end of the month.

Once that form is submitted, the timing is out of our control, as we will wait for the Synod to reach out with potential candidates. Please be patient, as we expect there will be a span of time without news.

Also, we will be updating the Council each month, and starting in January, the congregation will be seeing the Council Meeting highlights in the Herald, so you will be kept apprised of updates that way, or more immediately when there is news.

### **Computer Updates**

Our churches computer network and software is now outdated and not supported. To prevent any security risks, it needs to be upgraded. Cost is estimated at \$3000. Any donations would be appreciated. Please consider your Thrivent dollars.



### **Articles for the Herald**

If you would like to add an article to the Herald please get it to the office on Wednesday by noon. This will ensure it gets sent to the congregation on Friday.

### **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.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**Adult Sunday School class** meets right after service **(11:00 am)** in the church library.



The class does: book studies, Biblical studies, looks at Old and New Testament history, and also dives deeper into Bible and textual formation. Please consider joining us.

Thanks. Call if you have any questions: 248-242-4736.

Ralph Flatt

### **Need Volunteers for Coffee Crew**

Our coffee crew is a very important job and we could use some help. 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. There is also a need for volunteers to bring a snack to go with the coffee. Lastly, we need help after worship to be the coffee cleanup crew. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Gathering Space.

### **Upcoming Blood Drive**

All Saints' next blood drive is Monday, December 29th, from noon-6pm. The need for blood continues to be great - please consider donating blood!

**GIVE BLOOD**



**SAVE LIFE**

You can sign up to donate

at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Click "Find a Drive," enter the church's zip code (48353) and page down to find our drive.

Or, if you prefer, contact Deb Curcuru for

help signing up. Tell your friends, and let's fill our drive to capacity!

All Saints has a tradition of offering fresh pie for donors. Some of our donors choose our drive because of our reputation for delicious pies! Please consider donating your favorite pie to help us say "Thank you for giving the gift of life"!

Volunteers are always needed. Opportunities include:

Set up from 11am-noon

Welcome and help donors sign-in, two shifts 11:45am-3pm and 2:45-6pm

Serve pie and beverages to donors as they recover in the cantina, again we have two shifts, noon-3pm and 3-6pm and Clean up from 6-7pm.

Signup sheets for pies and volunteers are on the counter in the gathering space.

### **Worship Participants – December 21**

Bill Clements –Usher

Bill Lane – Communion Assistant, Greeter

Cheryl Rossello – Lector

Donna Sanglier –Counter, Sacristan

Gail McIntosh –Usher

Gary LaRoy – Sound

Jennifer Hardy – Acolyte, Basket Holder

JoAnne Kindred – Counter

Jo Elyn Bernardin – Visitor Support

Ken Stuef – Video

Milissa Schmantowsky – Prayer Corner

Sue Stuef – Assisting Minister

Shannon Hammond – Worship Coordinator

Sonja Markwart – Communion Assistant

Sue LaRoy – Sunday School

***Need – Basket Holder***

### **Worship Participants – December 28**

Anna Gibson – Lector

Bill Lane –Usher

Deb Curcuru – Sacristan

Elizabeth Hartford – Greeter

Elsie LaRue – Acolyte, Basket Holder

Gary LaRoy – Sound

Jennifer Hardy – Usher

Jenny LaRue – Communion Assistant

Judy Peterson –Prayer Corner, Worship Coordinator

Julia Keller – Assisting Minister, Visitor Support

Ken Hartford – Greeter

Kevin Flatt –Video

Lori Wackerman – Counter

Shannon Hammond – Communion Assistant

Suzanne Clickett – Basket Holder

Will Kahl – Counter

No Sunday School

*Be part of  
Something bigger  
Than yourself.*

**BECOME A PART OF A 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