

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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FEBRUARY 1, 2026
4TH SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

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.

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.

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.

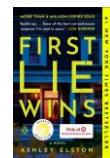
Cold Cereal Collection for Franklin Avenue Mission

We are partnering with our Little Saints Preschool collecting boxes of cold cereal from January 18th-February 8th. Cold cereal is in demand because it is shelf stable and portable, working good especially for those without a home. If you would like to participate there is a table in the gathering space near the coat rack.



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. February 10, we will discuss "First Lie Wins" by Ashley Elston. We would love to have you join us!



Valentines for Shut Ins

Supplies will be available in the Gathering Space on February 1st to make valentines for our shut-ins. Please stop before or after worship to make a few and we'll mail them out. What a wonderful way to let them know that their All Saints family is thinking of them.



Call Committee Update

Congregational Surveys are available on the counter in the narthex next to the collection box. We will be collecting them thru February 8th. Our next meeting is February 20th.

Readings for Week of February 1

Sunday	Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12
Monday	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 1:1-18 Philemon 1-25
Tuesday	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 2:1-16 James 5:1-6
Wednesday	Psalm 37:1-17 Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22 Luke 6:17-26
Thursday	Psalm 112:1-10 Deuteronomy 4:1-14 1 John 5:1-5
Friday	Psalm 112:1-10 Isaiah 29:1-12 James 3:13-18
Saturday	Psalm 112:1-10 Isaiah 29:13-16 Mark 7:1-8

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS:

Sunday, February 1

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

Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 3

6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, February 5

Friday, February 6

5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, February 7

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.

Inclement Weather

Please note that the All Saints office, preschool and all scheduled activities whether in the building or offsite are cancelled whenever Hartland Schools are cancelled due to the weather.

"A Joyful Shout Out"

This week we have a man who several people nominated for a big thank you. Without him we wouldn't be able to stream our services for those who cannot attend in person, in fact we wouldn't be able to hear service in person very well either. Recently he identified that our computer system needed to be upgraded then quietly went about updating then training staff. He isn't someone who likes the spotlight but he spends a significant amount of time using his talents to make things better here at All Saints and we wanted to give him a big thank you!



Vacation Bible School

June 15 – June 19, 2026 9:00am – Noon



Save the Date!

Watch for registration info at www.myallsaints.com

2025 Giving Statements

2025 giving statements are available for you to pick up on the counter in the narthex. If you do not see a giving statement, please check your email, as those were sent this week as well.

If you do not see your giving statement, please contact financialsecretary@myallsaints.com.

Lunch Bunch Tuesday, February 17



All ladies and men are invited to the next monthly luncheon at Cracker Barrel in Brighton on Tuesday, February 17, at noon. Yes, men are welcome and can have their own table. Cracker Barrel is located at 7925 Conference Center Drive, Brighton. Please RSVP to Linda Lawrence at 810-632-7755. 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.

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

Computer Upgrade Complete!

Yeah! We now have new computers, up to date software and associated hardware, required licenses and all else that is required to operate our church programs and office confidently and securely. Heartful thanks to all who donated to help fund the costs of these upgrades and to Gary LaRoy for doing the research to determine what was needed, finding the best price and installing it all.

Little Saints Christian Preschool

Do you have a kiddo or know someone who is looking for Preschool? If so- You're Invited!

Little Saints Christian Preschool Open House

When: Monday, January 26th 5-7:30pm

Where: Located within All Saints

Lutheran Church

12701 Highland Rd. Hartland

What: Meet & Greet with Teachers, Tour the Classrooms, Ask Questions, Enroll for Fall 2026/2027 school year

Contact

Us: LittleSaints@myallsaints.com or call 810-746-0238.

Love and Joy within you



Love isn't a state of perfect caring, it is an active noun like struggle. Loving others is sometimes so simple and easy, other times it is challenging and difficult.

Loving ourselves, well that is a whole other ball of wax now isn't it? This week I encourage you to consider how you love yourself and be aware that it might feel uncomfortable at first because we are much more comfortable loving others than ourselves. But much like the air masks that are in an airplane for emergencies, we need to care for ourselves in order to care for others. In Jeremiah 1:15 it says ", Before I formed you in the womb I knew you". You are treasured by our God who does not make mistakes but how do you treat yourself? Do you speak to yourself with love or with criticism? Do you celebrate when things go well or are you more likely to only notice when you make mistakes? I loved hearing Bishop Kreiss refer to us as "dear ones" the last time he visited All Saints. It made me feel collectively cherished and special. I looked around at those in our congregation and thought that yes, they are all so dear. But then I wondered why I need the feeling of being special to be collective, why I could not feel it singularly. This week I encourage you to be mindful of how you think and talk about yourself. Instead of berating yourself for mistakes past and present, consider how you would speak to a dear one who is struggling with those same feelings. Work on discovering the joy you have within you that is wholly yours, to delight in it and to speak to yourself with kindness and grace. Pretend you are speaking to someone you cherish, then realize that you are.

Because of God's Great Mercy

"Because of God's Great Mercy" is the title of our stewardship emphasis this year. The scriptural basis of this focus on our stewardship of all that God has entrusted into our care is I Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light."



We begin by proclaiming all that God has done for us, hence the title "Because of God's Great Mercy." God has made us God's own people. We will also consider how generous giving is an important part of every Christian's life, and how our combined generosity can make even greater things possible through our congregation.

We will think together about how our giving to All Saints is an important part of our Christian faith, and how All Saints uses our offerings to do God's work within the congregation's walls, in our community, and around the world.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will ask you to do two things. First, you will be asked to increase your giving to All Saints by at least 1/2 of 1% of your household income. Second, you will be asked to consider using either an automatic bill payment through your bank or an automatic funds transfer program that All Saints already has in place for your giving.

"Because of God's Great Mercy" will use mail, e-mail, and time in worship to share information with you. Please make a special effort to watch for material during this important time in our congregation's life.

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.

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

Dec Income - \$27,661

Dec Expenses - \$22,415

December income includes \$6000 donation from Little Saints Preschool.

YTD Income - \$261,385

YTD Expenses - \$261,221

Stay Connected with our All Saints Facebook Members Group



Church isn't just something we do on Sunday mornings—it's a community we walk through life with every day. One of the ways we're staying connected throughout the week is through our **All Saints Members Facebook Group**, and we'd love for you to be part of it.

This private, members-only group is a safe and welcoming space just for All Saints congregation members. It's a place where we can:

Share joys and accomplishments

Lift one another up through prayer requests

Ask questions, offer encouragement, and have meaningful conversations

Stay connected with what's happening in the life of our church family

If you're already part of the group—wonderful! If not, and you'd like to be included, we invite you to join us.

There will be a **sign-up sheet available**, where you can write your **Facebook name**. Once we have that, an invitation to the group will be sent your way. Participation is completely optional, but it's a simple way to stay connected, informed, and supported.

We're grateful for the many ways our congregation shows up for one another, and this is just one more way to share life together—faith, fellowship, and all.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. We're happy to help.

Worship Participants – February 1

Anna Gibson - Sunday School
Bill Lane - Video
Carol Fletcher - Usher
Cheryl Rossello - Lector
Donna Sanglier – Greeter, Sacristan
Gary LaRoy - Sound
Harlow Wheeler – Basket Holder
Jenny LaRue - Communion Assistant
Jo Ellyn Bernardin - Prayer Corner, Worship Coordinator
Judy Peterson – Assisting Minister
Lori Wackerman – Communion Assistant
Marlene Donnelly - Visitor Support
Sharyn Sommers - Counter
Sonja Markwart – Counter, Usher
Vivienne Wheeler – Acolyte, Basket Holder

Worship Participants – February 8

Bill Clements – Greeter
Bill Lane - Communion Assistant
Brad Beyer – Assisting Minister
Carol Fletcher – Counter
Donna Sanglier - Basket Holder
Gail McIntosh - Counter
Gary LaRoy –Video
Jenny LaRue – Sunday School
Joddy Wright - Basket Holder
Judy Peterson – Communion Assistant, Visitor Support
Lucas Gibson – Acolyte
Margaret MacDonald, Sacristan
Ralph Flatt – Lector
Richard Sommers – Sound, Usher
Rosemarie Clements - Greeter
Sharyn Sommers – Usher, Worship Coordinator
Suzanne Clickett – Prayer Corner