

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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MARCH 22, 2026
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 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.

All Saints Fundraiser

Dine with Sacco's on Monday, March 23rd either by dining in, carry out or by buying a digital Sacco's E-Gift Card (no promo code needed) and 20% of sales will go back to support All Saints Lutheran Church. **You will NOT need a flyer to participate, just go to the restaurant, and mention you are supporting ASLC.** That's all.



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DINE & DOUGH-NATE AND DIGITAL E-GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD
ALL DAY LONG

DINE IN WITH US. PLACE A CARRY OUT ORDER OR BUY A DIGITAL SACCO'S E-GIFT CARD ON 3.23.2026 & 20% OF ALL SALES WILL GO BACK TO SUPPORT THE ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH.

IF DINING IN ON 3.23.2026 JUST MENTION ALL SAINTS SO THEY RECEIVE CREDIT.
IF PURCHASING AN E-CARD ON 3.23.2026, SCAN THE QR OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW:
www.toasttab.com/hartland-saccos/giftcards



E-CARDS MUST BE PURCHASED ON THE DATE OF THE FUNDRAISER TO RECEIVE CREDIT. FUNDRAISER SOLICITING TO OTHER CUSTOMERS AT THE RESTAURANT ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT IS NOT ALLOWED.

Readings for Week of March 22

Sunday	Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
Monday	Psalm 143 1 Kings 17:17-24 Acts 20:7-12
Tuesday	Psalm 143 2 Kings 4:18-37 Ephesians 2:1-10
Wednesday	Psalm 143 Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 Matthew 22:23-33
Thursday	Psalm 31:9-16 1 Samuel 16:11-13 Philippians 1:1-11
Friday	Psalm 31:9-16 Job 13:13-19 Philippians 1:21-30
Saturday	Psalm 31:9-16 Lamentations 3:55-66 Mark 10:32-34

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS:

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Wednesday, March 25

6:30 PM Soup & Sandwich
7:00 PM Lenten Study
7:30 PM Lenten Taizé' Worship

Thursday, March 26

Friday, March 27

5:30 PM AA/AI-Anon Meeting

Saturday, March 28

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.

Feb Income - \$20,475
Feb Expenses - \$24,297
YTD Income - \$73,492
YTD Expenses - \$48,255

Children's Egg Hunt



Time to think Easter Eggs! All Saints has a tradition of our children gathering Easter Eggs following Easter morning service. Egg shells will be available in the gathering area, ready to be stuffed with treats by anyone who would like to take some to fill.

Candy should be individually wrapped, toys appropriate for our youngest members. Donations of goodies will also be accepted. All eggs need to be returned by Palm Sunday, March 29 and donations turned in by Sunday, April 5.

All Saints Lutheran Church T-Shirt Fundraiser

All Saints Lutheran Church is bringing our members together in a creative way by launching a new fundraiser centered around the sale of custom T-shirts. This initiative is designed not only to raise financial support, but also to strengthen congregational pride and visibility for the church's outreach efforts.

Our church, like many congregations in the Lutheran tradition, is rooted in faith, fellowship, and service. Lutheran congregations often emphasize gathering around worship, supporting one another, and living out their faith through acts of love and community involvement.

Our T-shirt fundraiser reflects that mission. We hope this project will unite our members while raising funds for ministry programs, outreach activities, and church events. You can purchase shirts to wear at services, community gatherings, and local events, helping spread our message of faith and belonging.

T-shirt samples (for sizing) and order forms will be available in the Gathering Area beginning this Sunday, February 22. Order forms and checks can be placed in the offering plate. ***The deadline for orders will be Sunday, March 29.*** We hope to do another order in the Fall. Any questions may be directed to Sue Stuef or Judy Peterson.

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 12, we will discuss "Starter Villain" by John Scalzi. We would love to have you join us!



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



All Saints has a Sunday morning Adult Education Class that meets after church at 11:10 a.m. The class covers everything from Bible studies to book studies to church history to Biblical History and more. Everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of this "faith stuff" and who has an inkling that they should know more than they do, is welcome to join. Drop in or ask Ralph Flatt for more information (248-242-4736).

On March 8th we began a new book Bible study titled: JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION. Please consider joining.

How cultivating Joy can change the World



Romans 14
We live in a world of distraction, inundated with news, much of it biased or unrelated

to our own experience yet we are supposed to grab an opinion and hold onto it. This applies to social trends, the behavior of others or of nature itself. It is overwhelming especially because somehow we are all primed to have an opinion at the ready in any conversation. How do we maintain our sanity, our energy, our joy? How do we cultivate the relationships that God calls us to cultivate instead of turning our backs on those whose opinions differ?

We do not have the same life experiences, that same upbringing, we are often not seeing the same slant on what we are judging to be right or wrong. So first and foremost, be discerning and understand that you do not have to have an opinion about everything. It does not mean you are unfeeling or unintelligent, it simply means that you are intentional about where you place your energy. That your focus is not on random judgment regarding everything but on carefully placed care and understanding of that which you can manage. Ask yourself if you have any part or power to change this situation? If so take action, if not consider that the energy and passion you have created around this is not serving anyone. It does not help, it is harmful and it leaves us overwhelmed, depleted, angry and even hopeless. It takes us further from God, from recognizing the blessings before us and how best we can respond to those around us. It also blinds us to the good in others if we do not share the same opinions.

This is not to imply that you turn a blind eye to injustice or that you stick your head in the sand, simply that you understand that you can sift through the barrage of information coming your way and choose with love, grace and the guidance of God that which matters most. There is your mission this week. To thoughtfully ask yourself if your opinion, your action, your energy is needed here. If it is then act with love and grace and if not simply let it go for those who it is meant for.

Lunch Bunch Tuesday, April 21

All ladies and men are invited to the next monthly luncheon at Sparkies Restaurant on Tuesday, April 21, at noon. Sparkies is located at 2868 Highland Rd, Highland. Please RSVP to Julia Keller at 248-931-5622. There is also a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. Come enjoy some fellowship, good conversation, delicious food, and get to know someone a little bit better.



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 sign up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space.

2026 Lent, Holy Week and Easter Schedule Sunday Services-10:00 am

Midweek Lent – Each Wednesday

6:30 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper

7:00 pm *Lenten Study-Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*

7:30 pm Lenten Taizé' Worship

February 25 *Baptism and Temptation*

March 4 *The Healing Ministry*

March 11 *Calming the Storm*

March 18 *Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor*

March 25 *The Final Week*

Holy Week

March 29 Palm Sunday

April 2 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm Worship

April 3 Good Friday, 7:30 pm Worship

April 5 EASTER Sunday, 10:00 am Worship

Children's Egg Hunt

No Fifth Sunday Potluck – March 29

The Fifth Sunday Potluck for March 29th has been cancelled because it is Palm Sunday.



"A Joyful Shout Out"

One of the many special elements of our congregation is the hospitality. On any Sunday morning we arrive to find coffee and hot water ready, treats sitting there to have while we socialize. While there is now a sign up sheet to help with this, for years there was one very special woman who made it all happen each week. She was also the person who has headed Congregational life for years and even when she wasn't the chair, would step up to lead when needed. She has organized the pot lucks, funeral luncheons, German dinners and set up for the midweek Advent and Lent dinners, for years.



It didn't matter what difficulties she was experiencing in her own life, she showed up for us. We thank you, dear friend, for all you have done and continue to do for us!

*Please keep the nominations coming by contacting the office with those you appreciate.

Worship Participants – March 22

Anna Gibson – Sunday School
Becky Manross –Visitor Support
Bill Lane - Usher
Brad Beyer - Lector
Donna Sanglier – Basket Holder
Elizabeth Hartford - Greeter
Elsie LaRue – Basket Holder
Jo Ellyn Bernardin – Assisting Minister
Julia Keller - Assisting Minister
Ken Hartford – Greeter
Kristen Beyer - Communion Assistant
Lori Wackerman – Counter
Milissa Schmantowsky –Acolyte,
Communion Asst
Richard Sommers – Usher, Sound
Shannon Hammond - Worship
Coordinator
Sonja Markwart - Usher
Suzanne Clickett –Communion Assistant,
Sacristan
Will Kahl – Counter, Video

Need – Prayer Corner

Worship Participants – March 29

Anna Gibson - Sunday School
Bill Lane – Greeter, Usher
Carol Fletcher –Usher
Elsie LaRue–Acolyte, Basket Holder
Gail McIntosh - Counter
Julia Keller – Assisting Minister
Kevin Flatt - Video
Lori Wackerman - Communion Assistant,
Counter
Marlene Donnelly - Visitor Support
Milissa Schmantowsky –Prayer Corner
Ralph Flatt - Lector
Shannon Hammond –Communion
Assistant, Worship Coord.
Suzanne Clickett - Sacristan

Need - Basket Holder

Need - Sound

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS- MARCH

All Council meetings are open to anyone to attend.

It is not too late to turn in your pledges for the coming year. Even if you give through Simply Giving or through your bank automatically, we need you to turn in a written form so we can balance our budget. Also, we would love to have your responses from the “Time and Talent” survey. There are so many different ways you can give back to God through our ministry here and we want to know where your interests lie. Little Saints Preschool is hoping to increase enrollment for the fall. Please pass on any Facebook notices you receive about Little Saints to your “friends” lists. Also talk about it to anyone in the area that has preschoolers. The Call Committee is finalizing the Ministry Site Profile for submission to the synod.

We are working on a better way to reach out to our visitors and let them know what we are all about here at All Saints. A Junk in the Trunk garage sale is planned for Saturday June 6th. If you know anyone who has items to sell- handmade or household excess, they can rent a 10-foot by 10-foot space in our parking lot that day. We have a great location for this! It will be a good fundraiser for our church as well as for those wanting to sell things. Details to come!

There are still a few Lenten services on Wednesday evenings to attend. Are we missing you this year? It is a fun and fulfilling time! We encourage you to give it a try! There is another ELCA church about 10 miles from us who also are in the process of calling a new Pastor. We hope to share more with this church as we are close neighbors, going through similar things. Pastor Diane has met with Interim Pastor Kristin Vander Plouge from Lord of Life in Brighton. Look for new opportunities to partner with them upcoming! Did you enjoy our 2 Sundays with Pastor Anna from FedUp ministries? If so, let Melanie, Worship and Music chair, know and we will try to get her to come back again. We are also looking into ways we can volunteer to help them in Ann Arbor or Flint.

The new sign design is complete and approved by the council! We will cut a deposit check to the sign company and they will begin work soon. Note that the first sign you see will only be temporary.