

# 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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AUGUST 2, 2026  
10TH 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. 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](http://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](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).



### Fundraiser



We are planning another Tony Sacco's fundraiser instead of the Culver's one, on Monday, August 24th. More details to come.

### **Readings for Week of August 2**

|           |                                                                  |
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| Sunday    | Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21<br>Matthew 14:13-21                         |
| Monday    | Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29<br>Deuteronomy 8:1-10<br>Romans 1:8-15       |
| Tuesday   | Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29<br>Deuteronomy 26:1-15<br>Acts 2:37-47       |
| Wednesday | Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29<br>Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35<br>Matthew 15:32-39 |
| Thursday  | Psalm 85:8-13<br>1 Kings 18:1-16<br>Acts 17:10-15                |
| Friday    | Psalm 85:8-13<br>1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40<br>Acts 18:24-28        |
| Saturday  | Psalm 85:8-13<br>1 Kings 18:41-46<br>Matthew 16:1-4              |

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

#### **Sunday, August 2**

9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Picnic at Settlers Park

#### **Monday, August 3**

#### **Tuesday, August 4**

#### **Wednesday, August 5**

#### **Thursday, August 6**

#### **Friday, August 7**

5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

#### **Saturday, August 8**

### **My Favorite Bible Verses**



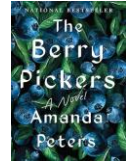
Joshua 1:9  
Have I not  
commanded you? Be  
strong and  
courageous. Do not  
be frightened, and do

not be dismayed, for the Lord your God  
is with you wherever you go.

Brooks Wheeler

### **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 11, we will discuss "The Berry Pickers" by Amanda Peters. We would love to have you join us!



### **Property Team needs help**

The property team is looking to schedule a day to remove damaged drywall and trim in the parish house. We would like to do this late in July or first half of August. Let Richard Sommers or Rick Mann know if you have an interest to help and when you are available.

### **Looking for Thrivent Members!**

Did you know that Thrivent Members have a benefit that is available for a community project? You may have seen or even worn a Live Generously t-shirt (best on the planet) and that is from a **Thrivent Action Team!** Action Teams provide \$250 for a community project; the application process is simple.

If you are a Thrivent Member and are interested in using your Action Team for a project at All Saints, we would love to know about it. Please contact Milissa Schmantowsky or Sonja Markwart.

### **Driving Out Childhood Hunger**



Golfers, please consider joining us at Fenton Farms Golf Club on August 22nd. They are hosting the Eleventh Annual Driving Out Childhood Hunger. This event benefits Fueling Kids' futures which provides food for food insecure children in the Holly community. Price includes

- 18 holes Scramble with cart
- Hole-in-one Contest
- Hot dog at turn
- Use of range and practice green before play
- Buffet dinner following golf
- Awards.

If you are not a golfer, you can join us for dinner, Silent Auction and Raffle. Flyers are available in the gathering space. See Karen Stewart for more information.

### **"A Joyful Shout Out"**

Today we have a twofer, a couple who do a considerable amount for our church both individually and as a couple. It is telling that when we were looking for a property chair a few years ago she elbowed him, he shrugged then took the position and has done a wonderful job ever since. They see what needs to be done and take care of it without fanfare. Our nominees are there whenever we need them and we are grateful for that. They clean our church, are stewards of our earth and take our recycling home with them because we do not have that here at church. Most weeks you will find them on the schedule as worship participants doing any number of jobs quietly and without fuss or complaint. We want you to know that we see you and we appreciate you!



## **How cultivating Joy can change the World**

2 Corinthians 9:7

<sup>7</sup> Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.



This reading is so very timely because we are in the midst of being blessed by Dan gifting us the best sweet corn around. Dan does it cheerfully, generously and without compunction. I leave on these Sundays with bags of this manna from heaven and begin my route to share it with friends and family. The outreach of his generosity touches people Dan will never meet, it doesn't matter, he is just happy to send you on your way and that big smile on his face. The smile is so contagious, you see it mirrored on those around him. Sheer joy.

Another aspect of this generosity is that people volunteer to come and help Dan pick the corn the night before. He puts out a call to people in our congregation and they come. There is laughter, and joy in the task and many hands really do make light work. Soon the bed of his truck is full and everyone knows that the following day will be a special one for sure. There is joy in the growing, joy in the picking and joy in the sharing. Could not find a better example of this Bible verse than the one that takes place this time of year within our own church family.

## **Fundraising Opportunity – Event**



### **Details**

2026 Michigan Renaissance Festival, Holly, Michigan.

All Saints will receive around \$200 for EVERY VOLUNTEER WORKER at the festival.

We can help staff the beer, wine, and liquor booths for three weekends:

August 29-30, September 12-13, October 2 (Friday), 3-4.

DETAILS and SIGN-UP SHEET are on the counter in the Gathering Space. Questions? Contact Julia Keller 248-931-5622.

## **Picture This**

Our congregation is active and social but we currently have no way to capture that. We would like someone who enjoys photography to help us by capturing All Saints in action, from candid coffee hour shots to children's services and special events that our congregation hosts. If you feel you might be interested please contact Sue Steuf. We also have a slightly easier request, please look around you and snap pictures of these events. Maybe during one of the breakfast or lunches where smaller groups gather, Bible studies, Congregational Life making wonderful meals for us all, there are so many opportunities. Let's leave a lasting memory of our congregation for the future.



## **Little Saints Christian Preschool is Now Enrolling for Fall!**



Do you know a family looking for a nurturing, faith-filled preschool experience for their child? Little Saints Christian Preschool is now accepting enrollments for the upcoming school year, and we

would love your help spreading the word!

At Little Saints Christian Preschool, we provide a warm, welcoming environment where children grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Our experienced teachers create engaging, hands-on learning opportunities that help children build confidence, independence, and a love of learning while learning about God's love.

### **Programs Available:**

- 3-Year-Old Preschool (Half Day with Full Day Option Available)
- 4-Year-Old Preschool (Half Day with Full Day Option Available)
- 4/5-Year-Old Full Day Program

### **What Makes Little Saints Special?**

- Christian-based curriculum and weekly religious education
- Caring, experienced teachers
- Hands-on learning and discovery-based activities
- Dance and yoga classes included in tuition
- Kindergarten readiness focus
- Safe, supportive, and loving classroom environment

We are grateful for the support of our church family and appreciate your help sharing our preschool with families who may be searching for a quality Christian preschool program.

For more information or to schedule a tour:

**Little Saints Christian Preschool** Phone: [810-746-0238](tel:810-746-0238)  
Email: [littlesaintschristian@outlook.com](mailto:littlesaintschristian@outlook.com)

*Faith. Learning. Love. Every Day.*

### **Nominating Committee**

To be compliant with All Saints Lutheran Church's constitution, we will be holding our annual meeting in November. That compliance also includes the inclusion of a **Nominating Committee** to invite members of the Congregation to serve on the Church Council in various capacities.

The **Nominating Committee** only serves in this temporary time frame, from August through the Annual Meeting. They do not need to attend council meetings, but would report to the Council those candidates that would like to serve for the following year.

We are asking for 3 people to serve on the Nominating Committee. The only restriction is that you cannot be currently serving as the Council President.

Great skill sets to serve in this capacity are to recognize the skills and talents of others, and to be a good communicator. Do you see yourself in this role? You would not be a solo member, but instead a part of a small team.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our future in this way. AND if you wish to add your own name for consideration on the church council, you are encouraged to do so!

### **Open Council Positions:**

President (1 Year left on the current term, due to Council Appointment)  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Worship & Music  
Stewardship  
Evangelism

We have spoken to some candidates to fill these positions, and this information will be shared with the Nominating Committee members. Please contact Sue Stuef, Judy Peterson, or Jo Ellyn Bernardin for any questions or to be considered for the Nominating Committee. Thank you!

### **Interest in Singing?**

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will begin rehearsing for their next season on Monday, September 14. We are always looking for new singers to join us! Please help us to attract new singers by advertising in your weekly bulletins. Interested singers should contact Norma Sander (248 895-0018) to arrange an audition.

### **Worship Participants – August 2**

Anna Gibson – Lector  
Bill Lane – Communion Assistant  
Deb Curcuru – Sacristan  
Donna Sanglier - Counter  
Elizabeth Hartford - Greeter  
Jennifer Hardy –Usher  
Jenny LaRue – Communion Assistant  
Joanne Kindred - Counter  
Joddy Wright – Basket Holder  
Julia Keller - Sound  
Ken Hartford – Greeter  
Ken Stuef – Video  
Marlene Donnelly - Visitor Support  
Milissa Schmantowsky – Acolyte, Prayer Corner  
Shannon Hammond- Worship Coordinator  
Sonja Markwart –Usher  
Sue Stuef – Assisting Minister

***Need – Basket Holder***

### **Worship Participants – August 9**

Anna Gibson - Assisting Minister  
Carol Fletcher – Counter  
Deb Curcuru - Communion Assistant  
Donna Sanglier - Sacristan  
Elsie LaRue – Acolyte  
Gail McIntosh –Usher  
Jennifer Hardy - Greeter  
Julia Keller – Sound  
Ken Stuef – Usher  
Lori Wackerman - Communion Assistant, Counter  
Margaret MacDonald - Video  
Marlene Donnelly - Visitor Support  
Shannon Hammond – Basket Holder, Lector  
Suzanne Clickett - Prayer Corner  
Sue Stuef - Worship Coordinator

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