

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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Tuesday & Wednesday
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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
16TH 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 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
248-821-1036 or email Julie at
j.markwart@comcast.net.

Adopt-a-Highway

Saturday, September 19



Our next Adopt-A-Highway clean-up date is Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Volunteers are needed to help clean up our stretch of Highland Road. Bring gloves, and water and a snack will be provided. The signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex. See Donna Sanglier if you have any questions.

Lunch Bunch Tuesday, September 15

All ladies and men are invited to the next monthly luncheon at Lucky's Steakhouse on Tuesday, September 15, at noon. Lucky's Steakhouse is located at 17500 Silver Pkwy, in Fenton. 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.



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. October 13, we will discuss "The Wedding People" by Alison Espach. We would love to have you join us!



Readings for Week of September 13

Sunday	Genesis 50:15-21 Matthew 18:21-35
Monday	Psalm 133 Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29
Tuesday	Psalm 133 Genesis 49:29---50:14 Romans 14:13---15:2
Wednesday	Psalm 133 Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25
Thursday	Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14---2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-42
Friday	Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Saturday	Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30

THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS:

Sunday, September 13

9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
Children's Sunday School during
Worship

Monday, September 14

Tuesday, September 15

Wednesday, September 16

1:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Book Study via Zoom

Thursday, September 17

Friday, September 18

5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, September 19

My Favorite Bible Verses

Romans 8- 38-39 (KJV)



For I am persuaded,
that neither death,
nor life, nor angels
nor principalities, nor
powers, nor things to
come, nor height, nor depth, nor any
other creature, shall be able to separate
us from the love of God, which is Christ
Jesus our Lord.

These verses give me peace.
Julie Markwart

Book Study

The Book Study will be "Beautiful and Terrible Things" by Amy Butler, Wednesdays beginning September 9th at 7:00 pm via zoom. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Gathering Space.

"Beautiful and Terrible Things" description:



"Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid," said theologian Frederick Buechner. Pastor Amy Butler, the first woman at the helm of New York's historic Riverside Church, knows firsthand that to navigate such a world, one must be courageous, honest, and compassionate. In *Beautiful and Terrible Things*, Pastor Amy

draws on the most meaningful, challenging, and soul-shaking moments of her own life to offer larger lessons on theology and relationships.

Bible Study at All Saints

There will be a Bible Study at All Saints on Wednesdays starting, September 9, at 1:00 pm. This will be led by Pastor Diane and we will study the book of Isaiah. There is a signup sheet on the table in the gathering space. All are welcome!



Sunday School is back soon!

Sunday School is Cool

September 13th. Sunday School is held during the worship service and all children ages 3 through 4th grade are welcome!

Sunday School will
be starting up
again on

All Saints is looking for an accompanist!!

Do you know anyone who is proficient in piano/organ playing and looking to be involved in supporting our church through music? The time commitment would typically be 2 hours a week for 10 am Sunday morning worship, including warm up with other church musicians. This is a paid position.

Please reach out to Melanie at melliekahl@yahoo.com with questions or interest.

Veterans Day presentation



In recognition of Veterans Day, and at member request Peg Flatt will give a power-point presentation about her experiences as a Vietnam Nurse Veteran on Sunday, November 8. Just stay after the service on November 8th and watch the big screen.

Breakfast every Thursday



Join your All Saints Family at Red Olive Restaurant for breakfast every Thursday at 8:45 AM. Red Olive is located at 10594 Highland Rd, Hartland. For any questions contact Nan Peterson at 517-618-2403. Just come, eat, enjoy, and get to know everyone a little better!

All Saints Family Reunion

Please join the All Saints Family Reunion!

We are having a family reunion! There seems to be a bit of confusion as to who is invited so let us clear that up.

Everyone, everyone is invited. Our objective is to gather those who are unable to come to church any longer and those of us who still can and have us all catch up a bit. Every one of you is part of the All Saints family and we hope to see you there. The date is Friday, September 18, arrival at 11:30 lunch at 12:00. Please RSVP to Jennifer Hardy [810-335-3584](tel:810-335-3584) or Milissa Schmantowsky [248-420-8756](tel:248-420-8756).



How cultivating Joy can change the World

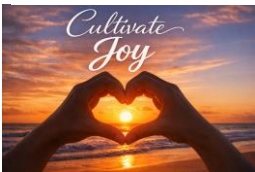
Ecclesiastes 7:10 10

Say not, "Why were the former days better than these?"

For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.

Proverbs 16:31 Gray hair is a crown of glory;

it is gained in a righteous life.



In Ecclesiastes we are reminded that our wisdom gained in the past is for use in the present, that these current

times hold significance.

In Proverbs 16 we are reminded that our bodies change but that our value, that we are guided by goodness, justice and virtue is well earned. There is a theme here and that theme is the gift of having a few years behind us.

There are stages of life and each has richness and struggle, joy and pain. Somehow we often look back with a certain lens of fondness we reserve for things of the past and it can diminish the richness and joy of the present. This day, this very day, and those surrounding it are full of moments your younger self would be thrilled to have. A more relaxed morning, space in your life to explore new interests or participate in those you were once too busy for, an appreciation of small things that you once passed by. This week I encourage you to seek out those moments and relish them as much as you relish those times in the past.

Open Council Positions

To be compliant with All Saints Lutheran Church's constitution, we will be holding our annual meeting on November 1, 2026. An important part of this meeting will be to vote on our open Council positions for 2027-2028.

Open Council Positions:

President (1 Year left on the current term, due to Council Appointment)

Vice President

Treasurer

Worship & Music

Stewardship

Evangelism

We now have a Nominating Committee in place to help us find candidates for these positions. Our Committee includes Lori Wackerman, Sonja Markwart, and Milissa Schmantowsky. If you are interested in serving or discussing one of these positions, contact one of the committee members. We would like to have our candidates in place by the middle of October.

Please give prayerful consideration for serving on our Council!

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.

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. *Please note the YTD Income includes multiple annual offerings that are given during the first few months of the year.*

August:

Income - \$17,248

Expenses - \$13,762

YTD Income - \$212,836

YTD Expenses - \$178,862

"A Joyful Shout Out"

His talent and generosity have given us two baptismal fonts where we have celebrated countless baptisms. The hand rails leading to the chancel that keep us safe as we approach the lectern and altar, both of which he also lovingly crafted for us. Looking above the Altar hangs a beautiful cross he built specifically for that space. Near the back of the sanctuary the original altar and pulpit have their own special place of honor. They were used prior to our current building being constructed and were only replaced once he designed and built the more open lectern and altar we now use.



Our wonderful benefactor also constructed the carts that were used for Sunday School in the past but are now used for our Little Saints preschool. He built both of the wheeled carts that are kept in the kitchen, the lovely coffee cart that holds our beverages, the smaller wooden table that holds communion, the beautiful console that is our information center and last, but certainly not least, the lovely welcome center right inside of our doors. I likely have not listed all of the gorgeous gifts that our nominee has bestowed upon us but we want this special man to know that we appreciate him and all he has done for us through the years. Additionally, it is good to remind us all to take in the warmth of the materials he has used and the quality of his craftsmanship. It has become a rich part of our heritage that enriches us all.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS- AUGUST

All Council meetings are open to anyone to attend.

Call Update: We have reached out to 4 candidates but have only heard back from one to date.

Sign Update: The brickwork for the sign is complete. Our new sign is set to be installed the week of August 24th. We will be storing the temporary sign as it is ours to keep. We will be taking the old damaged sign to scrap so it can be properly recycled and we can receive some funds from it.

Grant Update: We received a \$200 grant from the Hartland Lion's Club to help with roof repair costs.

Treasurer Update: Council has officially voted to accept Ken Hartford as our interim treasurer while both Rick Mann and Linda DeGiorgio are taking care of health issues.

Our Security Team has been busy updating the emergency plan and replacing security lighting.

The budget for Little Saints Preschool has been approved for the year and we hope to see more of those little faces at worship from time to time!

We are busy cleaning up the inside and outside of the Parsonage. There are many ways to help.

We are excited about upcoming opportunities to work with Lord of Life Church in Brighton after our successful Pulpit Swap this month. This will include social events and partnering with them on homelessness projects in Livingston County.

We are actively looking for a new accompanist for our music on Sundays. We need to replace Lori by the end of this year. Please talk to anyone you know who might want to interview.

Council has approved a new gift acceptance policy. Education about how you can support ASLC in your estate plan will be Wednesday Sept. 16th at 7 pm.

We need to find a couple of new council members for our vote coming up on November 1st. Please prayerfully consider helping out. We have greatest need in the areas of Evangelism and Worship & Music.

Upcoming activities to put on your Calendar:

AUGUST 30: 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE, Lord of Life to be invited

OCTOBER 24: TRUNK OR TREAT ALONG WITH LITTLE SAINTS

OCTOBER 25: GERMAN DINNER

NOVEMBER 1: ANNUAL MEETING AFTER SERVICE

NOVEMBER 8: CONSECRATION STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

DECEMBER 12: COOKIE WALK

Worship Participants –September 13

Anna Gibson – Sunday School
Deb Curcuro - Lector
Donna Sanglier – Sacristan
Elsie LaRue – Acolyte
Gail McIntosh – Usher
Jennifer Hardy – Basket Holder, Greeter
Julia Keller –Sound
Ken Stuef –Usher
Kristen Beyer – Communion Assistant
Sharyn Sommers - Counter
Sonja Markwart – Communion
Assistant, Counter
Sue Stuef - Worship Coordinator
Suzanne Clickett – Basket Holder,
Will Kahl – Video

Need – Basket Holder

Need – Prayer Corner

Need – Visitor Support

Worship Participants –September 20

Bill Lane - Usher
Brad Beyer - Assisting Minister
Carol Fletcher –Counter, Usher
Donna Sanglier - Greeter
Harlow Wheeler - Basket Holder
Jenny LaRue – Sunday School
Jo Ellyn Bernardin – Prayer Corner
Julia Keller - Visitor Support
Lori Wackerman – Communion
Assistant, Counter
Margaret MacDonald - Video
Milissa Schmantowsky – Communion
Assistant
Richard Sommers – Sound
Shannon Hammond – Worship
Coordinator
Sonja Markwart – Lector
Sue LaRoy - Sacristan
Vivienne Wheeler – Basket Holder
Need – Acolyte

Safety/Security Task Force Updates:

We want to make everyone aware of this important information that has to do with emergencies — and our being prepared for them BEFORE they happen.

We have updated the church's floor plan indicating where the exits and the designated emergency shelters are within the building. They are posted in various locations around the church building, in black frames. Please review them yourself and let us know if you have any questions.

The exits all have Exit signs in front of the exterior doors that would light up if the power is out, so you will always be able to see them. They are located at the: Main Entrance, Kitchen, Storeroom at the back of the Sanctuary, Courtyard/Memorial Garden, Back of the Pre-School, Northeast corner of the Sanctuary, and End of the Office Hallway.

The floor plan shows the Emergency Shelter Locations in the: Men's and Women's Bathrooms, Kitchen, Storeroom at the back of the Sanctuary, and the Sacristy.

To support our preparedness, we are also working with our Pastor and those volunteering as Assisting Ministers and Ushers to help direct us in the case an emergency arises while we are in the building. We expect such situations to be rare, and we are planning ahead to allow for the best outcome.

For example: If we are here attending services and a storm warning sounds, the Pastor or Assisting Minister, along with the Ushers, will direct and assist members to the safe areas. We will help those with physical challenges to the kitchen, making sure to bring chairs for them. To fully use the storage room, we will first move the tables and book carts to the Sanctuary, so more people can safely take cover.

Please make yourself familiar with the locations of shelter areas, all building exits, and our emergency equipment of fire extinguishers, AED, and choking kit. We also will be installing some indoor and outdoor cameras for self-monitoring and recording, and the Safety & Security Task Force is replacing old Emergency Lighting and Exit Signs. Some of these improvements were already part of a cost saving and upgrade project and nicely tie into improvements in this area as well.

As always, feel free to reach out to us for any questions, concerns, or comments. Thank you for your attention to this important information. We pray we never need it!