# 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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NOVEMBER 1, 2026
ALL SAINTS DAY

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.

## ASLC Annual Meeting – November 1

To be compliant with All Saints Lutheran Church's Constitution, we will be holding our annual meeting on November 1, 2026 after worship. Please plan to attend as an important part of this meeting will be to vote on our open Council positions for 2027-2028 and discuss the upcoming 2027 budget.

**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.

**Readings for Week of November 1**

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| Sunday | Revelation 7:9-17<br>Matthew 5:1-12 |
| Monday | Psalm 5<br>Jeremiah 5:18-31<br>1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 |
| Tuesday | Psalm 5<br>Lamentations 2:13-17<br>Acts 13:1-12 |
| Wednesday | Psalm 5<br>Proverbs 16:21-33<br>Matthew 15:1-9 |
| Thursday | Psalm 70<br>Amos 1:1---2:5<br>Revelation 8:6---9:12 |
| Friday | Psalm 70<br>Amos 3:1-12<br>Revelation 9:13-21 |
| Saturday | Psalm 70<br>Amos 4:6-13<br>Matthew 24:1-14 |

**THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS:**

Sunday, November 1
9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
Children's Sunday School during Worship
11:00 AM ASLC Annual Meeting

Monday, November 2

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November4
1:00 PM Bible Study

Thursday, November 5
8:45 AM Breakfast at Red Olive

Friday, November 6
5:30 PM AA/Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, November 7

**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!

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets**




With the holiday season almost upon us we begin gathering food for our annual Thanksgiving basket project. Our goal is to provide 25 dinners for families in need from Oxbow Elementary and we have a head start with Social Concerns purchasing one full basket. We spent $20.00 for the entire list of items and if you would like to participate, we have two ways you could do so. One, sign up using the poster in the Narthex, you will find directions above. Two, you can make a monetary donation in the collection plate earmarked for Social Concerns. The last day of collection is Sunday, November 15th.

**A Special Thanks**

Thank you to the Little Saints Preschool staff and Julia Keller for your work on our Trunk or Treat event! Your extra decorating and game preparations made the evening very special. It was truly wonderful to see so many people enjoying a beautiful fall evening! Thanks to everyone who donated or passed out candy!

Thank you to our Congregational Life Committee for another amazing German meal to celebrate Reformation Sunday. This annual event is one that everyone looks forward to enjoying! Thanks for the delicious home cooked food and for creating a warm and inviting fellowship opportunity!

**All Saints Cookie Walk is Back!**



Our All Saints Annual Cookie Walk is Back on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00-Noon. There are now signup sheets available out in the Narthex. We need people to donate dozen cookies, set up and prep the cookies on Friday, Dec. 11, and work the event on the 12th from 8-1:00. More information will be coming soon. This event has always been our largest fundraiser, and the community always looked forward to it! Please help in whatever way you can! Questions? See Margaret McDonald or Sue Stuef for more details.

**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.

**Blood Donors - Plan to Donate!**

Our ASLC Winter Blood drive will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2026. Whole blood donors are eligible every 8 weeks. If you are currently eligible, Election Day, November 2nd, is your last day to donate and be eligible again in time to give here at All Saints!




There is a Blood Donation Center in Brighton at 2250 Genoa Business Park Drive, or you may search for a blood drive near you at redcrossblood.org.

**Little Saints Upcoming Events**

Little Saints Christian Preschool would like to invite you to pass out candy during our Halloween Trick or Treat Parade. This will take place during the school day at 11:30am on Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th. Thursday will be approximately 21 kids and Friday approximately 6 kids. If the weather is good, we will parade around the parking lot and if the weather is bad, we will move it inside throughout the church.

Kids Kreation art work is a fundraiser the preschool is participating in. If you have art work items, you would like to order as gifts you are welcome to add your order. It must be art work on paper that is 8.5 x 11inches, needs to be flat on the paper (no 3D). Order forms will be on the Information board in the hallway by the preschool classrooms. Orders will be back in time for Christmas. Payment is due at the time of ordering. You pay $1 per item for shipping up to $5. Checks can be made out to Little Saints Christian Preschool. Orders are due on October 28th by 3:00pm. If you have any questions reach out to me (Nicole Schuman) at littlesaintschristian@outlook.com

We need volunteers to help out with our Thanksgiving feast. The preschoolers invite a loved one to join them on Monday, November 23rd at 11:00am for a feast. More info to come!

**Lunch Bunch Tuesday, November 17**




All ladies and men are invited to the next monthly luncheon at Cheryl's Place on Tuesday, November 17, at noon. Cheryl's Place is located at 4683 S. Old US 23 in Brighton. Please RSVP to Becky Manross at 810-844-4084. 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.

**Piano Needs a New Home**

Bethany Waldvogel is looking for someone who is interested in a Kimball console piano. The piano is free and in great condition even though it is 60 years old. It also has a Piano Dehumidifier Rod in it that helps chase away humidity. If interested contact Bethany at 517-245-9839.

**Order your Poinsettias**



Poinsettias are available for your purchase to adorn our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The price for each 6" poinsettia with a bloom count of 4-6 is $13. Orders must be prepaid at time of order. Make checks payable to All Saints Lutheran Church. Deadline to order is November 22nd. Put your order and payment in the offering plate. Thank you.

**A Note From Pastor Diane**

Dear Friends at All Saints,

As we prepare for our Fall stewardship drive, I want to express how grateful I am for all the ways you give to this church. It is such a joy to see people here care for each other and our community. All Saints is a very connected church, and seeing those connections grow and thrive is inspiring. In many issues of The Herald this past year, there have been stories of individuals who go above and beyond to share their talents and time with us. We celebrate that generosity!

While serving as your Interim Pastor, I have observed a community that has remained hopeful and committed as you await the next chapter with a new pastor. The waiting continues but in this time of waiting, energy has not lagged. In fact, there have been many signs of growth!

In the coming weeks you will hear inspiring stories of how All Saints has impacted people's lives, and how their faith has grown because of their connection here. You will also be asked to consider your financial giving to your congregation. Each one of us has received immeasurable gifts from God. How will we respond? I am hopeful that the Holy Spirit will nudge us all towards even more generosity, so that All Saints can continue to shine brightly in our community.

Be watching for some materials to arrive in your mail soon. I think you will be impressed!

I'm so excited about what God is doing here and will continue to do through our generosity!

With gratitude and joy,
Pastor Diane

**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.*

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| Sept. Income | $26,977.50 | YTD | $240,603.20 |
| Sept. Expenses | $26,173.38 | YTD | $206,974.40 |

**Call Committee Update**

The call committee had an interview with a candidate last week. We determined that this person is not a fit our congregation.

We continue to pray as we communicate with the Synod office about our need for additional candidates to be considered.

Please continue to pray for the Call committee, the call process and the future God has in store for us.

**How cultivating Joy can change the World**

For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3




We are inundated with information and it seems the more we hear it, the more we internalize it and the more it becomes true for us. But make no mistake, a thought can be familiar and not be true. It is something we ought to consider in these tense and burdensome times. But what is true, sound doctrine?

We know that the truth resides in the word of the Lord. We know that following His commandments leads us toward Him, that living in love and compassion not only helps those around us, it feeds our souls as well. We know deep within us that He is the truth, the way and the light. This week I invite you to join me in ignoring our itching ears and our own desires and turn instead toward the light of God, not only for our sake, but for the sake of the world around us.

**Our new Mission, Vision and Core Value Statements**

You may already have heard some buzz about new Mission and Vision Statements being written for All Saints…well, it's true!

The purpose of making this change is primarily to help us in knowing who we are, where we are going, and what we stand for as a congregation. This is especially helpful in the call process, and for a foundation on which all future decisions are made - to stay in alignment with these statements and the values we hold true.

We want to thank CJ Clark for his guidance in helping us to define these characteristics and identities. We also want to thank all of the council members for their dedication to this task. It was indeed a journey from concepts to creation.

And now we present to you our Mission, Vision and Core Values statements!

**Mission:** Compassionately meeting people with love, grace and service.

**Vision:** A community sent to share God's grace and grow hope in the world.

**Core Values:**

Christ-Centered Faith: We are grounded in God's grace, revealed in Jesus Christ, and nurtured through Word, Sacrament and prayer.

Genuine Welcome: We open our hearts and our doors to all people, creating a true sense of belonging.

Compassionate Care: We care deeply for one another and our neighbors with kindness, empathy and love.

Authentic Community: We build meaningful relationships through fellowship, trust and shared life.

Generous Service: We joyfully share our time, gifts and resources to serve others.

Your Co-Presidents,
Sue and Judy

**COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS- OCTOBER**

All Council meetings are open to anyone to attend.

**Call Update:** An in-person interview is taking place this month with the one candidate we have been given from the synod. We are hoping for more, but are not going to feel pressured to hire this one if she is not right for us. Pastors Diane and Sue are happy to hang in with us even if this process takes awhile.

**Sign Update:** Our sign is up and working! We were reimbursed for all costs by our insurance company! We will now be needing help to spruce up the area under the sign.

**Pianist update:** We are moving ahead with plans to hire one of the 2 people who interviewed.

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Brighton:** This church is presently without a pastor. We are exchanging ideas, inviting them to events, and will be working with them in their Loaves and Fishes ministry in association with Love, Inc.

**Building Enhancements:** We are hiring a cleaning company that will do a thorough job twice a month, and we are having the carpeting cleaned soon. We are also getting a quote to repair cracks and sinking drains in our parking lot. We have renewed our snow removal contract.

**Helping Others:** Look for opportunities again this year to donate to Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gifts for needy families.

Important upcoming activities happening here:

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** SATURDAY OCT 24TH, SET-UP AT 5:30, STARTS AT 6

**GERMAN DINNER:** SUNDAY OCT. 25

**ANNUAL MEETING:** **PLEASE STAY AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY NOV. 1ST!!!!**

**CONSECRATION STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:** NOVEMBER 8TH

**CONSECRATION CAKE CELEBRATION:** SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

**ADVENT SERVICES BEGIN:** SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS STARTING NOV. 29

**COOKIE WALK:** SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:** SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH

**Worship Participants –November 1**

Bill Lane - Video
Brad Beyer - Assisting Minister
Carol Fletcher –Counter
Elizabeth Hartford - Greeter
Gail McIntosh - Counter
Gary LaRoy - Sound
Jennifer Hardy – Acolyte, Usher
Julia Keller - Prayer Corner
Ken Hartford - Greeter
Ken Stuef - Usher
Kim Wright – Sunday School
Kristen Beyer – Communion Assistant
Leah Gibson - Basket Holder
Margaret MacDonald – Sound
Marlene Donnelly - Visitor Support
Sharyn Sommers –Worship Coordinator
Sonja Markwart – Communion Assistant, Lector
Sue LaRoy - Sacristan
***Need - Basket Holder***

**Worship Participants –November 8**

Anna Gibson – Sunday School
Bill Lane – Acolyte, Basket Holder, Greeter
Deb Curcuru - Sacristan
Jennifer Hardy – Communion Assistant
Jo Ellyn Bernardin – Visitor Support, Prayer Corner
Kevin Flatt – Video
Liesl Schick – Assisting Minister
Ralph Flatt – Lector
Richard Sommers – Sound, Usher
Shannon Hammond – Communion Assistant
Sharyn Sommers – Counter, Usher
Sonja Markwart – Counter
Sue Stuef – Basket Holder, Worship Coordinator

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