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Coming to All Saints

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

7:00 pm beginning on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday February 25 7:00 pm	Imposition of Ashes & Communion <i>Mark 2 and 3</i>
March 4 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<i>Mark 4 and 5</i>
March 11 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<i>Mark 6 and 7</i>
March 18 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<i>Mark 8 and 9</i>
March 25 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<i>Mark 10 and 11</i>
April 1 (Wed.) 7:00 pm	<i>Mark 12 and 13</i>
Maundy Thursday April 9 7:00 pm	Communion & First Communion <i>Mark 14 and 15</i>
Community Good Friday Service at United Church of Byron April 10 7:00 pm	
Easter Sunday April 12 8:00 am & 10:30 am	Holy Communion <i>Mark 16</i>



**Come hear the
Gospel according to
Mark**
told dramatically in the
original, oral tradition
among
1st century Christians.

Spring Rummage Sale!!!

Thursday is a bake sale
Saturday special - \$2.00 a box



The sale will run on:
Thursday – March 19th 9am – 4pm
Friday - March 20th 9am – 4pm
Saturday - March 21st 9am – 1pm

The time has come again for the annual Rummage/Bake Fundraising Sale for All Saints. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Care In Congregation Program will provide matching funds for this effort. Once again, the sale will take place at the **Masonic Lodge** (Rt 2 & Ashelford Drive on the way to Lake Louise). We need your help – **sign up sheets** are on the board for those who can help at different times and to contribute to the Bake Sale. We need men and women to help all week and even after the sale ends on Saturday to help pack up what was not sold.

Set up for the sale begins on **Monday, March 16th**. If possible, bring items directly to the Masonic Lodge, Monday – Wed. March 16-18 from 9am-noon. Kinds of things we want (All items should be clean and in working condition): baby furniture, children’s clothing through teenage, children’s toys, books, games, bikes, trikes,; craft supplies; small furniture such as lamps, tables, small TVs, bookcases, chairs, yard furniture; bathroom/bedroom items such as rugs, sheets, towels; kitchen items such as casseroles, glasses, cutlery; basement/garage items such as tools, gardening items, planters; men and woman’s clothing – all sizes.

If you would like to contribute to the bake sale part of this effort, we suggest: breads, coffeecakes, rolls, muffins, homemade candy, brownies, cookies (by dozen or half dozen) cupcakes, pies, cakes, etc. Please bring these items in a container that does NOT need to be returned. Please also wrap and label the item to identify it (ex: apple cake with nuts). We do not want items with very gooey icing or things that will not hold up well. Items not sold will be given to Goodwill Industries or the Rockford Rescue Mission.

If you are a Thrivent member, please note that with an * by your name when you sign up to help or donate.

Marlene Roberts and Gloria Olsen co-chairs

FAMILY LIFE FORUM *(Revised)*

NEW MEETING PLACE: in room beside kitchenette

NEW SIX WEEK SERIES (9:20 a.m. on Sundays)

PARENTING TEENAGERS FOR POSITIVE RESULTS



This series is designed to help equip, encourage and affirm the role of parents of teens. Through candid video vignettes featuring youth and family authority Jim Burns, humorous

home life video segments, small group interaction, and family home activities – this forum will give parents unforgettable insights and advice. And it can help build lifeline friendships with other parents – to help navigate the teen years with strength and confidence! (Pastor Scott Schmidt is our discussion leader.)

DATE	SESSION
March 1	Attitude Is Everything
March 8	Self-Image Struggles
March 15	Communicating With Your Kids
March 22	Navigating Sexuality
March 29	Developing Media Discernment
April 5	Helping Your Teenager Grow Spiritually

SAVE THE DATE:

Dust off your pretty hats ladies! The Ladies Garden Tea Party will be **Saturday April 18, 2009 at 1:30 pm.** We've had a long, cold winter but spring will soon be here. What better way to get into the feeling of Spring than to have a garden tea party? This year, entertainment will be provided by John Nichols and Janet Taylor and lunch is catered by Three Sisters Café. Ticket price is \$7.50 and will go on sale March 8th. Every All Saints' woman and girl is invited! Talk to Jodi Miles, Betty Klink or Sharon Provencher if you want to volunteer or have questions.

- Jodi Miles and Betty Klink



Easter Garden

Would you like to order an Easter plant to enhance the beauty of the sanctuary for Easter services?

Order sheets will be available in the church bulletin by mid-March or in the church office. Plants will come from Merlin's Flowers and the order forms will have the prices on them. You can make your check payable to "All Saints Altar Guild". These plants will be displayed in the sanctuary for Easter and after the service you can take your plant home with you.



AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) training and CPR classes

7:00 pm, Thursday, March 12 at All Saints

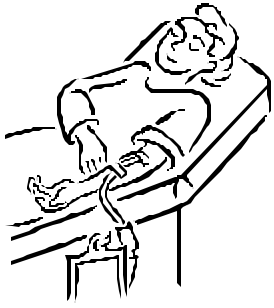
This training session is sponsored by the Bryon Firemen's Association as part of their wonderful gift of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) to All Saints. We already have several members who are trained to use an AED, but several others have expressed interest in also learning how to use it. The course will take about two hours and fifteen minutes, and is limited to fourteen people since each participant as part of the training will need a CPR mannequin, of which the Fire Department has 14. For some of us who've had CPR classes in the past but have not had AED training, the CPR portion of the class will be a good refresher course. For those who signed the yellow sheet in the narthex indicating you are interested in these classes, we will need to verify if you can attend on this date. **So, please mark on that same sheet if you can attend on March 12.**



Sunday is March 8

Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts are invited to participate at both services as greeters, ushers and offering collectors. If you are an active scout and would like to participate, please call the church office.

<u>Worship Attendance</u>				
	8:00	10:30	Total	9:15 SS
February				
1	77	88	165	58
8	77	98	175	64
15	58	49	107	48
22	89	62	<u>151</u>	61
Total			598	231
Average	75	74	150	58



Blood Drive

On September 8, 2008, the council voted to provide a location for the Northern Illinois Blood Bank (NIBB). This is seen as both a way to help those in need and to provide an outreach opportunity for our church in the community. The blood drive at our church will be **Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 1:00 to 7:00 PM.** A signup sheet has been hanging on the entry bulletin board for several months and several people have signed the sheet; many thanks to all who have provided enough people to get the effort started. If you are aware of friends or neighbors who can potentially donate, please also advise them of the date.

Consider that approximately 38,000 pints of blood are used each day in the U.S. and that every two seconds someone needs blood.

The criterion for a donor, if you are not already one, are: more than 16 years old (16 years old with parental consent), weigh greater than 110 pounds, have not donated blood in the previous 56 days, have blood pressure within relatively wide limits, have not been exposed to hepatitis in the last 12 months, and have not traveled to an area with malarial risk within the last 12 months. Travel to major areas in North America is not generally considered at risk for malaria but it is best to check with NIBB staff for information on specific travel destinations, especially in Europe. The process of donating one pint of blood takes less than an hour. If there are any questions, NIBB will gladly answer them at 815-965-8751.

I appreciate the response already received from Julie Danielowski and Jan Sloan who have offered to donate their time to phone (a list will be provided in early March) those in our area that have previously donated and to follow up with those who have signed the sheet in the entry. Contact needs to be made with those who have already signed up to establish a time for their donation. Additional volunteers can be used to help reduce the phone-calling burden, help in the setup and breakdown of the NIBB equipment, and serve refreshments after a blood donation.

Please consider helping with this effort since the more people involved, the easier it is on all.

Lenten Memories from Pastor Scott Schmidt



You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. Deuteronomy 11:18-21

I can still recall attending Wednesday night Lenten services as a youth. Those youthful years in Lent are in my memory as if it were just yesterday. This year as we bring midweek Lenten services to All Saints Lutheran Church, I would like to share a few of those memories with you.

My parents, siblings and grandmother did make it a priority to attend these midweek worship opportunities as often as possible, even though it did mean a 30-mile drive to our home congregations, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. I remember the hymns which helped prepare the heart to hear the sermon delivered by Pastor Steube. He confirmed my father as a teenager and taught adult membership classes to my mother. The long time pastor retired the year before I started confirmation. As a sixth grader, I recall wishing he had waited to retire so I also could have studied under Pastor Stuebe. Yet, really, that was a little self-centered on my part.

Yet, that pastor is part of my memories as a youth of going to “church” and especially during “Lent” on Wednesday nights. I still remember these times of worship and fellowship with extended family and other members of Zion, many of whom were my Sunday School teachers and adult youth leaders.

As we bring midweek Lenten services to All Saints, we won't have one of Pastor Steube's *long* sermons. Instead, I will bring *The Gospel according to Mark* to you in the first century tradition of dramatic story telling. The midweek services should be in the neighborhood of 30 to 35 minutes, noting that Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday service will be around 50 minutes. So, I hope you come. I hope you bring friends and neighbors, and I especially hope you bring your children and grandchildren. Why?

As I remember these days from my youth, I know those adults around me in worship helped my faith formation grow because they held the above words from Deuteronomy as being important. So, here's a Lenten challenge, which helps you adults remember the words from our Baptismal service “. . . to faithfully bring *them* to the services of God's house. . . .” First, make it a priority in your schedule to attend our new, midweek Lenten services, along with Sunday morning worship. Also, bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and/or nephews. Bring a guest or maybe a member of All Saints who no longer drives at night. Help create memories that can encourage faith to grow in others (of all ages) who attend these services. *See you!*



In Jesus' name,
Pastor Scott Schmidt

Confirmation Lesson Schedule

Sunday Morning 9:15 am

Mar 1 Apostles' Creed – The Forgiveness of Sins
Mar 8 Apostles' Creed – Resurrection and Eternal Life
Mar 15 Lutheran Life – Baptism: One Lord, Faith, Baptism
Mar 22 Lutheran Life – Baptism: Newness of Life
Mar 29 Lutheran Life – Communion: Passover to Last Supper

Midweek (Wednesday) 6 pm

Mar 4 New Testament – The Revelation to John
Mar 11 Leader and Guide Huddle
Mar 18 New Testament – The Bible and My Life
Mar 25 Family Date Night Week

Looking ahead: make-up lessons for Wednesday Night Confirmation Classes are scheduled for the Saturday mornings of March 14 and 21. A time schedule will be given to youth who have make-up lessons.

YOUTH + NEWS

Thank-You's

Thank you to everyone for all the donations

made for the Souper Bowl. According to All Saints calculations the Cardinals should have won. (oh well) We raised \$312.50 dollars and 60 items of food. All monies and food items will be sent to People helping People in Byron.

Family Fun night...was a fun filled evening of playing games, bonding and enjoying pizza by everyone. We even had Deal or no Deal up on the screens in the sanctuary.

Youth Quake... just around the corner....March 6-8th at the Kalahari Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI

Spaghetti Dinner...March 14, 2009 5-7 pm...tickets are on sale now. Youth to sign up to help decorate, serve, and clean up...Sign up sheet on Youth board.

Roller Skating any one? March 22nd at our youth nite...let Audrey know if you can go we need to see how many will be there since it is spring break.

EASTER SUNDAY... is right around the corner.....Easter breakfast will be served between church services 9-10 am. We are looking for volunteers to help out with cooking and to bring food items. Youth to sign up to help decorate, serve and clean up after...all sign ups are on the youth board. Thanks go out to everyone for all their participation.

Reminder that there will be NO youth nite on March 8th.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois has asked us if we would like to participate in their Bid for Youth Auction. We would make up some exciting gift baskets for the auction items. This event will be held Friday, April 24th, 2009 at the Blackhawk Center located at 1101 Jefferson, Oregon, IL. The proceeds from this event support LSSI's Youth and school-based Counseling programs for Ogle County. We would collect items to make these baskets up. Different ideas or themes could be Movie Baskets, Pasta, Gardening, Chocolate Lovers, Summer Fun, Sport, Baby items, or anything good that you can come up with. We need all items on or before March 22nd. Baskets will be available for items in the narthex. Thanks for all your help!

LOMC... will not be having Turtle Search Sunday this year but, will have something different this year in May. Updated information soon. Are you looking for some summer fun for your kids - elementary school through high school age? Summer Camp starts June 14th - August 7th come out and enjoy God's word in the world. Pick up a brochure on the narthex hallway table from Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center. There are an amazing number of different activities offered and the facility is not far away - just the other side of Oregon.

Spring Adventure Day - Fishing with Jesus...
March 28, 10-4pm for K-3rd graders cost is \$30.00 per person.

- Audrey Adams, Youth Leader

Planned Youth events for 2009

March	6-8th	(fri-sun)	Youth quake @ Wisconsin Dells, Lake Dalton
	8th	(sun)	NO Youth Nite
	14th	(sat)	Spaghetti Dinner = 5-7 pm
	22nd	(sun)	Youth Nite = Rollerskating
	28th		Spring Adventure Day 10-4pm K-3 rd grade
April	12th	(sun)	Easter Breakfast 9-10 am
	12th	(sun)	Youth Nite = 5-7 pm
	26th	(sun)	Youth Nite = 5-7 pm = Sock Hop Night
May	10th	(sun)	Youth Nite = 5-7 pm
	24th	(sun)	Youth Nite = 5-7 pm
June	14 th		LOMC Summer camp begins

Welcome Our New Partners in Mission

Clip  Save

Sunday, February 22, the following people were welcomed as new participants in our mission at All Saints. The fifteen confirmed members and eight baptized youth all come to us as transfers from fellow Lutheran congregations.

Perry and Luann Byers and Brix, Bryn and Base* come to us from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo. Perry is self employed, and Luann is a kindergarten teacher in the Byron school district.

Phyllis and Jim Coffman come to us from Alpine Lutheran Church in Rockford. The Coffmans have worshiped with us frequently and are enthused to become part of All Saints. Both are retired.

Kathy and Alfred Kornett were members of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Addison, IL. Both are retired and resided in Wisconsin before moving to our community. The "people" of All Saints is what attracted them to join.

Susan Myers and her husband, Andrew, come to us from Austin, MN, where she was a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church. Andrew is active in the Catholic Church. Susan is a social worker at Beloit Memorial Hospital. Andrew is an industrial engineer supervisor at Hormel Foods, Rochelle. Both enjoy fishing, but Susan also likes reading and cooking.

Brenda and Alan Schramm along with their children **Amanda* and Justin*** come to us from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Rockford. They both enjoy good wine, good food and good friends. Alan is a contract administrator for Cincinnati Automation, and Brenda is a corporate Travel Consultant with American Express Travel. All Saints being part of the Lutheran denomination and of the local community was their attraction to our congregation.

Jill Smith, her husband, Dave, and their daughters **Josanne* and Madelaine*** come to us from Rochelle, where Susan and the girls were members of Faith Lutheran Church in Rochelle. Being of the same "faith" was an attraction to All Saints. Jill works part-time and is a stay-at-home-mom. Dave is a self-employed carpenter.

Vince and Adrienne Vitale and their daughter **Alexandra*** come to us from All Saints Lutheran Church in Davenport, IA. Vince is an assistant news director at WTVO television (ABC-17 and FOX-39). Adrienne works for Advantage Sales and Marketing and also is a waitress at 5th Alarm. They both like fishing and hunting, while Vince adds boating and Adrienne adds birdhouse gourds, gardening, and camping. The friendly atmosphere (and the congregation's name) attracted them to All Saints.

Patty Watson and her husband Scott have two sons, **Trevor* and Lane***. Patty and their two sons come to us from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Coloma, WI. Patty is a business analyst with Military Deli and Bakery Services. Scott is a driver for Liebovich Bros.

*Indicates baptized youth. Those being welcomed to All Saints as baptized-confirmed members or as baptized youth are in bold print.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 8 – Don't forget to set your clocks!

ALL SAINTS GROUPS

Quilters

The quilter's plan to meet March 5th and April 2nd at 9 a.m. In February, Helen Cambier brought a lovely old quilting frame to our meeting. Hopefully we can have it on display in the church sometime soon. We appreciate all the donations of fabrics that have been coming in. We could really use more sheets to use for the backing of the quilts. We really enjoy the time we spend together each month tying the quilts. Please join us whenever you can.

--Millie Knodle



Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday Night Bible Study Group meets every week at 7:00pm. In March, we will continue to meet in the conference room. (Please use the South entrance in respect for the AA group meeting in the Fellowship Hall.) The topics of discussion for March are as follows:



- 3-4 Theme: Beyond Oneself
Text: Mark 8:31-38
The path of discipleship involves sacrifice and carrying one's own cross.
- 3-11 Theme: Through the Maze
Text: John 2:13-22
The path of discipleship includes clarifying priorities in the midst of distractions.
- 3-18 Theme: Within the Light
Text: John 3:14-21
The path of discipleship means trusting Christ to light the way.
- 3-25 Theme: In the Footsteps
Text: John 12:20-33
The path of discipleship includes following the footsteps of Christ in service to others.

Crafters!!

Three new crafters joined the crafting session on February 10. They brought additional skills and talents to the session. One group of crafters constructed wooden Rudolfs, another group assembled fall wreaths, while another worked on cloth projects - - on and on it goes to provide a wide selection of items for the Craft Bazaar. The next crafting session will be held on March 10 at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

--Linda Hank



Religious Book Club



In March, **Book Club** will watch the movie *The Secret Life of Bees* at our usual time – 1:00- 2:30 in the fellowship hall on Monday, March 23rd. Join us whether you have read the book or not. The movie stars Dakota Fanning, Jennifer Hudson, Queen Latifah, and Alicia Keys, who all give amazing performances.

Set in California in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted black "stand-in" mother Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decided to spring them both free. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina – a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bee and honey, and the Black Madonna. This is a remarkable story about divine female power, a story that women will share and pass on to their daughters for years to come.

To prepare for April, we will be reading the book, *Joshua* by Joseph F. Girzone.

--Carolyn Niederer

SATURDAY NIGHT SAINTS

Travelogues continue on March 7 at 7:00pm at the Loves Park City Hall Auditorium for "St. Vincent & the Grenadines" by Steve Gosner. "...These islands emerged from the sea eons ago as the result of the collision of the Caribbean and Atlantic plates. St. Vincent has been blessed with lush mountains, rich volcanic soil and unspoiled landscapes of brilliant flora and beautiful, crystal clear waters. When you add the idyllic islands and deserted cays of the Grenadines, the entire country emerges as a prime vacation playground..."

Please sign up on the bulletin board so seats can be saved.

Reminders:

Deadline for articles for the April Spokesman is Tuesday, March 17th. Please email articles to Carolyn Niederer at rjn2cjn@comcast.net. Thanks!

CHURCH NOTES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009

We met twice in February and looked at four different publishers' curriculum. It was decided to go with Group Publisher's Crocodile Dock theme. We are planning VBS week to be July 13-17, so please mark your calendars now to plan ahead. In April, we will be meeting to make more plans, so look for that information in the bulletins and future newsletters. If you are interested in helping with VBS preparations and/or the activities that week, please contact Theresa Fitzsimmons or Carolyn Niederer.



Sunday School News

The 1st-2nd grade Sunday School class is on a mission!

Their goal is to collect enough money to purchase a living gift through the Heifer Project (www.heifer.org/worldark). Through this organization the kids can be part of a larger mission to end world hunger and poverty. With money they collect, the children will select and order farm animals that will be provided to needy families around the world. Their goal is to purchase at least one goat (\$120. ea).

In many parts of the world, a goat is prized above all other livestock. They thrive in harsh climates, eat a variety of vegetation, require little space, and yet they provide up to a gallon of milk each day. What a family does not drink it can make into cheese and yogurt. And because goats have 2-3 kids each year, a donated pair can have a profound impact in an impoverished community.

We expect the kids (our children, not the goats) will learn several lessons in this project as they work together in class, with our congregation, and with a larger charity organization. They'll learn about people who are less fortunate than themselves and that God calls us to help them. They will learn to use the blessings God has provided wisely when they shop for animals that will have a lasting effect for a poor family. Especially, we want them to see that God will bless and magnify their efforts to show His love.

Watch for signs of their efforts and encourage them where you can!

Did you hear those Sunday School kids singing with the Praise Team on February 8 and 22? I am not sure

who enjoyed it the most, the Praise Team members, the kids, or the congregation! But I know it pleased the Lord.

--Melanie Anderson

Waste Buster Report

Rebecca and I found some great resources in the books we checked out from the Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department. While looking through some of the material we came across a short little blurb to share with everyone.



Your room is your very own world – it's a microcosm of the Earth. If you threw trash on the floor and never cleaned it up, your room would soon become a messy unhealthy place to be. Take care of your environment, and it will take care of you by keeping you happy and healthy. Same goes for the planet.

Help us protect God's creation, join in and help. We are seeking volunteers for a Green Working Party on March 28th. We will do a few projects in the church to promote our Waste Busting effort. We haven't heard from many congregation members on their efforts to go green. Please tell us how it is going with you. Don't forget about the "Green" information on the table in the Narthex.

Thank You

Bob Branson and Rebecca Raum

January Meeting

On January 8, 2009, the Women of the Evangelical Church in America (WELCA) unit of All



Saints Lutheran Church met for the purpose of electing new officers and adopting a constitution. Elected officers are: President - Kay Johnson; Secretary - Betty Klink; Treasurer - Jan Sloan; and Sunshine Chair - Sharon Provencher. Committee chairpersons were appointed for the planned activities for 2009. They are: Marlene Roberts, Gloria Olsen, and Ethel Montgomery - Spring Rummage Sale; Betty Klink, Sharon Provencher, and Jodi Miles - Women's Spring Banquet; Gloria Olsen and Lois Lapp - Fall Bazaar; and Kay Johnson, JoMarie Branson, and Jan Sloan - Annual Ladies' Day Out. Watch for the details on these events in upcoming issues of the Spokesman and the Sunday Bulletin.

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Millie Knodle will continue to chair the Quilter's Group, which meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. Lois Lapp and Gloria Olsen will Co-Chair the Saintry Crafters who meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM, and the Religious Book Club will be handled "By Committee", with responsibility for each month's meeting rotating among the members. They meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 1:00 PM.

Additionally, a Constitution was adopted by unanimous vote and is placed on file in the church office.

The Constitution states the meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each January, April, July and October. However, because the second Thursday of April is Maundy Thursday, and there will be church services that evening, **the April meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM.**

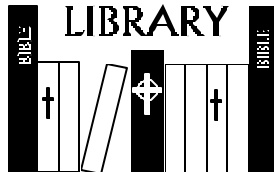
All Saints

On Friday, February 6, approximately 45 members of the All Saints family came together for an evening meal – and what a meal it was! There was a great variety of goodies to tantalize any taste bud! Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the friendship and fellowship of the evening. Thank you to all who participated and brought such wonderful culinary delights!

NEWS FROM THE

There have been several new articles donated in February. Thank you goes to the anonymous donors and to Millie Knodle and Bill Runion for thinking about our library and sharing with us.

CHURCH LIBRARY



? *What She Left for Me* by Tracie Peterson was donated by Millie Knodle. It is a Crossings Book Club entry that is a novel confronting the issues of infidelity and child abuse without any graphic references. It is the author's hope and prayer that the readers will learn to reach out with healing and love to these victims.

? *A Proper Pursuit* by Lynn Austin was also donated by Millie Knodle. This book is set in 1893 at the Chicago World's Fair. The heroine finds her way to discovering her mother whom she hasn't seen in so long she can't remember anything about her. She also discovers the right path for her life and the right man to share it with.

If you have read other books by these two authors or wish to, you will find *Hidden Places* by Austin and *A Dream Anew* by Peterson in our library. They will be placed on the cart for the month of March along with the others in this article.

Holy Bible The Contemporary English Version is given in memory of Marion Runion by Bill.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George is an Newberry Honor Book awarded by the American Library Association for Library Service to Children. It follows Sam's adventures in the mountains after he runs away from home. He has to survive with his own ingenuity and resources in the outdoors and discovers himself while doing so.

Christ the Lord Out of Egypt is a novel by Anne Rice. It is set in the "geographic and historical context of the time" and follows a 7 year old Jesus as he leaves Egypt with his family in danger to the safety of his home in Jerusalem. As he travels, he tries to unlock the secret of his birth and comprehend his power to work miracles.

Rice spent years researching the history of Sumer and Babylon, Rome, all of the Middle East and Egypt by reading archaeological texts, material of the time period, why Rome fell, how Christianity "happened", the mystery of the survival of the Jews and questioning her Catholic beliefs. She had become an atheist for 38 years but rediscovered faith and the "Jesus of the "Gospels" through her research. She has left behind her vampire novels and now will focus on the life of Jesus.

I hope you will find something of interest either from this list or in the library.

--Anne Morgart

This and That

?Any group interested in applying for matching funds through Thrivent, please contact Bob Branson.

?Please use the contact information in the picture directory when making phone calls, sending emails, etc as this is the most up-to-date.

?ADDRESS WANTED: We would like to update our files on young adults who are in college, have been recently married, are serving in the military or are otherwise no longer living at home. Please notify the office so we can keep them up-to-date.

?IF YOU ENTER THE HOSPITAL:

If a member of your household is admitted to a hospital or care/rehabilitation center, please let us know so that we can offer pastoral care, prayer

concerns, etc. if you so desire. You can call All Saints (815-234-5277) or Pastor Scott Schmidt (cell phone - 779-537-4811). Both Pastor's and Council President Marlene Roberts' cell phone numbers are recorded on the answering machine at All Saints. Thank you for your assistance in keeping us informed. God be with you!

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ☞ Council positions were selected for the coming year. All stayed the same with Jim Wilcox, the new member, stepping into the Social Ministry position vacated by Gary Asher.
 - ☞ Steve Jones is composing a letter to all members, which will include building expansion fund envelopes, to help pay the mortgage.
 - ☞ Pastor presented several names of persons wishing to join by transfer. These were accepted and will be welcomed on Feb. 22.
 - ☞ There is repair needed on the church car and it will be done. Still looking into replacing it in the near future.
 - ☞ Pastor presented a new letter head and it was accepted. He also asked for help in the Prayer card program.
 - ☞ The annual Resource Event is Sat. March 7th at Kishwaukee College. Information is on the table in the Narthex for anyone to look at. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Marlene.
- Marlene Roberts

LUTHERAN NEWS

2009 Congregational Resourcing Event – Word of God. Word of Life. March 7, 2009: 8:30 am – 3:15 pm Kishwaukee College, Malta, Illinois

Dr. Matthew Marohl, Associate Professor of Religion at Augustana College and a member of the ELCA Committee on the “Book of Faith” Initiative, will be keynote speaker. The Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) will offer many varied educational workshop selections for key congregational leaders and interested congregation members. During the CRE Worship, a special offering will be taken.

Deadline for registration with Synod is March 1 at a cost of \$17.00. After March 1, cost is \$22.00

Registration Forms are in the narthex. Please turn in registrations to All Saints office by February 26.

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Bid for Youth Benefit Auction will be held on **Friday, April 24th** at the Blackhawk Center, Oregon, Il. Doors open at 5:30pm, live auction begins at 6:30pm. Free will donation at the door. Refreshments included. There will be many creative baskets filled with goodies to bid on. This year’s raffle item is a Nintendo Wii, 2 controllers and 2 games sponsored by Gary Davis and Chris Muller, Country Insurance and Financial Services. The Grand Door Prize will be a “One Night Water Resort Stay” at the Clock Tower Resort, Rockford, IL

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Northern Illinois

April 17-19; June 12-14; October 16-18 – 7:15 pm Friday to 5:30 pm Sunday – Schaumburg, Illinois

Application deadline is Friday, March 13. Application fee is \$45.00 For more information contact Dave & Jean Dobbelstein.

January 2009 All Saints Finance Report									
Month of Year:	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	
	1	General Fund	General Fund	Facilities Maintenance	Facilities Maintenance	Zoom Towards Zero	Zoom Towards Zero	Net	Net
Income	Pledged	\$7,405	\$7,405	\$2,864	\$2,864	\$1,691	\$1,691	\$11,960	\$11,960
	Received	\$18,946	\$18,946	\$3,022	\$3,022	\$1,694	1,694	\$23,662	\$23,662
	Difference	\$11,541	\$11,541	\$158	\$158	\$3	\$3	\$11,702	\$11,702
Expenses	Budgeted	\$12,321	\$12,321	\$2,562	\$2,562	\$2,785	\$2,785	\$17,668	\$17,668
	Expended	\$11,340	\$11,340	\$4,966	\$4,966	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$19,306	\$19,306
	Difference	-\$981	-\$981	\$2,404	\$2,404	\$215	\$215	\$1,638	\$1,638
Gap	Pledged - Budget Gap	-\$4,916	-\$4,916	\$302	\$302	-\$1,094	-\$1,094	-\$5,708	-\$5,708
	Received - Expended Gap	\$7,606	\$7,606	-\$1,944	-\$1,944	-\$1,306	-\$1,306	\$4,356	\$4,356

This is a new format financial report we are trying out for the monthly newsletter. It represents our 2009 status to date and the last complete month of the year at press time, so it is for January here in the March Issue of our newsletter. It will have to be in arrears since we go to press well before months end. I tried to come up with a useful, comparative format. It shows how stewardship income varied versus pledged amounts, actual spending versus budgeted amounts and the gaps between the two. We have three operating accounts where money is moved from the savings (Facilities Maintenance and Zoom Towards Zero) to the General Checking account to pay bills. Comments and questions are welcome. - Steve Jones

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Luther College Symphony Orchestra will be performing on **Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 3:00 pm.** They will be in Rockford at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 3300 Rural St. A freewill offering will be taken. For concert information, call 815-399-0531

PARISH PATTTER

What a great turnout we had for the potluck supper a couple weeks ago. Plans are taking shape to do this about four times a year with one of the potlucks being a picnic at a park

We have three youth doing their part with seven adults on the "Green Team". Rebecca Raum has come up with some great ideas as well as designing our logo. Courtney Loomis and Evan Anderson are now on board and contributing a lot of ideas. Give them a pat on the back for their great work. Don't forget to make a bid on the house in "foreclosure" displayed in the narthex. We now have a few pieces of furniture for it. And speaking of furniture we have had some donated to the Tom and Teresa O'Connor family who lost their home in a fire. Teresa is a sister to Dave Stukenburg and his wife Julie is a member here. As we get more information we will pass it along. Thanks for help in this sad situation.

The Lenten season is coming up real soon and we will be having services on Wed. evening, a new experience for many of us. Thanks to all that are going to be helping with this new adventure. Hope to see you there. Thanks to all of you that have stepped up and done unseen jobs around the church. Many we don't see and never hear about but all are greatly appreciated. Another way of serving your church. --The Church Mouse

PRAYER CONCERNS for

Mollie Krecklow, Kathleen Combs, Lorraine Buenik, Mary Eakle, Deb Curtis, Nancy Shepard and her mother Elnora Gustafson, Doug Raney, Celeste Reif (daughter-in-law of Jim & Kit Reif), Patrick Clinton, Tim O'Hare, Bonnie Stoll, Bryan Roper, Joel Boomer, Charles Rodberg, Edward Jones (Steve's father), Don Dummer, Francis Goreth (John Goreth's mother), Betty Niehaus, Trevor Penn, Edith Provencher, Marilyn Schroeder, Bill Berglund (Lois Lapp's brother), Roger Reimer, Dessie Whitlow, Pat Pederson, Kathleen Kuss and Julie Flesner. Tom & Teresa O'Connor whose house was destroyed by fire (sister of Julie Stukenberg)

Karol & Nicole Livingston as they travel to Biloxi, Mississippi with the Augustanna College Campus Ministry team to provide Katrina relief work.

Those serving in the military, especially **Steve Huber, Alex Schmidt, Amber Dach,** Nick Petke, Jacob Houston, Jayme Wilcox, Matt Schumacher, Gregory Peterson, Matt Cowan and Rob Irving.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Don Dummer's successful surgery and continuing recovery.

Christian sympathy to the family of Barbara Matthews, to the Livingston family on the death of Karol's grandmother, Ruth Feldt, to the families of Elaine Raney and of Audrey Ray (sister of Mary Raney).

PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral: 2-3-09: Barbara Matthews (died 1-30-09)

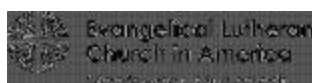
New Office Hours: **Monday through Thursday** with *Usual Core* Hours of 10:00 am – 3:00 pm except for the second Wednesday. Carol, Marlene and Pastor each will cover various days allowing for expanded office coverage. At times the office may be staffed beyond these hours. Call first. Pastor will still post his typical hours in the *Spokeman* calendar.

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