

All Saints Lutheran Church

February 2012 Saints Alive!

Mark your calendar

Pastor Kim's installation will be on Monday, February 20

More info to follow soon!

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40 Days of Prayer for Pastor Kim

When I think of where we were a year and a half ago, I can hardly believe where we are now. And it's all because of you...each one of you. Because of your presence here, your tithes, your hard work and your prayers of support, we are at a place to welcome a new pastor.



We've been trying to think a way to show Pastor Kim Krogstad that we are excited for her to be here and understand this transition for her and for us. When I was on the phone call with another pastor, she said, "I don't know why I'm telling you this but when I accepted the call at my current congregation, they had a calendar showing members of the congregation praying for me for my first month." Well I know why she said that, because we came up with *40 days of Prayer for Pastor Kim*. We want to pray for her transition, her meeting all of us, getting used to our style, us getting used to her style and us supporting each other. We are all in this together.

There is a calendar in Common Grounds that you can sign up for a day or more for yourself, your family, your small group, or your ministry team. More than one person or group can sign up on the same day. We would like to fill the 40 days and if we go beyond that, great! We'll keep it up in Common Grounds so you can check to remember your day or days. And feel free to ask her if she has a specific prayer in mind.

Jeanne Tollard

Souper Bowl of Caring - Sunday February 5th

In honor of Pastor Kim's 1st Sunday, let's help a local food pantry and ELCA World Hunger! Bring a can of soup to church on Super Bowl Sunday and it will be donated to the Omro Food Pantry. Place a dollar in the basket for the Team that you think will win the Super Bowl and it will go to ELCA World Hunger. Last year we collected 112 cans of soup and raised \$113.00 for ELCA World Hunger.

Let's see if we can double that this year in Pastor Kim's honor! "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

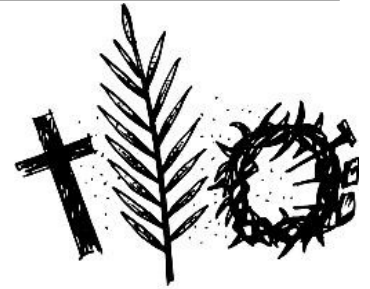


Laurie Cieszynski

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

6:30 P.M. FAMILY FESTIVAL WORSHIP
With Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion



LENT

Mid-Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays, February 29—March 28

THEME: *UNBINDING YOUR HEART*

5:30PM SOUP SUPPER

Join together to share the gift of community among friends and newcomers. Jesus invites everyone to his table.

6:30PM FESTIVE WORSHIP

WHAT IS GOD DOING IN YOUR LIFE?

Come and join in an all congregational event during the Lenten season called *Unbinding Your Heart*. It is an event on faith sharing and prayer.....to unbind our hearts and grow in our relationship with God. Small group sign up will be available starting Feb. 5th. The groups will start after Ash Wednesday and continue for 6 weeks. A perfect Lenten sacrifice, to give up other "things" to strengthen your faith journey and relationship with God! There are two parts to the event: reading and prayer. Through this journey, you will nurture your relationship with God, with other church members, and those relationships outside of church. Please call Deb Sieth, ministry coordinator, at 426-4142 to be directed to someone that can answer any questions. May your heart be opened for the Holy Spirit to blow thru like a refreshing breeze!

Sunday School News

Penny War for good!

During the month of February each of the classes will participate in a Penny War! The proceeds of the Penny War will go to Mission Support (formerly known as Benevolence) through the ELCA of which our church is a member. On January 29th, the Sunday School kids will learn more about what Mission Support does throughout the world. Please watch for handouts telling more about Mission Support & class totals in the Penny Jars. Any parents willing to help by counting the pennies for their child's class each week that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kelly or Dina.



Just for Fun!

February 12th—Wear Red or Pink in celebration of Valentine's Day

Spotlight Class

The 3rd graders are the spotlight class for the month of February...please check out the board in Common Grounds to get to know these amazing kids better.

Help Wanted

We are looking for anyone with the gift of music to help lead the kiddos in music during the 1st 10 minutes of Sunday School each week. Jay Merrill is leading the kids currently & he'd love to have someone to help him lead or to lead the kids if he needs to be away. Please contact Kelly or Dina if you'd like more information, or if you're interested in helping out.

Kelly Wheeler & Dina Jones

Ministry Matters—Mission Support

God is a God of abundance and everything we have belongs to him. He has chosen us as caretakers of his world. God calls us to live faithful lives and to share his abundance with others in our homes, communities and around the world. So rather than giving my offering to All Saints Lutheran Church, I think of it as giving through All Saints.



Offerings given to All Saints are used to support our ministries where we reach out to others. At All Saints, we designate 10% of the church's income for Mission Support. We used to call this Benevolence, but through the years the term has changed to Mission Support.

Mission Support is the portion of offerings that our congregation shares with the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the church-wide organization for God's mission beyond the local congregation. This support is the lifeblood of the work that God does through the ELCA. These offerings provide about 80 percent of the resources that enable the ELCA to start new congregations and renew existing ones. These funds also provide the staff and resources to develop new leaders, support churches around the globe, work for justice, end poverty and so much more.

45% of our Mission Support (Benevolence) stays at the synod level and is used by the East Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA to fund Outreach initiatives; The Resource Center; Interim Ministry; Continuing Education; Support Youth Activities; Candidacy – Committee who oversees individuals who are in seminary and are considering going to seminary; conflict resolution for congregations; long range planning and visioning for congregations; retreat leadership for church councils and/or church staff; Stewardship help for congregations; assists Call Committees in congregations; Gives support and assistance in any area the Church Council Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries may need; Expenses to operate the Synod office building; office expenses of the Synod; Synod Staff Salaries

The synod sends 55% of the offering to the ELCA church-wide organization. They respond to ministry opportunities here and around the world to further the mission of this church. Some mission support funds may return to congregations in the form of grants, services, programs and resources.



Thanks be to God for all that we have. Thanks be to God for our partnership with the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the ELCA as we share God's boundless love with the world.

Deb Sieth

Ministry Coordinator / Office Administrator

Outreach Team

The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone for donating to the "Rainy Season Project", our Opportunity of the Month for January 2012. Thank you!! Thank you!!



In February we present the needs of the Oshkosh "Day by Day Warming Shelter" as our Opportunity of the Month for February 2012. This shelter is a new Oshkosh project that provides a place for anyone who needs overnight shelter during the cold weather months. This is a long awaited important ministry for our community. Our project for the month is to provide needed supplies for the shelter. Each Sunday in February we will feature a particular room at the shelter. Please look for the collection area near the coffee bar. Below is a collection schedule for our congregation:

- On February 5th please bring an item for the laundry room. Please bring: net type laundry bags, dryer sheets, bleach, or laundry soap
- On February 15th please bring an item for the bathroom. Please bring: foot powder, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small soap bars, shower gel, deodorant, men's socks, bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, or toilet paper
- On February 28th please bring an item for the kitchen. Please bring decaffeinated coffee, juice boxes, soft style cereal bars, gift cards to grocery stores, large garbage bags, large and small freezer zip lock bags, Styrofoam plates and cups, plastic silverware, or dish cloths
- The following items are also requests of the shelter: floor cleaner, rubber gloves, non-latex gloves, AA and AAA batteries, hand sanitizer (bottles or wipes), hand and foot warmers, twin comforters and twin flannel sheets and pillow cases (new or gently used)

Please help make this All Saints project a success by contributing one or more items. All items will be delivered to the shelter at the end of February. If you have questions please contact Robin Whitney at elirube@charter.net.

Peggy Coniff

Thank You from Pastor Alan

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus, I am writing to thank you all for the delightful farewell brunch that you held in my honor on January 8. It was such a time of celebration, joy, tears and laughter. I will miss you all, even as I am grateful to God for the ministry and mission that you provide in Jesus' name. I'm sure you'll want to welcome Pastor Kim into your midst, with the same spirit of joy and creativity which you welcomed me and sent me off. The cut flowers and orchid are beautiful, as were the testimonials and the gift cards and well wishes.

Thank you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Alan



You Did It Again

YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE SAINTS WHO “DID IT AGAIN”. YOU MADE THIS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON, AND IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED BY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

- Bell Ringing-----we were able to help raise money for many families struggling at this time for food, clothing and housing. And a special thank you to the girls scouts who rang bells for us.
- Christmas Tree-----many “saints” participated in purchasing clothing and special gifts to 5 families who had expressed a need through the Salvation Army. The children were very appreciative for their new clothing, their toys, books and special gifts. To see the surprise and smiles on the children’s faces is worth every penny spent. And the moms couldn’t believe what we had given them.

Every year we are truly blessed to have so many people open their hearts to those less fortunate. Your outreach committee would once again like to ‘THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU’.

Cheryl Schamens

Cub Scout / Boy Scout Sunday—February 5th.

All Saints has a tradition of uniformed scouts and adult leaders serving as worship volunteers on Scout Sunday. Scouts can choose to greet, usher, read the lessons, be the worship tech and/or assist with communion at either the 8:00 or 10:15 service. To volunteer contact Jill Schaumberg, 231-8715 or pjschaumberg@charter.net.

Sing to the Lord

The choir is in need of a pianist. If interested, or know someone who may be willing, please contact Lois at 527-1337. Also we are always welcoming more choir members. Anyone who wants to help ensure that the choir continues to enrich our worship services are urged to join! We practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in Hallelujah Hall.

Fill the Cart

Help us fill the grocery cart in found in our narthex. We are collecting non-perishable food to donate to the local food pantries.

Wrapped in God’s Love

Prayer shawls are designed to give comfort and remind those in need that someone is praying for them and that God’s care is close at hand. They also can be a prayer tool for the person who receives a shawl. Perhaps you know someone who is ill, or lonely or just needs a reminder that they are loved by God.



Library News—Book Reviews

- Here's a book review by Rita Hoppe, Kathy Dutcher's mom. Christmas Bus- It is a very good book about a small town named Christmas Valley. A pastor and his wife would be alone for Christmas, so they opened their home as a bed and breakfast, which filled up quickly. A young pregnant couple came with a bus that needed repair. The church family all chipped in and paid for the repairs plus new tires so they could continue their trip to California. But the baby was born in Christmas Valley. The church ladies also had a baby shower for them, as they didn't have any money. Also the children belonging to the church had a Christmas pageant with live animals. I really enjoyed the book.
- One member of our congregation has recommended *Heaven is for Real* as a very good book to read, we are happy to say we have this book and our church member said it was the best book they had read in a long time and that once they started to read it they couldn't put it down, thanks Roger Foust for your glowing recommendation of this book. We also have The Help both in the book edition and on CD, this book is excellent as well and was also given great reviews by members who had read it.

Agnes Arbuckle



Attention MOMS of School Aged Children!

Please come check out the MomsNext group to meet more moms like you!

MomsNext, Mothers of school aged kids, meets @ All Saints the 1st Friday of the month September—May from 9-11am. You do not need to be a member of All Saints, this group is open to all mothers of school age children ages Kindergarten through High School. For more information, go to www.oshkoshmops.org/ and

It's About Life

All Saints February Blood Drive

Sunday, February 12 from 8:15 – 10:15 a.m.

What do we get out of this?

The # 1 reason blood donors say they give is because they “want to help others”. This is a way for All Saints to serve the community as part of our outreach ministry. Our next Community Blood Center blood drive at Saints will be on February 12. Appointments begin at 8:15 with the last appointment beginning at 10:15. You, your friends and family are invited to participate in this life-saving effort. Donating blood is safe and easy. The entire process takes about 45 minutes to one hour from registration to refreshments. The actual donation of blood takes about seven to ten minutes. It is a very small amount of time you can give to save someone's life. Please contact Deb Sieth in the church office at 426-4142 or sign up on the poster in Common Grounds. Please help us make our goal of 14 donors. Ruth Wellhouse from the Community Blood Center will be at All Saints on January 29 from 8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. to answer our questions about giving blood and the Community Blood Center.



Council Meeting—January 10, 2012

Present: Dave Koch-President, John Coniff-VP, Kelly Wheeler-Secretary, Jay Merrill, Janek Cieszynski, Barb Wussow-CFO, Sarah Hopkins, Jill Schaumberg, Jean Polka, Deb Sieth—Ministry Coordinator Excused: Bob Mathers-Treasurer



Steinke Book: Lead by Sarah Hopkins & Deb Sieth--Main idea: To challenge or survive

Secretaries Report--December's Minutes approved via email & in the January Newsletter

Pastor Report—No report this month, however items that Pastor Alan suggested the A-Team work on include:

- Work with the Mutual Ministry Team
Mutual Ministry Team is made up of 4 members of the call team & their focus is to be the eyes & ears of the church to work with the Pastor to ensure the church maintains focus on it's mission/s. Members include: Pam Pfaff, Laurie Cieszynski, Jeanne Tollard, & Mike Klich.
- Technology Upgrade—All Saints computers are very dated.
A technology evaluation to be done—Deb to take the lead on this.

Ministry Coordinator Report—Deb Sieth

- Cleaning of church offices
Jeanne Tollard & Carol Harnitz are organizing cleaning all the offices.
Chairs may be purchased for Pastor Kim's office or if someone has some nice chairs to donate—that would be appreciated.
- Supply Pastor
Carol Christianson here from 1-15-12 through 2-5-11. On February 5th Carol will run the service & Pastor Kim will give the sermon.
Dean & Ann Smith to unlock the church & Executive Team members to lock up.
- Pastoral Emergency Coverage
Deb to handle this during her working hours.
Executive Team members to cover nights & Fri-Sun, in one week shifts.
- Photo Directory
Deb is forming a team to work on updating the directory.
Volunteers needed include: Photographers, computer design, communication/advertise to congregation, and assembly. Anyone interested in being part of this team please contact Deb Sieth in the church office.
- Stewardship Team is focusing on a Time & Talent Survey to be passed out Palm Sunday.

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Finance Report—Barb Wussow

2011 Analysis

- General Giving is short 3.5% of budget. Building Giving was short—90.8% of budget
- 2011 YTD giving was \$495,568 (includes mortgage reduction), 2010 was \$422,535— increase of 17%!
- Unpaid bills of \$13,562, of which \$10,753 is Mission Support (formerly known as Benevolence)
- Member of All Saints gave in advance of regular giving \$1500 towards December WPS bill to keep current.
- 2011 Expenses were 99.2% of budget--within budget

Call Team—Jay Merrill

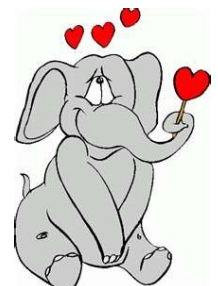
- Pastor Kim isn't afraid to talk about money--she'll keep the focus on Stewardship.
- This team has partially evolved into the Mutual Ministry Team. See Pastor Report.

Property Team—Jay Merrill

- Garage Cleanup in April
- Sign
 - The wooden sign will be redesigned & built
 - Concept for a budget item for 2013
 - Electrified sign with possible lighted information on a ticker strip.
- Welcome Counter
 - To be built for use in the coat rack entrance area. Information about All Saints & other Ministry Groups included here.
- Bulletin Boards
 - Built where some of the glass windows leading to Common Grounds are.
 - 4 total. 2 on each side of the entrance to Common Grounds.

Personnel Team—Sarah Hopkins

- Clarification on Raises
 - Non-pastoral staff
 - Lead Pastor conducts reviews, and then recommends to Personnel Team all raises, the Personnel Team presents this to the Finance Team.
 - Lead Pastor
 - Review conducted by 2 Executive Team members & they recommend any raises to the Personnel Team who presents this to the Finance Team.
- Emergency Contact Information
 - Personnel Team to give Pastor Kim a Emergency Contact Form to fill out.



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Technology Manual—Janek Cieszynski

- Janek Cieszynski & Paul Schaumberg to create a user manual for various technology systems @ All Saints.

These manuals or binders will be kept in the Ministry Office—former Sunday School Office (or Counter's room) 1st Room East of Common Grounds.

Constitution Updates—Jean Polka

- Chapter 11—Officers had some updates.

Jean to publish for congregation to review

Jean to send changes to synod

Vote to take place @ the Annual Meeting, vote contingent on synod's blessing.

Lord's Prayer; Meeting Adjourned @ 9:15

Kelly Wheeler-Secretary

Women's Bible Study

The Thursday Morning Bible study group will begin a new six-week study on the book of Jonah on March 1st. We meet at approximately 9:30 am in the Common Grounds at All Saints every Thursday morning. We share some coffee, some fellowship and our study lessons. We would love it if you would consider joining us! If you have any questions or would like to order a workbook, please call Deb Sieth in the church office.

February

The Calendar of events can be found by clicking on the link at the bottom left corner of the website.

February Volunteers

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Greeters	Boy Scout Sunday	Alissa Arneson Sophia Artus	Randy & Bonnie Behnke	Alex Shew Hunter Barber
8:00		Alex & Tyler Kujawa	Bud & Lorna Edwards	Logan Webster Brennon Watson
10:15				
Ushers	Boy Scout Sunday	Roxy Barkhahn Virginia Jungwirth	Declan King Andrew Steinert	Glenn Rand Paul West
8:00		Darlene Donker Roger Koepsel	Justin Schindel Jacob Derenne	Debby & Scout Houts
10:15				
Reader	Boy Scout Sunday	Jeanne Tollard	Branden King	<i>Donna Nelson (Bruce)</i>
8:00		Roger Koepsel	Jordyn Robl	
10:15				<i>Scott Houts</i>
Worship Tech	Boy Scout Sunday	Brody Frost	Jamie Keller	Sydney Kumbier
8:00		Evan LaPlant	Arika Gehri	Marissa Sugrue
10:15				
Commun- ion Assis- tant 8:00	Boy Scout Sunday	Casey Buehler Nate Somers Jeanne Tollard	Bonnie Behnke Michele Ubrig Helene White	Allison Nelson Dave Mathers Donna Nelson
10:15		Michael Marone Roger Koepsel Pat Barker	Dave Koch Jordyn Robl Gail McNeil	Scotyt Houts Evan LaPlant Brennon Watson
Counters	Rick Kumbier Renee Bronecki	Kathy Dutcher Stacy Resop	Rick Kumbier Renee Bronecki	Kathy Dutcher Stacy Resop
Nursery 8:00	Jenny Johnson Lauren Sweeting	Melanie Beahm Alex Shew	Todd & Melissa Palecek Kjersten Kleveland	Chrissy Steinert Andrew Steinert
10:15	Lisa Noe Madison Weber	Donna Nelson (Jeff) Allison Schmiedel	Sara Wiebel Brennon Watson	Jodi Budwit Connor Arneson
Altar Watch	Kathy West Ann Smith	Kathy West Ann Smith	Kathy West Ann Smith	Kathy West Ann Smith
Musicians	Greg Pfaff	Kyrie	Jay Merrill Lois Gruetzmacher	Kyrie

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we are disciples called to share the Good News

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Deb Sieth, Ministry Coordinator/Office Admin
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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am—4:00pm



Our Worship Schedule

Worship: 8:00 & 10:15am
Nursery Provided: 8:00 & 10:15am
Signed Worship: 10:15am
Sunday School: 9:10am