

Saints Alive! Newsletter



All Saints Lutheran Church

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Social Media

If you're a Twitter or Facebook user, make sure you include All Saints in your social media mix. Follow **@ASLCPalatine** on Twitter and like "**All Saints Lutheran Church**" on Facebook.



Epiphany Party!

Epiphany, the day we celebrate the end of the 12 days of Christmas the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, falls on Sunday this year, **January 6, 2013**. We will have one worship service at 10 am followed by a Christmas treats potluck at 11 am.

Bring your favorite (or your leftover) Christmas goodies and we'll have a great party. Our regular Sunday morning schedule (8:30 and 11 with Education Hour at 9:45) will resume on January 13.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for All Saints Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 11 am. The schedule for the day will be: Education Hour at 9 am, Worship at 10 am, Annual Meeting at 11 am, with a luncheon to follow. Annual Report materials will be available online and in hard copy at church at least one week prior to the meeting.

All Saints January Worship Schedule

Regular services:

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Education
11 am Worship

Exceptions:

January 6th and 27th:
9 am Education
10 am Worship
11 am Potluck (6th) / Annual Meeting (27th)

Winter joke:

*What do you sing at a snowman's
birthday party?*

Freeze A Jolly Good Fellow





Notes from the Pastors

Jenn Moland-Kovash
Seth Moland-Kovash

19th Annual Concert for the Sem

Bach for the Sem, a concert benefiting our seminary the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, will be held again on **Jan. 13, 2013**.

The program will feature a new piece by David Cherwien for choir. The 19th Annual Bach for the Sem Concert takes place at 4 p.m. at St. Luke Church, 1500 West Belmont, Chicago.

Mark Bangert leads Chicago area musicians in works by Daniel Pinkham, Morten Lauridsen and Flor Peeters as well as Part 4 of Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Pastor Seth will be part of the orchestra on viola.

Tickets are \$20 before the concert and \$22 at the door. For more information or to order tickets, contact Ruth Ann Deppe at rdeppe@lstc.edu or call the Advancement Office at 773-256-0712.

Confirmation and Senior High Retreat

Senior High students are welcomed and encouraged attend a retreat along with our Confirmation students **February 8-10** at Camp Lutherdale along with 200 other students from around Chicagoland.

We will have Bible study, worship with Rachel Kurtz, and lots of fun. Pastor Seth will be handing out registration forms or visit <http://www.lutherdale.org> and search for "Chicago Confirmation Retreat."

*For all to know Christ,
THANKS BE TO GOD!*



Happy Winter!

Lenten Devotional

Once again this year, we will be preparing a daily Lenten devotional written by YOU! If you would like to share your thoughts about a particular assigned Bible passage (about 200-250 words) please let Pastor Seth know (pastorseth@allsaintspalatine.org) for inclusion on our writer's list. The pastors and others will be available to help and consult. You have something to say.

January Online Bible Study

Start your new year off right, with Bible Study. This group is for all of you want to study and discuss the Bible, but can't quite commit to regular attendance at a Sunday morning or Thursday morning or Monday evening group. This study will begin on **Tuesday, January 15** and will wrap up on Friday, February 8... so that's the time commitment we're looking at. We'll be studying the book of Galatians. Those who sign up for the group will be able to read a brief update or comment each day with a question or two to ponder. Those who sign up are committing to read that email at least once a day during that time and to respond each day with at least one sentence. If you have any questions or to register, email pastorseth@allsaintspalatine.org

Adult Forum – The Greatest Story

Each and every Sunday at 9:45 we hold an Adult Forum in the Library upstairs. We are in the midst of our series "Things You Should Have Learned in Confirmation Had You Been Paying Attention." If you haven't been before, jump in at any time. If you can't make it every week, that's OK. We're using Martin Luther's Small Catechism as our basic text and conversing from there. Jump in in January and join the conversation about the Lord's Prayer and what it means.

Daily Email Devotions & Conversation

Each day (Monday through Friday), Pastor Jenn and Seth write a brief daily email devotional that is sent out via email. The scripture texts for these reflections are based on the daily lectionary, designed to tie in to and build upon the readings from the Sundays. If you'd like to receive these and are not currently, please send an email to office@allsaintspalatine.org.

For those interested, we also have a conversational component. You can also read the devotionals at <http://aslcdevotions.blogspot.com>. Here, you can also leave comments either for the pastors or for other members and reflect back on what we've written. Join in the conversation and make the Bible a part of your daily life.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy New Year!

It's a brand new year, a chance to start over, a new beginning. I'm sure many of you have made New Year's resolutions or if you tend to procrastinate you might get around to it next month. Either way, I would like you to consider adding one more resolution to your list. I want you to pray, not about what you want or believe you need but for how you can help others. I know that may seem like a very big thing to do and you may not even know where to begin. Well, that's where the need for prayer comes in. Ask God for direction, and he will give it to you. I can give you many suggestions, but if I had to narrow it down, I would ask you to look close to home for people needing help. That means helping the people you see all the time but tend overlook when they may be in need, family, neighbors and all the members of All Saints. It's very easy in this day and age of technology to get caught up in what's going on all over the country and the world while ignoring what's happening in your own backyard. What you will need to do is pray to have your eyes and ears opened and then you will see and hear the pleas for help all around you.

So what can you do then? You can do more than you think, but you cannot do

any of it without God's help. This is where the praying part comes in again. Pray to God to show you the way and he will. Remember, we are not in this alone; all we have to do is ask for help and you will be shown the way.

Now comes the hard part, realizing you have been shown the way and then doing something about it. A very close friend of mine told me that we are shown the way and given signs all the time but unless we really see and hear, we will just go about our lives clueless. This will not be an overnight thing. It will take work on your part and a lot of prayer, but after some time you will begin to see the world in a whole new light, without even realizing this change has happened.

Please don't wait another moment to add this resolution to your list and put it at the top. As the weeks go by and you fall off your diet or you decide that gym membership is not worth the money anymore, I want you to look back at the top of your list and remember this is one resolution that you have made not only to yourself but to your Christian community.

God Bless You and keep praying,

Joe Quinn



Dear All Saints members,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift and your caring and support throughout the year. We are thankful and blessed to share in the ministry of such a caring and generous faith family. May God continue to bless you and All Saints in 2013.

Bev Laseke and Vicky Schnackel

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Blood Drive, Sunday, January 13, 2013

All Saints Lutheran Church in conjunction with LifeSource Blood Center will be having a blood drive on Sunday, January 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the gathering space.

Anyone in good health, at least 17 years of age (16 with parental consent) and weighing at least 110 pounds is a potential donor.

An ALYX machine should be available for those of who wish to donate red blood cells only.

To schedule your appointment please contact:

LifeSource 1-877-543-3768, register online at www.lifefsource.org using sponsor code **PA03**, see Roger Nelson or call him at 847-359-6458.

Appointments are recommended and walk-ins are welcome!

PADS - Fulfill your New Year's Resolutions!!

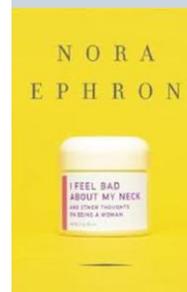
We are still short on volunteers! Please consider volunteering in any way:

- Become a Trained Volunteer: Journeys' the Road Home training is available 2 times in January. Make the commitment to better yourself with this valuable training! We are especially short on MALE trained volunteers.
- Cook: All Saints has designated weekends when we must cook.
- Bring Food: Sign up to drop off food items that can help stop hunger for our guests
- Clean Up: clean-up crews do not need any special training. This is a great family or team building exercise!

Contact the Co-Site Directors, **Monika Fiedler or Tom Germuska** for additional information or to sign up!

Chapter One Book Club

Our next meeting will not be until January, 2013. Our book for January is I Feel Bad About My Neck: and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman by Nora Ephron. We will be meeting on **Monday, January 21st at 7pm** at the home of Joan Fedota. All are welcome to attend. Please call Tina Keck or Jane Oppermann for information.



To the Members of the All Saints Lutheran Church
I want to express a very deep and sincere Thank You to everyone for the generous gift I received.
I continue to feel very blessed to be a part of this church family and for your continued support and guidance.

To you and your families, may you have a joyous and blessed 2013.
Michelle Gutmann



Doug Williams

Cantata – THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the presentation of *Let the Whole World Sing* by Joel Raney on Cantata Sunday, December 9th. Thank you to the choir singers, accompanist and orchestra instrumentalists, stage setup and sound designer, and all of you who came to hear the glorious music of our Cantata Choir and Orchestra. We hope that our presentation helped you prepare your hearts for this year's Christmas celebration.

Christmas Eve Preludes

Thank you to everyone who offered their gifts of music for the Christmas Eve Pre-Service Preludes. Your musical selections added to our joyful celebration of Christ's birth.

Holy Week Cantata

Good Friday, March 29th, the Cantata Choir and Orchestra will present John Purifoy's *Shadows of Sacrifice: A Tenebrae Service*. Come and join us – rehearsals begin Thursday, January 31st at 7:30 p.m.

For information about the music ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church, please contact Director of Music, Doug Williams at music@allsaintspalatine.org or 847-991-2080, ext. 25.



Thank you to the congregation for your very generous Christmas gift. I am truly blessed to serve among you and to make beautiful music with you as we praise God. Soli Deo Gloria.

– Doug Williams



Christmas Angels – Wonderful donations!



MANY, MANY THANKS!

Once again we are amazed by the generosity of our All Saints family! Our congregation provided gifts for 108 individuals (29 families) with over 450 gifts purchased! We wish all of you could have seen the joy in the children's faces and the grateful look of parents when the families were given their gifts. Again this year, All Saints was a distribution center for the Palatine Township Adopt-a-Family Program. In addition to receiving gifts, the families can visit with Santa, have a photo taken and get coloring books and crayons. Our site passed out gifts to 88 families, but there were over 300 families served by this program.

This project needs many volunteers and we would like to thank some of them now. Those who helped to sort the gifts were Denise Long, Cindy Parkin, Dee Gray, Dottie Shearer, Mary Ann Schneider, Karen Halla, Teryl Schawk, Kelly Douglass, and Robin Cohen. Those helping with the Dec. 8th distribution of gifts were Nancy Oakford, Cindy Parkin, David, Denise and Ryan Long, Adam and Robin Cohen, Kelly Douglass, Lea Wagner, Gene Marx, Susan and Scott Barta, Dana Aguirre, Karen Halla, Sandy Malauf, Bob and Mary Ann Schneider.

A special thanks to Jen DeFranco and a group of All Saints Confirmation students for providing cookies for the families! They really went over and above. There were so many dozens of cookies the congregation enjoyed them after the Cantata!

Latter Day Saints Are Marching In Tuesday, February 5

There's a very exclusive group here at All Saints, and if you're lucky, you may qualify for membership. All you need is your ID to prove that you're over 60.

This year we're celebrating our Latter Day Saints with a lunch on
Tuesday, February 5.
Mark your calendars,
bring good appetites
and get ready to learn how to share your Legacy of Faith
with your community and family.

Congregational Leaders and Staff

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Seth Moland-Kovash

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Karen Nedzel

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Michelle Gutmann, Director

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Confirmation Coordinator: Jen DeFranco
Cradle Roll: Ruth Spasoff
Learning: Ruth Spasoff
Loving Hands: Nancy Oakford
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New Member Assimilator: Diane Szuberla
Outreach: Jon Gray
Personnel: Lydia Rohn
Prayer Chain: Rosemary Monsen, Carol Marx
Property: Jeff Fredericks, Bill Friskics
Shepherding: Jon Gray
Social Ministry: Cindy Parkin
Stephen Ministry Leader(s): Jenn Moland-Kovash
Stewardship: Dana Schmidt

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please submit any articles or notes for the February newsletter by Monday, January 21st. You can email them to StefTroy2011@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, feel free to call us at 312-498-7732.

Thanks!

Stef & Troy Kindle



JANUARY 2012

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