

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.

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Thank you Blood Donors!

Thank you to everyone who gave unselfishly of themselves to help others. LifeSource collected 18 units of whole blood and 10 units of double red cells for a total of 28 units at the All Saints drive on January 13. One donation can potentially help up to three patients, so we have benefited our neighbors in need, including cancer patients, critically ill newborns, burn victims, transplant patients and many more who have illnesses requiring blood products.

Thank you,
Roger Nelson

Youth Group Sunday

Youth Sunday is **February 3!**

Get ready for Youth Sunday! On Sunday, February 3rd, our high school youth group will be leading both worship services through music, skits and mini-sermons.

This year's theme, "Serving Others" is sure to include some humor as well as meaningful witness from your young people. Bring a friend, and Don't miss it!!

Did you forget your 2013 Pledge?

We are missing pledges for 2013 from several members. But it is never too late to turn yours in. Blank Pledge Cards are available in the Narthex. Please take one, complete it, and place it in the offering plate. OR just send a note to Peggy Hollingsworth at peghollingsworth@yahoo.com

Valentine's Day joke:

*What did the boy octopus say to
the girl octopus?*

*I want to hold your hand, hand,
hand, hand, hand, hand, hand,
hand*





Notes from the Pastors

Jenn Moland-Kovash
Seth Moland-Kovash

May Spaghetti Dinner

Building on the response to our Thanksgiving dinner the past three years, All Saints is planning a free community spaghetti dinner on a Sunday afternoon in May. If you are able to help coordinate some of the details, like menu, publicity, volunteers, etc., speak with Pastor Seth. Watch this space and other media for more information as the date approaches.

Confirmation Camp

Confirmation camp is coming up **June 16-21** at Lutherdale in Elkhorn, WI. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about faith and about each other. Confirmation families will be receiving registration material from Pastor Seth, but feel free to check in with him for more information.

Del Anderson to Lecture

Our own Rev. Del Anderson has been invited to give the Scherer Lecture at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1100 E 55th Street in Chicago) on **February 26 at 4 pm**. This is a free annual public lecture on the seminary campus.

Del (along with his wife Betty) served as a missionary in Hong Kong from 1959-1969 and as Program Director for East Asia in the Global Mission Office from 1970 until his retirement in 1997. This is a great honor for Del and we are proud of him!

Adult Forum – Adult Confirmation

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 February and join the conversation about the Lord's Prayer and what it means.

Renewal of Vows

Members celebrating “special” wedding anniversaries this year (e.g. 1, 5, 10, 15, 20...50, etc) are invited to participate in a Renewal of Vows **Sun, Feb. 17**, at both worship services. The congregation is invited to join the celebrating couples for refreshments in the Gathering Space between services. Let us know of your participation and your anniversary date using the signup form in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting the church office (office@allsaintspalatine.org).

Summer Camp 2013

The time is coming to register your kids for lots of great summer camp opportunities. Brochures about all the great opportunities at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center (LOMC) in Oregon, Illinois and Camp Lutherdale in Elkhorn, Wisconsin are available at the Welcome Center. You can find more at www.lomc.org and at www.lutherdale.org. Scholarships are available from All Saints. Please talk with one of the pastors.

Lent is Coming

The 40-day journey with Christ to the cross and through the cross to Easter's resurrection begins with Ash Wednesday. This year **Ash Wednesday is on February 13**. We will have worship with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at both noon and 7 pm. Beginning then on **Wednesday, February 20** join us for our midweek Lenten series. We'll share a simple congregational soup meal each **Wednesday at 6:15 and worship at 7**. This season we will have faith stories shared by members of the congregation. Watch your mail for your Lenten packet very soon.

First Communion

All Saints normally celebrates First Communion with children who are in 2nd grade and others (either younger or older) as their parents feel they are ready. First Communion instruction classes (for students and parents) will be on **Saturday, March 9 (9-12) and Saturday, April 20 (9-12)** and First Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 21** at the 8:30 service. If you do not receive an invitation and would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Seth.

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



As I sit here composing what is my last newsletter article, I am both sad and excited. My three year term as President of ASLC is coming to an end. If you had told me three years ago that I would now be looking back at the time I spent as president as some of the most fun experiences I would have at All Saints, I think you can guess what I would have said to that. But it's true, I have enjoyed my time as president and I have been very honored to serve in this capacity. There were many times that I had no idea what I was doing and I kept thinking, "How the heck am I going to get the job done?" That is where all of you came in. This position is not just one person's role; it's also the pastor's, the council's and the whole congregation's. I could never have handled all the obstacles that came my way without help. So I want to thank each and every one of you, for in some small or large way, you made my job easier and the Church benefited from it.

So now we move on. The next president will do things in a different way than I did, but that is a good thing. He/she will bring a fresh perspective to the position, but what should not change is the help you give, the same help that all of you gave me. You will need to continue to bring both positive and negative feedback to the next president. You will need to step up and fill volunteer positions that we have a need for in the church. You will need to do your part, wherever and whenever you can, so that your next president can be do his/her job.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you these last three years, it has been an honor.

**God Bless You,
Joe Quinn**



To the wonderful people of All Saints,
Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift.
I truly appreciate it! I feel so blessed to be here sharing my time and love
of music with you.
I wish all of you a joyful, peace filled 2013.

Karen Nedzel

EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Palatine Township Food Pantry

We have learned of increasing numbers of families in need of assistance from the Palatine Township Food Pantry. As many know, we have a box near our church entrance where bags of groceries can be placed, which are brought mid-week to the nearby Township Pantry.

Word has come that, in addition to this form of assistance, the Township Pantry will also be very happy to receive monetary contributions, providing added resources as the YHOP van (Youth Hunger Opposition in Palatine) goes to the Chicago Food Depository warehouse to pick up grocery supplies by the box-full.

Checks can be made out to All Saints Lutheran Church, with "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

The PHD Baby Shower

The Social Ministry Committee invites you to join a "heartfelt" baby shower to collect items for the PHD (Preservation of Human Dignity) baby closet. PHD is a Palatine counseling center that provides pregnancy and parenting assistance plus education for women and families. Last year your generous donations positively impacted 250 – 300 families with donations of food, diapers, formula and clothing.

Look in the Gathering Space for the pink hearts and pick the hearts displaying the baby items that you would like to donate. The hearts will be available beginning Sunday, February 3 and will run through February. The gifts should be brought unwrapped to our baskets located near the bulletin board display in the Gathering Space by Sunday, February 24.

Items most needed include:

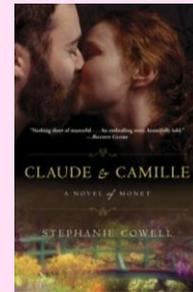
Enfamil Lipil (Formula)	Baby shampoo	Baby soap
Baby food	Baby wipes	Washcloths
Disposable diapers	Baby towels	Tee-shirts
Onesies	Baby sweaters	Booties and Socks
	Baby blankets	Baby outfits
	Bottles	

Target or Walmart, gift cards (\$10 - \$25 denominations)

Thank you for your continued generous support of this program. PHD is always very appreciative of your donations.

Chapter One Book Club

Our book for February is **Claude and Camille: A Novel of Monet** by Stephanie Cowell. We will be meeting on Monday, February 18th at 7pm at the home of June Miller. All are welcome to attend. Please call Tina Keck or Jane Oppermann for information.



Cold weather, families help fill PADS shelter

Since the first of the year PADS volunteers have been caring for more guests each Saturday night in the shelter at All Saints. We sheltered and fed 66 guests in the first three weeks of January, an average of 22 each week, compared with an average of nine guests each Saturday night in the first three months of the season. We have sleeping pads to accommodate 30.

PADS guests don't make reservations so there is no way to know how many guests we'll have on any night. But the shelter's Co-Site Directors, Monika Fiedler and Tom Germuska, attribute the increase to colder weather and families. Before the shelter opened in October plans were made to be the preferred Saturday site for families. Families are the only guests in the system that are assigned to specific sites by staff at Journeys | The Road Home, the agency that administers the PADS program.

Regardless of why guests choose to stay at All Saints, they are happy about how they are treated while they are here. In an early-January survey 18 guests said their overall experience at All Saints was better or excellent compared with other shelters.

There are many ways you can support this ministry to homeless persons in our community. Volunteers who work face-to-face with our guests must attend training at Journeys' Hope Center. The last training opportunities for this season are: Thursday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 16, at 1:00 p.m. We especially need adult male volunteers. Another continuing opportunity is helping clean up on Sunday morning. It usually takes about an hour starting at 6:30 a.m. No training is required.

And, there's no "training" needed to help feed our guests. Cooks and volunteers from four other faith and community-based groups provide dinner three weeks each month. On the nights All Saints' is responsible for dinner, we need an entrée, soup, salad, vegetables and side dishes and dessert. The PADS book on the narthex table shows our specific needs. Each box on the sheet represents six servings; sign up for what you're able to provide. Cooking as a family is an opportunity for children to participate in this ministry and a teaching moment for parents. Kids often enjoy making cookies or other lunch treats or helping make their favorite dessert to share with others.

We're responsible for dinner on: Feb. 2 and 23; March 30; and April 6. Tyros from the Youth Group will prepare and serve our traditional season-ending barbeque, April 27. Additionally, we need beverages and breakfast and lunch items every week. Check "The Book" and sign-up for what you're able to provide. We're grateful for the congregations' support of this ministry.

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley Presents: James Otto

[Habitat for Humanity](#) of Northern Fox Valley presents [James Otto](#) in concert **Friday, April 5, 2013 at 8 p.m.** at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. James Otto is a country music star with a powerful voice that draws you in even if you are not a country music fan.

James Otto may be 100 percent country but he also has a heart full of soul. James has played for the troops in Iraq and Kuwait and is showing his big heart again by helping Habitat for Humanity raise funds. Support Habitat for Humanity by joining us for an evening of country music. Tickets are now available for the April 5th show and can be purchased at www.hemmens.org. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$40.

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that transforms lives through affordable homeownership. Habitat rehabs and builds homes for low-income families and upon completion sells the homes at no profit with interest-free financing. Home building labor costs are kept down by the generous involvement of thousands of construction volunteers. For more information on Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley, visit www.habitatnfv.org.



SIGN UP TODAY TO PROVIDE EASTER BASKETS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

Easter is almost here and like years past, All Saints is providing 15 Easter Baskets to needy Township children. Please participate by volunteering to provide small gifts, candy and/or baskets to the 15 children we will "adopt" this year. On Sunday, February 24 and March 3, there will be a sign up area set up before and after church, for you to select a children to shop for. **Please bring purchased items into church by Sunday, March 10th.** Cash donations are also accepted. If you would like to make a donation, please use a pew envelope and mark it "Township Easter Baskets". We are also in need of 15 large Easter baskets. If you have one that you like to donate, please drop it off in the church office. Thank you everyone for generously supporting our projects to help the Township families.

If you would like to help put the baskets together, please let me know! We will probably be done on Monday, March 11th 10:30am. Call Dee Gray at 847-202-8118 for more information.

Remembering Our Mission

"For All To Know Christ"

In many Lutheran congregations, worship concludes with the call and response:

"Go in Peace. Serve the Lord."

"Thanks be to God!"

At All Saints we add our Mission Statement to that volley so that the congregation responds, **"For All to Know Christ! Thanks be to God."**

Keeping our mission before us all as we go out into the world from worship reminds us that we serve the Lord so that people might know Christ. It reminds us that we go in peace so that people might know Christ.

How do the people of All Saints live out this mission? Each of us lives out our faith in a different way: some of us serve at PADS, or swing a hammer for Habitat for Humanity; others are compelled to share their faith with their neighbors, still others commute downtown and share their faith through the decisions they make in their job. We live out our mission in a variety of ways, but most importantly, we believe that we are all called to be people of faith so that others might know Christ through our actions and the way we live our lives.

Congregational Leaders and Staff



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Seth Moland-Kovash

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please submit any articles or notes for the February newsletter by Friday, February 22nd. 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



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<p>3</p> <p>Youth Sunday ELCA World Hunger Offering 8:30 am Worship 9:45 Education 9:45 Cantata Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship 1:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Noon Later Day Saints lunch 6:45 pm Officer's Meeting 7:30 pm Financial Support Committee</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 5:45 pm Confirmation Classes 3 pm Girl Scout Troop #42249 & #40775 7 pm Upper Room Night</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm MEF Committee 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Cantata/Adult Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am Bulletins Collated 5:30 pm Daisy Troop #40435 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church Confirmation Retreat</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5 pm Cub Scout Pack 209 Blue & Gold Dinner 7 pm PADS</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>8:30 am Worship 9:45 Education 9:45 Cantata Choir Rehearsal 11 am Worship 1:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church 6:30 pm Yoga</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7 / 7:30 pm Committees Night</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 7 pm Midweek Lenten service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Cantata/Adult Choir</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>9 am Bulletins collated 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>7 pm PADS</p>