Saints Alive! Newsletter



All Saints Lutheran Church

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Social Media

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Lent 2013 Schedule

Wednesday Feb 20th, Feb 27th, March 6th, 13th, and 20th 6:15 pm - Supper, 7 pm - Lenten worship

Palm Sunday - March 24th Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am - Procession of Palms

Maundy Thursday - March 28th 6:15 pm - Holy Communion, Foot Washing, and Community Meal

Good Friday - March 29th 10 am - Family Service 7 pm Cantata "Shadows of Sacrifice; A Tenebrae Service"

Easter Vigil - March 30th 7 pm - an ancient worship tradition followed by festive fellowship

Easter Sunday - March 31st The Resurrection of our Lord 8:30 am and 11:00 am Holy Communion

March joke:

What do you call a pig that knows karate?

Pork Chop

Worship Schedule

Sundays 8:30 am Worship 9:45 Education 11:00 Worship



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Notes from the Pastors

Jenn Moland-Kovash

Seth Moland-Kovash

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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.

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 Sunday, May 19 from 4-6 pm. We'll need help with food donations, volunteers for the day of the events, decorators, hospitality folks, publicity folks, etc. Watch this space and other media (or talk with Pastor Seth) 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.

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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 did not receive an invitation and would like your child to participate, please contact Pastor Seth.

Worship Survey Results

This past fall, your Worship Committee undertook an online survey of the congregation, seeking input on our worship life together and what is most important for this community of faith. We had a great response with 76 completed surveys and some great and thoughtful comments. Here are a few of the major takeaways that were consistently found across responses:

- The Saturday evening worship service holds a very special place in the life of this congregation.
- The Holden Worship service is well liked but perhaps, "too much of a good thing isn't necessarily a good thing." While we have discontinued a regular monthly schedule of using this service due to very low attendance, it is appreciated when it is used during Advent or Lenten mid-week services or for other special services.
- Having a wide variety of worship format opportunities is considered a positive by the large majority of respondents. In order to build on this strength Doug Williams (Director of Music Ministries) will be leading up the process to review and update how we do this service. Doing this service for both services on one Sunday a month is still considered an effective way to incorporate this type of service for this size of congregation.
- Sometime in 2013 doing an Explained Liturgy service again would be appropriate. The Seasons and Festivals we observe and how we reflect them in our worship would be reviewed.
- Special Services are appreciated with the Easter Vigil in particular continuing to grow in popularity.



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.

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HOLD THAT GOLF DATE!!!

Even if it doesn't feel like golf weather, it's time for you to start holding a date for the **20**th **ANNUAL ALL SAINTS GOLF OUTING.**

We've reserved tee times at Lake Zurich Golf Club for 36 golfers for Thursday, July 18th. A Shot Gun start will commence at 1:00 PM. At the present time, we are anticipating the use of one riding cart per foursome.

This is a scramble format outing where all the golfers tee off. The team then selects the ball they want to play and all but the golfer who hit the shot hits again. This continues until the ball is on the green, where all four golfers putt out. Team score counts. Everyone's drive must be used at least twice over the 18 hole event.

The fee for golf will be approximately \$35.00 per person, which includes on course snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

Since we're still finalizing dinner and drink plans at LZGC, the fee should be around \$20.00 per person. Non golfers are always welcome to dinner.

So, keep the date open and if you have questions, please contact Dennis Kosko (847-934-4063) or Mike Nedzel (847-397-5434).





Ready, Set, Plant

Little Saints Preschool will offer flowers and vegetables again for sale to church families and friends. Orders will be taken starting March 24. The plants will be delivered May 11, the day before Mother's Day.

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PADS Season Winding Down

The PADS season ends in just two months but the need to provide food and shelter for homeless persons in our community is very apparent to the volunteers who work in the shelter at All Saints. Every Saturday night they see new faces and frequently they complete intake-paperwork for men and women on their first night in the system. Since the first of the year there have been nearly 20 guests in the shelter each Saturday night.

To keep the nearly 100 volunteers who keep the shelter operating from week-to-week better informed they now receive a weekly update by email. The message includes a brief report about the number of guests sheltered the previous Saturday; a list of the volunteers needed in the following three weeks; and notes and information of interest to the volunteers. The emails have been very well received by the volunteer corps many of whom work in the shelter only once a month. Members who would like to receive the PADS Weekly Update can send a request to PADS@AllSaintsPalatine.org.

All Saints will cook dinner for our PADS guests again on Easter Eve, March 30. A traditional Easter dinner is planned. The ham will be purchased with donations but we need soup, salad, vegetables, side dishes and dessert. Sign-up in The Book in the Narthex. Members who would like more information about how to become involved in our ministry to the homeless should contact one of the Co-Site Directors, Monika Fiedler or Tom Germuska.



Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley Presents: James Otto

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley presents <u>James Otto</u> 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 <u>www.hemmens.org</u>. 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.

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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.

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Congregational Leaders and Staff

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Seth Moland-Kovash

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Karen Nedzel

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Stephen Ministry Leader(s): Jenn Moland-

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS: Please submit any articles or notes for the February newsletter by Monday, March 25th. 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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