

September, 2013

# SAINTS ALIVE!

## Worship Schedule

Sat 8/31 – 5 pm  
Sun 9/1 – 9 am  
Sun 9/8 – 9 am  
Wed 9/11 – 7:30 pm  
Sun 9/15 – 8:30 & 11 am; 9:45 am Education  
Sun 9/22 – 8:30 & 11 am; 9:45 am Education  
Sun 9/29 – 8:30 & 11 am; 9:45 am Education

## 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. Find a link on our website for live webstream of our worship services. In addition to services being streamed live, you can watch an archive going back several months.



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## God's Work. Our Hands Sunday: September 8, 2013

As one way of celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ELCA, congregations across the country are celebrating September 8 as "God's Work. Our Hands Sunday." All Saints, Bethel, and Christ Lutheran Churches of Palatine are teaming up to celebrate in a unique way.

After we worship at 9 am (extending our traditional summer worship time by one week), you will have the opportunity to go out into our community with sisters and brothers in Christ to do the work of God with your hands. Throughout the month of August, you will have the opportunity to register for a project that you would like to participate in. Sign up

with your family, with your friends from Youth Group, with your Bible Study friends, or come on your own. There's plenty of work for your hands.

You can sign up to visit shut-ins, to do some house-clearing for Habitat, do light yardwork for seniors, participate in an activity project for children at the Palatine Opportunity Center or for seniors at Arlington Rehab. You can do some painting at various agencies, help with stocking Bethel's food pantry, or do some quilting or knitting of prayer shawls. A complete sign-up sheet will be posted in the Gathering Space. In addition, you can contribute to Bethel's food pantry (their particular

requests are: tuna, beef stew, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, beans, cereal, oatmeal, jelly, dried milk, ravioli, and rice). Finally, we'll wrap everything up with a fellowship dinner at 5 pm back here at All Saints' Gathering Space.

So, here is what you can do: 1. Sign up for a project. 2. Bring a food donation to worship on the morning of September 8 (we'll get it to Bethel). 3. Make plans to join in the fun!

Always  
being made  
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

## Feast of St. Michael & All Angels

Looking ahead, All Saints (and the church around the world) will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Michael and All Angels on Sunday, September 29. We would like to have a collection of angels (figurines,

Christmas tree toppers, whatever you have) for worship that day. If you have some angels you can share, please talk with Pastor Seth.



## Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013 All Saints will once again open our doors to serve anyone who needs a place to be for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Over the past few years, we have fed over 200 people each Thanksgiving. Whether homeless or alone for the holiday, we want everyone to feel welcome at All Saints. Plans again include serving turkey

and all the sides from 11-2 in the Gathering Space. We'll need all hands on deck, so make plans for your family's Thanksgiving tradition to include helping to serve others. We'll need folks to invite the community, set up and decorate the space, clean up the space, cook the food, serve the food, procure donations from area businesses, and provide entertainment

and hospitality. If you are interested in helping (especially to coordinate) any of these areas or have other great ideas, please contact Pastor Seth. Come together to brainstorm, share ideas, and develop the plans on Wednesday, September 18 at 7 pm. Please let Pastor Seth know if you plan to come to this meeting.

## Special Worship Opportunity

All Saints moves in September to its "Program Year" schedule. Say goodbye to Saturday evening worship and say hello to Learning. On Sunday, September 8 (to celebrate "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday" as well as welcome Pastor Jenn back from sabbatical)

we will have one worship service at 9 am. Beginning with Sunday, September 15, we will worship at 8:30 and 11 each Sunday morning, celebrating Holy Communion each time. Between those services at 9:45, we will have Education Hour for everyone from age 3 through

adults. If you are interested in getting your child registered for Sunday School (age 3 through grade 5), Confirmation (grades 6-8), or High School Youth Group (grades 9-12), contact the church office. Adult Forum will begin that morning as well in the church library.

## Summer Suppers and Holden Evening Prayer

On the second Wednesday of each month, All Saints is opening its doors to feed people in our Summer Suppers. We serve between 6 and 8 pm. As part of this effort, we are holding Holden Evening Prayer at 7:30. Even if

you are not involved in the dinner, please join us for worship and lend your voices and your praying hearts to this special community. The final occasion is Wednesday, September 11.

## Daily Email Devotionals and 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 [devotions@allsaintspalatine.org](mailto:devotions@allsaintspalatine.org).

Recently, we also added 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.



## Fall Stewardship Program

The Stewardship Committee has planned a series of Temple Talks this fall about Financial Stewardship. These Temple Talks are planned for the Worship Services leading up to Pledge Sunday on November 3.

The Temple Talks are based on Mark Allan Powell's book, *Giving to God*. Members of All Saints Stewardship Committee were fortunate to attend the ELCA Stewardship Conference this spring where Mr. Powell spoke. His thoughts were very inspiring. This Fall's program is to help the congregation understand the task of handling money not only in how it affects the church but also your personal life.

Each Temple Talk will tackle one subject that Mr. Powell addressed about money in our lives. Mr. Powell uses a mnemonic to help remembering the concepts:

A-R-M-S

*"A" for ACQUIRE on September 29.* We faithfully acquire money when we are committed to earning a living in ways marked by honesty and integrity. Also, we may need to consider whether or not our acquiring of items depends on exploiting our earth's valuable resources.

*"R" for REGARD on October 6.* We regard money in God-pleasing ways when our attitude towards money is marked by gratitude and trust. From gratitude, we can begin to learn to trust in God's provisions for us that release us from worrying about money.

*"M" for MANAGE on October 13.* Being a wise steward is a biblical image that describes how we faithfully manage money. This means we should be taking the opportunity to learn how to budget, invest and use our money wisely.

*"S" for SPEND on October 20.* God wants us to lead abundant and joy-filled lives, but we must remember that God desires this for all of humanity. Spending for the sake of accumulating more possessions is rarely the root of joy in our lives.

"A-R-M-S" ACQUIRE, REGARD, MANAGE, SPEND

We may be surprised to find that when we embrace these aspects of financial discipleship, we have more money to give away! This can be a result of making a clear connection between our faith in a generous God and our finances.





The Northwest Cook County Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring two special events for everyone in September. Please save the dates of **Thursday, Sept 26th and Saturday, Sept 28** for Identity protection presentations and document shredding events.

On Thursday, September 26th two free sessions on Identity Theft  
Will be held at St Peter. Lutheran Church  
111 W Olive St., Arlington Heights  
With one session at 10 am and a second session at 6:30 pm  
Light refreshments will be provided at both sessions

On Saturday, September 28 we will have a document shredding truck  
In St Peters parking lot from 1 pm to 5 pm

We will also be collecting wearable used shoes for the Shoeman project. This event collects used wearable shoes and sells them in third world countries. The money raised from the sale of the shoes is used to fund water drilling projects in Africa.

You can find out more about the Shoeman Project at [www.shoeman.com](http://www.shoeman.com)

## Thank you Blood Donors!

The All Saints blood drive on Sunday, July 21 yielded 13 units collected. Seven units were whole blood and six units were double red cells. Since one blood donation can save up to three lives, potentially we had a positive effect on 39 lives! Double red cell donations are particularly beneficial for critically ill newborns, accident victims and burn patients.

A special thanks to all donors and others who helped with the drive in any way!

Thank you,

Roger Nelson



## **Preparations begin for All Saints' 26<sup>th</sup> season as PADS shelter, veteran volunteers offered early-bird sign-up opportunity**

Although the Dog Days of Summer are near, planning has already begun to care for homeless men, women and children during the cold weather. This will be our 26<sup>th</sup> season as a PADS shelter.

All Saints will open its doors as an emergency shelter again on Sat., Oct. 5; the season ends on April 26, 2014. Each weekend during the cold-weather months we offer secure, warm, dry shelter and nutritious food to those who come to us in need. Ours is one of 18 similar shelters provided by faith communities in the northwest suburbs which support the work of Journeys the Road Home. Journeys is a not-for-profit agency offering services for homeless persons in our community and those at risk of becoming homeless.

Volunteers who worked face-to-face with our guests last season should look for an email about the early-bird sign-up program in early August. Those who respond before Labor Day will be "in the book" before it is made available for general sign up in September. Anyone who prefers paper-and-pencil sign-up forms may request them via email to [PADS@AllSaintsPalatine.org](mailto:PADS@AllSaintsPalatine.org). Everyone will receive a confirmation of their early-bird commitment by mid-September.

Adults and high school juniors and seniors who would like to participate in this ministry should plan to attend new-volunteer training conducted by Journeys. All training is conducted at the Hope Center, 1140 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine (between Route 53 and the USPS sorting center). A schedule and additional information about the two-hour session is available at Journeys' web site: [www.journeystheroadhome.org](http://www.journeystheroadhome.org)

In addition to volunteers to work with our guests, the Co-Site Directors, Monika Fiedler and Tom Germuska, are looking for several Volunteer Coordinators to help them administer the shelter's operations. Although the specific assignments vary, in general the volunteer coordinators assure that the shelter is fully staffed each weekend by making telephone calls to confirm the commitment of volunteers who have signed up. Occasionally, they also recruit substitutes from a list of volunteers to fill a vacancy.

For additional information about how you can participate in this ministry contact either Monika or Tom.

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## September 2013

1 <b>ECLA World Hunger</b> 9 am Worship-ELW Lippo Baptism 11:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	2	3 6:45 pm Officers Meeting	4	5	6 9 am Bulletins Collated 5:30 pm Girl Scout Brownie Troop #40292 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	7
8 <b>Our Hands-Day of Service</b> Pastor Jen Returns Rally Day 9 am Worship-NTF 5 pm Congregational Dinner	9 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study	10 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #335 Committee 6:30 pm Church Council	11 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 6:30 pm Summer Supper 7:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer	12 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	13 9 am Bulletins Collated 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	14
15 8:30 am Worship Contemporary 9:45 am Education 11 am Worship Finn Baptism 1:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church 2 - 7 pm Boy Scout Troop #335 / Jamboree Mtg	16 6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study	17	18 9:30 am Quilting 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 7 pm Thanksgiving Meal Meeting	19 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 6:15 pm MEF Committee 7:30 pm Adult Choir	20 9 am Bulletins Collated 6 pm Daisy Scout Troop 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	21 8 am PreSchool Board
22 8:30 am Worship - NTF 9:45 am Education 11 am Worship Lotridge Baptism 1:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church 2:45 pm Northwest Travelers Baseball	23 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study	24 7 pm / 7:30 pm Committees Night	25 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 5:30 pm Confirmation Planning 7 pm Organ Task Force	26 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	27 9 am Bulletins Collated 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	28
29 <b>Michael &amp; All Angels Sunday</b> 8:30 am Worship - ELW 9:45 am Education 11 am Worship Fellows Baptism 1:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	30 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study	1 6:45 pm Officers Meeting 7:30 pm Financial Support	2 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir	3 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	4 9 am Bulletins Collated 5:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #40292 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	5 7 pm PADS Opening