



Saints Alive



All Saints Lutheran Church
630 S. Quentin
Palatine, IL 60067

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Holiday Schedule

Sun, Dec 1st

1st Sunday of Advent
Worship 8:30 & 11 am

Wed, Dec 4th

Advent Dinner 6:15 pm
Advent Worship 7 pm

Sun, Dec 8th

2nd Sunday of Advent
Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Cantata at both services

Wed, Dec 11th

Advent Dinner 6:15 pm
Advent Worship 7 pm

Sun, Dec 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent
Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Children's Program during
8:30 service

Wed, Dec 18th

Advent Dinner 6:15 pm
Advent Worship 7 pm

Sun, Dec 22nd

4th Sunday of Advent
Worship 8:30 & 11 am
Blue Christmas 5 pm

Tues, Dec 24th

Family worship 3 pm
Candlelight Worship / Holy
Communion 5 & 11 pm

Sun, Dec 29th

10 am ONE Worship

Midweek Advent Worship

Join us for Wednesday evening worship this season to explore readings and themes of hope, peace, and joy, as we hear the age-old Christmas story in some fresh ways.

Before worship each Wednesday evening we will gather for a simple meal beginning at 6:15 in the Gathering Space. Please come if you are able. If you aren't able to join us for dinner, please come for worship.

Worship will happen at 7 pm in the sanctuary, using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy.



December Sunday Mornings

Special events abound during the month of December.

Dec 1: Tree-trimming party following 11:00 worship (pizza will be served)

Dec 8: All Saints' annual cantata during both services

Dec 15: Children's Program during the 8:30 service

Dec 29: One worship service at 10 am

Christmas Eve Worship

Join us as we welcome the birth of our savior on Tuesday, December 24. For our regular members, please consider parking away from our lot and making room for new friends and neighbors. Our schedule will be as follows:

3 pm: Family Worship featuring stories and simple songs

4:30 pm: Pre-Service Music

5 pm: Holy Communion, Worship

10:30 pm: Pre-Service Music

11 pm: Holy Communion, Worship

Blue Christmas

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Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2013 All Saints opened its doors and served anyone who came looking for a place. We served over 200 church members, community members, and new friends. To all in the congregation who donated, who volunteered, who publicized, who invited, and who prayed for the effort: **thank you**. A few people in particular provided great leadership to the event and I want to thank them publicly: **Monika Fiedler and Diane Gylling, Tom Germuska, Claudia Buita, Anne Marie Johnston, Cindy Parkin, and Scott Lindstrom** especially.

Thank you!
-Pastor Seth Moland-Kovash

Tree Trimming Party

Join us after the 11 am service on **Sunday, December 1** for a tree-trimming party. Families and people of all ages are welcome. We will trim the large Christmas tree in the Gathering Space and set out our nativity set and other details. Pizza will be served.

Confirmation & Senior High Retreat

Confirmation students (required) and Senior High students (welcome and encouraged): plan to attend a retreat **February 8-10** at Camp Lutherdale along with 200 other students from around Chicagoland. We will have Bible study, worship with Celia Whitler, and lots of fun. Pastor Seth will be handing out registration forms or visit <http://www.lutherdale.org> and search for "Chicago Confirmation Retreat."

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for All Saints Lutheran Church will be held on **Sunday, January 26 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.

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.

Email Bible Study

Beginning in January, All Saints' online Bible Study will kick off again. Moderated by Pastor Seth, this is a great way to converse and learn without having to commit to a specific time. Twice each week, Pastor Seth will send Scripture passages and discussion questions. You can respond on your time. This session, we'll study Revelation. Send an email to pastorseth@allsaintspalatine.org if you'd like to participate.

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.

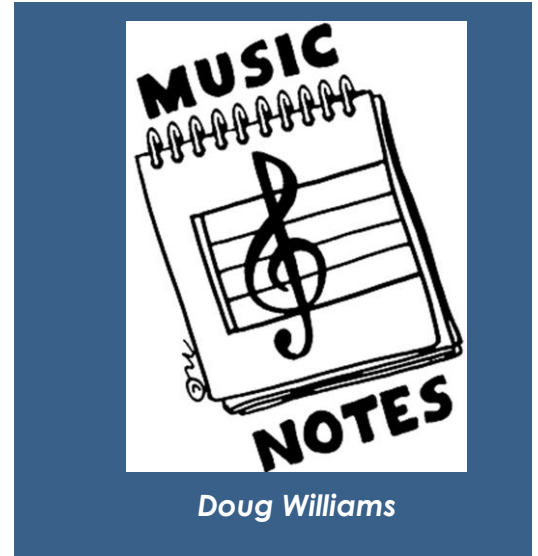


Daily Email Devotionals and Conversation

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 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.

Cantata Sunday is December 8th – Journey of Promises

The All Saints Cantata Choir has been rehearsing for many weeks and they are excited to present Joseph M. Martin's cantata, *Journey of Promises*, on Sunday, December 8th. The composer's foreword states: "Engraved in the sands of time is a golden path of promise, traced by the finger of the Ancient of Days. It is a winding road that stretches from darkness to light and from despair to hope. It is a journey which began in the hearts of devout prophets and culminates in the glorious celebration of Christmas, a royal highway paved with grace and lined with the signposts of a faithful and loving God. Joining in the sojourn of countless pilgrims through the ages, we travel the time-worn path in adventurous obedience. May the words and songs of the prophets and saints spur us onward and may the music of our lives invite the world to follow on this Journey of Promises." Join us for Cantata Sunday! Bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors to join with us as we prepare again for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Christmas Eve Preludes

Offer your gift of music-making on Christmas Eve! One half hour before each service that evening the talented musicians of All Saints will present beautiful prelude music for Christmas Eve. Children are especially invited to offer their musical gifts before the 3:00 p.m. Family service. Youth and adults are invited to offer their musical gifts before the 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. services. If you are interested in singing a Christmas song or playing a Christmas tune on Christmas Eve, please contact Director of Music, Doug Williams.

Come and join in on the music-making! If you have any questions, please contact Director of Music Ministries, Doug Williams, via email at music@allsaintspalatine.org or by calling 847-991-2080 ext. 25.



Women's Christmas Dinner

Ladies, mark your calendars for **Friday - December 13!** Celebrate the Christmas season, enjoy fellowship, entertainment, and a terrific catered dinner at the **Women's Christmas Dinner**. The Gathering Space will once again be transformed to usher in the Christmas spirit. The cost to attend is \$25.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased between services at the Welcome Station. A raffle will also be part of the evening's activities, proceeds which will support the Palatine Opportunity Center ROLE (Reaching Out Lifting to Excellence) program which helps to improve the lives of women in the community. If you'd like to help with the dinner, please contact Lori Quinn at events.quinn@gmail.com or phone 847.4340.8044.

How Your Endowment Gift Helps



At the single service held on Sunday, November 3rd, the Ministry Endowment Fund (MEF) Committee challenged the congregation to match a \$750 grant to support the ELCA Malaria Campaign. And did you respond!! With \$855 of financial Support! These gifts from the heart will provide protective netting, medical supplies, and prevention education to those in need around the world. Thank you so much for your support and generosity. Together, we took a big SWAT at eliminating malaria. You are amazing!

The grant to the ELCA Malaria Campaign was just one of several ways that the Ministry Endowment Fund aided others this year. The following grants were approved by the MEF Committee in 2013, totaling \$7,250:

- \$750 to ELCA Malaria Campaign
- \$1,000 to Children's Advocacy Center
- \$1,000 to Palatine Opportunity Center
- \$1,000 to Ministry Mentors
- \$500 to Little Saints Preschool (for new classroom supplies)
- \$3,000 to PADS (for new kitchen cabinets)

The Ministry Endowment Fund was established as a perpetual fund, where the principal amount remains untouched, and the investment income of the fund is used to provide financial support to All Saints' ministries. Since the committee was formed in 2006, a total of \$47,525 in grants has been distributed to various organizations in our community, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, the ELCS, and to All Saints. That's a lot of giving!

The principal amount in the MEF Fund was bequeathed to All Saints by the estate of one of our charter members. You can help to increase the principal amount – by an honorary gift for a special event or celebration or by a donation of stock or real estate for a tax or estate planning strategy, for example. And, as the principal grows, so does the income that provides the grants. Just think of how many more ministries we could support and how many more diseases we could help eliminate! So, please keep the Ministry Endowment Fund in mind during this season of giving and on special occasions throughout the coming year.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Ministry Endowment Fund, how to make an addition to the fund, or have an interest in serving on the MEF Committee, please contact Pastor Jenn.



**All Saints Lutheran Church
Chapter One Book Club
2013-2014 Reading List**

Chapter One Guidelines: New members always welcome!
Anyone who hasn't read the book brings chocolates.

We meet the third Monday of each month, Jan-May, Sep-Nov
Host home contacts members by phone, email or regular mail and
provides refreshments.

Discussion Guide provides background on author and book.

January 20

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Host:

Discussion Leader: Sonia Solomonson

February 17

Gift from the Sea by Anne Morrow Lindberg

Host: Julie Knight and Betty Anderson

Discussion Leader: June Miller

March 17

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

Host: Sandra Hallway

Discussion Leader: Cindy Parkin

April 21

Back when we were Grownups by Anne Tyler

Host: Diane Hill and Cindy Parkin

Discussion Leader:

May 19

King Peggy by Peggielene Bartels and Eleanor Herman

Host:

Discussion Leader:



**Chapter One
Book Club**



Congregational Leaders & Staff

Co-Pastors

Jenn Moland-Kovash
Seth Moland-Kovash

Church Council

Troy DeFranco, President
Bob Schneider, Vice President
George Buerger, Secretary
Kevin Drucker, Treasurer
Monika Fiedler
Kathy Garner
Dee Gray
Irene Ohlrich
Tom Porzak
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Bob Schneider
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Peggy Hollingsworth

Youth Ministers

Linda and Kevin Kinsella
Karen Goodlow
Troy DeFranco

Staff

Church Secretaries:
 Bev Laseke, Vicky Schnackel
Bookkeeper: Sara Cole
Music Director: Doug Williams
Accompanist: Karen Nedzel

Little Saints Christian Preschool

Michelle Gutmann, Director

Committees / Ministries

Confirmation Coordinator: Jen DeFranco
Cradle Roll: Ruth Spasoff
Learning: Ruth Spasoff
Loving Hands: Nancy Oakford
Memorials: Rosemary Monsen
Ministry Endowment Fund: Tom Wischhusen
New Member Assimilator: Diane Szuberla
Outreach: Jon Gray
Personnel: Lydia Rohn
Prayer Chain:
 Rosemary Monsen
 Carol Marx
Property: Bill Friskics
Shepherding: Jon Gray
Social Ministry: Cindy Parkin
Stephen Ministry Leader: Jenn Moland-Kovash
Financial Support Committee: Kathy Garner
Sunday School Superintendents:
 Dana Aguirre
 Lori Quinn
 Sue Carlson
Worship/Altar Guild: Janet Lowe



Newsletter Submissions: Please submit your January articles to news@allsaintspalatine.org or StefTroy2011@yahoo.com by **Sunday, January 23rd**. Any questions or if you need an extension, please call 312-498-7732.

December 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 ECLA World Hunger Offering NTF Worship 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Cantata 11 am Worship 1:30 pm SpringWell Prsby Church	2 Cantata Setup 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study	3 6:45 pm Officers Meeting 7:30 pm Financial Support Committee	4 10 am Santa – Little Saints 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 6:15 pm Advent Dinner 7 pm Advent Worship	5 Christmas Angels 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Cantata Dress Rehearsal	6 Christmas Angels 9 am Bulletins Collated 5:30 pm Confirmation Cooking Baking 6:30 pm Den 5, Cub Scouts Pack 209 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	7 Christmas Angels 9 am Cantata Dress Rehearsal 10 am "Let's Talk" Board Meeting 7 pm PADS
8 Cantata Sunday 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Education 11 am Worship 1:30 pm SpringWell Prsby Church	9 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Sunday School Rehearsal	10 7 pm Church Council	11 10 am Little Saints Program 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 6:15 pm Advent Dinner 6:30 pm Den 4, Cub Scout Pack 209 7 pm Advent Worship 7:30 pm Setup Women's Dinner	12 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	13 9 am Bulletins Collated 6 pm Women's Christmas Dinner 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	14 9:30 am Sunday School Program Rehearsal 5:30 pm Straub Singers Rehearsal 7 pm PADS
15 ELW1 Worship 8:30 am Worship; ;Sunday School Program 11 am Worship 1:30 pm SpringWell Prsby Church 3:45 pm Piano Recital	16 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335 7 pm Women's Bible Study	17 7 pm Personnel Committee	18 9:30 am Quilting 12 pm Staff Christmas Lunch 4:15 pm Alleluia Choir 6:15 pm Advent Dinner 7 pm Advent Worship	19 8:30 am Garden Club of Inverness 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bells 7:30 pm Adult Choir	20 9 am Bulletins Collated 6 pm Daisy Scout Troop 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	21 7 pm PADS
22 NTF Worship 8:30 am Worship 11 am Worship 1:30 pm SpringWell Prsby Church 5 pm Blue Christmas	23 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335	24 Christmas Eve 3 pm Family Worship 5 pm Worship 11 pm Worship	25 Christmas Day Pastors Vacation	26 Pastors Vacation	27 Pastors Vacation 9 am Bulletins Collated 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	28 Pastors Vacation 7 pm PADS
29 Pastors Vacation 10 am Worship – Carols 1:30 pm SpringWell Prsby Church 3 pm Boy Scout Court of Honors	30 Pastors Vacation 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #335	31 Pastors Vacation New Year's Eve	1 Pastors Vacation New Year's Day	2 Pastors Vacation 6:30 pm Den 4, Cub Scouts, Pack 209	3 Pastors Vacation 9 am Bulletins Collated 5:30 pm girl Scouts Brownie Troop #40292 7:30 pm SpringWell Presby Church	4 Pastors Vacation 7 pm PADS