

SAINTS ALIVE

Ash Wednesday

February 14th

Meal at 5:00pm

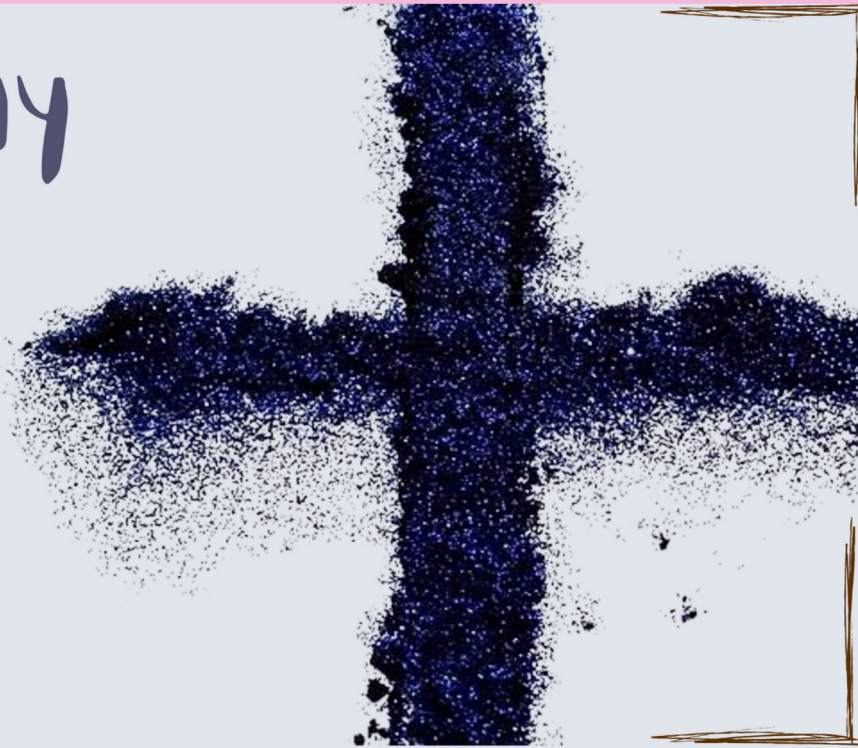
Worship @6:30 pm

Lenten Services

Wednesdays

Meals at 5:30 pm

Worship at 6:30 pm



Annual MEETING

This year our Annual Meeting will be held in person following worship on **Sunday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m.** Don't forget that the budget forum will be held following worship on Sunday, January 28th after **Breakfast Bowl Sunday**. As per our bylaws: B3.03. The order of business at the annual meeting shall be:

1. Opening devotion
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Reports of pastor(s), Church Council, treasurer, ministry teams, and others.
4. Elections
5. Approval of budget
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Closing prayer

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 9:00 am

Upcoming Events

Morning Quilters

Mondays @ 8:00 am

Evening Quilters

Tuesday, January 6th & 20th
@ 6:30pm

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 am.

Men's Lunch

Thursday, February 1st
Gather and Fellowship at
11:45am with lunch at noon.
At All Saints

Fare for All

February 1st at 4pm

Annual Meeting

February 4th @ 10:00 am



Sheep Dog's Log

One of my favorite poets is

PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

He recently wrote:

"I saw a thing online the other day that went something like:

Thirty days has September,
April, June and November.

All the rest have thirty-one,
except February alone:

that has twenty-eight days clear,
but twenty-nine on each leap year.

And January, which has a thousand.

What makes a poem? A poem does. And what a poem does makes a poem. And what you do with a poem makes a poem.

Is there a poem that uses space in a way you trust, in a way you can engage with, or imagine yourself into? What is it, and why does it work for you?"

PJ: I'm sharing this bit about poetry because during Lent we will be offering an opportunity to journal, paint, color, imagine and dive more deeply into our faith in several ways.

1) Deborah Werle will be hosting Lenten journaling - see her article in this edition.

2) Our theme for Lent is Seeds of Joy - see Pastor Wes' article.

3) Wednesday's starting Feb. 14 (Ash Wednesday) we will be offering a time to play, puzzle, or craft from 5:30-6:20; worship on Wednesday's will be at 6:30p.m.

Please join us as we enter into Lent through powerful language, imaginative music, and a deeper dive into the joy that will meet us on Easter Sunday.

With deep gratitude,





The Seed of Joy

WITH PASTOR WES

Our theme this year for lent is The Seed of Joy, which we have adapted from Barn Geese to use as we travel through Lent, from Ash Wednesday on February 14 until Easter Sunday on March 31st.

This theme will be used during our regular Sunday worship in Lent, throughout our Wednesday night soup suppers and worship services, through our partnerships with outreach organizations in our community, and through a daily devotional we will publish on our Facebook page throughout Lent. We will also be partnering with Zion Lutheran for all our weekday services and meals, so we can continue to build a sense of community with one another throughout this season.

As we think about how joy will permeate our season of Lent, the authors from Barn Geese explain it saying:

Lent can be a somber season of the church year. It begins with an ashen sign of mortality and sin. Bright colors turn to deep purples, alleluias fall silent, and worshipers ponder what to give up this year. Though the word Lent derives from an Old English word for springtime, spring still seems far off in much of the Northern Hemisphere. Easter, on the other hand, is obviously joyful. Bells ring, alleluias echo, white and gold shine brightly, and every single candle is lit. Jesus is risen, and so are the daffodils, hyacinths, and lilies. Joy clearly belongs to Easter.

Why reflect on joy during the quiet introspection of Lent instead of waiting for Easter? Move beyond surface assumptions and something beautiful emerges, richer and more nuanced than sheer happiness. A joyful Lent is not an oxymoron. As it turns out, joy is right at home during a minor-key season like Lent – and if joy is there, perhaps there are other seasons of life that joy calls home, too. Joy is a beacon that points us toward God’s unfailing presence, even in the heart of fear and pain.

I look forward to exploring all the ways that joy will enter our lives together in these coming weeks.

Pastor Wes



PASTOR WES AND EMILY AT HIS ORDINATION ON JANUARY 6TH!

Upcoming Happenings continued

Senior Fitness

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30am

Lily/Spring Flower

February 6th

We have a different format this Easter. See page 6.

Luther Crest Early Bird Camp

Prices for camp increase after February 14th.

Meditation Exploration

Wednesday, February 14th and 28th at 7pm.

Crafters Corner

Tuesday, February 13th @ 6:30

OWLS Luncheon

Wednesday, February 21st at noon.

Office Closed-President's Day- February 19th

Men's Group

February 20th @ 5:30pm at Broadway Bar & Grill

March Newsletters due

February, 21st

Ash Wednesday Meal and Worship

Wednesday, February 14th Meal @ 6:00pm and worship @ 6:30pm



Big Thank you to Luther Crest for a great camp Sunday!

Our FREE Vacation Bible School this year will be June 17th-20th. We will be hosting students/children who will be entering kindergarten-6th grade, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, with a closing program on Thursday for parents/grandparents and friends who may attend. If you have an older child who is interested in being a junior camp counselor they can participate as well. We will need volunteers to help in the kitchen and help with the shopping for our meals too, if you are interested please send me an email, otherwise please sign up here.

We will no longer be offering tutoring sessions on Wednesday evenings, please watch our newsletters for our next big trial on Wednesdays during Lent OR if you have something YOU want to try, send an email or stop by and let us know what YOU want. Be an upstander, a movement changer, an inspirer.

With the JOY of serving,
Miss Leah

Confirmation

Confirmation is starting back up again, led by Pastor Wes! He has since sent out an email to double check contact information for parents with youth involved in confirmation. If you have not yet received an email, please reach out to wes@allsaintscg.org so he can get you added to the list.

As a reminder, there will be NO confirmation on February 5th!



Vacation Bible School

When: June 17th-20th

Time: 9am-3pm

Cost: FREE!

Vacation Bible School will be held on the All Saints and Zion Lutheran Campus. We will host children entering into kindergarten-6th graders. We also welcome students entering 7th-9th grade as junior counselors. Vacation Bible School will be held June 17th-20th 9:00-3:00. On Thursday, June 20th there will be a short closing program for parents and grandparents. If you are interested in having your child attend please fill out the attached forms (last pages of the newsletter). You can either drop them off on Sunday with me, mail or scan and send them back! Let's fill our church with little people!

We will need a host of volunteers to help pull off 4 days of VBS. Below is a list of needed helpers:

- Shoppers for lunch and snack items(I already have a menu created)
- Cooks
- lunch/snack servers
- meal clean-up crew
- possible preschool teachers
- decorating crew
- extra hands on deck
- volunteers and ideas for service projects
- talent sharer- like a seed bomb class-Thank you Lesley Erickson

Thank you!

Ms. Leah





EASTER

Lily Sale

This year the Gerten's Easter Lily sale will look a little different! Rather than ordering online, we will offer in person or email orders only as Gerten's has removed their Easter lily sale. This way, we will bulk order flowers for anyone who wants them.

How the sale will work:

- All Saints will offer in person sales via cash, check, card, or Venmo on Sunday mornings until March 6th.
 - You can also email the office at office@allsaintscg.org to place your order.
- Select your flowers or plant cards from the options on the next page.
- Pick up your flowers or plant cards after service on Easter Sunday!

We will begin taking orders on February 4th and finalize the list on March 6th!

All net proceeds will go towards camper ships and/or youth programming!

2024 Easter Plants



Easter Lilies
6" Lily, single stem (5+ blooms)
\$13.00
8" Lily, 3 stems (12+ blooms)
\$27.00



6.5" Azalea - Shades of Pink **\$26**



6.5" Hydrangea - Blue **\$26**



6.5" Hydrangea - Pink **\$26**



6.5" Hydrangea - White **\$26**



6.5" Spring Mum Pink/Purple* **\$15.50**



6.5" Spring Mum Yellow* **\$15.50**



6.5" Spring Mum White **\$15.50**



6.5" Calla Lily - Apricot **\$22.75**



6.5" Calla Lily - Pink **\$22.75**



6.5" Calla Lily - Yellow **\$22.75**

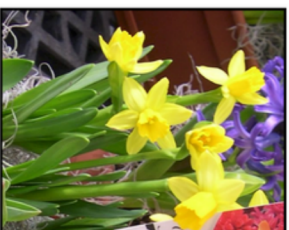


6.5" Calla Lily - White **\$22.75**

*Pink/Purple and Yellow spring mums may be daisy or cushion type flowers.



6.5" Hyacinths (4 bulbs per pot) **\$13.00**



4.75" Tete-a-tete Daffodil **\$5.75**

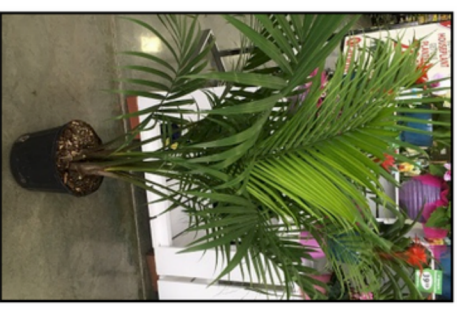


4.75" Gerbera Daisy assorted colors **\$5.75**



12.5" Pansy Bowl -mixed **\$20.75**
Put outside for early spring color. For best results, protect when temps are below 40F.

Majesty Palm
10" pot
3-4ft tall
\$35.75





Noteworthy Music

BY KAREN PIPER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

The All Saints Music Ministry has invited members of Zion Lutheran Church to join our ensembles. We are a welcoming group that enjoys our fellowship as much as the music. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday nights as follows:

Worship band 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Bell Choir 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 7:30-8:15 p.m.

The Sanctuary Choir will be singing the following for the Lent and Easter services:

Be Thou My Vision, God of Grace, God who Hears, I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice, Rejoice! The Lord Is King

If you have any questions, please come and see me. We are eager to welcome more people to our group.

God Bless,
Karen Pieper, music director at All Saints Lutheran

A NOTE

We have been working for the past several years to reduce our carbon footprint and be better stewards of God's creation. To that end, we have been composting and recycling as much as possible. To help us with this endeavor, we ask that if you are bringing supplies such as paper plates, napkins, cups and tableware into the building for any event, that you please only bring supplies that are at least recyclable and at best compostable. We request no styrofoam be used. Thank you for your help with this important part of our church mission.

NO



STYROFOAM

Lenten Art Journal Journey

(For Beginners)
with Deborah Werle

INVITATION: You are invited to explore new ways of thinking about LENT and Christ's journey to the cross.

What: We will use art journaling as a tool to help us think deeply. NO ART EXPERIENCE is necessary. Do not worry about being 'good at art'. We will be focused on ENJOYING art processes and growing in community.

When: Sundays after Church (Feb. 18 & 25, March 3, 10, & 17)
Feel free to bring your coffee, tea, or morning snack.

Where: The Great Room

Who: All Are Welcome!

Supplies: If you have a glue stick, watercolor paints, coloring pencils, favorite markers, or crayons, please bring them. Otherwise, I will share with you. The unbound journal pages will be provided as well as a bag to keep the pages in. We will bind the journals on March 17



GIVING TO GOD BY GIVING TO OTHERS 2024 LENTEN OUTREACH PARTNERS

We are continuing our yearly Lenten tradition this year by collecting items to support several of our community partners who serve people in need. Thank you for your generosity!



February 18-21 Washington County Homeless Outreach Services

- Collecting items for Welcome Baskets for those entering the homeless shelter: laundry basket, towels, shower loofahs, face wash, face/body moisturizers, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs/hair brushes, regular sized shampoo, conditioner, body wash, pens, small sets of dishes (a single plate, cup, bowl, fork, spoon, knife), reusable water bottle, crossword books, sudoku puzzles, word searches, cards, dice games, adult coloring books.

February 25-28 Every Meal program at Nuevas Fronteras Spanish Immersion School in St. Paul Park

- Seeking cash donations to help cover the cost of meal bags for families living with food insecurity. Meal bags are sent home weekly with children enrolled in the program.



EVERY MEAL
FIGHTING CHILD HUNGER



March 3-6 MORE

- Collecting: laundry detergent (unscented preferred), in powder, liquid or pods

March 10-13 Homeless Kits

- Collecting: toothbrushes, travel sized toothpaste, pair of socks, granola bars or cheese and cracker packets, chap stick, comb, small packet of kleenex, small packet of bandaids, 8 oz. bottle of water, travel sized shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, \$5 Mc Donald's gift card



FRIENDS in NEED
the end of hunger

March 17-20 Friends in Need Food Shelf

- Collecting: toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, regular sized shampoo, hand soap

2024 LUTHER CREST DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER NAME _____ SEX _____ AGE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____ WORK PHONE (_____) _____

GRADE JUST **COMPLETED BY CAMPER** (circle one) K 1 2 3 4 5 6

I give my permission for my child to participate in Luther Crest's Day Camp, to take part in the normal activities, and I authorize the camp doctor to provide any necessary emergency medical care. I understand Luther Crest assumes secondary insurance coverage; the camper's family assumes primary coverage. I also give Luther Crest permission to use any photograph of my child taken at camp in future promotion of Luther Crest.

Parent's Signature

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_____ I would like to have the Luther Crest Day Camp Team at my home for supper.

Mental/Emotional Health Concerns: Check "Yes" or "No" for each statement.

This camper has an emotional health concern..... Yes No

This camper has a learning disability..... Yes No

This camper has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD or ADHD)..... Yes No

If "yes" was answered to anything in this section, please attach a statement if any special considerations should be taken

Medication: Please complete all required information. All medications MUST be in the original pharmacy containers and labeled appropriately. Campers MUST turn in all medications, vitamins and over-the-counter drugs to the Health Care Person upon arrival. For the safety of your child and other campers self-medicating is not allowed.

This camper does not take any medication.

This camper takes routine medication (complete the following):

Name of Medication: _____

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Reason: _____

Reason: _____

Dose: _____

Dose: _____

Time(s) of Day: _____

Time(s) of Day: _____

Immunization: Please note month and year of the shots or the most recent booster.

DTP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis _____

Td: Tetanus Booster _____

MMR: Measles, Mumps, Rubella _____

Others: _____

Doctor/Dentist Contact Information:

Name of Camper's Physician _____ Phone _____

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED FOR CAMP ATTENDANCE.

Parent/Guardian Authorization for Health Care: This Health Form is complete and correct, and the person described has permission to engage in all camp activities except as noted by me and/or the examining physician. I give permission to the camp to: 1) provide ongoing health care, and 2) select medical personnel and to order X-rays or routine tests or treatment for the camper listed above. In the event that I cannot be reached in an EMERGENCY, I give permission to the physician selected by the Camp Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia, or surgery for my child named above. I understand that information about my child's health will be shared with the appropriate counseling, food service, or other Luther Crest staff. This form may be photocopied for use out of camp.

Parent/Guardian Permission to Participate: My child has permission to participate in all aspects of the Day Camp Program of Luther Crest Bible Camp and I agree that the camp or its personnel will not be held responsible for accidents arising from participation. I also give permission for any pictures or video taken of my child to be used for promotional purposes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____