

SAINTS ALIVE!

SAUGATUCK, MI

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The Mission of All Saints Episcopal Church is to love and serve the Lord and to love all others as ourselves by creating an atmosphere for worship; by promoting and providing opportunities for study, growth, fellowship, and service; by encouraging stewardship; by recognizing and celebrating individual talents; and by appreciating differences while cherishing the oneness of the parish and the family of God through Jesus Christ.

Dear All Saints Friends,

To quote the late, great Bette Davis, "Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be a bumpy night." Actually, for us this is a bumpy week. On Palm Sunday we began the annual week of ups and downs known as Holy Week. One minute we're celebrating Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, a homecoming fit for a king. The next minute this roller coaster ride tosses us unprepared into the chasm of Jesus' agonizing suffering and death. And we will repeat this jarring ride again as we celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.



"Who needs this?" you might ask. The answer is, "We all do." For nothing connects us so completely to the deepest mysteries of life as this celebration of life and death and transformation, of fear and despair and hope all thrown into the same pot and vigorously stirred. It was the genius of the Gospel writers to comprehend this truth that defies simple logic. It is the genius of the Anglican Tradition to understand that, in a way that can never happen through the intellect alone, we touch power when we immerse ourselves in the liturgy; and this is never so true as during Holy Week.

Through the ages, this approach has been described by the words "*Lex orandi, lex credendi*," "The law of prayer is the law of belief." Or, if you want to develop a vital faith, don't wait until you figure everything out. Instead, immerse yourself in the riches of the liturgy, where you will discover knowledge of a deeper sort. Indeed, long before there were Creeds, Christians "learned" the Faith by following the footsteps of Jesus in this way.

So, I invite you – no, I urge you – to participate in an experience that might be life changing for you, as it has been for countless others and for me. It all began with Palm Sunday, and it grows and deepens as we join Jesus and the Disciples in the Upper Room on Maundy Thursday (foot washing optional), as we walk with Jesus to the Cross on Good Friday, and as we celebrate God's mighty acts of Redemption, going from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, culminating in shouts of "Alleluia!" on Easter morning.

Wishing you the Blessings of Holy Week and the Joys of Easter,

Jim Steen
Priest in Residence

PARISH NEWS



The next meeting of the adult Sunday School class will be on April 15, when we will begin a series of classes on C. S. Lewis. Copies of the reading material are available from the church office or from Peter Schakel (616-392-5612).

On Thursday, April 26, at 5:00 pm, we will return to The Kruizenga Art Museum, (271 Columbia Ave. Holland, MI, 616-395-6400) to view “Culture, Commerce and



Criticism: 500 Years of European and American Prints”. Director Charles Mason will give us a brief introduction to the exhibition. We will also view the “Spring Collections Reveal”, (spring clothes from local shops paired with art from the museum collection). After all the art and fashions we hope you will join us for dinner at the Curragh Irish Pub, (73 E 8th St.) We will need a count for dinner so please sign up by April 24. Questions? Contact Jane at 616-283-6922.



All Saints Book Club has chosen the French graphic novel entitled Persepolis and Persepolis 2 by Marjane Satrapi for its April selection. This award-winning novel comes in two volumes with separate titles. Since we are now requesting our own book club copies, we are directed to request each copy separately from the local library. Each 'volume' is only around 150 pages long. If you wish to read and discuss this memoir, join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm. Our meeting will be hosted by Dennis Bales at either the Retreat House or his home (which location to be advised later).

With anticipated cuts to food stamps and Medicaid, poverty levels will increase. Our monthly food drive is a tiny effort to help alleviate hunger. The blue bins in Parish Hall wait for food donations



Please make the following change in your church directory:

Ivy Gibson
Krasova 957/24
Praha 3 13000
Czech Republic



On Sunday, May 20, Arthur Frederick & Mark Vander Leek will hold their 11th Annual Benefit for Christian Neighbors from noon to 4:00 pm. Please RSVP to: Box 400, Douglas, MI 49406 or 269-543-3080.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of the Brotherhood of St Andrew for hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. It was great to see so many people come out in support. Let's do it again!

Thank you to our parish life committee for hosting monthly mid-winter potluck dinners. Each theme was great and fun and fellowship was had by all. A very big thank you to all who participated in it.

Thank you to all the people of All Saints for their continued mission and ministry to this parish and also to our community.

WHAT WE DO - WHERE YOU CAN SERVE

SUBMITTED BY LESLIE WESSMAN

As we begin the celebration of our 150th year, we remind ourselves of the many opportunities we currently have to share in worship, caring for others, study, and service.

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Creating an Atmosphere for Worship:

Altar Guild: Preparing the Altar with linens, polished candle sticks, Eucharist elements

Both services: 7 members

Servers in Sunday worship:

8:00 am Acolyte/Chalice Bearer: 4 members

Prayers/Read Lessons: 9 members

10:00 am Acolyte/Chalice Bearer: 10 members

Prayers/Read Lessons: 9 members

Choir: 11 members singing for high season worship: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter

Office Guild:

Preparing bulletins for Sunday worship, publish Saints Alive newsletters, prepare mailings

Support needs of Parish Administrator: 5 members

Assemble Welcome Bags: Small blue paper sacks are in the back of the Sanctuary for visitors and/or persons looking for a place of worship. This includes brochures about All Saints history in stained glass windows, kneelers, and furnishings. The Office Guild keeps these bags updated each month.

Promoting and Providing Opportunities for Study and Fellowship:

Coffee Hours: Popular weekly events are the Coffee sessions—7:15 am before 8:00 worship and 11:00 am following the 10 o'clock service. These are valued social time—an opportunity to check in with friends, or a time to get better acquainted with new members. Volunteers sign-up to host each Sunday's "spread."

Sunday morning greeters: A personal welcome to all who come to 8:00 am or 10:00 am services

Hand out bulletins, Collect and present morning offerings. Ring bell to welcome all.

Members sign up to Greet.

Brotherhood of St Andrew: Men of the Parish meet every third Saturday morning for prayer and study. In addition, they respond to opportunities to serve both the Parish community and the Saugatuck/Douglas community.

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Adult Sunday School: Each Sunday morning, 9:00 to 9:45 am. Leader, Peter Schakel. Class meets in Vestry Office to discuss readings

Children's Sunday School: We have a Children's School and Nursery offered during the 10:00 am service. Our children are brought into the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.

Thursday Potluck Dinners: Fall and Winter dinners are scheduled in the Retreat House with themed dinners: Italian, Irish, Chili nights are open to Parish and Community members. Invite friends to join you. This is an offering from the Parish Life Committee.

All Saints Book Club: Open to the community. Members choose a monthly reading and the local Library makes copies available.

Opportunities to Serve in the Community:

Christian Neighbors: All Saints members participate in askings for monthly food drives. In preparation for Thanksgiving we gather 500 boxes of cake mixes, and for Christmas tree gifts, members give warm clothing for children.

Mission Outreach: This Parish Committee meets twice a year to review and respond to grant requests from the community, and some international askings from the Diocese.

The Caring Corner—Responding to Joys and Concerns in the Parish:

Several elements for responding to the needs of members in our parish and the larger community:

Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at All Saints since 2003, joining a national program that began in 1998. Shawls have passed through the loving hands of parish members who knit or crochet, and are blessed by loving hearts as they are gifted to men, women, and children in times of need. Mary Remick has been “shepherding” this ministry and welcomes shawl makers. Patterns and yarn are available to those who make the shawls.

October 2014 the Vestry adopted a policy/plan for engaging members who have not been present in parish life for some time. In some cases there is a health issue, or perhaps there may be a need for a listening ear. This engagement process was active as “**Friend 2 Friend**”. The past couple of years the leaders for this program have been impacted by their own health issues. We need to give some attention to adding more leadership to this program.

Card Shower: A new program we plan to initiate in April is the card shower. Currently worshippers note the names of members in the Sunday Bulletin or Prayers of the People. Sometimes we remember to pick up a card and send it—but sometimes other tasks face us and we don't get the card in the mail. We have discovered that many of us receive greeting cards in the mail from agencies in response to our giving—examples: St Jude's Children's Hospital, VFW, Rescue animals, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, etc.

We have assembled these lovely cards in a big green box that we will circulate each Sunday during the Coffee Hour. There are several types available for you to choose from: Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary, Sympathy, Thinking of You, Thank You, Blank cards for personal messages, and Note Paper. Choose a card, address it (a copy of the Parish Directory is in the box), and if you wish, the parish will pay the postage. Just put your card in the mail box and the Office Guild will stamp it and send it off in the mail for you.

We will continue to alert you to milestone Birthdays or Anniversaries.

A NEW CHAPTER

SUBMITTED BY DONNA NUGENT

I would like to share a little about my experience serving as a volunteer for a local organization and how this has impacted my life. In doing so, allow me to provide some history.

I lost my husband, Ted, of 46-years in July of 2017. The last several years of his life became increasingly difficult and challenging as he became ill and struggled to find peace with his situation. With Ted's passing, of course life changed I found myself naturally trying to process the grief but also facing the change for myself. This shift uncovered emotions and brought questions that left me contemplating how I should fill my time and what my purpose is.



Father Cory has been a vital part of my recovery journey. He was with Ted the last several months of his life and has been a constant source of encouragement to me moving forward. One day, as we were discussing this new chapter in my life, I brought up volunteering as a possible option. Although I was hesitant and uncertain, Father supported the idea and convinced me to follow this prompting. In January 2018, I began my role as a Volunteer at Renew Therapeutic Riding Center in Holland. Renew is an equine-facilitated therapy program for those with physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities serving children and adults with a wide range of disabilities. As I have stepped into this role and opened myself to new friendships, my perspective of my situation and life has evolved.

I began at Renew with a simple desire and deeply ingrained motivation to help others. Yet, what I have found as a result of volunteering is that I too am being blessed by the program, the relationships, and the experience. It has filled a void in my life and I have found a kind of fulfillment that far exceeded my expectations.

Working with the students, seeing their struggles, watching how hard they work to overcome their challenges and strive to reach their goals has made me have a new perspective and appreciation for what I have. These students are so grateful and have so much joy for the little things in life. I get to help others who appreciate and look forward to so little. When you're not around people with disabilities you don't have any idea how many people struggle with routine, daily life skills. These are things that most people take for granted.

I look so forward to Monday mornings when I am scheduled to volunteer because I am able to help these students. I want to learn more and feel I can make a difference. Just the other day a student's mom said to me, referring to her daughter, "She just loves coming here!" I get to share in their experiences and in their joy and the excitement of their accomplishments. "Blessed" is how I feel to have found this organization and I will continue to help and encourage anyone interested in volunteering for this remarkable program.

TREASURERS REPORT

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03/13/18
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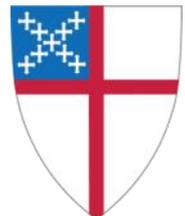
All Saints Episcopal Church Operating Income & Expense Report February 2018

	Feb 18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Income				
4000 · Contributions	12,858.44	14,666.60	(1,808.16)	176,000.00
4020 · Open Plate	13.50	500.00	(486.50)	6,000.00
4100 · Special Services	0.00	83.34	(83.34)	1,000.00
4200 · Gifts	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	3,000.00
4310 · Investment Income	(73.78)	0.00	(73.78)	8.00
4400 · Misc. Income	1,810.00	1,562.43	247.57	18,800.00
4910 · Parish Outreach	101.00	0.00	101.00	0.00
5000 · Transfer between Funds	0.00			
Total Income	14,709.16	17,062.37	(2,353.21)	204,808.00
Gross Profit	14,709.16	17,062.37	(2,353.21)	204,808.00
Expense				
6010 · Parish Outreach Expense	777.00	800.00	(23.00)	9,600.00
6100 · Diocese	0.00	1,499.00	(1,499.00)	17,988.00
6300 · Personnel Costs	11,100.87	11,072.78	28.09	133,445.00
6700 · Building & Grounds	1,284.72	1,887.93	(603.21)	23,355.00
7000 · Office	409.34	796.34	(387.00)	10,185.00
7300 · Parish Operations	37.58	700.34	(662.76)	9,135.00
8000 · Church & RH Apartments	0.00	83.34	(83.34)	1,100.00
Total Expense	13,609.51	16,839.73	(3,230.22)	204,808.00
Net Income	1,099.65	222.64	877.01	0.00

VESTRY CORNER

Did you know you have access to the Vestry Meeting Minutes each month? The minutes are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary following each meeting.

Are you a Committee Chairperson? The Vestry would like quarterly reports from each committee the Friday before the meeting. Even if your committee has nothing to report, just an acknowledgement that your committee is still active and what you might have coming up.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA 	2 5:30 pm Grief Workshop	3 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	4 12:30 pm - AA	5 7:00 pm Vestry meeting 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	6	7
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22 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	23	24 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	25 12:30 pm - AA	26 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	27	28
29 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	30					

Birthdays:

4/8 Aerin Baker
 4/9 Rick Northrup
 4/11 Adeliza Randolph
 4/12 Roger Garvelink
 4/15 Russell Lamesfield
 4/16 Gordon Bruns
 4/17 Ralph Siddell

4/20 Herk Wise
 4/22 Mary Remick
 4/24 Olivia Allen
 4/24 Todd Johns
 4/25 Persis Faasen



Anniversaries:

4/10 Rick Northrup & Toni Trudell
 4/16 Todd & Barbara Johns
 4/20 Gordon & Rebecca Bruns
 4/25 David Colwell & Mary Ann Quick



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