

To Our All Saints Family:

Nov.15, 2020

As we send out this update to you, we hope that each of you remain healthy and safe! With the approach of Thanksgiving, and despite this stressful pandemic, it is a time for us to reflect on the many blessings God has given to each of us. We, of course, miss worshipping and singing loudly together thanking God but are grateful we have weekly in-church services and also provide online links.

Pastor Sue Ellen has continued to plan uplifting services with meaningful prayers and readings along with terrific music accompanied by Peter Barroso and many of our choir members. Pastor Sheila Rawn, our new supply minister, presides over worship and gives an inspiring message each week. With your continuing weekly offerings, we are able to pay all our bills to "keep our church doors open".

Many projects have been completed over the last eight months:

- The inside of the church has been completely cleaned and organized
- All the carpeting was cleaned; all floors were stripped and waxed
- The building outside has been painted; with WELCA's donation all the windows were washed inside and out
- The shed was cleaned and organized
- Trees have been trimmed and some cut down, the surrounded bushes have been trimmed and cleaned
- The driveway has been repaired, blacktopped, and restriped
- A new light has been installed to completely light up the entrance
- Purchased Memorial Bricks were ordered and installed
- Our Facebook page continues to have inspiring messages etc. along with the link for our weekly service
- Mailing of cards to our shut-ins on a regular basis as a way to show "our caring"

We would like to revamp and update our website and are looking for volunteers to help with this much needed project. Please consider offering your help; just telephone the church office at 847-587-7727 to volunteer.

On Sunday, November 22nd we will be celebrating Christ the King Sunday and Thanksgiving. A special container will be located in the office foyer for donations to Helping Hands Food Pantry as a gift to those who need assistance.

Our advent season begins on Sunday, November 29th. Advent devotionals have been graciously donated by Pastor Sue Ellen and family and will be distributed that Sunday. If you are not attending services, they will be available in the office foyer if you would like a copy; just telephone the church to make certain someone is in the office.

Because of the pandemic, we have rescheduled our annual Congregational Meeting with a tentative date of Sunday, February 7, 2021. At that time, we will discuss our budget, elect a new council, and discuss "a call" for a new minister. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT!

May God guide and watch over you! You continue to be in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers! Blessings,

Your Church Council Nancy Romej, President, Becky Dubovik, Vice President, Joy Barroso, Treasurer, CinDee Schoeps, Treasurer, Lill Boutin, Ken Grzeskowiak, Holly Tomal, Karen Wilberg