

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

*"The Little Church on The Hill"*

*May, June, July 2024*



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of All Saints is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We have been serving the Chain of Lakes communities since 1961. Through the years, we have been known in the community as "The Little Church on The Hill."

## Mission and Vision Statement

Our congregation will continue to be an active, inviting, and welcoming community making everyone feel included and nurtured in the Christian faith.

Through the Love of God in Jesus Christ, we are committed to creating a lasting difference in our lives, our community, and the world.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Our congregation is made up of warm, friendly people of all ages.

**Come Join Us!**

## **Evangelical Lutheran Church of All Saints**

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**WE ARE OPEN FOR  
IN-CHURCH WORSHIP**

### **WORSHIP HOURS:**

**SUNDAY: 9:00 A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00A.M.**

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday 10am-3pm**

**Tuesday 9am-3pm**

**Thursday 9am-3pm**

# Pastor's Message

## Pentecost - Speaking in Someone Else' Mother Tongue

*<sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability (Acts 2:3-4)*

Every year on Pentecost Sunday (May 19 this year), we would read from Acts 2 about the appearance of divided tongues like fire, the resting of a single tongue on each disciple, and the miracle of disciples' speaking in tongues. We can treat this story primarily as a *one-off event in the past*. But we can also dig deeper into the symbolic meanings of "the tongue" for us today. Inspired by the commentary of Acts written by Professor Willie James Jennings, I want to focus on the meaning of the disciples' speaking in tongues.

Speaking in tongue is a noble practice in some Christian communities. Very often the tongues spoken by inspired members are "heavenly speeches" with no parallels on earth. In those instances, the meaning of these "tongues" requires interpreters who are also inspired. But in Acts 2, the speeches uttered in "tongues" are not secret codes but are actual "mother tongues" spoken by visitors to Jerusalem. Hundreds of people, including foreigners, saw and heard what happened, they were confused, amazed, inspired and empowered.

As someone who has spent most of my life learning to function in a language that is not my mother tongue, I can relate to the different characters in this story. I came to the United States in the mid-1970s and was able to communicate in basic English. Soon I learned that it was not enough. I could communicate with my broken English, but constantly frustrated by my inability to *relate* meaningfully to my American friends. From time to time, some of my American friends who had learned Chinese would talk to me in my mother-tongue. Those were moments of amazement and joy. I felt that someone was willing to relate to me and hear me. In that way, I can understand those visitors in Jerusalem being amazed by the disciples speaking in their own mother tongues.

But learning the mother tongue of another person is always a humbling and laborious process. It took me a long time, and a lot of efforts, to understand the nuisances of the American tongue, as well as the mannerisms and expressions associating with it. But it's all worth it! Being able to relate to my American friends freely and in-depth is empowering.

I am sure the disciples felt empowered on that day as well. But they also knew that the gift of the tongue was a one-off phenomenon. It was a divine "demonstration," and an aspiration. They were called to be communicators to relate God's Good News of love and grace in ways that are "relatable" and meaningful to everyone in the world. The process will take time and effort and will require humility and persistence.

Maybe "speaking in tongues" is not just about a miracle God performed long time ago but God's encouragement to ALL of us to humbly engage in "learning" about the "mother tongue" or the depth of another person, and another people so that we can truly relate to one another for the sake of God's Good News for the world.

Peace  
Pr. Joe

# Our Church Leadership



**Rev. Joseph Chu**  
Interim Minister



**Rev. Sue Ellen Gram Grudt**  
Minister of Worship & Music

## Welcome Your New Church Council!

### New 2024-2025 Church Council

Nancy Romej - President,  
Becky Dubovik-Vice President,  
Karen Wilberg-Treasurer,  
CinDee Schoeps-Secretary,  
Carol Meyer, Ken Grzeskowiak,  
Lill Boutin, Gwen Pearson

# A Message from our Council President

I was entering the church on the office side and noticed the lilies that were planted after our Easter service were blooming! These tall, white trumpet-like flowers were mentioned several times in the Bible and symbolize rebirth, new beginnings, and hope! Truly it was a "God moment" for me with anticipation for our Council Retreat on June 25th! Below are some highlights from the Retreat, and additional information is on page 16 of this Newsletter.

A "Care Team" has been formed with Ken Grzeskowiak, Lill Boutin, CinDee Schoeps, Carol Meyer, Carol Hosking, and Jessie Wagstrom as volunteers. They will be reaching out to our homebound members, welcoming visitors, contacting those that are being missed, making telephone calls, and sending out cards.

Recognizing the importance of stewardship and outreach, we will update the congregation quarterly of our financial standings .

We are also planning many activities and events so **mark your calendar for the following:**

Lake Geneva Cruise and Luncheon	Saturday, August 20 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. <b><u>(SOLD OUT)</u></b>
Rally Day. Pot Luck Brunch & Games	Sunday, September 8 <sup>th</sup> at 10:15 a.m.
Fall Craft Day	Saturday, Sept.14 <sup>th</sup> . 9:30 a.m.-noon
Stewardship Oktoberfest	Saturday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00-9:00 p.m.

**OWLS** Breakfast at Whistle Stop in Fox Lake will continue and Game Day will resume in the fall.

*We are still working on plans for a "game activities event". (Please watch for details.)*

Confirmation classes have started, Sunday School will resume on a weekly basis after Rally Day, and a new Bible Study/Conversation will begin (watch for details and **All are Welcome!**).

We will continue to support financially and with volunteers Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove, periodically collect for McHenry Pads with much needed essentials for their residents, participate with Adopt-A-Family (giving Christmas gifts to a needy family as determined by the local schools), and help collect mittens, hats, and coats for the cold winter months. With the help of **WELCA**, we are also in the first stages of planning a "Community Pancake Breakfast". (Ask how you can help!) We will also recognize those facing disasters in our world and collect funds as needed for victims.

I encourage each of you to **"get involved"**! Together, **we can make a difference** at All Saints, our lives, our community, and the world! Please talk to any of us with questions, suggestions, or offering to help in any way!

**Blessings and Peace,  
Nancy Romej**

# Fellowship

## All Saints Fellowship Breakfast

Please join us as we get together each month for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship!

**We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month at 9am at the Whistle Stop in downtown Fox Lake.**

*All Fellowship Breakfasts are held on the first Wednesday of each month.*



# Worship & Music

## FUN FACT

### Join the Sing - Along

One study compared the effects of choir singing with simply listening to music. Those who sang showed higher levels of immunoglobulin A, an antibody that lowers the risk of cancer.

Minister of Music;  
**Pr. Sue Ellen Grudt**

Worship and Music  
Chairperson;  
**Becky Dubovik**

# July Representatives

## Altar Guild Representative:

**Barb Grzeskowiak**

## Council Representative:

**Karen Wilberg**

## Counters:

**Karen Wilberg & Lill Boutin**



# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS



Join us for  
Morning Prayers  
Led by  
Pr. Joe Chu  
9:30am Every  
Thursday  
in  
Fellowship Hall

## July Calendar

7/3- Fellowship Breakfast 9am at the Whistle Stop, Fox Lake

7/4- Independence Day (Church office closed) Holiday

7/10- WELCA Meeting at 11am in Fellowship Hall

7/11- Council Meeting at 12:30pm

7/14- Church Directory Picture Day  
#1- After Worship

7/14- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

7/21- Church Directory Picture Day  
#2- After Worship

7/28- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



# **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS**

## **Women's Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**

### **WELCA**

**All Women of All Saints are welcome to join us!**

***WELCA would like to announce our new officers:***

***Ellie Wood - President/ Vice President***

***Bernice Fagen - Treasurer***

***Carol Meyer - Secretary***

**WELCA** continues to support Ponca House as an outreach to our community.  
We meet every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting will be:

**Wednesday July 10th at 11:00am.**

**WELCA is open to all women of All Saints.**

**Come Join us!**

## **Older Wiser Lutherans**



***OWLS meet on the last Friday  
of the month at 1pm.***



**The OWLs  
have flown the coop for summer  
and will return in the fall.  
We hope to see you then!  
Don't miss out on the fun and  
games.  
Keep your eyes on this spot for  
our upcoming activities.**

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**The solar eclipse of April 8, 2024, also known as the Great North American Eclipse, was a total solar eclipse visible across a band covering parts of North America, from Mexico to Canada and crossing the contiguous United States.**

*The next total solar eclipse that can be seen from the contiguous United States will be on Aug. 23, 2044.*



**Pr. Joe explaining the Solar Eclipse to our Sunday school participants.**



**Karen Wilberg, Pr. Joe Chu, Linda Christian, and Lill Boutin observing the Solar Eclipse.**



# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

## A Special Heartfelt Message From Florida



Dear All Saints,

It's been awhile! We hope each and everyone of you are happy, healthy & God Blessed! We are adjusting to our new life in Florida - so far so good. We think of our old church home often and so thankful for the years of friendship & faith sharing. We continue to pray for your church & wish you all the very best.

MISS YOU ALL!

Rondly Bith &  
Mary Beth Winding

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**ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2024**

***Highlights from our 2024 Annual Meeting***

**Council President**

**2023/2024 has been interesting, uplifting,  
& encouraging**

**Many Thanks to:**

- **Pastor Joe Chu as Interim Minister**
- **Pastor Sue Ellen Gram Grudt, Minister of Worship & Music**
- **Your dedicated Council**
- **Linda Christian our Administrative Assistant**
- **Peter Barroso our gifted keyboard musician**
- **John Schoeps who is our “Jack of all Trades” for our services**
- **Carol Hosking and Holly Tomal, our Fellowship Coordinators**
- **Altar Guild, Worship Assistants, Ushers, Counters, Financial Secretary and so many others.**



## **Nomination and Election of Council Members**

### **2023/24 Council**

- Lillian Boutin \*
- Becky Dubovik \*
- Ken Grzeskowiak (2<sup>nd</sup> term ends 2025)
- Carol Meyer (1<sup>st</sup> term ends 2024)
- Nancy Romej \*
- CinDee Schoeps \*
- Karen Wilberg (2<sup>nd</sup> term ends 2026)

### **2024/25 Council Candidates**

- Carol Meyer
- Gwen Pearson
- Nominations from the Floor



\* Have completed at least 2 terms and agreed to stay on council for another year.

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**ANNUAL MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2024**

***Highlights from our 2024 Annual Meeting***

**Property**

Our church home, always has a project to tackle whether it is something that needs to be replaced, repaired or maintained. The following is a list of items that were completed since May of 2023:

1. The sinking north corner of our parking lot was corrected and repaired by the Village of Fox Lake in May.
2. The bushes were regularly trimmed, flowers were planted and maintained throughout the spring, summer, and fall.



## **Property**

- 3. With the approval from the congregation, a large failing portion of the northeast parking lot leading down to the back of the church was replaced with a concrete slab.**
- 4. The carpeting was cleaned and sanitized.**
- 5. The tile floors were cleaned and coated with a sealant to prevent slipping and falling when the tile is wet with rain or snow.**

## **Property**

- 6. Memorial bricks were installed in the Memorial Garden.**
- 7. The air conditioning venting system above the offices was repaired and corrected.**
- 8. New furnace filter kits were installed on all three furnaces which should increase the life of the furnace by 15%.**



# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

## ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 28, 2024

### *Highlights from our 2024 Annual Meeting*

#### **Worship & Music**

**The Worship and Music Committee is responsible for all aspects of worship life.**

**Committee Members:**

- **Pastor SueEllen Grudt - Minister of Worship & Music**
- **Becky Dubovik - Chair & Lector Coordinator**
- **Cindee Schoeps - Altar Guild Coordinator**
- **John Schoeps- Usher Coordinator**
- **Peter Barroso – Musician**
- **Lil Boutin**
- **Joy Barroso**
- **Pastor Joe Chu**



## Finance and Memorial Memorials – Scholarship Program

- The estate gift from the Moitzfield's continues to fund our scholarship program.
- We updated our Scholarship Program to reflect increased student tuition.
- Two deserving members of our congregation were awarded \$1000/year scholarships (Samantha Morphew, Larkin Murphy).



## Finance and Memorial Memorials - Purchases

- Welcome Banner
- Choir Music
- Memorial Garden benches and floral decorations
- Deceased member plaques

This coming year we are purchasing a new printer/copier for the church office.



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## **2024 Council Retreat** **June 25, 2024**



The Council members along with Pastor Joe, Pastor Sue Ellen, Linda, our Office Administrator, and Linnea Ten Bruin, the Financial Secretary met bright and early for an eight-hour brainstorming session on June 25<sup>th</sup>. All of us were excited, hopeful, and enthusiastic as we began strategizing and planning for the 2024/2025 year.

Our goals were to “put in to action” our Mission and Vision Statement:

**Our congregation will continue to be an active, inviting, and welcoming community making everyone feel included and nurtured in the Christian faith.**

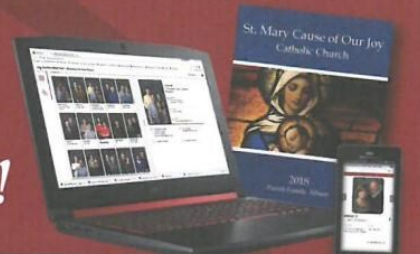
**Through the Love of God in Jesus Christ,  
we are committed to creating a lasting difference in  
our lives, our community, and the world.**

With the leadership of Pastor Joe and our Minister of Music, Pastor Sue Ellen, our worship services will continue with a contemporary litany, both inspiring traditional and contemporary music, and a sermon that not only uses the weekly Bible lessons but applies them to “our everyday” life. Our Fellowship hour following the service will continue to be a time where members and visitors connect in friendly conversation with coffee and treats.

You will also continue to receive the monthly/bi-monthly newsletter to keep you informed from our own “Editor-in-Chief”, Linda!

Plans to update our website are underway and we are hoping to resume recording and posting our weekly services. Soon, you will also be able to follow us on Instagram. We have so much more in the works....so stay tuned!

*Dear Church family,  
It's time for a New Directory!*



**We will be creating a brand new  
2024-2025 Church Member Directory**

**When: July 14th and July 21st**

**Time: 10am (after Worship)**

**Who: Members of All Saints**

Stop in the office after worship on either date and have your NEW picture taken for the 2024-2025 directory and update any changes to your contact information.



# ***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS***



## **HELPING OUR COMMUNITY**



**McHenry County PADS is in dire need of the**

**following items:**

**Laundry bags**

**Ear plugs**

**Shower caddies**

**Travel size shampoo & body wash**



**These small items help so many in need!  
Please drop off your donations in the dedicated box in Fellowship Hall.**

# ***EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS***

## **HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY** **JULY IS ALL SAINTS MONTH TO VOLUNTEER**

### **Helping Hands Food Pantry**

#### **NEW Check in Location!**

Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 2020 Route 12 Suite B on the corner of Blivin and Route 12. Hours of operation are Tuesday and Thursday 4:00p.m.-6:30p.m. Check-in is now located in the Jewel-Osco Parking lot facing the McDonald's Drive thru windows. Phone 815-245-7345 or stop in and talk with staff during open hours.

***A HUGE "thank you" to ALL that have donated time and food to this worthy cause.***

***You have helped so many in our community and your continued support is appreciated!***



### **Helping Hands Food Pantry**

For July Helping Hands Food Pantry is still in need of **Cans of Fruit or Veggies.**

Please place your donations in the green bins located at each set of doors as you enter the church.

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### SPRING GROVE Farmers Market




Every 3rd Saturday from May to October, our Farmers Market is open from 9am to 1pm for local produce and hand made goods. This years market will be held at Main Street Park located at 8013 Blivin Street, across the street from The Grove.

**NEW FOR 2024!** [The Grove](#) will be offering breakfast and beverage (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) specials during our Farmers Market Events and we will be offering live entertainment at some markets....

- Saturday, June 15th – Craig Colson
- Saturday, July 20th – Amy Rose Music
- Saturday, August 17th – Amy Rose Music
- Saturday, September 21st – Craig Colson

Follow our [Facebook page](#) for the most up to date information.

<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	
Date:	<a href="#">Main Street Park</a>	
May 18	8013 Blivin St.	
Time:	Spring Grove, IL 60081	
9:00 am - 1:00 pm	United States + <a href="#">Google Map</a>	

**FAMILY RECIPES**

**Buffalo Chicken Salad**



**INGREDIENTS**

- 3 cups chicken breast shredded (I used rotisserie chicken)
- 1 1/2 cup celery chopped
- 1/2 cup green onions chopped
- 1/4 sweet yellow onion finely diced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Franks Hot Sauce Buffalo style
- 1 ounce Ranch Seasoning Mix (1 packet or 2 tablespoons)
- 1/2 cup blue cheese crumbles optional



**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Combine the mayonnaise, buffalo sauce, and ranch seasoning.**

**In a large bowl, add the chicken, celery, green onions, and yellow onions. Mix to combine, then pour the mayo mixture over it and stir until evenly coated.**

**Let set in the fridge for 10-20 minutes for flavors to meld, and top the chicken salad with blue cheese before serving.**

# Summer Birthdays

## MAY

### Happy Birthday to:

5/3- Nancy Byrne  
5/7- Allen Friske  
5/14- Ben Gardner  
5/14- Virginia Larsen  
5/19- Nancy Preston  
5/20- Bradley Gardner  
5/21- Bruce Gardner  
5/22- Shelly Morin  
5/23- Peter Barroso  
5/25- Paige Schiller

Join us on the first Sunday of each month for birthday cake in Fellowship Hall after worship as we celebrate all birthdays during the upcoming month!

## JUNE

### Happy Birthday to:

6/1- Denise Tysland  
6/10- Scott Borntrager  
6/11- Darlene Gardner  
6/13- Nelson Reese  
6/17- Wendy Carter  
6/18- Dale Schichner  
6/22- Gloria Kruger

Since we haven't had a newsletter for the last few months we wanted to celebrate everyone that had a birthday during that time.

So a BIG Happy Birthday to ALL of you who celebrate birthdays in the months of May, June, and July!

## JULY

### Happy Birthday to:

7/8- Dean Ten Bruin Jr.  
7/9- Brian Banks  
7/10- Marlene Carlson  
7/15- Ken Grzeskowiak  
7/19- Brigitte Richter  
7/23- John Schoeps  
7/24- Christopher Murphy  
7/26- Jane Larson



# Prayer Requests

## **Prayer Concerns:**

Ari Mattson (Riley/Powell)  
Barbara Kordick (Moe)  
Bradley Gardner  
Brian Gregorin (Moe)  
Carol Riley  
Carolyn Hodge & Family  
Cassandra Rivas (Rivas)  
Diane Wysocki (Schramm)  
Dolores Wunderlich (Fishback)  
Dominic Rivas (Rivas)  
Donna Rateike (Schramm)  
Elaine Carlson (Tysland)  
Eric Franklin Family (Wagstrom)  
Irene Howe (Schoeps)  
Jan Barnoski (Wood)  
Jeff & Cindy Schoeps (Schoeps)  
JoEllen Stroner (Dubovik)  
John & Debbie Lewis (Ten Bruin)  
John Kremi (Schoeps)  
Jon Schnell (Tysland)  
Jonathan K & Family (Schichner)  
Judy Lessentine (Schramm)  
Larry & Shari Perry (Chu)  
Loren Piotrowski (Barroso/Morin)  
Magda Kovacs  
Maggie Fazekas (Grudt)  
Marlene Carlson  
Mark Siddons (Dubovik)  
Mary Edge (Moe)  
Mary Rivas (Busch)  
Michael Brangers (Moe)  
Mike Fishback  
Nancy Nava (Zimmerman/Steffens)  
Nate Madula (Schoeps)  
Peyton Sparkman (Daun)  
Precious, Niobe, Mateo, Noah (Nieces and Nephews of Holly Tomal)  
Randy Morin  
Sam Timmis (Riley)  
Sharon Michaelis (Chu)  
Stephanie Schramm Derifield  
Tom Johnson (Mede)

## **Homebound**

Ann Buchen (Fishback)  
Arlene Henricks  
Irm Webster  
Jan Kennedy  
Sylvia Hampton

## **Friends and Family in the Military**

Ben Pedersen (Wagstrom)  
Jessica & Brady (Tysland)

## **Church Family Students**

All Students of our Congregation





# Evangelical Lutheran Church of All Saints July 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Jun 30</b> Sunday School 9:00am Sunday Worship	<b>Jul 1</b>	<b>2</b>	3 9:00am FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST ; WHISTLE STOP CAFE (15 E Grand Ave, Fox Lake, IL 60020)	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00am Sunday Worship	8	9	10 11:00am WELCA Meeting	11 9:30am Morning Prayers 12:30pm Council Meeting	12	13
14 NO Sunday School 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:00am Picture Day -2024/2025 Church Directory	15	16	17	18 9:30am Morning Prayers	19	20
21 Sunday School 9:00am Sunday Worship 10:00am Picture Day -2024/2025 Church Directory	22	23	24	25 9:30am Morning Prayers	26	27
28 NO Sunday School 9:00am Sunday Worship	29	30	31	Aug 1 9:30am Morning Prayers	2	3

***"To share the good news of God's love in Christ with all persons."***

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website at:  
**[allsaintsfoxlake.org](http://allsaintsfoxlake.org)**

...and on Facebook  
Coming soon  
to Instagram

