

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

"The Little Church on The Hill"

February 2025



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 9am-3pm

Tuesday 9am-3pm

Thursday 9am-3pm

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."

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

BELIEFS

- We confess the triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We confess Jesus Christ as the risen Lord and Savior.
- We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
- The Bible is the Holy word of God.

VALUES

Our behaviors define our witness:

- We demonstrate integrity.
- We tell the truth.
- We respect the individual.
- We promote teamwork.
- We Listen.

VISION

- We are Bible based.
- We educate and are examples in the Christian faith.
- We are welcoming and inviting to others.
- We consistently reach out and communicate.
- We continue to grow.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Pastor's Message

God's Eternal Love for All

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you (Jeremiah 31:3)."*

February is the month of love. In just a few days, we will celebrate Valentine's Day. The word "Love" in the English language encompasses a wide range of meanings. But in the Bible, there are several words that are used to cover the rich and profound concepts of love.

Love is a relational concept. Love expresses itself differently in different relationships. What is appropriate in one type of relationship may not be so for other types. Also, love is never a one-way street, it is reciprocal. How we act and how we respond towards one another determines the strengths of our relationships.

As people of faith, our starting point to love is to appreciate God's love towards us. In the Old Testament, a key word describing God's love towards human beings is *hesed*. This word is used to describe the proper relationship between two parties in a covenant. As such, *hesed* is much more than lovey-dovey sentiments, but should properly be understood as God's faithfulness to what God has promised. Properly, it should be understood as loving-kindness, faithfulness, mercy, and steadfast love, etc.

Throughout the Bible, we are told that God initiates an everlasting relationship with humans, first to the people of Israel, and then to all of us through Christ. After God had brought the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, God's words came to those who had been freed, *"I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians (Exodus 6:7)."* This promise is not confined to the people of Israel, but to all of us whom God has freed through Christ. And yet, from the beginning to the end of the Bible, humans are described as covenant-breakers. We do what we want in disregard of God's love, as well as the needs, and dignities of others. We do not keep our end of the bargain, so to speak. The results have always been destructive and painful.

However, in God's *hesed*, God does not desert us. Instead, God always find ways to bring us back to God's own bosom through grace and forgiveness.

In turn, God also calls us to be God's own instrument of *hesed*, sharing God's love towards those whom the world ignores and despises. For in God's eyes, we are all God's jewel, and God's subject of everlasting faithfulness and love, or *hesed*.

Peace,
Pr. Joe Chu

ETERNAL
LOVE

Our Church Leadership



Rev. Joseph Chu
Interim Minister



Rev. Sue Ellen Gram Grutt
Minister of Worship & Music

Your Church Council!



2025 Church Council

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

Message from our Council



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Romans 15:13 “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

As we begin the new year, there are so many instances around the world which are giving only options to be hopeless. Wars in different parts of the world, signs of unrest, growing feelings of right-wing nationalism around the world, disasters of floods, hurricanes, fires and much more. You may call me a pessimist for seeing these global signs and to worry about them. These facts do remain and it can't be forgotten. Along with these, we can also add struggles in our own personal life. And yet I can't deny the existence of many positive instances too.

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” Desmond Tutu

The Bible speaks of three virtues-faith, hope, and love and they are all rooted in God. Many of us will agree that their experiences of God's love and trust in Him have helped them to continue to live a life in hope, even in the middle of all struggles.

Our friends and relationships and our solidarity with them can be a tremendous source of hope in our lives. And that hope reinforces and strengthens our relationships.

As I looked out my family room window with the cold wind blowing and the gloominess of the afternoon, I saw a plump, red-breasted robin perched in our crabapple tree enjoying the remaining berries left from the fall. It was a reminder to me of the hope of spring just around the corner with budding trees and that spring is a rebirth of the spirit.

Above all, Jesus is a true sign of hope to all of us. Jesus on the cross didn't end in a hopeless death, but in a hope-filled resurrection.

Hope is not easy but it is possible and hope anchors the soul.

In Christ,

Nancy Romej

Fellowship



All Saints Fellowship Breakfast

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

This month we will meet up on Wednesday February 5th, at 9am at the Whistle Stop Restaurant in Fox Lake.

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

All are welcome!

Worship & Music

See page 12 in this Newsletter for our Lenten Mid-Week Worship Series Schedule.

Minister of Music;
Pr. Sue Ellen Grudt



Worship and Music Chairperson;
Becky Dubovik

February Representatives

Altar Guild Representative:

CinDee Schoeps

Council Representative:

Becky Dubovik



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/5- Fellowship Breakfast at 9am
- 2/6- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 2/10- Finance Meeting at 1pm
- 2/12- WELCA Meeting at 11am
- 2/13- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 2/13- Council Meeting at 12:30
- 2/14- HAPPY VALENTINES DAY
- 2/15- Financial Review 9am-12noon
- 2/20- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 2/23- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 2/27- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 2/28- OWLS Gather at 1pm



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Women's Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

WELCA

All Women of All Saints are welcome to join us!

WELCA continues to support Ponca House as an outreach to our community.

We usually meet every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00am in Fellowship Hall.

Ponca House is a community living arrangement for adults (age 18 & older) with development disabilities. Residents receive complete and individualized residential habilitation, personal support services and supports under the direction of a community support team within the local agency.

Our next meeting will be:

Wednesday February 12th at 11:00am.

WELCA is open to all women of All Saints.

Come Join us!



Older Wiser LutheranS

**OWLS will gather on
Friday, February 28th at 1pm**

**Come join us for
the fun and games.**

**Keep your eyes on this spot
for our activities.**

Happy 2025!

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

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Did you ever wonder what Santa's Elves look like... Well, better than Santa's Elves... really. This was One HARD WORKING CREW!!



On Tuesday, January 7th members of our council, and members of our Congregation came together to take down all of the lovely Christmas decorations that were enjoyed by everyone this holiday season.



Pictured are:

Dianne Olson
Barb & Ken Grzeskowiak
Carol Hoskings
Linnea Ten Bruin
Becky Dubovik
Nancy Romej
Bill Romej
Gwen Pearson
John & Cindee Schoeps

A BIG 
Thank
YOU

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL



During the last several weeks, the children have been learning about prayer.

We discussed that prayer is a way for us to talk to God. We all know how talking to friends and family is important to us. So if talking to people is easy and we do it all the time, why is it so hard to spend time talking to God?

Sometimes we get busy. We don't see God so we forget. Maybe we don't know how. We might wonder whether God is listening. We might think our problems are too small. BUT: 1. God wants us to know Him. 2. God really does answer prayers. 3. God loves us through prayer. 4. We love God through prayer. So, they were encouraged to take the time to pray! And they learned they can pray for anything. They can pray for others, for themselves, for people who are sick, and ask God to help and guide them. They must always remember GOD LISTENS!

We have learned about The 23rd Psalm and will be learning about The Lord's Prayer and their meanings through Bible stories, worksheets, and crafts.

Our next curriculum will include stories about Jesus, his disciples, his ministry, and His great sacrifice for all of us.

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation class meets on Thursday after school. Topics for study have included learning about kings, prophets, the Babylonian Captivity, Psalms, and wisdom. Short cartoon-like films are played, looking up and reading various Bible passages, and thought-provoking conversations are part of each week's curriculum. With Pastor Joe's leadership and the help of Sheila Eisen and myself, we are pleased how Kelton can engage in discussions as he continues to make progress in his confirmation journey.

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SAVE THE DATE

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on
Sunday, April 27th in Fellowship Hall
directly after worship.**

**WE ALL KNOW THE FAMILIAR SAYING
MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHTER WORK**

MARCH IS THE END OF THE CHURCH FISCAL YEAR, THE TIME TO REVIEW OUR GOALS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FINANCES. IT'S ALSO TIME TO NOMINATE AND ELECT COUNCIL MEMBERS. WE ALWAYS NEED MORE HANDS AND YOUR COUNCIL IS NO EXCEPTION. OUR CURRENT COUNCIL IS EIGHT PEOPLE, OUR CONSTITUTION ALLOWS FOR TWELVE. SOME OF OUR COUNCIL HAVE SERVED FOR MUCH LONGER THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS OUT OF DEDICATION TO OUR CHURCH AND BECAUSE WE SIMPLY HAVE NOT HAD ANY NOMINATIONS. THE WORK OF THE CHURCH MUST GO ON—WORK AS SIMPLE AS INSTALLING MORE EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS TO AS CRITICAL AS MAINTAINING THE WORK, THE LIFE, AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CONGREGATION.

WE ARE ASKING YOU TO CONSIDER BECOMING A COUNCIL MEMBER, TALK TO ONE AND GET THE SCOOP ON WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT; SERVE IN WHATEVER CAPACITY YOU CAN...THE COUNCIL WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE'S NEEDS.

YOUR HELP IS SO VALUABLE!

LET'S ADD MORE, DO MORE, BE MORE

Your current Council:

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Becky Dubovik, Vice President
CinDee Schoeps, Secretary
Karen Wilberg, Treasurer
Lil Boutin
Ken Grzeskowiak
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Northern Illinois Food Bank
invites you to our Mobile Market to pick up fresh groceries in the parking lot of Extra Space Storage in Fox Lake. Please bring bags or boxes in which to package your food. Anyone in need of a little extra help during this time is welcome to join us. Distribution times are subject to change based on product availability. While supplies last.

No ID is needed.

2025 Mobile Market Schedule	
Friday, January 24, 2025 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Friday, February 28, 2025 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, March 28, 2025 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Friday, April 25, 2025 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 23, 2025 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Friday, June 27, 2025 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Parking Lot of Extra Space Storage: 1258 US-12, Fox Lake, IL
(Enter off of Frontage Road)

Volunteers needed from 3:30-6:00p.m. – please register here:
<https://www.volunteer-northernillfoodbank.org/need/>



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.

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Pancake Supper	March 4	6:00pm
Burning of the Palms	March 4	7:00pm
Ash Wednesday Worship	March 5	2:00pm and 7:00pm
Soup Supper	March 13	6:00pm
Midweek Lenten Worship	March 13	2:00pm and 7:00pm
Soup Supper	March 20	6:00pm
Midweek Lenten Worship	March 20	2:00pm & 7:00pm
Soup Supper	March 27	6:00pm
Midweek Lenten Worship	March 27	2:00pm & 7:00pm
Soup Supper	April 3	6:00pm
Midweek Lenten Worship	April 3	2:00pm & 7:00pm
Soup Supper	April 10	6:00pm
Midweek Lenten Worship	April 10	2:00pm & 7:00pm
Palm Sunday Worship	April 13	9:00am
Maundy Thursday Worship	April 17	7:00pm (only)
Good Friday Worship	April 18	2:00pm & 7:00pm
Easter Sunday Worship	April 20	9:00am

Fun Facts about February

Welcome February, the second month on the calendar, but originally the last!

How many days are in February? Can you name 10 holidays and events?

Enjoy these fun facts.

While February is the second month in our Gregorian calendar today, it was originally the very last month added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC)!

Originally, the calendar was 10 months because winter was considered a dormant, month-less period. January and February were added by the Roman king Numa Pompilius to better align the calendar with the lunar year. Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.

February Calendar

February 2 is Groundhog Day—the day we find out whether winter will last six more weeks or call it quits early.

February 9 is the Super Bowl in 2025.

February 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot log cabin with a dirt floor.

February 14 is always Valentine's Day. Heads up, lovebirds! Today, the holiday is celebrated with love, flowers, and chocolate.

February 15 is Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.

February 15 is also National Flag of Canada Day!

February 17 brings Presidents' Day, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday that is celebrated on the third Monday in February. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22!)

February is African-American History Month.

On average, February is the United States snowiest month, according to data from the National Weather Service.

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SHUTTLE VAN

SERVICE

VILLAGE OF FOX LAKE



SERVICE INFO

To schedule a pick-up, call the ON DEMAND number 1-2 hours prior to leaving your destination

TRIP FEES

- General Public - \$2.00/trip
- Seniors (55 & Older) - \$1.00/trip
- Disabled Individuals - \$1.00/trip

(224) 688-3199

SCHEDULED PICKUPS

Lakeland Apartments:

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00 a.m.

Lilac Apartments:

Tuesday & Thursday - 10:00 a.m.

Leisure Village:

Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.

Thomas Place:

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.



SERVICE AVAILABLE
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

AVAILABLE WITHIN VILLAGE LIMITS OF FOX LAKE ONLY

VALENTINE'S Pop up event

Feb 9th
10-3pm

Fox Lake Vol Fire Station
114 Washington St
Ingleside, IL

30 amazing crafters, home decor, Valentines gifts, food, drink available. FREE to public. FREE raffle gifts, FREE goodie bags! **STOP IN!**

EVENT ORGANIZER
TWISTED SISTERS EVENTS
HEATHER 815-888-3980
JERRI 224-687-3987
eventplanners@gmail.com

foxlake.org # FoxLakeIL

The Village of Fox Lake and Grant Township present the

February Senior Luncheon

Heart Health Month
Thursday, February 20, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Menu Moretti's

- Herb Roasted Chicken
- Broccoli Parmesan
- Rice

Live Music Wayne Landino

AAHAA Nurse Network
Ask a Nurse...

- Health Conditions
- Doctor Referrals
- Medication Questions
- Food Rent & Utility Sources
- Home Assistance Referrals
- Medical Insurance Questions

Cost: \$10.00 at the door
Call to reserve by February 13th (224) 225-1404
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. | Food served at 11:30 a.m.

Lakefront Park Building
10 Riverview Ave, Fox Lake, IL

224-225-1404

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GRANT TOWNSHIP
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
EST 1850

FISH FRY AND SILENT AUCTION

All Proceeds Benefit Grant Township Park Improvements

Friday March 7, 2025
Fox Lake American Legion Post #703
703 N. Rt 12, Fox Lake, IL
Food served 5-8pm

Alaskan Pollock, Coleslaw, Potato Salad and Chicken Fingers Available

- FREE CHILDREN 5 & UNDER
- \$6 CHILDREN 6-12
- ADULTS \$12

For more information call (847)740-2233

Mashed Potato Casserole



CASSEROLE

1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter,
melted, plus more for the baking dish

1 (16-oz.) container sour cream

1 (1-oz.) envelope onion soup mix

4 lb. russet potatoes, peeled and cut
into large chunks

1 cup heavy cream, warmed

1 lb. bacon, cooked and crumbled

8 oz. monterey jack cheese, shredded
(about 2 c.)

1/2 cup lightly crushed crispy fried
onions

1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt

Black pepper, to taste

TOPPING

1 cup lightly crushed crispy fried
onions

1 cup lightly crushed kettle cooked
potato chips with sea salt

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
(about 1 oz.)

Chopped chives or green onions, for
serving

Directions

- 1 | For the casserole: Preheat the oven to 375°F. Generously butter a 13-by-9-inch baking dish.
- 2 | In a small bowl, stir together the sour cream and onion soup mix. Refrigerate while you prepare the potatoes so the flavors have time to meld.
- 3 | Place the potatoes into a large pot and cover them with cold water by 1 inch. Bring the water to a boil over high heat and cook until the potatoes are fork tender, 20 to 25 minutes.
- 4 | Drain the potatoes well and return them to the same pot. Place the pot back on the same burner (heat turned off) and mash until there are no visible lumps.
- 5 | Add the prepared onion dip, melted butter, heavy cream, bacon, monterey jack cheese, fried onions, and salt, and stir to combine. Season to taste with pepper. Transfer the mashed potatoes to the prepared baking dish, spreading them evenly.
- 6 | For the topping: In a small bowl, stir together the fried onions, potato chips, and parmesan. Sprinkle the mixture evenly over the top of the mashed potatoes. Bake until bubbling and browned on top, 15 to 20 minutes. Sprinkle with chives just before serving.

February Birthdays



February BIRTHDAYS

Join us the first Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall after worship for birthday cake as we celebrate all February Birthdays!

Please sign up to be the "CAKE SPONSOR" of the month. Signup in Fellowship Hall.

Happy Birthday to:

2/06 - Carole Burkhart

2/08 - Carole White

2/13 - Arlene Henricks

2/14 - Lill Boutin

2/14 - Jim Boelens

2/20 - Erika Kovacs

2/22 - Becky Dubovik

february

BIRTH FLOWER

modesty

spiritual wisdom

faithfulness

humility



VIOLET

Prayer Concerns

Prayer Concerns:

Ari Mattson (Riley/Powell)
Aaron Rivas (Rivas)
Arden Schoeps
Arlene Henricks
Barbara Kordick (Moe)
Brett Moe
Brian Gregorin (Moe)
Brigette Richter
Carol Piironen
Carol Riley
Carole Burkhart
Carole White (Murphy)
Carolyn Hodge & Family
Carter Kauth (Burkhart)
Cassandra Rivas (Rivas)
Courtney Joerns (Lord)
Debra Stuckwisch (Chu)
Diane Wysocki (Schramm)
Dominic Rivas (Rivas)
Donna Rateike (Schramm)
Ellie Wood
Eric Franklin Family (Wagstrom)
Harry & Nick Dukas (Gilbertson)
Jan Barnoski (Wood)
Jane Shea (Schramm)
Jeff & Cindy Schoeps (Schoeps)
John & Mary Lichtenberger
(Gilbertson)
Jon Schnell (Tysland)
Jonathan K & Family (Schichner)
Jonathan Mede (Mede)
Larry & Shari Perry (Chu)
Linda Gregorin (Moe)
Loren Piotrowski (Barroso/Morin)
Magda Kovacs
Maggie Fazekas (Grudt)
Mark Siddons (Dubovik)
Mary Edge (Moe)
Mary Ellen Gram (Grudt)
Mary Rivas (Busch)

Prayer Concerns (cont.):

Michael Brangers (Moe)
Michaeline Witt (Romej)
Mike Fishback (Fishback)
Monica (Dalson)
Nancy Byrne
Peyton Sparkman (Daun)
Precious, Niobe, Mateo, Noah (Tomal)
Rita Duggan (Dubovik/Tomal)
Ron Murphy (Murphy)
Sam Timmis (Riley)
Sharon Davis (Dalson)
Stephanie Schramm Derifield
Tom, Jody, Alyssa &
Briana Johnson (Mede)
Treasure Sperry (Tomal)
Victoria Boutin (Boutin)

Homebound

Ann Buchen (Fishback)
Irm Webster
Jan Kennedy
Silvia Hampton

Friends and Family in the Military

Ben Pedersen (Wagstrom)
Jessica & Brady (Tysland)

Church Family Students

All Students of our Congregation





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SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Feb 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School 9am SUNDAY WORSHIP 	OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM	OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM		NO Choir Ensemble Practice OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM	OWLS GATHER AT 1pm	
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Facebook

