

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

"The Little Church on The Hill"

March 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 9a-3p

Tuesday 9a-3p

Thursday 9a-3p

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!

Pastor's Message

Life on the Edge of Faith

Spring is in the air. And Lent is coming! For this Lenten season, we are treated to a meditative series every Thursday at 2 pm and then 7 pm. The title of the series is "Life on the Edge of Faith" written by The Rev. Beth Huener, an ELCA pastor from Ohio.

Jesus' suffering and his death on the cross is the central focus of our faith. Every year, during Lent, and particularly during the Holy Week, we read the stories from the perspectives of the four Gospel – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. And stories are told from the experiences of the main characters, such as Peter, John, James, etc. They are the main characters because they were closest to Jesus and to the events that were unfolded. For the disciples involved, what they have witnessed – Jesus' gruesome and unjust death, as well as his glorious resurrection – is life changing. God's story through Jesus has transformed them.

But an event like this might have been just as thought-provoking, and even faith-shaking for those who were not as close to Jesus or were simply at the peripheral of the events that took place. What were they thinking? More importantly, how would their experience inspire our own faith journey? Giving voice to those the Biblical writers did not narrate in detail is the project that Pr. Huener takes on in this series. Through monologues by some of our members, we will learn about the thoughts of *a sleeping disciple, the high priest, a maid, a soldier and a city resident*.

The journey of faith is complicated and rich. Sometimes, we may have a strong sense of closeness with God through Christ, with the Scriptures, as well as our church and our fellow church members. But other times, we might feel like we are on the peripheral looking inside, with doubts and questions. The zigzagging between closeness and distance, between being at the inner circle and at the peripheral, is how we grow in faith.

So come and join us! Come and put ourselves in the shoes of those who were further removed from the main characters and the main events. Come either at 2 pm or 7 pm every Thursday after Ash Wednesday!

Have A Blessed Lent!

Pr. Joe Chu

Our Church Leadership



Rev. Joseph Chu
Interim Minister



Rev. Sue Ellen Gram Grudt
Minister of Worship & Music



All Saints 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



A Message from our Council President

Thoughts from your Council President



We are shortly entering Lent: Lent is a 40-day Christian observance that prepares people for Easter. It's a time of repentance and renewal that includes fasting, reflection, and prayer. It also is the beginning of spring; a time of new fragile growth as the new plants reach up from the ground.

Can I suggest that this Lent we spend sometime asking ourselves some of the following questions that perhaps can give us spiritual growth and simplicity in our life:

What truly gives me joy, life, and energy?

What gives me deep peace?

What gives my life meaning?

Perhaps if we can answer these questions honestly, we can move forward and have more of those things in our life. Then we can stop and ask, "what am I grateful for most in my life today?" When we answer that question daily, we will then be able to reflect on God's love and His desire to show us His way of fulfillment in our life by loving one another and God with all our hearts.

May this Lenten season bring you a time of gratitude, and renewal for God's many blessings! I also encourage you to participate in some or all of the many meaningful opportunities available at "All Saints" during Lent beginning with Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday service, Thursday Soup Suppers and Mid-Week Lenten Worship (both at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.), Holy Week, and the Celebration of Easter.

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 March 5, at 9am at the Whistle Stop Restaurant in downtown Fox Lake.

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

All are welcome!

Worship & Music

Join us for our Mid-Week Lenten Worship Series;

LIFE ON THE EDGE OF FAITH

to be held on Thursdays during Lent at

2pm and 7pm. Soup suppers will be served at 6pm prior to our 7pm worship service each week.

See pages 8 & 9 of this newsletter for details.

Minister of Music;
Pr. Sue Ellen Grudt

Worship and Music Chairperson;
Becky Dubovik

March Representatives

Altar Guild Representative:

Cindee Schoeps

Council Representative:

Lill Boutin



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March Calendar

- 3/2- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 3/4- Pancake Supper at 6pm with Burning of the Palms at 7pm
- 3/5- Fellowship Breakfast at 9am
- 3/5- Ash Wednesday Worship at 2pm & 7pm
- 3/6- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 3/9- Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/9- Sunday School Resumes at 9am
- 3/10- Finance Meeting at 1pm
- 3/12- WELCA Meeting at 11am
- 3/13- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 3/13- Council Meeting at 12pm
- 3/13-Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 2pm
- 3/13-Soup Supper at 6pm
- 3/13- Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 7pm
- 3/17- St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 3/20-Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 2pm
- 3/20-Soup Supper at 6pm
- 3/20- Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 7pm
- 3/27- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 3/27-Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 2pm
- 3/27-Soup Supper at 6pm
- 3/27- Mid-Week Lenten Worship at 7pm
- 3/28- OWLS Gather at 1pm



"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!



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Women's Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Thank you to Dianne Olson for updating the WELCA board for March!

WELCA

All Women of All Saints are welcome to join us!

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 March 12th at 11:00am.



Happy St. Patrick's Day from the OWLS

Join us for fun & games when we gather on the last Friday of the month at 1pm in Fellowship Hall.

Snacks and great fellowship will be served.



The Finance Committee is very thankful for our volunteers;

Stacy Gilbertson

and

Jean Olsen

who completed the Annual Church Financial Review on February 15, 2025.

THANK YOU for your time & commitment to our church
Jean & Stacy!

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Lenten & Holy Week Worship Schedule



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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

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Soup Suppers will be held on Thursdays during Lent at 6pm (only) prior to our 7pm Mid-Week Lenten worship services.

If you would like to bring a soup dish or a food item, there is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall .

We would love to see you there!



EASTER FLOWERS



Easter falls on
Sunday April 20, 2025.

We will be taking
orders for Easter flowers.

If you would like to place an order, you will find a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10 per plant, so please place your order no later than **April 13th**.

You can take your flowers home after
9 worship on Easter Sunday.

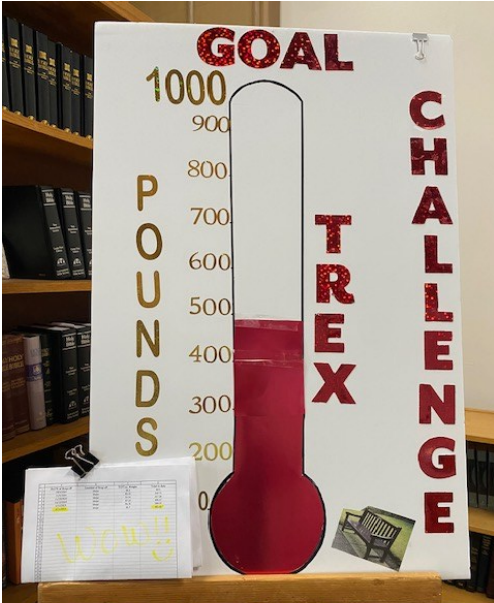
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NexTrex Recycling Program

Ever wonder what 500 pounds of plastic film looks like?
(485.95 pounds to be exact)

Well here you go...

We are half way to meeting our 1,000 pound goal!
Thank you for your donations, and a **HUGE "THANK YOU"**
to Nancy Romej and Becky Dubovik for being the stewards
of this program and tackling the big job of gathering,
weighing, and taking our donations to the
collection center each month.

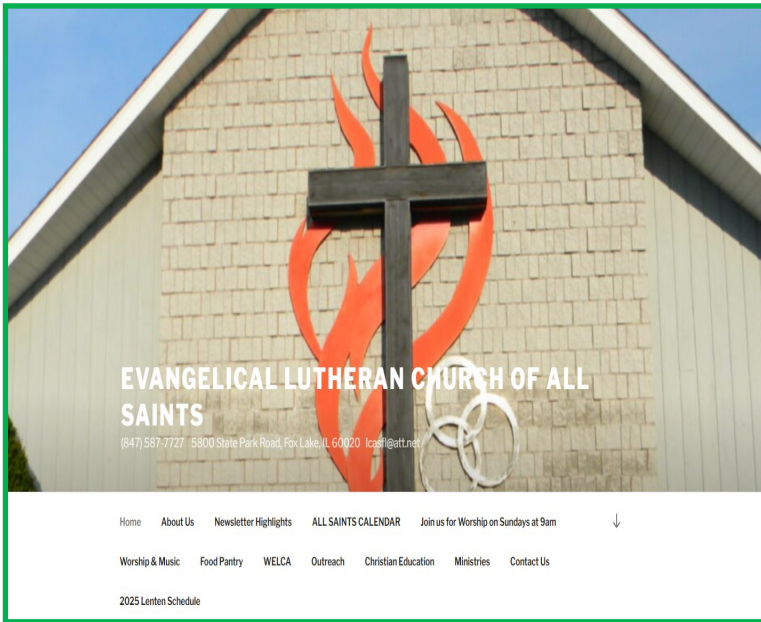


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SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR
UPDATED WEBSITE LATELY ?
If you haven't, you should...
here is our website:

<https://allsaintsfoxlake.org/>



You can find us on Facebook by typing

“All Saints Lutheran Church” into your Facebook search bar. Then like and follow our page!

When you do, you will be able to stay connected and up to date with what is going on in our congregation.

Social Media is a great way for us all to stay connected!



Please remember to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday March 8th before you go to bed ...or you will be an hour late to church on Sunday March 9th.



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HELPING HANDS

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 March 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.

**April is
All Saints Month to Volunteer...
YOUR “Helping Hands” are needed
at the Food Pantry!**

Please look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall to volunteer at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in April. Donating your time is always appreciated and helps our community.

HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER LIST		HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER LIST	
TUESDAY HOURS 3:30-6:00 P.M.		THURSDAY HOURS: 3:30-6:00 P.M.	
April 1st		April 3rd	
1)		1)	
2)		2)	
3)		3)	
4)		4)	
April 8th		April 10th	
1)		1)	
2)		2)	
3)		3)	
4)		4)	
April 15th		April 17th	
1)		1)	
2)		2)	
3)		3)	
4)		4)	
April 22nd		April 24th	
1)		1)	
2)		2)	
3)		3)	
4)		4)	



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Our Community

Join The Village of Fox Lake for our Seated Strength Class! This class is taught by the amazing instructor Bennie and is every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. This program is pay on site, so need to register!

Classes begin on February 24th and go till March 24th.

Classes are \$10 OR pay for all the sessions upfront for \$45!

For any questions call 224-225-1404

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Join Us for Seated Strength at Lakefront Park!

10 Riverview Ave | Fox Lake, IL

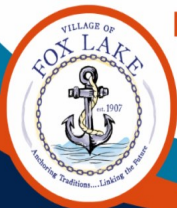



Our fun, high-energy instructor, Bennie, will guide you through this low-impact seated strength class that will help you build the strength & confidence you need for an active lifestyle! Make her class a great 45-minute introduction to your day.

\$45 for 5 weeks | \$10 drop-in

Classes run Mondays 9:30 - 10:15am

Next Session: February 24- March 24
Held in the Small Gym Pay on-site



 224-225-1404

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**GRANT
TOWNSHIP**
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
— EST 1850 —



FISH FRAY 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

FAMILY RECIPES

Meatless Chili Mac

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 can (16 ounces) mild chili beans, undrained
- 1 can (15-1/2 ounces) great northern beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 4 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup fat-free sour cream



Directions

- 1** In a Dutch oven, saute onion and green pepper in oil until tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in the water, macaroni, beans, tomatoes, tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin and salt.
- 2** Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes or until macaroni is tender. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon sour cream.

Nutrition Facts

1-1/4 cups: 206 calories, 3g fat (1g saturated fat), 1mg cholesterol, 651mg sodium, 37g carbohydrate (6g sugars, 9g fiber), 10g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 2 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 lean meat.

March Birthdays

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Each month we have a different sponsor that provides a birthday cake for everyone to enjoy as we celebrate the upcoming birthdays of our members.

**Thank you to this month's sponsor:
Nancy Romej**

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

Happy Birthday to:

3/4-	Brett Moe
3/6-	Haley Capek
3/25-	Bernice Fagan
3/30-	Nancy Romej



March

BIRTH FLOWER

*new beginnings
vanity
good luck
prosperity
faithfulness*



Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns:

Ari Mattson (Riley/Powell)
Arlene Henricks
Barbara Kordick (Moe)
Brett Moe
Brian Gregorin (Moe)
Brigette Richter
Carol Piironen
Carol Riley
Carole Burkhart
Carole White (Murphy)
Carolyn Hodge & Family
Deb Pett (Banchak)
Debra Stuckwisch (Chu)
Diane Wysocki (Schramm)
Donna Rateike (Schramm)
Eric Franklin Family (Wagstrom)
Harry & Nick Dukas (Gilbertson)
Jan Barnoski (Wood)
Jane Shea (Schramm)
Jason & Ryan Bejlovec (Bejlovec)
Jeff & Cindy Schoeps (Schoeps)
Jim Boelens
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)
Luquitta Todd (Schramm)
Magda Kovacs
Maggie Fazekas (Grudt)
MariEllen Cichanski (Tomal)
Mark Siddons (Dubovik)
Mary Edge (Moe)
Mary Ellen Gram (Grudt)
Michael Brangers (Moe)
Mike Fishback (Fishback)
Monica (Dalson)

Prayer Concerns (cont.):

Mun Shee (Pr. Joe's mom)
Nancy Byrne
Nancy Romej
Peyton Sparkman (Daun)
Precious, Niobe, Mateo, Noah (Tomal)
Rita Duggan (Dubovik/Tomal)
Sam Timmis (Riley)
Stephanie Schramm Derifield
Tom, Jody, Alyssa &
Briana Johnson (Mede)
Treasure Tomal (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





Evangelical Lutheran Church of All Saints March 2025



SUN 23	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26	THU 27	FRI 28	SAT Mar 1
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am SUNDAY WORSHIP				10am Choir Ensemble Practice	OWLS GATHER AT 1pm	
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MISSION *“To share the good news of God’s love in Christ with all persons.”*

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and on
Facebook

