

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

"The Little Church on The Hill"

April 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:

Tuesday- 9a-3p

Wednesday - 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!

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

Pastor's Message

Happy Easter!

*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have died (1 Corinthians 15:20)"*

In a few more weeks, we will be celebrating Easter! Easter is about Life! There are multiple ways to appreciate the profound meaning of this life-changing event.

To begin with, it starts with Jesus' ministry and his death on the cross. The cross on which Jesus was executed was the worst kind of capital punishments reserved for violent criminals and or political insurrectionists suspected of treasons and/or rebellion against the Roman state. Yes, Jesus had some sharp words against the religious and civil leaders of the Jewish community and had disrupted the commercial activities at the temple (e.g., Mark 11:15-19). But by and large, his actions of healing and exorcism, and his teachings on the coming of God's kingdom of justice, love and forgiveness did not match what he was accused of – a criminal or a violent political insurrectionist who created havoc for his own purposes. His death reveals the power of evil not only in his time, but in our world and in all of us.

But God does not allow evil to have the final word. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the death, claiming victory not only over death itself, but over the forces of death and evil in our lives. To have faith is to have trust in God's power over darkness and death in our own lives through Christ.

In addition, Biblical writers used many ways to share the powerfulness of this event. For example, the verse quoted above, which is a part of this year's readings for Easter Sunday – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26. For Paul, Easter is not simply something that happened "on the third day" after Jesus' death. It is THE critical event with significances that reverberate through the ages. If you look at these verses, you may find how Paul uses several pairs of opposites to illustrate (rather than explain) the impacts of Easter: It is life over death...it is the first fruits over the dead branches in the winter...it is the new life in Christ over the death of in Adam...it is God's kingdom over the authority and principalities of Rome and any earthly powers,... Easter is about God's life in the world of darkness and death!

As for me, the powerfulness of Easter is sometime best expressed in images that we can relate to in our own lives. Please see the image on the right! It is God's life, God's abundant love and Life through the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ!

Happy Easter!
Pr. Joe



Our Church Leadership



Rev. Joseph Chu
Interim Minister



Rev. Sue Ellen Gram Grutt
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

From your Council President



Daylight savings time and longer days with sunlight and warmer weather is a sign of Spring. As we celebrate Easter, it is a time of hope and renewal!

With that in mind, a long overdue clean-up of our property has been completed with removal of all the overgrown bushes and shrubs around our fence lines, rebuilding of our back retention wall, clean-up and removal of timbers and gravel, and level playground area with black dirt, remove thorn bushes and weeds at the rear south corner of church, and clean-up fallen tree limbs etc. And we are now prepared to watch our perennials sprout out of the ground and shortly plant the annual flowers to “paint” our soil!

During the Lenten Season, I hope you have been able to attend one of our mid-week services as we reflect and reconnect with the essence of our faith, and the profound love and sacrifice that Jesus Christ demonstrated through His death. If not, you still have an opportunity to attend our last two mid-week services at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. with our Soup Suppers beginning at 6:00 pm.

Holy week will include Palm Sunday and Processional on Sunday, April 13 at our 9:00 Worship Service, Maundy Thursday Service and The Stripping of the Altar on April 17th at 7:00 p.m., and Good Friday Services at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our Easter Sunday Worship Service on April 20th at 9:00 a.m. celebrates our belief in the power of love over hate, joy over sorrow, hope over despair, and life over death. I encourage you to attend any or all of these services as we renew our beliefs and faith!

On April 27th, Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. It is a time to look forward to the upcoming events and plans for the rest of 2025 and the first quarter of 2026, review of our proposed budget, and election of Council Members. ***Please remember, that “All Saints” is your church home and your attendance and participation is vital.*** And, as all “good Lutherans” love to have, a pot luck brunch will follow the meeting!

As we experience the beginning of spring, may it bring each of you a renewal of hope and your faith!

In Christ Service,

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 April 2, at 9am at the
Whistle Stop Restaurant in downtown Fox**

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

on Thursdays during Lent at 2pm and 7pm.

Cookies will be served after the 2pm service,
Soup suppers will be served at 6pm prior to our
7pm worship service each week.

See page 8 for the Lenten & Holy week schedule

Minister of Music;
Pr. Sue Ellen Grudt

Worship and Music Chairperson;
Becky Dubovik

April Representatives

Altar Guild Representative:

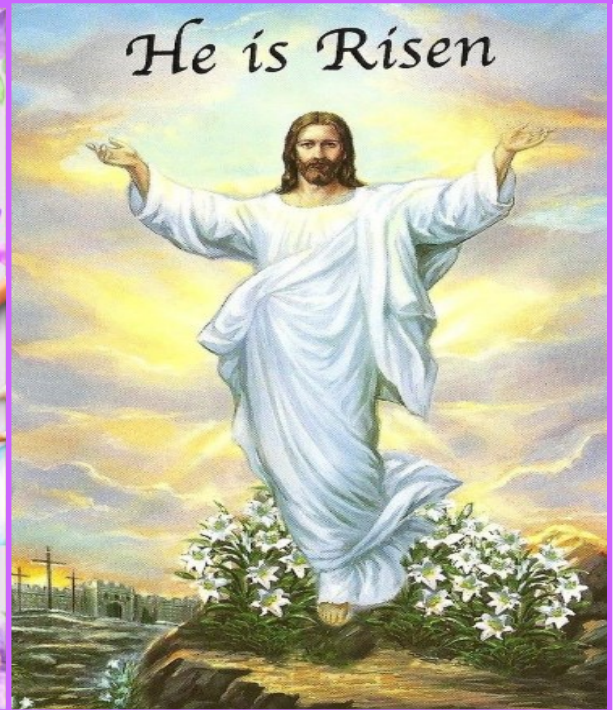
Cindee Schoeps

Council Representative:

Gwen Pearson



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April Calendar

- 4/2- Fellowship Breakfast at 9am
- 4/3- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 4/3- Mid Week Lenten Worship at 2pm
- 4/3- Soup Supper at 6pm
- 4/3- Mid Week Lenten Worship at 7pm
- 4/7- Finance meeting at 1pm
- 4/9- WELCA meeting at 11am
- 4/10- Worship & Music meeting at 9am
- 4/10- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 4/10- Council meeting at 11:30
- 4/10- Mid Week Lenten Worship at 2pm
- 4/10- Soup Supper at 6pm
- 4/10- Mid Week Lenten Worship at 7pm
- 4/13- Palm Sunday Worship at 9am
- 4/17- Choir Rehearsal at 10am
- 4/17- Maundy Thursday Worship at 7pm only
- 4/18- Good Friday Worship at 2pm and 7pm
- 4/20- Easter Sunday Worship at 9
- 4/20- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 4/24- NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 4/25- OWLS Gather at 1pm
- 4/27- Annual Congregational Meeting/Potluck Luncheon after 9am
Worship



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Women's Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Our next meeting will be:
Wednesday April 9th at 11:00am.



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.

Happy Easter 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.



See Page 10 of this Newsletter for pictures of our gathering on February 28th.

Our Next Gathering will be on Friday, April 25th at 1pm.

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Lenten & Holy Week Worship Schedule

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



Soup Suppers are being held on Thursdays during Lent at 6pm 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!

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SIGN-UP FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Sunday is April 20, 2025

We are taking orders for Easter flowers again this year. 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 worship on Easter Sunday.



Jim Boelens
Is feeling the LOVE...

Our wonderful Prayer Blanket Team made this lovely Bears blanket for Jim to let him know he is loved and prayed for by everyone here at All Saints. We hope you are feeling better Jim!



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OWLS playing Yahtzee on February 28th





NextTrex
Recycling Program
Update

WOW.....We are well on our way!!!
So far, we have collected over 600 pounds of plastic,
(647.71 pounds to be exact) .

RECYCLE

We only need 352 pounds to meet our 1,000 pound goal,
and we still have 173 days left in the challenge. Thank you
for your continued donations and for making our world a
cleaner place.



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Dear All Saint Members:

We invite you to attend the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2025. The meeting will begin immediately following the 9:00 a.m. church service.

Following the meeting we encourage you to attend our potluck luncheon for good food and fellowship.

During this meeting, we will review the annual reports, discuss and review the 2025/2026 budget, present the slate of Council nominees, and elect Council members. Each Council member plays an integral part of our church and we hope you will prayerfully consider being part of this "team"!

Copies of the annual report will be available in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 20th for your review.

A quorum of 15% of our Congressional Members must be present at this meeting. Please plan to attend both the Worship Service, our Congregational Meeting, and Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

Thank you for your continued prayers and witness as members of All Saints!

Love in Christ,

Your Congregational Council

Pastor Joe Chu, Nancy Romej-President, Becky Dubovik-Vice President, Karen Wilberg-Treasurer, CinDee Schoeps-Secretary,

Lill Boutin, Ken Grzeskowiak, Carol Meyer, Gwen Pearson

**April is time to sign up,
Because...May is
All Saints Month to Volunteer...Please,
Lend a Hand at Helping Hands 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 May. Donating your time is always appreciated and helps our community.



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.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

For April 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.

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Around Our Community

EGG-CITING EGG HUNT & BUNNY BREAKFAST

EGG HUNT AT 10:00 A.M.
Lakefront Park & Lakefront Park Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

CHAIN O'LAKES
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

April 8 | 5pm - 7pm
Village Bakery

27 Grand Avenue
Fox Lake IL 60020



**“Spring Cleaning” time is here
Use these helpful hints to declutter...**

Declutter Your Home in 7 Days Only ONE Hour Per Day

1 DAY ONE Kitchen

- Clean your fridge
- Throw away old food and expired condiments
- Make a list of any condiments or food you need to replace
- Wipe the inside of the fridge
- Clean your pantry and throw away any expired food
- Sell or donate any small kitchen appliances you don't use
- Go through your junk drawer and finally organize it



5 DAY FIVE Office

- Finally go through your "pile" and don't stop until the pile is gone!
- File away papers you need to keep (throw away old papers, fliers, magazines etc that you no longer are using)
- Declutter as much as possible



2 DAY TWO Family Room, Dining Room, Entry

- Go through dressers, drawers or bins, if you don't love something, sell or donate it
- Sell or donate shoes, coats, scarves, gloves, hats etc that have been outgrown or that aren't worn anymore
- Look around your room and if it feels cluttered, donate or sell the decorations that do not bring you joy



6 DAY SIX Garage

- Go through any bins and organize it all (Donate or sell things you no longer need/ want/ use)
- Go through kids' outdoor toys, only keep what your children use, love and what fits them



3 DAY THREE Bathrooms

- Clean out all drawers and underneath the sink
- Throw away all expired make-up or toiletries
- Throw away make-up or toiletries that you don't like or use anymore
- Wipe your drawers down
- Put things back in an organized manner



7 DAY SEVEN Basement and Attic

- If you don't have a basement or attic you get the day off!
- Look in every box, bin and corner
- If it does not bring you joy, throw it away or donate it
- If it does not fit, if you do not use it, or if it does not have sentimental value, throw it away or donate it



4 DAY FOUR Bedrooms

- Go through closet/dresser and donate or sell clothing and shoes that does not fit or that you have not worn in the last year
- Donate or sell kids toys that are no longer being used Clean under beds
- Organize books and toys and donate or sell anything that is no longer wanted



Remember!

Only work for ONE hour each day



FAMILY RECIPES

**Four Ingredient Pound
Cake**



Ingredients

- 1 cup butter softened
- 1 2/3 Cup granulated sugar
- 5 large eggs room temperature
- 2 Cups all-purpose flour
- powdered sugar to sprinkle on top

Instructions

- 1** Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a bundt pan.
- 2** Cream the butter in a stand mixer. Add sugar and cream together for 2 minutes on medium speed. Scrape the sides of the bowl halfway through. (#4 speed on Kitchen Aid mixer)
- 3** Beat in eggs one at a time, beating each one for 3 minutes. (#4 speed on Kitchen Aid mixer)
- 4** Add flour and gently mix in. (#2 speed on Kitchen Aid mixer)
- 5** Pour the cake batter into a greased and floured bundt pan. Bake in preheated oven at 350° F for 45 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.
- 6** Let cool in pan for 30 minutes and then carefully remove. Let cool and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

April 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 cake sponsor:

Darlene Moe

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

Happy Birthday to:

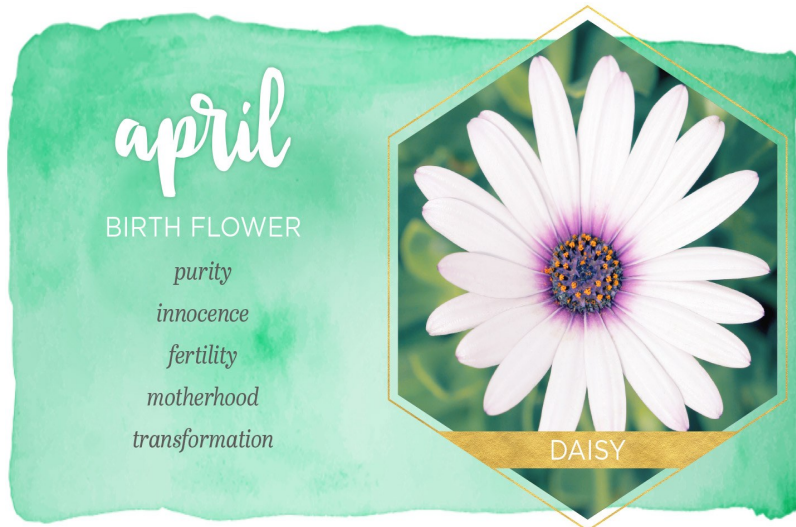
4/06- Randy Morin

4/10- Pr. Joe Chu

4/12- Jill Schichner

4/16- Sheila Eisen

4/21- Nancie Stephens



Prayer Requests

Prayer Concerns:

Aileen Zimmerman
Ari Mattson (Riley/Powell)
Arden Schoeps
Arlene Henricks
Brett Moe
Brian & Linda Gregorin (Moe)
Brigette Richter
Carol Piironen
Carol Riley
Carole Burkhart
Carole White (Murphy)
Carolyn Hodge & Family
Chris Stephens (Ken G.)
Deb Pett (Banchak)
Debra Stuckwisch (Chu)
Delores Moore (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)
Loren Piotrowski (Barroso/Morin)
Luquitta Todd (Schramm)
Magda Kovacs
Maggie Fazekas (Grudt)
MariEllen Cichanski (Tomal)
Mark Siddons (Dubovik)
Mike Fishback (Fishback)
Monica (Dalson)

Prayer Concerns (cont.):

Mun Shee Lee (Chu)
Nancy Byrne
Nancy Romej
Peyton Sparkman (Daun)
Precious, Niobe, Mateo, Noah (Tomal)
Rita Duggan (Dubovik/Tomal)
Sam Timmis (Riley)
Stephanie, Jeff & Zane Gracyalny (Gilbertson)
Stephanie Schramm Derifield
Tom, Jody, Alyssa &
Briana Johnson (Mede)
Treasure Tomal (Tomal)
Victoria Boutin (Boutin)

Homebound

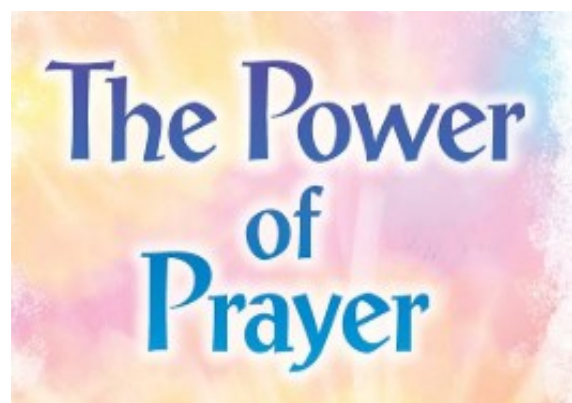
Ann Buchen (Fishback)
Irm Webster
Jan Kennedy
Silvia Hampton

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 April 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 ● 9am Sunday School ● 9am SUNDAY WORSHIP	31	Apr 1	2 ● 9am FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST	3 MID WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP AT 2PI MID WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP AT 7PI SOUP SUPPER AT 6PM ● 10am Choir Ensemble Practice	4	5
6 ● 9am Sunday School ● 9am SUNDAY WORSHIP	7 Finance Meeting at 1pm	8	9 ● 11am WELCA MEETING	10 Council Meeting at 11:30 MID WEEK WORSHIP AT 2PM & 7PM SOUP SUPPER AT 6PM Worship & Music meeting at 9am ● 10am Choir Ensemble Practice	11	12
13 PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9AM ● 9am Sunday School	14	15	16	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP AT 7I ● 10am Choir Ensemble Practice	18 GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP AT 2PM & 7	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	21	22	23	24 NO Choir Ensemble Practice	25 OWLS GATHER AT 1PM	26
27 Annual Congregational Meeting afe ● 9am Sunday School ● 9am SUNDAY WORSHIP	28	29	30	May 1 NO Choir Ensemble Practice	2	3

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and look
for us on
Facebook

