



All Saints Lutheran Church
Loving God. Serving Others.

December 5, 2024

The Scoop

*Opportunities for ministry and fellowship in,
through and around All Saints*

Luncheon & White Elephant Gift Exchange - TODAY!!!

Submitted by Ellen Gallagher

Join us TODAY at 11:30am for the white elephant gift exchange and luncheon!



Dear Friends,

A blessed advent to you! I know this is such a busy season for so many of us as we shop, decorate, and attend concerts, but it is my hope and prayer that you take a moment of time in the midst of all of the busy-ness to contemplate the joy and wonder of the birth of Christ. God loved us so much that he sent his son, as a helpless little baby, to be born into our very messy world.

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of this most precious gift, we invite you to participate fully in all that this season has to offer! Please join us at all of our various services held here at All Saints:

Sunday December 8th, 9:00am - Christmas Stories and Carols Service (with the Ensemble)

Sunday December 15th, 9:00am - Christmas Music Festival (with many music groups!)

Sunday December 22nd, 9:00am - Children's Christmas Program (this will be adorable!)

Tuesday December 24th, 4:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship (with communion and candlelight!)

Wednesday December 25th, 10:00am - Christmas Day Worship (with festival Brass!)

Each and every service will be different, meaningful, and special, and you are sure to walk away with something new from each one.

Join us, and please reach out if you need or would like a visit – I'd love to hear from you!

Pastor Jennifer

Advent Devotionals!

Passed along by George Corliss

In her December 1st sermon, Pastor Jennifer talked about Advent calendars. Rev. Rasmussen from Mt. Zion Lutheran in Wauwautosa writes: The ELCA has tons of great devotionals, if only we all knew how to find them...

Every year during the Advent season, Christians around the world enter a time of heightened devotion as they prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and the return of our King. As you prepare for Christmas, consider using one of the following devotionals in your daily life to center your heart on the true meaning of the season. And the best part? Almost all of them are absolutely free!

Daily Advent Devotionals from ELCA Lutherans:

- From Luther Seminary: <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/advent-devotional/>
- From Wartburg Seminary: <https://www.wartburgseminary.edu/advent/>
- From United Lutheran Seminary: <https://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/uls-news/read-our-advent-devotional-calendar> (it's from 2023, but that's OK!)
- From Churches Beyond Borders, prayers for peace in the Holy Land: <https://www.elca.org/news-and-events/8212> (it's from 2023, but we still need these prayers!)
- From Women of the ELCA: https://www.womenoftheelca.org/resources?fwp_resource_search=Advent (a few years old)

Musical Advent Calendars!

- From the Lutheran Summer Music Academy: <https://www.lsmacademy.org/acal> (go to their YouTube playlists <https://www.youtube.com/@lutheransummermusic/playlists> to see previous Advent calendars)
- From the Lutheran World Federation: <https://lutheranworld.org/get-involved/ongoing-reformation/hymns-advent-and-christmas> (they may not be making a new calendar this year, but they have 5 years of archived calendars with great music)

For Kids and Families:

- Instant Advent videos: <https://www.wearsparkhouse.org/promos/instant-advent/>
- Additional ideas from MinistryLinks: <https://www.ministrylinks.online/advent--christmas.html> (scroll down to "Advent at Home" or books)
- Additional ideas from Practical Resources for Churches: <https://www.prcli.org/online-resource/seasonal/advent-and-christmas/>
- Great videos at <https://www.trinitypv.org/christmas-study>, especially the list of "Kid's Tell Christmas" videos.

Come and make a wreath or a swag!

After church on **Sunday, December 8th**, we will have juniper and pine boughs available for you to make your own door swag or wreath. We will have wire available for tying boughs, and also some ribbon and other decorations for your use. If you want to make a wreath, you must bring your own wire frame.

See you after church!



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Everyone is Welcome Here! Seriously, Everyone!

Stewardship Update

Submitted by Pam Gasper

To date, we have received 58 pledges for a total of \$179,000; 22 households increased their pledge for 2025 and nine were new pledges.

If you haven't returned your Statement of Intent pledge card, you may do so one of the following ways:

- If you have the card you received in the mail 2-3 weeks ago, you can bring it to church next Sunday
- Return the card by US mail
- Scan and email it to George Corliss at: George.Corliss@Marquette.edu
 - George can email you an electronic copy of the form, and you can return it to him by email
- You can complete the on-line form at aslcwales.org/stewardship-2025
- Send George an email to George with the following information:
 - I plan to give \$___ weekly/monthly/annually/other (please specify)
 - By Electronically; Check by mail; Giving envelopes
 - Your name

Christmas Tree of Giving

Submitted by Kathy Theis

For many years, All Saints' members have made Christmas brighter for families that attend our sister church, Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. This year, Pastor Mary Martha has again given us the names of five families; all five are ones that we sponsored last year. In these five families are 22 people who regularly attend Hephatha. It is our goal each year to provide two gifts per person and a Christmas meal by giving Pick N Save or Walmart gift cards to each family.

Ornaments are displayed on a table in the narthex; right next to that is our Christmas tree that is decorated gradually as we sign up to buy a gift and hang an ornament on it. Gift ideas are written on the ornaments. Please choose an ornament (or two, more if you are willing!) and write your name and phone number on the half with the yarn. Hang this half on the tree and take the other half as a reminder about size, etc., when you are shopping. Please return your wrapped purchases between December 8th - 22nd, and remember to attach your half of the ornament to the gift so that we know what is inside. It is very helpful to us if you wrap your gift or place it in a gift bag.



If you choose an ornament listing a gift card, most of those cards can be purchased through [Scrip](#). Please hand gift cards to Kathy Theis or Barb Deichl so that they don't get lost. Someone from the Human Concerns Team will be at the table each Sunday to answer any questions you might have.

We are in need of drivers who are willing to deliver gifts on or before December 23rd. This can be done according to your schedule. Contact Kathy Theis (262 968-4482 or kathleen.theis@gmail.com) if you can deliver gifts.

It's heartwarming to watch our pathetic looking tree turn into a beautiful reminder that, as God wishes, we love and care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are blessed to be a part of this ministry.

Thank you!

The Human Concerns Committee

Happy Birthday to

Jacqi Lawson	12/03	Owen Walgren	12/13	Riley Grainger	12/21
Charles Lee	12/03	Jim Kozminski	12/15	Carolyn Libeck	12/21
Wendy Stippich	12/04	Gracie Johnson	12/15	Dale Stukel	12/25
Lindsay Barnes	12/05	Jeff Kozminski	12/16	Don Aber	12/26
Sue Misko	12/05	John Bauman	12/16	Heidi Crotteau	12/28

and Happy Anniversary

Hannelore & Ron Bohrer	12/02 - 58 years
Laura & James Dralle	12/03 - 38 years
Peggy & John Kuchenbecker	12/28 - 56 years
Dyan & Steve Pasono	12/30 - 46 years



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

ELCA: Human Sexuality - Gift & Trust

Passed along by George Corliss

From the Greater Milwaukee Synod, that we may be informed of the work of the wider ELCA. See the opportunity to offer feedback on the process.

In 2022, the Churchwide Assembly authorized two reconsiderations (see pages 4-5 and 11 of this Assembly action summary) of the Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust (2009) social statement:

- Reconsideration #1: A review of specific text references that “would consider the import that marriage legally is now a covenant between individuals;” review specific wording “in light of public acceptance of marriage of same-gender and gender-non-conforming couples;” and “consider references to diversity of family configurations;” and
- Reconsideration #2: A fresh consideration of the “church’s current concept of the four positions of bound conscience” found on pages 19-21 of Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust.

[Click here to read and learn more.](#)

Songoro Scholarship Program

Submitted by Ron Bohrer

Krismasi njema = (SWAHILI=Merry Christmas)
A wonderful Christmas gift = Give a Scholarship in
someone's name



You Can Change a Life

Members of all Saints have supported 55-75 secondary school students every year with funds contributed during All Saints scholarship appeal. The government does not pay for education in Tanzania and it is difficult or impossible for most Songoro families to pay secondary school fees. Many families are subsistence farmers that live on 1-3 acres with annual incomes of \$500 - \$600.

Our partnership has focused on education since 2005. This gives the members of Songoro Lutheran Church the tools to improve their standard of living and increase their contributions to the congregation. The congregation has been adding community ministry programs to help the needy in the region.

Fees for attending state operated secondary schools are \$70 - \$80. Fees for attending private secondary schools are \$250 - \$300. The education at private schools makes meaningful employment or advanced education more likely. Contributions of any size are appreciated and are changing lives. Contribution envelopes are available in the pews and at our narthex display. Please note Songoro Scholarship Program when giving on line.

Our scholarship program has sponsored 22 students for their college education. Several potential Songoro college students are praying that patrons will be found. Typical scholarships are \$1500 per year for 3 years. Please contact Ron Bohrer for information (ronbohrer@aol.com or 262-392-2967).

Asante sana (Swahili = Thank you very much)

Breeze App

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information about the
Breeze App.

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Sunday Service](#)

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Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith with Pastor Jennifer

Submitted by Pastor Jennifer



Join Pastor Jennifer as together we learn and grow in our understanding of different religious groups with respectful and open dialogue with one another. As we learn more, we may even take some field trips to explore some of these faiths first-hand.

We will meet **once a month on Sunday after church** (from 11:00–11:45am) and we will also offer that same content on **Tuesdays once a month at 11:00am** according to the schedule below. Come join us and learn with us!

Eastern Orthodox – Sunday, December 15th AND Tuesday, December 10th at 11am

Hindusim – Sunday, January 12th AND Tuesday, January 14th at 11am

Islam – Sunday, February 9th AND Tuesday, February 11th at 11am

Jehovah's Witnesses – Sunday, March 9th AND Tuesday, March 11th at 11am

Unitarian Universalist Association – Sunday, April 13th AND Tuesday, April 8th at 11am

Other Lutherans (Missouri Synod, Wisconsin Synod, and others) – Sunday, May 11th
AND Tuesday, May 13th at 11am

Scrip News for the Holidays

Submitted by Barb Deichl



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Please plan now for your St. Nick, Stocking Stuffers or Christmas presents, especially those you are sending in the mail. Barb will be at the table this Sunday, December 1st to help you with some of your holiday shopping list! All orders placed this Sunday will be available on December 8th.

Also—you can pick out the perfect gift for a special teacher, bus driver, mail carrier...or anyone else on your list. These \$5 and \$10 cards will be available while supplies last:

Panera - \$5

Starbucks - \$5

The Home Depot - \$10

CVS - \$10

Pizza Ranch - \$10

Cinnabon - \$10

Walmart - \$10

Taco Bell - \$5

Olive Garden - \$10

IHOP - \$10

DQ - \$10

Safeway - \$10

Buffalo Wild Wings - \$10

McDonad's - \$10

Barnes & Noble - \$5

Disney - \$10

Meijer - \$10

Arby's - \$10

Bath & Body Works - \$10

Applebee's - \$10

TJ Maxx - \$10