



All Saints Lutheran Church  
Loving God. Serving Others.

December 7, 2023

# The Scoop

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



## White Elephant Luncheon

*Submitted by Ellen Gallagher*

**TODAY**, we will have a luncheon and 'white elephant' gift exchange in the Family Life Center (gym) at church. We'll start at 11:30am and finish somewhere around 1:30pm, with maybe a little extra time for socializing.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Black Nativity

*Submitted by Laura Dralle*

**All Saints will be seeing this event on Saturday at 2pm!**

"Black Nativity" by Langston Hughes returns for its 8th Annual Holiday Musical Production, December 7th-10th, in Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall. Hughes' joyous holiday musical is a testament to his timeless work, telling the story of the Nativity through a combination of scripture, poetry, dance and song from the African-American perspective." All cast members are local talent.



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## Sunday School News

*Submitted by Laura Dralle, Sunday School Coordinator*

On **Sunday, December 10th**, the Sunday School children will be collecting a NOISY OFFERING. Monies collected will be used to support the [ELCA Good Gifts project](#).

So, please start saving those coins to support our children's mission of purchasing animals/live stock that will uplift the lives of families around the world. Thank you for your support!



## Christmas Worship & Bonfire

*Submitted by Pastor Larry Harpster*

The Wild Church Nature Spirituality network is inviting you and your friends to a unique event on the Day of Solstice, **Thursday, December 21st at 3:30 pm.**

Pastor Stu Merkel and Faith Community Church in Franklin, will be hosting this Wild Church event. They have quite a few acres of land just south of South Ridge Mall that includes a bonfire pit, a pond and forest land. Their address is 7700 West Faith Drive, just off of 76th street.

We will reflect together on how "Jesus is the one who brings light to the darkness." We will build a nature altar, light a bonfire, experience an interactive sermon, hear some scripture, Celtic readings, celebrate communion and spend time together singing and praying until the sun sets. Refreshments and fellowship time will be shared afterwards.

If the weather does not cooperate, we will still worship in Faith's Chapel.

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## 2024 Stewardship Appeal - UPDATE

*Submitted by George Corliss & Pam Gasper,  
Stewardship Committee*

Our Fall stewardship campaign response is strong. We are on track for more Statements of Intent and higher contributions than last year. If you have submitted your Statement of Intent card, thank you!

If you have not submitted your Statement, response is easy. You can:

1. Find your card. There are cards on the welcome desk in the narthex, or email [George.Corliss@Marquette.edu](mailto:George.Corliss@Marquette.edu), and I'll email you one.
2. Complete your card and return it to All Saints on Sunday (just put it in the offering), by US mail, or drop it in the office.
3. Or send an email to [George.Corliss@Marquette.edu](mailto:George.Corliss@Marquette.edu) with the requested information. It is enough to email George something like: "I/we intend to give \$xx per week/month/year" or "I/we prefer not to pledge this year."

THANK YOU for your generous support of the missions of All Saints.



## Christmas at All Saints

### **Christmas Music Festival - Sunday, December 17th**

Join us in celebrating the Christmas season by coming to the Christmas Music Festival. All of the All Saints music groups will be participating along with the Sunday School children.

### **Caroling - Wednesday, December 20th**

Join us 6-7pm in the church parking lot (good weather) for some caroling and hot chocolate. We will have fire pits going, and sing Christmas carols. If the weather is bad, we will plan on singing inside!

### **Christmas Eve Services - Sunday, December 24th**

Worship at 4pm & 6pm

*There will be NO morning worship on December 24th.*

### **Christmas Day Service - Monday, December 25th**

Worship at 10am.

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## Christmas Tree of Giving 2023

*Submitted by Kathy Theis, Human Concerns Committee*

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; three are ones that we sponsored last year, two are new families. In these five families are 22 people who regularly attend Hephatha. It is our goal each year to provide a Christmas meal by giving Pick n' Save or Walmart gift cards to each family and two gifts per person.

**Beginning December 3rd**, ornaments will be displayed on a table in the narthex. Gift ideas are written on these 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 4-17** 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.



We are in need of drivers who are willing to deliver gifts on or before December 18th. This can be done according to your schedule. Contact Kathy Theis (262 968-4482 or [kathleen.theis@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.theis@gmail.com)) if you can deliver gifts.

Just watch as our pathetic looking tree turns 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, your Human Concerns Committee.

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## The Progressive Dinner Returns February 24th

*Submitted by Rebecca Seevers*

Like to cook? Like to eat? This is for you, in either case. We are looking for some folks interested in hosting dinner at their house for up to six people, AND we would also like to know if you are interested in attending as a guest!

We will have more information coming out in the next month or so, but save the date! If you want only to attend and NOT cook a dinner at your house, your only obligation would be to bring a dessert OR an appetizer. Everyone who wants to attend would meet somewhere for appetizers, then move to a person's house where you will be hosted for dinner. After dinner, everyone reconvenes again at church for dessert, and to discuss their evening with friends. Sounds fun, doesn't it?

There's no cost to attend this event...just come for the friendship and fellowship. We will be signing people up using Sign Up Genius, or you can also let Rebecca know if you are interested! I for one, will be cooking (and eating).

[Click here to sign up.](#)

### LIVE NATIVITY

**Saturday, December 16th  
5pm-7pm.**

**Join us for a night honoring God's gift  
to us all - the birth of Christ.**

Soup dinner  
Indoor Entertainment  
Carols  
Bonfire

**All are welcome.  
Bring your friends!**

**Mt Zion Lutheran Church  
12012 W. North Ave, Wauwatosa  
[mtzionlutheran.org](http://mtzionlutheran.org)**

### Save the Dates!

**All Saints Rummage Sale Returns  
May 3rd-4th, 2024**

Start saving now! Drop off treasures at  
church from April 21st through May 2nd.  
More details to follow!



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## Scrip News for the Holidays

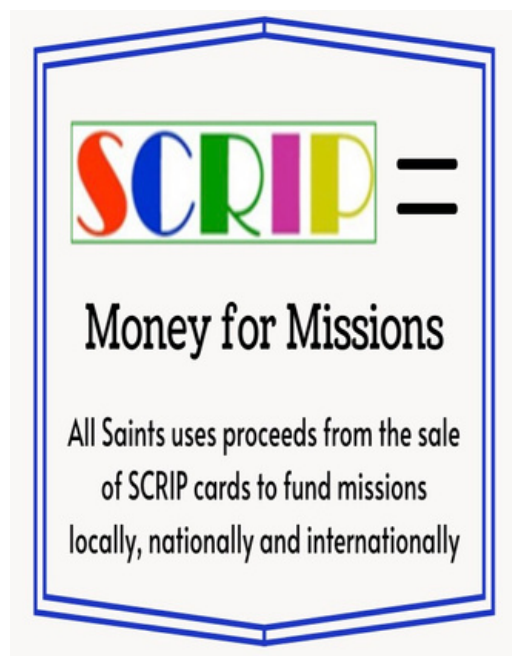
*Submitted by Barb Deichl*

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 on Sundays in December, so please get your orders in early. **All orders for special cards should be made by December 10th, with delivery on the 17th.** There probably will not be a bulk order placed for gift cards on December 17th.

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:

- Amazon - \$10
- Applebees - \$10
- Barnes & Noble - \$5
- CVS - \$10
- Darden - \$10
- Disney - \$10
- The Home Depot - \$10
- IHOP - \$10
- Meijer - \$10
- Panera - \$5
- Pizza Ranch - \$10
- Safeway - \$10
- Starbucks - \$5
- Taco Bell - \$5
- Walmart - \$10



### Breeze App

[Click here](#) for more information about the Breeze App.

[Volunteer for Sunday Service](#)

[ASLC Calendar](#)

[ASLC Directory](#)

### Reminder:

Scoop articles must be submitted by 12pm on Wednesdays. Articles received after 12pm may not appear until the following week.



## Earn More With Holiday 2023

Every gift card you buy gives back to the cause you care about most

Shop holiday gifts for everyone on your list while earning for your cause at the same time—fundraising doesn't get easier than that! Whether you buy gift cards for presents or use them to buy gifts, you immediately earn on every order.

### Find Giftspiration With the 2023 Holiday Gift Guide

Find great gifting brands, use the holiday shopping list, and much more.

Get the guide at

[RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide](https://RaiseRight.com/Resources/HolidayGuide)



OR SCAN THE CODE

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