

December 15, 2022

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



All Saints' Music Christmas Tree

Take a few minutes during this Christmas season to look at all the lovely musical ornaments on display on our All Saints Christmas tree.

Big thanks to Ralph and Butch Stukel for their recent donation of a variety of ornaments. Many of the rest of the ornaments are from a collection from Marc Raduenz, All Saint's past ensemble director.

Thank you to Gary Valine for helping to assemble the tree, and to Kathy Westerdale, Wendy Haas, and Carol Renner for trimming the tree.



Please bring gifts for the Hephatha members to church by this **Sunday, December 18.**

Please attach the paper ornament with the name and gift idea to your package.

It is much appreciated if you wrap the gift. If you don't have time, we can wrap.

The Christmas Spirit

Submitted by The Human Concerns Team

"THANK YOU" from Amanda! "God bless" from Laura! "God bless All Saints" from Pastor Mary Martha. "Thank you to All Saints" from Carla. Deatrice appreciates her special connection with All Saints.

Once again during this Christmas season, members of All Saints showed their kindness and generosity by providing gifts for 25 people, and Christmas dinner for each of our five families who are members of Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. That's a lot of gifts and food!

And, again, All Saints' members and friends went above and beyond what was asked. This has happened year after year, even though some of the gifts can be costly. We thank you for your caring hearts!! Whether you bought a gift, bought or ordered (from Scrip) a gift card, made a money contribution or helped wrap presents, we are grateful! Finally, thanks to Jim and Wendy Haas, Tim Wirsching and Chuck and Ellen Gallagher for delivering gifts.

You need to know we are blessed by your participation in any form; we are making a difference in the lives of God's people. Team work—All Saints style--each and every year!

Every one of these families is deeply appreciative of the support they receive. Their faith and determination is evident and at the end of the Christmas season, we know we need to thank these families for the lessons we learn from them every year.

Merry Christmas!



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Outdoor Family Caroling Event

submitted by Laura Dralle and Rebecca Seevers

On **Wednesday, December 21st, from 6-6:45pm**, All Saints will be hosting a Family Caroling Event to celebrate the season! On the front patio, warm yourself by the fire while joining voices in expectation of the Christ child.

S'more fixings will be available as well as hot chocolate for extra merriment. In the gathering room there will be ornament making to adorn the front lit tree.

This is a family event for all ages. All are welcome! Invite friends and family, however dress for the weather as most of the event will be outdoors.

Bring on the roasted toasted marshmallows!



Stewardship Update

Submitted by George Corliss, scorekeeper for the Stewardship Team

We are in the final weeks of our Fall Stewardship Campaign. So far, we have received 52 cards (verses 68 last year) totaling \$154,000 (verses \$200,000 last year). Five of those 52 are new, and 28 families increased their intent from last year by an amazing average of 17%.

If you have submitted your Statement of Intent card, THANK YOU.

If you have not yet submitted your Statement of Intent card, please prayerfully consider doing so and joining us in generosity!

You may

- bring the card to church and put it in the offering or leave it for Christine in the office.
- send the card (or a note) to the church office.
- put in the Corliss mailbox in the coat room or hand it to me (George).
- send an email to <u>George.Corliss@Marquette.edu</u>, stating simply "I/We intend to give \$___ [] weekly, [] monthly, or [] annually in 2023."

These Statements of Intent help the Council plan for next year. We take them literally as statements of intent, not as firm commitments; we are well aware that things happen. If you prefer not to submit, we would appreciate just hearing, "I/We prefer not to submit a Statement of Intent this year."

THANK YOU ALL for helping to make our exciting missions possible!

Sunday Service Signups

Submitted by Chuch Gallagher

Beginning in 2023, there will be a single place to go for signing up for Sunday service responsibilities except for the ushers. Greg Cholka will continue to contact you for that responsibility.

Don't worry, there will also be a way you can sign up without using technology if you so please by contacting the leader of the group. Here's the link for the Signup Genius:

Volunteer for Sunday Service Roles

If you would like to sign up the old fashioned way, here's who to contact:

- Coffee Hosts Kathy Konig: 262-501-7037
- Communion Preparers and Servers, Readers Brenda Calhoun: 262-968-3177
- Greeters Chuck Gallagher: 262-719-9447
- Song Leader Wendy Quinn: 262-370-5887

If you can't get in touch with one of the leaders, feel free to contact Chuck Gallagher (262-719-9447) for any of the slots.

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant All Saints Lutheran Church community!

