



The PSALM Monthly



February 2024/Issue 2

From the Pastor

THE GIFT OF TIME

Dear Friends at All Saints and Sharon:

Have you ever thought about God's gift of time? It seems that there's never enough of it! I wish I had more time to do more things. Of all God's gifts, I've found that time has its limits. There's just so much and no more, 24 hours a day, 168 hours a week. That's all the time I have!

So, how do I use it? How do I use the time God gives me to me? What priorities do I set with the time that I have?

Well, I hope that I use God's gift of time as a good and faithful steward. I pray that I don't waste it. I pray that I will enjoy it for the gift it is and live my life fully and faithfully.

With the time that God gives me, I plan to continue to give thanks and praise to God. I plan to see and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. I plan on saying "I love you" to others more often. I also plan on allowing more time to be sensitive and caring to those I meet, to use my God-given gifts to help others. I plan on allowing time in my life to continue to proclaim God's good news to those around me.

So how about you? Will you allow more time in your life to praise God and proclaim the good news to others? Will you use your God-given gifts as a faithful steward by giving, sharing, helping, and serving others? Will you love your neighbor as God has loved you?

I pray that you will.

As we continue together on our journey through this new year, may we be good and faithful stewards of Jesus Christ so that his mission and ministry will be carried out in our personal lives and through the Church to the world. May we be faithful witnesses to the God whose love for us was shown on a cross, a people who know the good news of what God in Christ has done for us and who want to pass it on.

Sounds like a plan, doesn't it? A "stewardship-of-time" plan for you and me. It's worth considering because time is God's gift to us. It's ours to use and not to waste. Let's give of our time fully and faithfully, so we can say that we've made the most of it!

With peace and grace,
Pastor Lauri Maki

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Office Hours:
All Saints 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Mon.-Fri.
Sharon Mon & Tues, Thurs.
and Fri 2:00 to 4:30 closed
Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 Sharon Lutheran
100 E. Sellar Street
Bessemer, MI 49911
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Livestreaming Sundays at
10:30am on the All Saints
Facebook Page

CHURCH COUNCILS

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FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/23

ASLC Checkbook Balance: 11/30/23		\$ 11675.87
Monthly Operating: Income		\$ 8382.11
Expense		<u>\$ 12297.57</u>
ASLC Checkbook	Balance: 12/31/23	\$ 7760.93
Sharon's Checkbook Balance: 11/30/23		\$ 4984.30
Monthly Operating: Income		\$ 10549.54
Expenses		<u>\$ 8813.52</u>
Sharon Checkbook	Balance: 12/31/23	\$ 6720.32
Psalm Shared Checkbook Balance: 11/30/23		\$ 174037.47
Monthly Operating: Income		\$ 9280.00
Expense		<u>\$ 3203.45</u>
Shared Checkbook	Balance: 12/31/23	\$ 180114.02

PSALM Shared Council Highlights

The joint finance committee is looking at placing some of the joint account money into an interest-yielding account. At this time, no action has been taken on the matter.

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be at Sharon this year.

All Saints Council Highlights

Lenten Wednesday night services will be held at All Saints this year. Volunteers are needed for the traditional soup and sandwich dinner.

Work on replacing florescent lights with energy efficient LED lighting is in the works in the months ahead.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4th-Ruth Harvey
5th-Vivian Bolen
Hayden Makela
7th-Carson Jilek
8th-Valarie Saubert
Donald Wiita
Sharon Ylkanen
9th-Kenneth Pilarzyk
12th-Stephanie Anderson
17th-Laura Ahonen
Austen Merconti
22nd-Karen Johnson
Annette Scott
24th-Kayla Londo
Janet Pikka
28th-James Berg

ANNIVERSARIES

14th-Roger & Val Saubert

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25

At This Time of Loss

SINCERE Christian sympathy is expressed to the family of: Betty Kahila and Dolores Will

Our next WELCA meeting will be on **March 7, 2024 at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall at All Saints**. All of the women of All Saints and Sharon are invited. Dessert will be provided by Hope Circle and we will collect items for the kitchen at All Saints.

Peace Circle will serve coffee after the 10:30 service on February 11th.

The Cluster 1 Spring 2024 meeting will be hosted by the women of All Saints. Watch for additional information in the upcoming PSALM Monthly newsletters. We resumed serving at funeral lunches with the following

changes:

The charge will be \$275.00, which will include the purchase of rolls, meat & cheese, and the Serving Group members will only provide beverages, desserts, set-up & cleanup.

Thanks to everyone who donated supplies for the 2023 Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. We've started collecting dark colored bath towels, sturdy combs, toothbrushes, bars of soap (at least 3oz each) and nail clippers for the 2024 kits. Items can be placed in the box at the back of the church.

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF: *Arlene Miljevich*

Given by: Neil & Liz Londo

IN MEMORY OF: *Betty Kahila*

Given by: Neil & Liz Londo

IN MEMORY OF: *Delores Will*

Given by: Neil & Liz Londo, Marlene Hongisto

IN MEMORY OF: *Lauri O & Jean Maki*

Given by: Lauri O Maki Jr

IN MEMORY OF: *Bill Berwald*

Given by: Arline Waurio

IN MEMORY OF: *Carol Haukkala*

Given by: Arline Waurio

IN MEMORY OF: *Mary Strelchek*

Given by: Arline Waurio

IN MEMORY OF: *Nick Dragula*

Given by: Arline Waurio

FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE

February Readers at All Saints

4-Jim Berg Jr.
11-Cheri Brentar
18-Donna Ferson
25-Tara Hamilton

February Greeters at All Saints

4-Elsie Leffel
11-Cheri Brentar
18-Joann Nurmi
25-Carol Pikka

February Ushers at All Saints

4-Carl Nurmi
11-David Brentar
18-Dennis Ferson
25-Bernie Ylkanen

February Readers at Sharon

4-Kristi Cocking
11-Sharon Potter
18-Joel or Janice Massie
25-Sandy Rowoldt

February Ushers at Sharon

4-Dave Rundell
11-Gretchen Golembeski
18-Marion Bouillion
25-Barb Adams



The Season of Lent 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, February 14th

6:00 pm at All Saints Lutheran Church

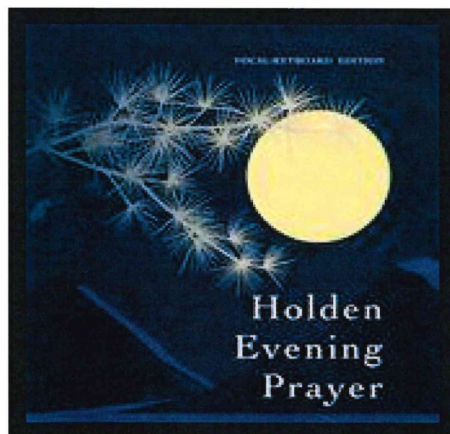
1202 Putnam Street
Wakefield, Michigan

MIDWEEK HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

(A time for peaceful reflection)

5:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper

6:00 pm Service at All Saints



Wednesday, February 21st

Wednesday, February 28th

Wednesday, March 6th

Wednesday, March 13th

Wednesday, March 20th

All are welcome!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS
FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

**Joint Council
Meeting at Sharon
February 18, 2024
12:00pm
Each council will meet
following the joint council
meeting**



ALL SAINTS



Give your
tithes &
offerings
ONLINE



SHARON

If you have any questions please call Cookie @ 906.224.8421 or stop by the Church office.

**NA MEETINGS
EVERY
SUNDAY AT
ALL SAINTS
BEGINNING AT 7:00PM**

STAMP COLLECTING

SHARON—We are still collecting stamps for cancer research, pop can tags to give to McDonald House in Marshfield, and Box Top Labels for Research. There are containers in the narthex. Thank you!

You can find us on Facebook,
at www.psalmsshared.org, phone: 224-8421
or
email: allsaints@pslamshared.org

P S A L M S h a r e d M i n i s t r y F e b r u a r y 2 0 2 4 C a l e n d a r

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 Quilting at Sharon	2	3
4 8:30 Worship at Sharon 9:00 SS at ASLC 10:30 Worship at ASLC Coffee to follow worship 7:00 NA/ASLC	5 9:00 All Saints Property Committee meets	6	7 9:00 Quilting at All Saints 4:30 Kids Club 6:00 Confirmation at All Saints	8 9:00 Quilting at Sharon	9	10 5:00 Indoor service at All Saints
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18 8:30 Worship at Sharon 9:00 SS at ASLC 10:30 Worship at All Saints followed by Monthly Brunch 12:00 Council meetings @ Sharon 7:00 NA/ASLC	19	20	21 9:00 Quilting at All Saints 4:30 Kids Club 6:00 Lenten Service at All Saints	22 9:00 Quilting at Sharon	23	24 5:00 Indoor service at All Saints
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