

"Fred, Carlo, "all the saints" ---- a "casserole of goodness"
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Today is ----- Sunday, December 17, 2017

**Welcome to our "humble temple" ... home of strong coffee,
average preachin' ... and a boat-load of LOVE.**

We hope your soul is nourished ... being with us today. We enjoy having kids in church. When they are noisy and a bit goofy ... we ask you PLEASE TO RESPECT the sanctity of our worship experience, and the comfort of your neighbor. We have a fine nursery for kids age 5 and under. Our highly paid, moderately festive, and over-educated staff is always anxious to care for your children. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendants. Wonderful Advent coffee (and maybe some glogg) await you in Charter Hall.

any announcements? ... kind words? ... breaking spiritual news??

OPENING PRAYER

It's too easy ... or maybe too frequent ... that I lose sight of the "good" out there ... or should I say --- the world we share together.

Sure ... there is a lot that's NOT GOOD.

So much conflict. So much anger. So much "me first" and being in a hurry ... and losing sight of the gentle and kind side of life.

But ... I can (if I step back) see "the light."

The candle. The cross. The tree.

The gentle nod in aisle 3. The veteran pausing by the flag.

The phone call, reminding me ---- some people never forget:
to love, to keep in touch, to care across the miles.

Little moments, when kindness shines through.

Lord, I can get so caught up in where I need to be next.

I can easily forget where your son lives.

He lives in here ... he lives in us.

The "gift" is so close.

Amen.

Our Advent verse.

*Come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel, come Emmanuel ---
come and be born in our hearts. Come O prince of peace, come O
prince of peace, come O prince of peace, come and be born in our
hearts. Come our light and life, come our light and life, come our light
and life, come and be born in our hearts.*

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The eternal light shines brightly today ...

*from June Ryl-Kuchar, in loving memory of her husband Bill and son
Edwin Ryl-Kuchar.

*from Rick and Nancy Frothingham, in loving memory of his parents –
John and Catherine, who passed away one year ago ... and in
celebration of their 5th grandchild – Delany Kay.

*Today: OUTREACH SUNDAY --- thanks for all your caring & sharing.
20 families ... 6 group homes for disabled adults ... a lady has a nice-
running new-used car ... yes, “there is love in the aire” ...

STILL TIME TO ORDER A POINTSETTIA FOR THE REST OF
THE ADVENT-CHRISTMAS SEASON.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE.

*10:00 am *4:00 --- Sunday School leads service

8:00 – 10:00 PM ---- Don and Peggy and family host an open
house here in Charter Hall: good food and drink.

10:00 PM --- Candlelight worship

(Communion after the service, for those desiring to stay)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 ... Christmas Day ...

10:00 AM worship

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Worship at 8:30 and 11:00 --- no Sunday School ... but there will
be a kids' sermon!@!!

Thanks for all the kindnesses and joy you bring to so many people ...
including my family. I hope ... in some small measure ... I give back to
you ... the love and joy you bring me ... love ... Don