

“Warmer outside ... and warmth of spirit in here ...”
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH “Oasis of Joy” USA

Sunday, January 21, 2018

**Always an honor sharing worship with you. We hope your soul is
nourished a bit ... sharing some time in our humble temple.**

We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit goofy
and noisy, 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 intensely Lutheran staff is always anxious to care for our children.
Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce
yourself to the attendants. Welcome to our church ... some fine
coffee and hot water for tea await you in Charter Hall.

SPECIAL THANKS to Len Wcislo and Kathy Janik for leading worship
today. Don, Peggy, and Q are visiting Don’s son Aaron & family. They
will be back Monday evening.

welcome ... ahhh, yes ---- announcements

OPENING PRAYER

Once-in-a-while ... something happens ... it defies the odds ... it’s
one-in-a-million ... makes me smile and hope and say a quiet
“alleluia.” And then I wonder, too ---- why doesn’t this happen
more often?? ... to more people??

Maybe we can talk someday, Lord? And you can answer all my
un-answerable questions. Help me take life ... my life ... the lives of
those I love ---- one step, one moment, one crazy-happening at a
time. I love it when I experience ... or see ... or hear about ...

“God moments.”

The miracles. The chance-happenings. When unpredictability &
goodness & a dash-of-love collide. And we find hope and joy and a
sense of your divine presence.

In the meantime ... I live most of my life in the “ordinary-ness”
of ordinary days. I know you are there ... it’s where you live.

I’m grateful.
Amen.

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choir anthem: “Here I am, Lord” ---- 11:00

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benediction and three-fold “amen”

The altar flowers gracing our church today are the gift of ...

*Paul and Karen Kruse, in celebration of Paul's 68th birthday.

*Pastor Don and "all the saints" ... in loving memory of Mavis Carlberg ... who died this week.

(Her funeral service will be Monday, January 29 at All Saints ... gathering time at noon, service at 1:00, refreshments in Charter Hall afterwards.)

The eternal light shines brightly this morning ...

*from the Kruse family, in honor of Paul's birthday.

*from Gaylord and Lynne Nelson ... celebrating their daughter Allyson's 33rd birthday.

SOME IMPORTANT "STUFF" COMING UP ...

**Stitch and Sew ... Tuesday, 6:30

**Men's Club --- Wednesday, 7:00 "in the kitchen"

**Senior Young at Hearts ... Wednesday, 11:30 ...
we are cooking for you!!

**Evening worship ... Thursday, 7:30
(always sharing the Lord's Supper)

OUTREACH BINGO ... TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS AT
ILLINOIS VETERAN'S HOME, in Manteno.

Friday, 6:30 ---- please rsvp. We need to have a good turn-out so we can have lots of prize money when we visit Manteno.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ... SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:00

Tickets are \$20 ... it's a wonderful adult evening. We need your help with the auction ... let us know of any donations you can make ... or any good connections you have. This is our only major fund-raiser for the year ... so, let's fill the gym with love and goodness!!

YOUTH GROUP BOWLING ... next Sunday ... please rsvp TODAY!