

The gift. The new year. Hope. Faith.
ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA

Today is ... Sunday, December 30, 2018

**Welcome to our "humble temple." We hope your soul
is nourished, being with us today.**

We sure do enjoy having kids in church. When they get a bit restless and 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 and moderately festive staff is always anxious to care for your kids. Please accompany your son/daughter to the nursery, and introduce yourself to the attendance.

any announcements? ... kind words?

OPENING PRAYER

In the silence of this humble place, I hear your voice.
A gentle-and-quiet nudge ... calling me to walk in the sandals
of the love-and-forgiveness your son shares with us.
The needles are getting dry ... the poinsettia leaves fall.
And ---- I need a new-found freshness in my soul.
There are times, Lord ... when I feel puny and small --- like
I don't make much of a difference.
Then there are moments when I am so "full of myself" ...
that I become blind to the heart-beat of others.
Somewhere in this mix is the "real me."
Yes, a new year dawns.
May I be a bit kinder ... a tad more open ... less prone
to anger ... not quite so selfish ...
how about more spiritual, and more open to your grace?
It feels good sayin' it ... help me live it.
Amen.

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We are honored today to share in the baptism of Lena Katherine
Will ... daughter of Kevin and Bevin ... welcome and lots of joy!!

"will my younger friends come forward?"
(in loving memory of Frankie)

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"alleluia, he's my savior, alleluia"

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benediction and 3-fold "amen"

OUR BEAUTIFUL ALTAR FLOWERS today are from ROB AND SHANNON SCHWIEGER ... in honor of their 13th wedding anniversary. Lots of love to you!!
THE ETERNAL LIGHT shines brightly today ... in loving memory of FRANKIE FRECH ... she died peacefully and with grace Christmas night.

*No Sunday School today or January 6 ... we resume classes on January 13.

COMING UP IN THE HUMBLE TEMPLE

Thursday: *Evening worship, with Lord's Supper, 7:30

JANUARY OUTREACH BINGO ... Friday the 11th.

Please rsvp ... a fun adult evening, sponsored by our men's club ... and they DO GOOD STUFF.

*Stitch and Sew resumes on Tuesday, January 8, 6:30

*Next Men's Club meeting --- Wednesday, January 16, 7:00.

PACK THE HOUSE ... Saturday, January 19.

Hosted by the Olhms Mustangs: 5345 W. 99th St. in Oak Lawn. Opening ceremonies at 12:30. We are one of the sponsors ... and we have won the attendance contest 3 years in a row ... but this year ----- we will be at Ben Fritz's school!@!! No cost ... a festive All Saints t-shirt ... and lots of support for special recreation!!

We sure do need and appreciate your support of our ministry

*pledge/commitment forms are in the narthex. *offering envelopes in Charter Hall. If you don't have envelopes, please fill out the form, and they will be there next week.