ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA 13350 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60462 February 4, 2021 Don Borling, Pastor 708-448-2939

Hello, Friends

We are here ----- "grinding it out" every day. Thinking of you. Missing many of you. Doing our best to stay connected.

Basically two things I need to share with you: *our 2021 proposed budget and *the spaghetti dinner event ---- which is very different this year.

ENCLOSED IS A DRAFT of the budget for this year.

The council has approved it ... but it needs to be adopted by the congregation. So, we are having our annual meeting: after the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, February 21. We know many of you can't be here ... so, the meeting will be live-streamed. And if you'd like to vote ... you can call the church or text to Debbie or Kathy who will be standing by. It's not perfect ... but we'll be doing the best we can ... and keep all of us involved in the process. We will let you know when the "annual report" is available. You may notice one of the biggest changes is the amount spent on "worship" – line 21. This is because of the cost of live-streaming the services ... the "thought for the day" ... getting screens, since we don't use hymnals. But ----- it's been worth it ... this has kept us connected. And we are still well under budget.

WE NEED AND DEPEND ON YOUR SUPPORT --- spiritually, financially, prayerfully. **offering envelopes are here at the church ... we can mail them to you, if you can't come by. **you are welcome to set up direct deposit. You can work that out with Kathy Klang, our steady and caring comptroller --- 708-945-0588.

**If you don't have envelopes, but want them ---- give us a call. We also have pledge forms ... if you want to make a financial commitment for 2021.

NOW ... ON TO THE SPAGHETTI DINNER WE ARE NOT HAVING.

We have "souvenir tickets" for \$25. So far we've "sold" 190.

We have a beautiful "silent auction" set up in Charter Hall. Beginning Sunday, February 7 ... you can make your bid in person. The times for bidding are: *when you come for worship on Thursday evening or Sunday morning . *you can stop by the church any day between 9:00 am --- 1:00 pm.
*you can view the items on our web-site and call the church to make a bid ... please call between 9:00 am and1:00 pm. We monitor the bidding ... and if someone "out-bids" you ... we will call, and you can up your bid if you'd like. Bidding closes at noon on Friday, February 26. All winners will be notified

by Monday, March 1. (We also have "the mystery wine pull" ---- bottle of wine and gift card for \$20.)

LIFE GOES ON.

*The door is open. *The coffee is on. *Our sanctuary welcomes you.
*"Thoughts for the day" continue ... usually live at 9:15 am, every day
*Services "live streamed" every Sunday at 8:30 and 10:00
We care. We pray.
We are the church ... wherever we go, whoever we are ...
with the "love bucket" in our hearts.

Joy and Peace ----- Don