"For all the saints" LOOKING AHEAD TO THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT/CHRISTMAS All Saints Lutheran Church "Oasis of Joy" USA 13350 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60462 Don Borling, Pastor 708-448-2939

Thanksgiving/Advent 2021

Hello, Friends ...

Just was listening to the song "Angels Among Us" by Alabama. There are so many "angels among us" ... and many of them are YOU. The support. The generosity. The enduring goodness and decency you exude ----- for our church, and for causes and people you don't even know.

I could feel that spirit "in the aire" as we celebrated "all the saints" this past Sunday ----- with those of you who were here in person ... and those of you whose spirits joined us from wherever you tuned in.

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas season ... we want you to know what is coming up. Yes, this can be a "crazy/busy" time of the year. Hopefully it can also be spiritual ... a bit inspiring ... hopefully healing, if you are going through a stressful-difficult time. Most important --- we are the church together. The door is open ... come by for coffee, to say "hi" ... or simply to pray in peace and silence.

HERE IS WHAT IS ON THE SCHEDULE Call if you have any questions.

**Worship on Thursdays, 7:00 Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 Thursday November 11 is Veterans Day. We are celebrating and honoring our veterans Thursday evening and this Sunday morning.

**THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP, Thursday, November 25 10:00

WE ARE DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS
on Saturday, November 27 10:00
We would enjoy having some of you come and help. It's fun ... and then the church will feel like
Christmas when Advent begins on Sunday, November 28.

POINSETTIAS really make our sanctuary "festive" during the holiday season.

Forms are available beginning Sunday ... if you would like to donate one or more plants. They can be in honor and/or in memory of someone special. (\$25)

OUTREACH

Our church is adopting 50 individuals (some kids, some adults, and a few of our developmentally disabled friends in group homes.) The names will be available soon, with some ideas for what they need ... and you can adopt someone. You can also make a "love-bucket" donation which we can use to help people in need.

OUR ARTISTS' FAIRE IS COMING UP.

Let us know if you have a craft you would like to display. It's a small simple event.

*Thursday December 2 from 6:00 'til after the evening worship service.

*Sunday December 5 from 8:00 'til after our late service.

WE ARE HAVING TWO ADVENT SUPPERS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN CHARTER HALL.
6:30 on Thursdays December 9 and 16
RSVP's in a couple weeks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Sunday, December 19 probably 2:00

No Thursday evening service on December 23 CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24 Candlelight worship 4:00 9:30

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25 10:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 10:00

So grateful for our veterans ... you have given us so much ... your sacrifice touches the very heart of our humanity.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT ... signals the humility and grace of a humble carpenter ... born to bring us renewed hope and spirit.

JESUS IS BORN.

Not just a long time ago ... but in our hearts every day. May we always to open to the winds of his spirit.

God bless.

Joy.

Peace.

Don