"For all the saints" ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH "Oasis of Joy" USA 13350 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60462 Don Borling, Pastor 708-448-2939 January ... 2022

Dear Friends ...
"I just don't know!!"

I feel like we live in an "I don't know" world. The uncertainty ... the anxiety ... the ups and downs ... they define so much of our journey.

I do know this: our church is open ... we are spiritually strong ... we will continue to do our best to be here for you. I will continue to do my best to stay connected with you ... even tho' I know I fall short ... as we all do, at times. I am surrounded with a dedicated and loyal staff. I am so grateful. There's not a lot of us ... but we work well together to keep our community alive and vibrant.

We need the support of all of you. We really do!!

Part of that support is financial. All we ask is that you do the best you can. We have offering envelopes available at the church. Many of you send your donations via the mail. You can also do direct deposit. You can set that up with our comptroller Kathy Klang. We also encourage you to make a financial commitment for the coming year. Forms are available here, or you can email or text your commitment to Kathy.

Kathy's phone is 708-945-0588 ... her email is allsaintsklang@sbcglobal.net.

Your prayers ... your good thoughts across the miles ... coming here for worship if and when you can ... just a phone call, an email, a text ------ letting us know how you are. It all makes a difference.

A couple building things we've had to do during this pandemic: *the replacement of the boilers, heating the sanctuary and Charter Hall ... *followed by the replacement of the two large HVAC units serving our gym, classrooms, and basement. The cost ----- just under \$100,000. We were able to do this!!

We've always been careful and good stewards of the resources you share with us ... and we have planned ahead for expenses like this.

A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT to Ed O'Malley. Ed is a retired HVAC guy ... and personally donates his time and expertise to make sure the work is done right and up to his high standards. Thanks so much, Ed.

A few notes about what is coming up ...
**Thursday night worship every week ----- 7:00

**Sunday worship 8:30 and 11 **Sunday School resumes this Sunday, January 9 (9:45)

**The Sunday School Winterfest – LUAU FOR LORI – is Sunday, January 30 (between services)

**Confirmation classes resume ---- January 10 and 24, 7:15 – 8:30

**Our annual SPAGHETTI DININER and AUCTION is traditionally the 4th Saturday in February. It was "virtual" last year. This year will be similar, with a couple unique touches. Having a crowded dinner in the gym is probably something we should not do yet. Please stay tuned. This journey with Covid is testing us ... but we will always choose to be positive ... and focus on what we can do, and not on what we can't!!

**AN-ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY is in the works ... please stay-tuned for updates. You can call Sandy Lee (708-308-8426) if you have any questions.

The All Saints web-site is <u>www.allsaintsjoy.com</u>