



CONNECTIONS
All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

December 2018 /
 January 2019

Advent Schedule of Services

December 2nd -- First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service / Holy Communion
 11:30 AM Congregational Budget Meeting

December 9th -- Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service / Holy Communion
 7:00 PM Advent Lessons and Carols Service

December 16th -- Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service / Holy Communion
 Sunday Church School Christmas Presentation

December 23rd -- Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service / Holy Communion

December 24th -- Christmas Eve

5:00 PM German Candlelight Service with Communion
 7:00 PM Children/Family Candlelight Service
 9:30 PM Candlelight Service with Communion

December 30th -- Christmas One

8:30 AM Holy Communion Service
 10:00 AM Worship Service / Holy Communion

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Council Perspective December 2018 / January 2019

“Be still and know I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

As I begin my Advent journey to Christmas 2018, my calendar explodes and the preparation for each event propels me faster and faster. From a musician’s perspective, people demand hearing the message and spirit of so many Christmas Carols including classics such as The Messiah. From a father’s perspective, my family furiously attempts how to bring us all together to celebrate the joyous occasion yet one more time. As chairperson of church council, I try to serve as a hub for church business and activities that seem to multiply and flourish this time of year.

In all these perspectives, expectations run so high. We furiously increase our pace during our Advent journey in attempt to be prepared for that perfect moment. We race from event to event, chore to chore all in attempt to reach that moment. And what does that moment look like for you? The stillness of the crisp evening air as a gentle snow blankets our

homes, that moment when you gaze through the light of a single candle as you cherish the words of a favourite carol, the smile or laughter on a loved one’s face following the opening of a gift, or perhaps a long gaze at the Christ figure through the candlelight singing Silent Night at a Christmas Eve Service. But what does that moment capture?



All these moments capture stillness. Be still and know I am God. The Psalmist prophetic words even demand that. **What is important to me here is what the act of being still means.** In being still, we let go, slacken, surrender, cease, stop frantic activity. To me, those moments of

stillness we crave at Christmas are times where we can all acknowledge our ever powerful and faithful God and His gift of His Son Jesus Christ. By acknowledging God means we trust Him and that we can surrender to His plans.

From the Church Council perspective, we too have been caught up in not only the

regular business of the church but also in the being prepared for the Christmas Season at All Saints. Since I last wrote, Council met on October 24th and will have met on November 28th, just before you read this. Council will not meet in December in order to encourage greater stillness in their lives this Christmas Season.

Some of the activities of Council this past month include:

- * Establishment of a Privacy Policy for All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. You will hear more about this in January
- * Work on a revised Building Use Policy
- * Revisit the present building rentals, space, etc.
- * Research and submit an application for possible funding of an accessible power door for the outside of the church
- * Budget for 2019
- * Establishing a fund-raising

Capture Moments of Stillness



Council Perspective Continued

task force for the possible electronic church sign on Silvercreek. If it is to happen, one half the cost is to be raised from church members.

- * Looking at what do outreach projects at All Saints look like.... how are they established, organized, funded, space needed, etc
- * Reviewing of monthly team and committee reports.

As we journey through Advent this month and begin a New Year in January, I encourage us all to allow for those moments of stillness; in fact, not just allow but consciously create them. Let us not keep frantically turning our wheels in preparation and simply hope for these moments to just pass by. Carry out this act of stillness. "Be still and know I am God."

Peace,
Brian Janzen

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Ps. 46:10

Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie	October 2018	YTD - to end of October 2018
Offerings	\$15,874.00	\$162,085.71
Other Income	\$922.20	\$9,270.30
Transfers Rectory Fund	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
Dowry Fund	\$625.00	\$6,250.00
Parsonage Fund.....	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$18,521.20	\$188,606.01
Total Expenses	<u>\$17,642.98</u>	<u>\$184,741.16</u>
Surplus/(Deficit).....	<u>\$878.22</u>	<u>\$3,864.85</u>

Calendars

If you have extra 2019 calendars, please share!
Place them in the box in the Narthex. Need a Calendar? Just help yourself.

Elaine Maguire





Barbara Price Scholarship

We are happy to have Ariane Attack as our new Barbara Price Choral Scholar. Ariane is a University of Guelph student

who has had a long interest in music and is an alum of the Cambridge Girls' Choir. She is contributing to our preludes

and supports our congregational singing and sings with the choir.



December 9th at 7:00 PM is our annual service of lessons and carols where the music of the season helps us prepare for the arrival of Jesus.

There are always lot of delicious, seasonal treats and hot cider to enjoy afterwards.

This is a perfect event for inviting friends and family.

Above two articles submitted by Peter West

Sunday Church School

Sunday Church School at All Saints is actively progressing through structured lessons. The children enjoy their time with Pastor during the 'Children's Minute' and eagerly participate with singing, reading the gospel lesson and furthering

their understanding through specific worksheets.

We also look forward to the Christmas Pageant presentation on December 16 along with more exciting curriculum for the New Year.



We continue to bake for our foster child, Rosa, in El Salvador and have so far raised about \$120 from our two baking days in October and November.

From small hands with big hearts we are looking forward to new lessons in 2019.

Submitted by Carlo De Castris



Decorating for Christmas

On two Saturdays in December, Altar Guild will prepare the church for Christmas.

* place the Christmas wreaths and decorations in the nave and narthex

On Saturday, December 15th at 9:00 a.m.:

On Saturday, December 8th at 9:00 a.m.:

This event is occurring at the same time as the Cookie Walk.

* Set up the Christmas tree – this task requires some strong arms. If any spouses are available that would make the job much easier.

- * clean and replace the candles in the sconces
- * check and put new candles in the hand holders used at the Christmas Eve Services

After Christmas treats have been purchased in the Fellowship Hall, continue into the nave for decorating.



Laura B.

Saturday Night Supper — January 5th

What a great way to start the new year – in service! Please help us provide for the less fortunate at our first Saturday Night Supper—January 5.

We need food and workers.

We will be serving meatballs and mashed potatoes with cookies/squares and clementines.

As always, if you are staying to help at Royal City Church, have close-toed shoes, and wear long hair back or up. Food and workers are requested to arrive at the Royal City Life Center at 5:15 p.m.

Please sign up at church on December 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th.



Thank you so much for your support!

Respectfully submitted,
Robin and Val

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THE 2019 DATES TO SERVE AT SNS:

January 5

March 23

June 29



**The Second Annual
All Saints Church Christmas Cookie Walk
210 Silvercreek Parkway North
Saturday December 8, 9:30 am - Noon**

A Cookie Walk is a cookie bake sale to end all bake sales! You simply buy an empty 'clam shell' (large or small-) when you enter, put on a plastic glove (provided) and make your personal selection from dozens and dozens of homemade cookies. Cram in as many as you can *while still allowing the box to close.*

Come early!!!!

Gluten free & Gourmet tables

Proceeds to the Silvercreek Community Market





Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory Prayers or The Prayers of the People are an opportunity during the service on Sunday for us to articulate what we would like God to look at in our lives.

As we did during Lent, in Advent we will have members of our congregation compose and lead us in Prayers of the People.

In an effort to expand the number of leaders who could do Prayers, the Worship Committee invites you to investigate this ministry via a workshop to be held in the new year.

More news to follow.

Submitted by Sue Wakefield



Silvercreek Market Update



Life lesson – never assume!

It is important to never stop learning and I recently learned a lot more about the financial status of our Market and some incorrect assumptions I held.

I was very happy to hear from Sandra Christie that our

financial situation is much healthier than I had thought.

This is excellent news, that along with some generous anonymous donors, means we will be able to continue with two Markets in 2019.

This is very exciting for our congregation and our wider community.

Thanks to the congregation's ongoing financial support, fundraising efforts like the Cookie Walk and Lenten self-

denial, and other donations we will be in good shape next year.

Thank you everyone!!

With much cheer, a humbler
Michele Altermann





A Christmas Story

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas – oh, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it – overspending... the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the dusting powder for Grandma – the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else.

The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, sweaters, ties and so forth. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way.

Our son Kevin, who was 12 that year, was wrestling at the junior level at the school he attended; and shortly before Christmas, there was a non-league match against a team sponsored by an inner-city church. These youngsters, dressed in sneakers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their spiffy blue and gold uniforms and sparkling new wrestling shoes. As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was wrestling without headgear, a kind of light helmet designed to protect a wrestler's ears.

It was a luxury the ragtag team obviously could not afford. Well, we ended up walloping them. We took every weight class. And as each of their boys got up from the mat, he swaggered around in his tatters with false bravado, a kind of street pride that couldn't acknowledge defeat.

Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly, "I wish just one of them could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential, but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved kids – all kids – and he knew them, having coached little league football, baseball and lacrosse. That's when the idea for his present came. That afternoon, I went to a local sporting goods store and bought an assortment of wrestling headgear and shoes and sent them anonymously to the inner-city church. On Christmas Eve, I placed the envelope on the tree, the note inside telling Mike what I had done and that this was his gift from me. His smile was the brightest thing about Christmas that year and in succeeding years. For each Christmas, I followed the tradition – one year sending a group of mentally handicapped youngsters to a hockey game, another year a cheque to a pair of elderly brothers whose home had burned to the ground the week before Christmas, and on and on.

The envelope became the highlight of our Christmas. It was always the last thing opened on Christmas morning and our children, ignoring their new toys, would stand with wide-eyed anticipation as their dad lifted the envelope from the tree to reveal its contents.

As the children grew, the toys gave way to more practical presents, but the envelope never lost its allure. The story doesn't end there.

You see, we lost Mike last year due to dreaded cancer. When Christmas rolled around, I was still so wrapped in grief that I barely got the tree up. But Christmas Eve found me placing an envelope on the tree, and in the morning, it was joined by three more.

Each of our children, unbeknownst to the others, had placed an envelope on the tree for their dad. The tradition has grown and someday will expand even further with our grandchildren standing to take down the envelope.

Mike's spirit, like the Christmas spirit will always be with us.

May all of us think of Christ who is the reason for this holy time, and may the true Christmas spirit, fill us this year and forevermore.

Submitted by Gudron Von Weidner

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>*Please Note: The Church Office will be closed for Christmas holidays beginning Dec. 22 and will reopen on Jan. 2 2019.</p>					<p>1 All Day – Fellowship Hall Outreach Event</p>
<p>2 Advent 1 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School 11:30 am – Fellowship Hall Congregational Budget Mtg.</p>	<p>3 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>4 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>6 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>7 All Day – Fellowship Hall Cookie Walk Set Up 7:30-9:00 pm – Choir Room AA (New Life)</p>	<p>8 9:30 am – Fellowship Hall Cookie Walk 3:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Private Rental</p>
<p>9 Advent 2 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Advent Lessons & Carols Service</p>	<p>10 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>11 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 7:00 pm – The Parlour Outreach Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>12 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>13 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>14 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall GWSA Gathering 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star 7:30-9:00 pm – Choir Room AA (New Life)</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Advent 3 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School Presentation</p>	<p>17 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Mtg.</p>	<p>18 9:30 am – Sanctuary Hymn Selection Mtg. 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>19 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>20 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>21 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p>	<p>22 10:00 am – Sanctuary / Parlour Private Rental</p>
<p>23 Advent 4 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm – German Service 7:00 pm – Family Service 9:30 pm – Candlelight Mass 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)</p>	<p>25 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS</p>	<p>26 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)</p>	<p>27 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together</p>	<p>28 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Christmas 1 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion</p>	<p>31 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)</p>					

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JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	2 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	3 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	4 7:30-9:00 pm – Choir Room AA (New Life)	5
6 Epiphany of Our Lord 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	7 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	8 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	9 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	10 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	11 10:00 am – Fellowship Hall GWSA Gathering 7:30-9:00 pm – Choir Room AA (New Life)	12
13 Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	14 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 7:00 pm – The Parlour Outreach Committee Mtg	15 5:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	16 Noon – Fellowship Hall Women of Faith Mtg. 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	17 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	18 10:00 am – The Parlour Worship & Music Mtg. 7:30-9:00 pm – Choir Room AA (New Life)	19
20 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	21 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA District Mtg.	22 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Eastern Star 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	23 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	24 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together	25 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	26
27 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School	28 6:00-8:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Flying Blind)	29 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	30 7:00 pm – The Parlour Church Council Mtg. 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp. 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	31 7:30-8:30 pm – Fellowship Hall Al-Anon Journey Together		