



# CONNECTIONS

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

December 2019 January 2020

## Advent Schedule of Services

### December 1<sup>st</sup> -- First Sunday of Advent

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

### December 8<sup>th</sup> -- 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 15<sup>th</sup> -- Third Sunday of Advent

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

### December 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

### December 24<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas Eve\*\*

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

\*\*All Services with Communion

### December 29<sup>th</sup> -- Christmas One

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

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The Rev. Jeffrey Smith  
Priest Assistant—Rev. Canon Bill Thomas  
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## Pastor's Pen

Last month in Connections, I shared with you my retirement letter, which was read to the congregation on October 27 during both worship services. Since then there has been a variety of reactions from people, ranging from disbelief, thinking that retirement would be in a few more years, to excitement from those hoping that I will enjoy my retirement years as much as they do. All of us are in transition as we prepare and anticipate my retirement. I wonder what life will be like with more time on my hands and you are wondering what All Saints ministry is going to look like in the years ahead. One thing we do know is that God will walk with us on our journey of faith.

Words like transition, preparation and anticipation

describe perfectly what the months of December and January will be like. Considering the seasons of the Church year we know this:

**Advent** is a time of preparation, hope and anticipation;

**Christmas** is a time of celebrating the holy child coming into our world full of grace and truth;

**Epiphany** is a time of God's glory manifested and revealed in Jesus Christ.

Each of these church seasons have their special spiritual qualities and help us reflect on God's word as Mary did when she heard that she would be

the mother of our Lord. I love this time of year as we gather to worship in the wonder and majesty of God and knowing that God walks with us now as God walked with the people in Bethlehem and onward.

As I am known to be forward thinking and looking at the big picture I am also going to value and cherish each and every opportunity that we will share together. God's peace be with you as we continue to make memories and cherish life.

God is doing a new thing and I pray that we will live in the joy and wonder of the Christ child in our midst.

Peace to all.

Your pastor and friend, Jeff





## Name Badges

What's in a name? How do we remember names? Many people say "I can remember a face, but not a name." A few years ago when we were in the process of merging our two faith communities, almost all of us got on board with wearing names tags. And it did make it a lot easier to get to know each other. It has been noted more recently that very few people wear name tags, yet many of us still do not know each other's names...I must confess I am one of the guilty ones that only wear my name tag when I am ushering. We discussed name tags at our recent worship and music meeting. Our committee feels that it is important that we get back to wearing name tags again. This is especially important as we will have an interim pastor/priest in the early new year, followed by a new pastor/priest sometime later. We are looking into a more permanent type of name tag, perhaps a magnetic type. Please let us know if you have any good connections where this type



## All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church Treasurer's Report by Sandra Christie as at October 31, 2019

	October	To end of Oct
Offerings	\$14,653.00	\$158,862.85
Other Income	\$750.00	\$7,248.00
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	\$17,128.00	\$183,360.85
Total Expenses	<u>\$16,929.97</u>	<u>\$181,347.85</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$198.03</u>	<u>\$2,013.00</u>

of name tag can be purchased or if you have suggestions of other types that work well.

In the meantime, let's get back to wearing our names tags. If you don't know where yours is or need a new one, please contact David Maguire. Most of us like to leave our name tags in our mailbox. The mailbox area can become quite congested. Please try to move away from that area once you are done checking your mailbox. Speaking of mailboxes, please try to check your

mailbox as often as possible. On a recent survey of the mailboxes it was noted that some people who regularly attend service still had offering envelopes in their mailbox. It will soon be time for our 2020 envelopes to go in the boxes. Around Christmas time, lots of people like to exchange cards through the mailboxes and save on Canada Post. Isn't it fun to see what surprises might be in our mailboxes?

Looking forward to our time together at All Saints,

Jan Nielsen



## Council Perspective

**“Be still and know I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.” ... “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”**

The season of Advent is upon us. It is a time of expectation, hope, and preparation. As I begin this Advent journey to Christmas 2019, my calendar has exploded and the preparation for each event has propelled 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 point. It is also a time of transition. A time of some connection between where we are now and a future moment, a new year, a new and renewed way of living with Christ.

At All Saints, we seem to be not only in the transition that the season of Advent brings, but also one that potentially brings newness and change in our ministry at our church. With Pastor Jeff's retirement announcement, new ministry leadership is now being planned. Council members and I are now in the time of preparation, hope, and expectation of a new Pastor / Priest and what that will bring to our community. Yes, our pace and workload has increased substantially. For all of us at All Saints, we are in the midst two seasons of transition.



Yet scripture assures us amidst our hurried pace. “Be still and know I am God.” “Do not be anxious about anything....” We are invited into a moment of stillness to contemplate this assurance. I hope all of us will seek out these moments of stillness amid our rush and rest in this assurance.

A few Council highlights include the ongoing plans for our next Pastor / Priest. As previously announced, I have been in contact with both bishops. Bishop Susan and Bishop Michael have appointed two representatives, one from each of the wider churches, to lead us through the process of searching for new spiritual leadership. Canon Terry Deforest and Rev. Doug Reble will be meeting with Church Council on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> to explore a joint process that will likely include an appointment of an Interim Minister in the coming months. Also being planned for the near future is an “exit interview” for Pastor Jeff that would include outlining perceptions of his ministry at All Saints as well as of our





## Council Perspective Continued

congregation. I would expect the overall process may also include the formation of a “Call team” made from Council or cross section of the church who would lead us through the transition. I will update you not only through Connections but also email blasts and announcements as they become available.

Our street sign project is firmly in the works now after being approved by Council. It is now in the hands of the sign company who is presently seeking approval of the site design with the City of Guelph. They have indicated that we may see the sign completed later in January depending on approvals and weather factors.

Council has now fully costed and researched the “accessible power outside doors” to our building. We had anticipated a Government Grant opportunity in November but while researching this, have found out that the next round of grants for such a project will actually be in 2020...the new year. We are at least thoroughly prepared for when that opportunity comes. Forms

have been completed and estimates sought out.

A new or more correctly, the first true All Saints Photo Directory is in the works. Please see the advertisement in this issue of Connections. Informal photos will begin to be taken at the back of the Sanctuary following services on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Contact information will also be updated at this time. Please speak to me or Michele Altermann if you have any questions.

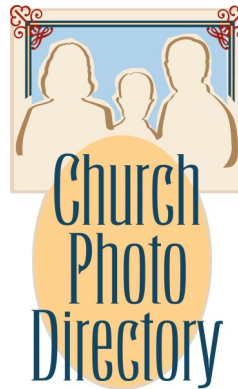
Longer range planning remains in the sights of Council members. We are currently reviewing progress over the last couple of years and establishing some priorities for the next few. Obviously, in the midst of transition to new spiritual leadership, some of these plans will have to be flexible.

A proposed budget for All Saints has also been established and approved by Council. It now goes to the

Congregation for approval.

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  
Council Chairperson



### Budget Meeting December 1st





## Saturday Night Supper—January 18th

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 in 2020.

We will be serving meatballs and mashed potatoes with cookies/squares and clementines. Please sign up at church on January 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. (If you don't want to wait to sign up, just contact us, and we will add you to the list right now!) We need food and



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

If you are unable to participate in person cash donations and prayers are also gratefully received. We are happy to have “first timers” come out, so if you

have never worked a SNS before – try it out. All workers 14 and over are welcome/ encouraged to join us. Val and I really appreciate the ongoing help, given so generously, to sustain this outreach. If you have any questions please see either one of us any Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin and Val

**SAVE THE DATES—All Saints will be providing and serving meals at the Royal City Mission three (3) times in 2020:**

**January 18, April 4 and July 25**

## From the Outreach Team

The Outreach Team would like to say a huge **Thank you** to Robin Smart and Laura B. Mann for their leadership and dedication to organizing the Chalmers Gift Bag collection and the

Mary Guse Giving Tree donations each year.

These collections/ donations bring a little light into lives

that can use a little “seasonal joy”.



Thank you to our congregation for their support of these ministries.



## Sunday School Update: Greetings from El Salvador!

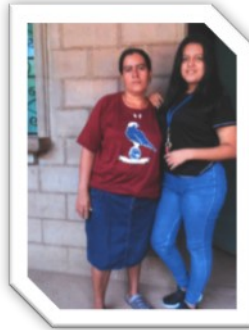
We received an update from Plan Canada about our foster child Rosa. She is now 16 years old and attends secondary school. Her favourite subject is Science. She and her family continue to be healthy. Rosa has a younger sister. The photos included are of Rosa, and Rosa with her mother. Here is the



letter she sent us:

*Hello  
godparents!*

*How are you? I'm Rosa Idalia. I send you a big hug, and I hope you are okay alongside your family and friends. Let me tell you that I am studying my first year of high school in industrial technician. Thank God, I am doing really well. I also want to tell you that thanks to Plan [Canada] I have a scholarship, which will be very useful for my studies.*



*you many blessings, and I hope I can hear from you very soon.*

The children will be sending back a postcard provided by Plan Canada with their greetings to Rosa. Donations for the Rosa Fund will be collected at the coffee hour hosted by the Sunday School families on Sunday December 15. The children are looking forward to presenting their Christmas Pageant, **A Christmas Quilt**, that day as well!



Michele Altermann

*I say goodbye for now. I wish*

## Calendars

If you have extra 2020 calendars, please share!

Place them in the box in the cloakroom. Need a Calendar? Just help yourself.

Elaine Maguire



## Pop Tabs

Save your pop tabs from aluminum cans in order to help purchase wheelchairs for handicapped patients.

Tabs can be left in Box 149 which belongs to David and Elaine Maguire.



## Silvercreek Community Market



**Thank you** to the Women of Faith for their donation of \$300.00!

The Market continues to be busy. We are still averaging 50 – 60 families attending each Market. We received a

\$3,300.00 grant from The Eastern Synod for 2020, which will be used to buy fresh produce.

We are in need of the following non-perishable items:

rice, red lentils,  
breakfast cereal,  
peanut butter, pasta  
(not KD), pasta  
sauce, canned  
meat and fish,  
canned fruits and

vegetables and  
canned legumes  
(chick peas etc.)

Thank you to the many volunteers that make the Market happen twice a month.

Thank you to the congregation for your ongoing support of the Market!



Michele Altermann

## Photo Directory

All Saints

Lutheran Anglican Church



Photo Directory  
2019-2020

Greetings to all,

After successfully merging our two ministries together and forming All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, it's time to form our first official photo directory for our church. We will be producing this directory "in house" meaning using our own photo and publishing talents in order to keep costs down and reduce timelines to completion and publishing. It will be a chance to update our pictures and our information such as addresses, phone, and email contact information.

Pictures will be taken on an informal basis at the back of the Sanctuary on a series of Sundays in December and January following regular worship services. These will begin Sunday, December 15, 2019.

Look forward to further information and announcements regarding these.





## Reconciliation

Reconciliation is a topic many of us are interested in learning more about. It is a broad spiritual challenge, one that the members of St. James Anglican Church in Fergus explored this year with the help of the Venerable Val Kerr, Archdeacon of Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous

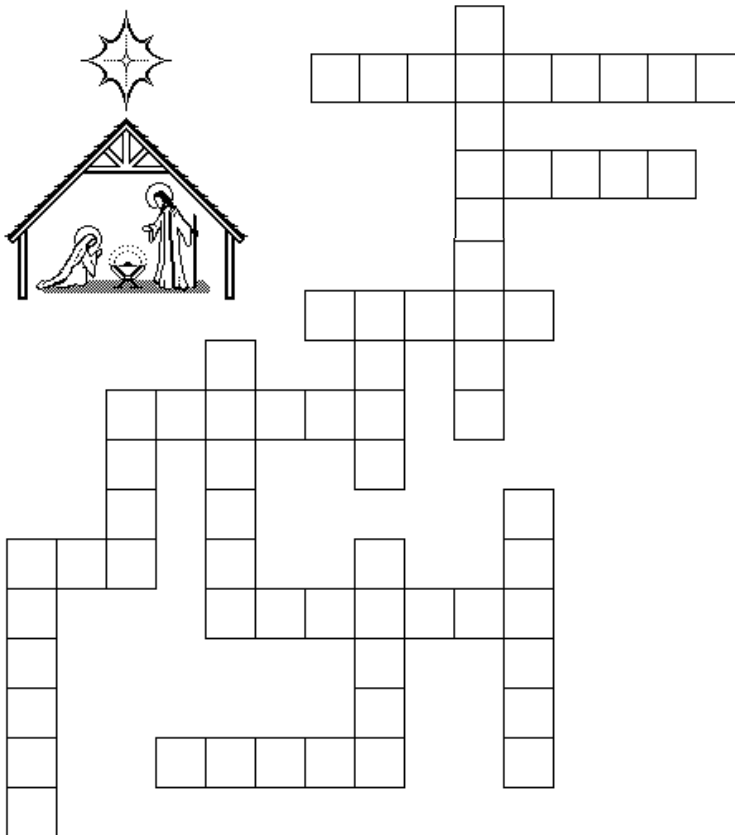
Ministries (see the May 2019 issue of the Niagara Anglican). The initial talk was followed by a number of educational gatherings over lunch. These discussions led to several positive actions taken by the congregation.

The workshop and music

committee of All Saints has discussed organizing some similar events to help us educate ourselves on the topic and are eager to learn if members of the congregation share this concern. A variety of resources are available to us. Please let committee members (Jan Nielsen is chairperson) know if you would be interested in such an educational series.

## Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.



You can also check out [www.anglican.ca/tr/reconciliation-toolkit](http://www.anglican.ca/tr/reconciliation-toolkit) for more resources.

Ann Sanders

JOY  
LORD  
MARY  
JESUS  
KINGS  
GLORY  
PEACE  
JOSEPH  
ANGELS  
CHRIST  
MANGER  
SAVIOUR  
SHEPHERDS  
BETHLEHEM



## Suggestions for Handling Grief During the Holiday Season

The time leading up to Christmas, and Christmas itself is, for many, the happiest and most joyful time of the year. But for those who have experienced recent loss (death of a loved one, loss of relationship, loss of employment etc), it can be difficult, isolating, sad and lonely. If you find yourself in that space this year, here are some suggestions to help:

1. **Remember** that love does not end with death. The memories of love shared will always hold a place in your heart. Visit that place inside frequently for strength and encouragement.
2. **Talk about your grief.** Don't be afraid to express what you're feeling to caring friends and family.
3. **Be gentle with yourself.** Feelings of loss may leave you feeling lethargic and fatigued. Respect what your body and mind are telling you.
4. **Eliminate unnecessary stress.** Avoid too much isolation, but recognize the need to have time for yourself. Pace yourself.
5. **Be with supportive, caring people.** Identify those who may understand what you are going through and make sure to spend time with them.
6. If you are experiencing the death of a loved one – **talk about the one who has died.** Don't avoid using their name in conversation. This allows others to do the same.
7. **Do what is right for you during the holidays.** Well-meaning friends and family often try to prescribe what is good for you during the holidays. Be aware of your own needs and express them.
8. **Plan ahead** for family and holiday gatherings. Decide which family traditions you want to continue and which new ones you would like to begin. As you make your plans, leave room to change them if you feel it is appropriate and what you need to do.
9. **Do something for someone else.** Reaching out to someone else who is in need can help with your

own feelings of helplessness and hopelessness.

10. **Express your faith.** Remember that the Christmas message is Emmanuel 'God is with us' – light in our darkness, joy in our sadness, hope in our despair. Find healing and comfort in the strengthening love of your church family.

**Church is not an organization you join; it is a FAMILY where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.**

# December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Advent 1 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School 11:30 Congregation Budget Mtg	<b>2</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Women's Fellowship Supper 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Fellowship Hall - Grand River Ministry Area Mtg 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room - Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>5</b> 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 9:00 am – Sanctuary Hymn Selection 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	<b>7</b> 9:30 am Fellowship Hall - Cookie Walk
<b>8</b> Advent 2 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School 7:00 pm - Advent Lessons and Carols Service	<b>9</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)	<b>10</b> Lutheridge Dinner Rental Fellowship Hall 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room	<b>11</b> 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room - Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands) 7:00 pm - The Parlour Special Council Mtg	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Sanctuary Christmas Decorations
<b>15</b> Advent 3 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion Sunday School Presentation	<b>16</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind) 8:00-9:00 pm AA District Meeting Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b> 5:00 pm Fellowship Hall - Men's Fellowship Dinner 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	<b>18</b> 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room - Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>19</b> 10:30 am St. Joseph's Centre Communion Service 2:00 pm – Fellowship Hall Silvercreek Market 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	<b>21</b> Full Day Private Rental
<b>22</b> Advent 4 8:30 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion 10:00 am – Sanctuary Holy Communion	<b>23</b> 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room AA (Flying Blind)	<b>24</b> 5:00 pm Sanctuary - German Candlelight Communion Service 7:00 pm Sanctuary - Family Candlelight Communion Service 9:30 pm Sanctuary - Evening Candlelight Communion Service 6:00-8:00 pm – Choir Room TOPS	<b>25</b> 7:00-9:00 pm – Choir Room - Guelph Al-Anon Family Grp 7:30-9:30 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (Helping Hands)	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm – Sanctuary Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 7:30-9:00 pm – Fellowship Hall AA (New Life)	<b>28</b>
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