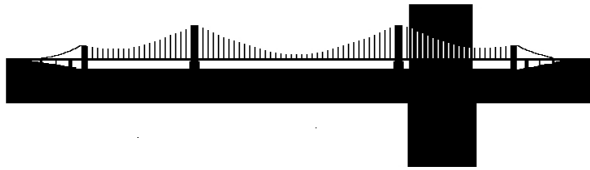


Building Bridges To God



Through the Cross of Christ

# EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

The Newsletter Ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church

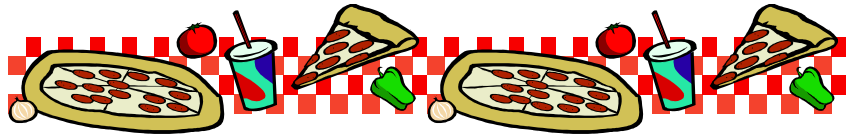
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On **Feb. 5th**,  
we'll be collecting  
donations in honor of  
"Souper Bowl of Caring",  
which helps feed the  
hungry in our community.

Look for  
the *SOUP KETTLE!*

Funds will go to  
LSS Food Pantry



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY ~ FEB. 5**

**YOUTH PIZZA SALE**

12" pizzas ~ \$6.00 each  
made by our Youth.

Sign up sheet is on bulletin board.

Orders are due by Feb. 1

Please pick your pizzas up Feb. 5

**All Saint's Youth to volunteer at  
Ronald McDonald House on Feb. 18**



Ash  
Wednesday  
Service

February 22  
6:15 Soup  
7:00 Worship



**Wednesdays of Lent  
6:15 Soup ~ 7:00 Worship  
Beginning with Ash Wednesday.**

February 22 and 29  
March 7, 14, 21 and 28

**Please join us!**

Sign up sheet is posted  
on bulletin board.



## *Leap into Love*

Happy February! It's hard to believe we're starting the second month of the new year already. Many of us often say "how fast the days, months and years fly by", especially, it seems, as we get older.

What does February bring to mind to you? Are you thinking that Spring is around the corner? There is President's Day coming up, so government workers, teachers and students will have a holiday to look forward to. There's also Groundhog Day and the big question (to some) of whether or not the critter will see his shadow. This year we will also have leap year giving us 29 days in the month rather than the traditional 28 days. Did you know that in 1692 on February 29<sup>th</sup> the Salem witch trials started? Thankfully they ended shortly thereafter.

Also, in February we have Valentine's Day to celebrate which brings to mind hearts, gifts, cards and loved ones. When you think about it, love is such an important part of our lives but we don't really dwell upon it every day. We may too often take for granted the love we give and receive from our parents, spouses, children and others. We may often not even think about the love God has for us. If you stop to think about how much you love others, can you comprehend that as much as that is, God loves you more? As our relationship with Jesus Christ develops, the Holy Spirit grows within us to fill us with love and kindness. As that happens, so does our desire grow to share that love with others. How simple and important is that!

People need love. Children are blessed to be raised in a loving home. It is a no-brainer to love those near and dear to us, but how about extending love to others randomly with the love of Jesus flowing through us?

Before you get out of bed in the morning, ask God to let his love flow through you to at least one person that day. You might tell someone "God bless you" or "Jesus loves you". You might encourage someone, or call someone to tell them you are thinking of them. You could let someone know you forgive them or ask them to forgive you. You might tutor a child or hold open a door and smile. Your love, given away, might save a life.

Here are a few things Jesus said about love. In John 15:12 Jesus says "My commandment is this: Love each other as I have loved you". When Jesus was asked by a teacher of the law which commandment is the greatest, Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is: love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these".

So, have a happy Valentine's Day. As our days fly by, try to make the most of the remaining days you have. Give your love freely, for it is worth millions to those receiving it. By doing so, Jesus will be pleased and so will you.

*Roger and Lynda Meyer*



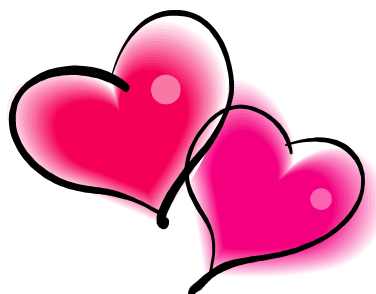
I give thanks to God always for you, the All Saints family. We have been so very blessed to be here with you. I cannot begin to thank you enough for all of your support during Rich's latest and greatest surgery! Your prayers have been so helpful and appreciated more than you realize, I'm sure.

Thanks to Julie for being with us during the surgery and also taking over on Sunday ( great sermon too, I must say!). Thanks to Luanne, Diana, and Peg Mauer for sitting with and keeping my mind (and grandson) occupied during the surgery. Thanks to Carole Johnson and Luanne for doing dog care and transport, a major help. Thanks to Norm and Ted for taking over the Monday night class, a serious load off the tall man's mind. Thank you for all the calls and e-mails of support, and much thanks to Bonnie for the great dinner, though she could have left the five pounds of chocolate at home! As I write this, I believe another meal from Dorothy and James is in progress and I already know it will be fantastic, thank you.

You are all such a wonderful family and we are so honored at your care of us. Rich will be up and functioning better than ever, I'm sure.

Thanks be to God!

Love, Sue and the Rentner family.





**ECUMENICAL  
BEREAVEMENT  
SUPPORT GROUP**

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns  
Emmaus Room

Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012  
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Title: "Surviving Valentine's Day  
with a Broken Heart"

*(See bulletin board for more details)*

*Coffee Hour*  
*Sunday, February 12*

Please check sign-up sheet on  
bulletin board to make sure we  
have plenty of food donations.



**ALL SAINT'S YOUTH TO VOLUNTEER  
AT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE  
FEBRUARY 18**

The Youth will meet here at 9:30 a.m. to  
carpool over to Ronald McDonald House.

There they will clean the toy room and prepare  
a meal to feed 15-20 people staying at the House.

Please contact Amy Merkel with any questions. They will also take donated  
toys or games.



Dear Pastor and the  
Members of All Saints:

I want to thank you all for  
the prayers, calls and  
Pastor's visits. I really  
appreciate everything as it is  
so hard for me to get out.

Thank you and God  
bless you all!

Joan Moomey



Dear All Saint's Family:

Thank you for the cards,  
letters and visits to Elaine  
at Concord Care Center. It  
really means a lot to the  
both of us, as she will be  
there for a while.

Thanks again for your  
thoughts and prayers.

Jim Ter Doest

# FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

## READER

Feb. 5 Sue Merkel  
Feb. 12 James Henderson  
Feb. 19 Julie Beitelschees  
Feb. 26 Amy Merkel

## GREETERS

Eloise Way  
Wilma Lupe  
Ann Miller  
Tim Merkel Family

## COMMUNION PREP/ASSISTANT

Feb. 5 Keith & Peg Mauer  
Feb. 12 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer  
Feb. 19 Norm & Sue Merkel  
Feb. 26 Rose Thomson & Mary Lou Houle

## MONTH

February

## ALTAR

Rosa~Linda Brown

## COUNTERS

Feb. 5 Rose Thomson & Marilyn Gabriel  
Feb. 12 Mary Lou Houle & Eloise Way  
Feb. 19 Ann Miller & Pat Toepfer  
Feb. 26 Sue Merkel & Judy Reber

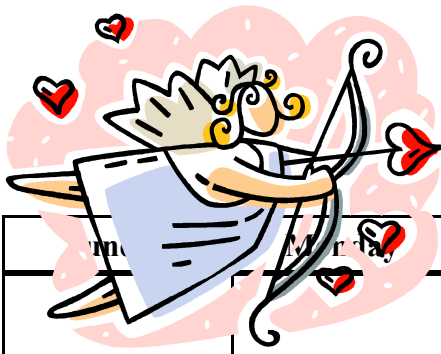
## OFFERING

Feb. 5 Rose Thomson  
Feb. 12 Bob Krueger  
Feb. 19 Judy Reber  
Feb. 26 Tim Merkel

## USHERS

Feb. 5 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
Feb. 12 Chris Stockmaster, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
Feb. 19 Jim TerDoest, Bob Krueger, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch  
Feb. 26 Chris Stockmaster, Bill Reber, Hassan Brown, Ralph Fritsch

*Thank you all..... for your time!*



# February 2012

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Pizza Orders are due 8:30 AA (open)	<b>2</b>  <i>Grumpyhog Day</i> 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 Youth will meet to make pizzas
<b>5</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 SS 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 Conf. Class 10:00 Worship Souper Bowl Sunday Pick up pizzas 1:00 - 3:00 Pre-School Fiesta	<b>6</b> 7:00 Bible Study last one with St. Joan of Arc 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>7</b> 8:30 AA (open)	<b>8</b> 8:30 AA (open)	<b>9</b> 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 Lady Saints
<b>12</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 SS 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 Conf. Class 10:00 Worship  Coffee Hour	<b>13</b> 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>14</b>  7:00 Property Mtg. 8:30 AA (open)	<b>15</b> 8:30 AA (open)	<b>16</b> 1:00 Knitting 7:00 Council 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 Youth goes to Ronald McDonald House
<b>19</b> 8:30 Prayer 9:00 SS 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 Conf. Class 10:00 Worship	<b>20</b> 7:00 S.O.S. 7:30 Bible Study 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>21</b> 6:00 Ryewyck Block Watch 8:30 AA (open)	<b>22</b>  6:15 Soup 7:00 Service 8:30 AA (open)	<b>23</b> 8:30 AA (closed)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 Men's Gr.
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2/2 Dwight Mauer

2/5 Bonnie & Dave Driver ~ 29 years

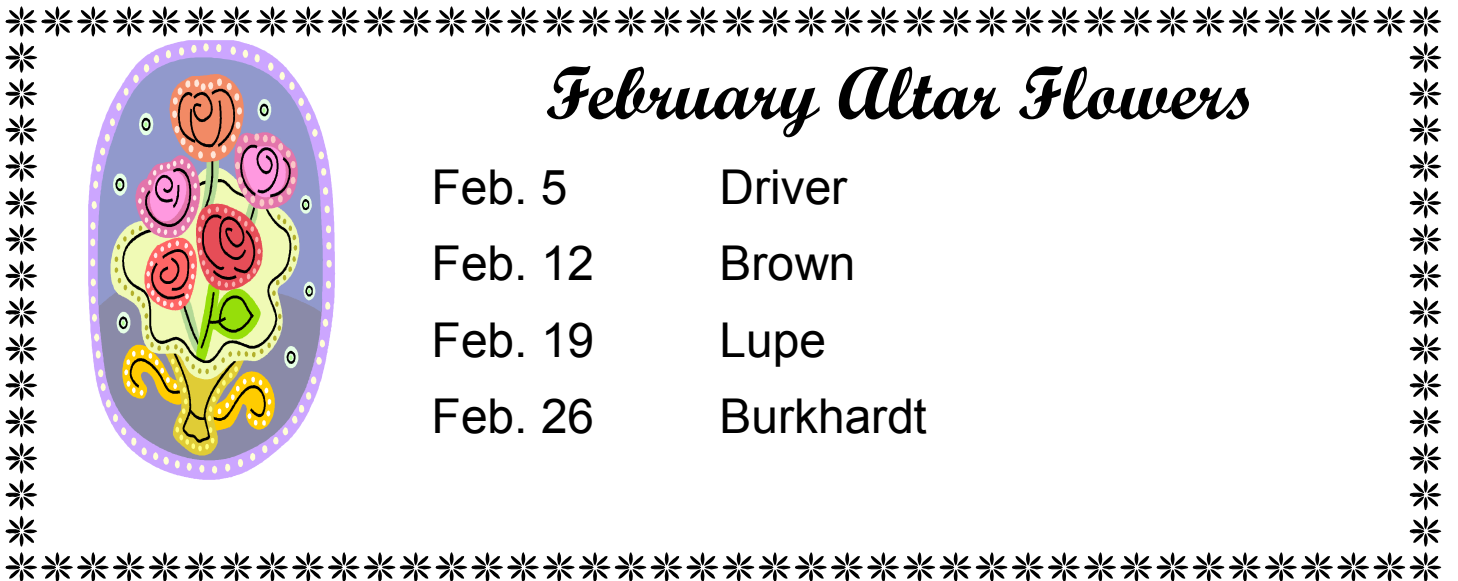
2/8 Ebony Primas

2/15 Darlene & Tom Stokes ~ 38 years

2/13 Maxine Gorsuch

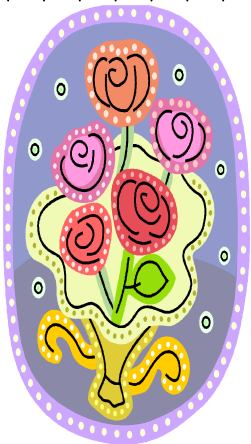
2/15 Barb Moungie

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*February Altar Flowers*

Feb. 5	Driver
Feb. 12	Brown
Feb. 19	Lupe
Feb. 26	Burkhardt



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