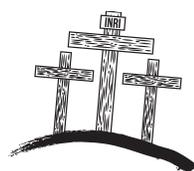


CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



HOLY WEEK



- Palm Sunday April 10, 10:30am
Procession with Palms
Reading of The Passion
- Maundy Thursday April 14, 7:00pm
Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing
- Good Friday April 15, 7:00pm
- Holy Saturday April 16, 9:00am
Prayers, Preparation for Easter

Church is open!
We will record attendance and enjoy singing.
We ask everyone to mask as extra care for our youth. Service will continue to be available at 10:30am at allsaintsnorthfield.org

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EASTER



- Holy Eucharist April 17, 10:30am
- Singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus 11:45am
- Easter Egg Hunt, Festive Coffee Hour 12noon

Website:
www.allsaintsnorthfield.org

In Case of Emergency
Interim Priest Peter Stebinger
can be reached at
(203) 215-1156

The Church office is closed until further notice. Emails, voicemails, mail and finance are being monitored and addressed.

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Peter Stebinger Interim Priest in charge

Very soon, sooner than we think, Holy Week will be upon us. Oftentimes we leap from Palm Sunday to Easter. This is frequently because of work and family schedules and completely understandable. This year in Northfield we will have worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday itself. If you can, come to the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. This will make your Easter Sunday celebration even more joyful. This is because the primary message of Holy Week is about love. The love shown in the sharing of the bread and wine at the first Eucharist on Maundy Thursday and in Jesus's willingness to go to the cross and die for us on Good Friday are all acts of love which we remember often.

And when we gather to celebrate God's act of triumph in the resurrection of Our Lord from the dead on Easter day by walking more slowly through participating in these additional worship opportunities, we will enhance this experience. The power of the Holy Week story goes way beyond words, so participation is central.

It may seem to some that the Easter egg hunt and outdoor coffee hour to follow the Easter day service are somehow unimportant additions to the Easter celebration. And yet after so much time masked and indoors and restricted, a time of communal celebration is important to our common life.

At this time I do not know if the behavior of the covid virus will allow us to change our policies on masking and indoor worship, but I have hope. No matter what happens, or what decisions are made, always, as Jesus did, we will put love in the center. Come and see.

BISHOP CRAIG LOYA TO VISIT ALL SAINTS

Submitted by Pam Middleton



The Very Right Reverend Craig Loya, the 10th Bishop of Minnesota, will visit us on Wednesday, April 6th! This is his second visit to All Saints, the first visit where he can meet the All Saints family in person. Bishop Loya's first visit was in January of 2021 when we were still under Covid restrictions. He met with Gayle, Mark and me in person; all other interactions were virtual. We hope you take advantage of his mid-week visit so you can get to know Bishop Loya. The evening will begin in-person with a Simple Soup Supper in the Commons followed by conversation. He welcomes questions and is happy to engage in conversation; with our transition process moving forward, I am sure he will be able to provide some great insights! We will end the night livestreaming and recording Compline, during which Bishop Loya will give a short homily. While this may not be a "typical" Bishop visit, it is sure to be a great opportunity to get to know our 10th Bishop of Minnesota!



Your Senior and Junior Wardens, Mark and Pam are taking a break from writing Warden updates this month! Please watch for information on the Spring Outdoor Workday as well as Garden/Landscape planning for the season!

Lenten Wednesday Simple Soup Suppers and Book Study

Thank you to all of our Soup Supper hosts; Lynn Naeckel, Richard and Katherine Collman, Jayne and Cassandra Cook-Quarry, Kate, Melody and Kalie Ford, Joe Peterson, and Pam Middleton (with assistance from Carla Hansen and Fernan Jaramillo)! It was delightful to gather on these 4 Wednesdays of Lent for conversation, friendship and a simple Lenten supper of soup and bread after 2 years of Covid restrictions on such gatherings.

Thank you to Peter Stebinger for leading our after supper discussions on the book, *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. What an enriching experience and opportunity for reflection on our faith!



APRIL

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| 3 | Palm Sunday |
| 6 | Bishop Loya Visit, Simple Supper & Compline |
| 7 | Acolyte training and supper |
| 10 | Palm Sunday, Vestry meeting |
| 14 | Maundy Thursday |
| 15 | Good Friday |
| 16 | Holy Saturday; Preparation for Easter |
| 17 | Easter |
| 22,23 | Earth Day |



CLERGY SEARCH TEAM NEWS

Laura Kay Allen

Betsy Brandt

Tom Campbell

Richard Collman

Joan Ennis

Kate Ford

Carla Hansen

Rhonda Rowe

Bonnie Sherman

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe

Your Clergy Search Team is in “full steam ahead” mode! We continue to have productive meetings and look forward to the survey presentation Canon Karen Olson will provide to us and Vestry. Keep a watchful eye out for future parish meetings where we will share and discuss the findings. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey. This is one of the most useful tools we will use in moving forward.

Rev. James Young, who has offered his role for spiritual direction, has joined us at the beginning of our meetings to offer some very insightful glimpses at how we move forward spiritually. James offered up a couple of collects that team members worked with, and all decided upon for a prayer to pray together as a parish as we continue with our transition. Following is the prayer you will see on a weekly basis:

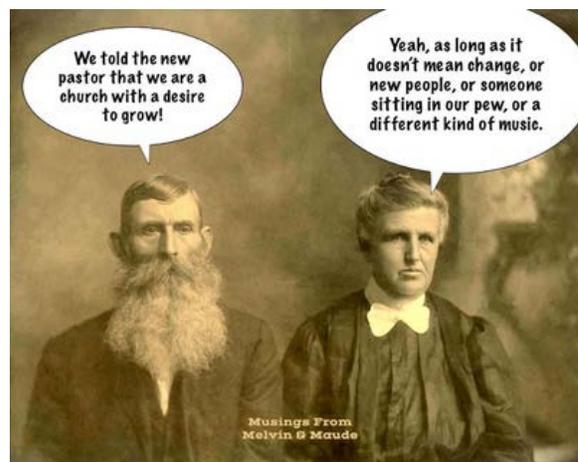
Almighty and ever-living God, look graciously on your people seeking the next priest for All Saints Church. Open the hearts of our Clergy Search Team and draw us together in your love. Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection, that nothing be lost of the faithful work of the past, but that it may be brought to a rich harvest. Give us patience in waiting, joy in listening, wisdom and courage to respond to your lead that we may glorify your holy name, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Once we begin the Easter season, this prayer will be incorporated into the Prayers of the People to be said by all.

If you have any questions, comments, or input you would like us to consider please contact one of the Clergy Search Team members.

A Bit of Humor!

Let's not be like Melvin and Maude!!!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**Hillcrest Village Updates for All Saints Episcopal Church**

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe

All Saints committed to supporting the Hillcrest Village Housing Project in December of 2020 over a 5 year period. Please read an update of the progress of this impressive initiative to address housing insecurity in the Northfield area.

- Hillcrest Village is a “Zero Energy Ready” property! The emergency shelter located at Hillcrest will be the only emergency shelter in the county that can claim this. The U.S. Department of Energy defines a Zero Energy Ready home as “a high performance home which is so energy efficient that a renewable energy system can offset all or most of its annual energy consumption.” Novel Energy will provide solar energy for Hillcrest. You can read about the “Zero Energy Ready” designation here: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/buildings/zero-energy-ready-homes>.
- CAC has secured a seventh building site on the property from MNDOT!
- Hillcrest will be a mix of different types of housing: emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, section 8 housing (i.e. units where tenants can use a section 8 housing choice voucher), and affordable housing.
- The first buildings will be completed in May or June, and the last buildings will be completed in July or August, with an anticipated ribbon cutting in September!
- CAC leadership and the CAC housing team is working with the Community Advocacy Council, a council of CAC participants, to create policies and procedures around how the property will be managed.
- The CAC thanks All Saints Episcopal Church for their generous pledge of \$5,000 toward the project, and for the \$2,000 of this total that we have already received!



PROGRESS!

MINNESOTA MARCH FOOD SHARE

We reached our goal- and beyond!

Submitted by Pam Middleton

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to the March Minnesota Food Share drive! As of this writing we have collected more than the \$1,000 goal that we had set! Donations are still welcome through Sunday April 3, and a final tally will be announced at the end of the drive. Happily this year, all donations are matched if the funds are received by the CAC by April 5th; we will be sure to deliver our check to them on time to double the impact of your donations! The food basket was also filled several times; thank you to Rhonda and Bob Rowe for delivering the items to the CAC food shelf!

March 6, 2022



March 28, 2022



CELEBRATION!

!SAVE THE DATE!

THANK YOU!

Retirement Party Part II for the Rev. Gayle Marsh on Sunday, June 5th, following the worship service. Stay tuned!

More details coming soon from The Party Committee





Join us for our 13th Northfield Earth Day Celebration!

Submitted by Carla Hansen



The 2-day 2022 Northfield Earth Day Celebration begins with a kick-off event, Moving Us Forward: A Call to Action, on Friday, April 22, at the Grand Event Center. This event is free and open to all and is designed to build community with an interactive program highlighting local, regional, and state sustainable projects and successes. The Friday event provides opportunities to meet new people and unite around ways to engage in environmental work together. There will be music, appetizers, drinks, and moments to celebrate accomplishments.

The Northfield Earth Day Celebration continues the following day, on Saturday, April 23, with morning workshops held around the city, which focus on learning and service. In the afternoon, there will be the Earth Friendly Action and Idea Fair, the Cannon Valley Farmers' Market Vendors, children's activities, music, food vendors, and more on Bridge Square from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Saturday celebration offers many opportunities for the community to learn new skills and concepts, connect with local food and goods producers, support local networks, and become better acquainted with the multitude of organizations, groups, people, and businesses nearby who are navigating and addressing the many current environmental concerns in their unique ways.

New this year, Northfield Earth Day is working with other sustainably-minded organizations to provide volunteer opportunities for community members throughout the year. These community sustainable-oriented volunteer opportunities take place after Earth Day but continue to engage individuals in working together towards a healthier planet.

For more information on our Earth Day activities, vendors, exhibitors, sponsors, and to sign up for workshops, service projects, and volunteer opportunities go to [Northfield Earth Day website](#).

Questions? Reach us at northfieldearthday@gmail.com

**You can find a poster for the Earth Day event [here](#)
or at**

<http://northfieldearthday.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Earth-Day-Apr-22-Poster.jpg>



Episco-Speak A Guide to the Language of Episcopalians

Submitted by James Young

You say you don't know your apse from your clerestory? Well, don't despair! Help is here. Each month I will attempt to dazzle you with my command of the vocabulary of Anglicans and Episcopalians. If there is some term or concept about which you want to learn more, I will also take requests. Please contact me!!

This month: Pascha/Paschal (No, not the French mathematician & philosopher!)

The word Paschal comes the Hebrew word for Passover, Pesach. The specific reference is to the paschal lamb that is sacrificed for the salvation of God's people Israel.

We use the term in the context of Jesus, the Paschal lamb who died and rose for all as God's NO to the power of sin and death. Thus it is common to find a variant of the word to mean Easter in many other diverse languages like Russian or Spanish. In fact, English is about the only language that does not use some variant of the word pascha. Instead, our word Easter likely comes from the Anglo-Saxon name of a goddess of spring - Estre.

So, the word may refer in many ways to Easter and the mystery of the Resurrection. For example, the large candle that burns during the fifty days of Easter is called the Paschal Candle. Fittingly, it also burns at our baptism and at our death.

May your Paschal Season be richly blessed!

**Next Month: Ambo (No, not the movie!)
Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!**



ACOLYTES



On Thursday, April 7, at 6:00pm Pam will hold an Acolyte Gratitude gathering for our young people who are serving in this ministry! Pizza and cookies in the Commons. Pam will also spend some time training our newest acolyte Miriel Ennis and provide a refresher training for our current acolytes, Soren Murphy-Pearson, Oliver Heiman, Kalie Ford, and Ann and Liz Campbell. Please reach out to Pam with questions!



EASTER FLOWERS



Easter is on April 17th! Would you like to donate funds for the Easter flowers/plants in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones? The suggested donation is \$25.00. Please email the office with your dedication, and send your check to PO Box 663, Northfield or put in the offering plate with "Easter flowers" on the memo line.

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OUTREACH	Mary Jones
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

3	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 Psalm 126
10	Palm Sunday The Passion
17	Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 John 20:1-18 Psalm 118:1-3,14-24
24	Acts 5: 27-32 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 Psalm 150

April Readings

BIRTHDAYS

April	14	Alex Larson
	14	Peggy Olson
	15	Katie Landon
	19	Elizabeth Campbell
	27	Trent Ranzau
	28	John Hall
	28	Doug Jones
	30	Jayne Gardner

ANNIVERSARIES

April	25	Emily and John Thomas
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