

January 2022

# CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

**Thank you, Rev. Gayle Marsh for your sixteen years of ministry with us as our Priest-in Charge at All Saints!**



On January 30th we will celebrate the ministry of Rev. Gayle as she retires. At noon, we will gather together at All Saints for a special program, which will be online as well so people can celebrate with us from home (Subject to change per COVID protocol.)

Please keep an eye out for an email for further details. Questions can be directed to Deacon Cassandra and Vicki Harper

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](http://allsaintsnorthfield.org)

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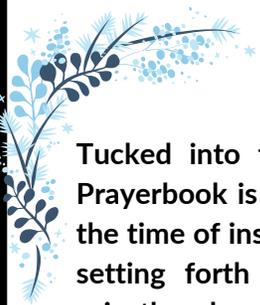
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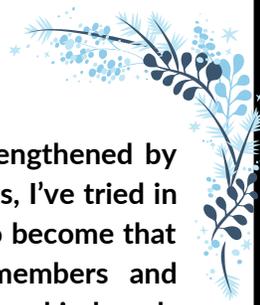
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Home 651-558-0238  
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## From the desk of Rev. Gayle



Tucked into the New Ministry section of the Prayerbook is a gem, a prayer said by a priest at the time of installation as a rector. It is formative; setting forth the ideals and character of the priesthood and the humble reminder of the privilege of serving. It has been a trusted companion and I hope some aspects have become realized in my 32 years of priesthood. And, whatever the future holds, I trust this will continue to shape me into the future.

*O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

To the best of my abilities and strengthened by God's help and generous forgiveness, I've tried in my 32 years of ordained ministry to become that prayer. I thank All Saints, it's members and friends, my beloved Robyn and those kind souls who have showered me with love and kindness, generosity and shelter since October 2006. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the drawing alongside of your ministry skills into a collaborative approach that has accomplished so much. I shall carry with me learnings from our time together. Thank you for both laughter and tears.

Certainly I could not have imagined an extended time growing from 12-16 weeks to 16 years. Had I known I may not have had the courage to say YES. Often I imagine Bishop Whipple's coverage of the diocese by foot, boat, and horseback. My faithful 4 cylinder Honda "pony" at least has heat! The faithful service of his horse Bashan kept him going. I imagine Bashan tied outside the sacristy door when the All Saints church was consecrated in 1859.

I have been safeguarded by prayers on my behalf, by angels who have kept me awake and by the company of my trusty car. I walk these halls remembering what was here when I first came and the hard work of dreaming ministries into a new structure.... the project of 1.9 million is now a mortgage down to \$187,000 -all that has happened since the return to the building August 2014! Amazing. Well done, people. Well done.

And yet my heart delights even more in the beauty of the loving care shared among this community, the open hospitality for guests and the good works done in outreach and service to Northfield, ECMN, the national Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Each time you pass the sacristy window Robyn gave me on my 40th birthday, and now entrusted to you, be reminded of Jesus who came among us to serve. LOVE one another. It's as simple and challenging as that.

You can be assured that Bishop Loya has All Saints fully under his watchful and pastoral care. Elsewhere in this newsletter are some details.

Several of you have remembered special times and generously shared those memories with Robyn and me. Thank you! Because our goodbye gathering most likely be will truncated by this virus variant, feel free to drop a post:  
1644 Cohansey Street, St. Paul MN 55117

In closing this final newsletter I leave you with these words of encouragement from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (1:2-6).

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

With fondness and goodwill, I sign out "In sure and certain hope of resurrection life" upon "another shore and in a greater light".

Gayle Mardene Marsh

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## Give Us Hope

### A Prayer from Grace Cathedral

John D. Rayner

When evil darkens our world, give us light.  
When despair numbs our souls, give us hope.  
When we stumble and fall, lift us up.  
When doubts assail us, give us faith.  
When nothing seems sure, give us trust.  
When ideals fade, give us vision.  
When we lose our way, be our guide!  
That we may find serenity in Your presence,  
and purpose in doing Your will.

**Sr. Warden****Mark Heiman**

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Christmas in person this year for the first time since 2020. The services were small – as befits our COVID precautions – and less elaborate than some years, but still beautiful nonetheless. We continue to watch the infection rates in our area, but for now we're feeling comfortable with our current practices and grateful for all of you who make attendance choices each week out of consideration for your own health and that of the wider community.

Normally the week after Christmas is the quietest time of the year for church leaders, but this year your Wardens and Vestry have been unusually busy – and we have some good news to share.

As we look ahead to Gayle's retirement, one of the challenges we have as a community is maintaining stable Sunday worship while we're undertaking the multi-month process of identifying our next long-term priest. It's common for congregations to call a Transition (or Interim) Priest to help provide worship and pastoral support while that process is happening. We had anticipated relying on some week-to-week supply clergy support for a month or two before identifying an Interim Priest, but that picture has now changed.

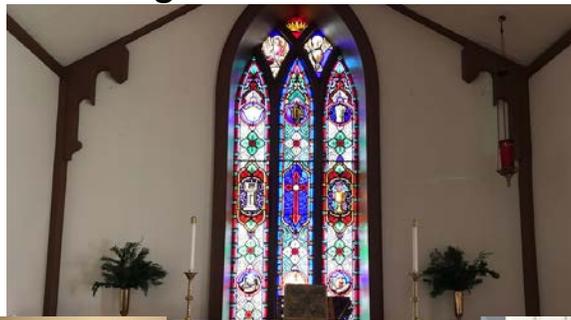
A couple of weeks ago, ECMN Canon for Ministry Karen Olsen reached out with a recommendation from Bishop Loya that we talk with the Rev. Peter Stebinger about our interim needs. Pam and I had a couple of conversations with Peter, online and at the church, and the Vestry met with him after Christmas. We were impressed by his experience and demeanor, and voted unanimously to invite him to be our Interim Priest, an invitation that he enthusiastically accepted. He will begin in the second week of February, and serve with us until our search process is complete, or until the end of twelve months (whichever comes first).

Peter is a retired parish priest who recently moved to Minnesota to be near his grandchildren, having served 29 years as the rector of Christ Episcopal in Bethany, Connecticut. He also has extensive experience as a hospital and disaster relief chaplain, and has provided interim support for several other congregations since his retirement. He now lives in south Minneapolis, and will be serving All Saints for 20 hours a week – officiating at Sunday worship, providing pastoral care, and representing All Saints at diocesan and community events. We are looking forward to welcoming him in February. If you have any questions about Peter or the role of an Interim Priest, please feel free to get in touch with me or Pam.

With that decision in place, we can turn our full attention to our upcoming Annual Meeting, and to our celebration of Gayle's ministry with us (see more in this newsletter). With regard to the Annual Meeting, at the Bishop's recommendation (and with his permission) we are extending all Vestry terms for a year rather than electing a new slate, in order to provide leadership stability for the next year. We do have open positions available, however, so if you feel called to be part of the Vestry during this transition year, please let me know. I am also still accepting names (yours or someone else's) for our Transition/Search Committee, the group that will be coordinating our self-examination process and the search for our next priest.

2022 is going to be a busy and exciting year at All Saints, and there will be many opportunities for all of you to take part in our conversations about the future. We're going to work hard to keep everyone current about everything that's happening, but if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your Vestry and Wardens – we're here for you!

All Saints was adorned with greens and Sarum Blue on the altar as we prepared during Advent for the birth of Jesus Christ.



On Christmas Eve, the church was transformed with light, both the twinkling lights on the evergreen tree (thank you to Sara Jaramillo and Cormac Rada) and the soft candlelight of the Christmas Eve Eucharist, celebrating Jesus' birth.

## CHRISTMAS



### Music at All Saints

During Advent and Christmas, All Saints was blessed with the musical gifts of many. During Advent, our organist, Katie Gunn was accompanied by Melody Ford on violin on Advent 1 and by Luke Sargent on trumpet on Advent 3. During our 12 days of Christmas, we enjoyed singing carols with Lawrence Archbold and John Schultz on the organ. On Christmas Eve, Silent Night was sung by candlelight with Mark Heiman playing the guitar and Jayne Gardner playing the autoharp. On Christmas Day, December 25th, Marshall Hansen, Sara Aeikens and Chester Graham played their brass instruments, which made for a very festive Christmas Day! Thank you to all of our musicians!



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### 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

We will be holding our Annual Meeting on January 23 following the service. Please read your emails as to whether the meeting will be held in-person, via Zoom or with some combination of the two.



## ALTAR FLOWERS IN 2022



The 2022 calendar year is open for signing up to donate the altar flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to do so, you may provide the flowers yourself or send a \$25 check made out to All Saints with Flowers on the memo line. Please also send in or email the church with what you would like to have printed in the bulletin.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

Sunday School and Youth Group are on hold until February. We are monitoring the Covid situation, but we are also in the process of finding another leader. LeAnna Collette who worked with us through the fall, has decided to step down given unexpected increased demands on her time at work due to staffing shortages. We are grateful to her for her work with us, and she expressed that she loved being with the children and getting to know the All Saints community for the short time that she was with us.

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### From Rev. Gayle:

Marje Britton has moved to Walker Methodist three miles away from Val and Greg. Marje says, "I'm looking forward to making new friends!" Her mobility is improving, and cards and visits are welcome. If you call, she may be out of her room or unable to reach the phone, but feel free to leave a message.

Walker Methodist  
20150 Highview Hills  
Lakeville, MN 55044  
(507) 650-0330

Toni Easterson has asked for ongoing prayers for encouragement. In addition to her melanoma treatment, she is suffering pain from multiple compression fractures in her back. This necessitated leaving her townhome and relocating to Millstream Commons. Cards, phone calls and visits are appreciated.

Millstream Commons  
210 Eighth Street  
Northfield, MN 55057  
507-649-7090 cell

## Episco-Speak A Guide to the Language of Episcopalians

Submitted by James Young

You say you don't know your ciborium from your paten? 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: Twelfth Night: no, not the play!

Yes, there is a play by William Shakespeare called Twelfth Night, but I am referring to the evening of January 5th which is the twelfth day of Christmas and the Eve of the Epiphany. It has traditionally been a day of feasting and "making rather merry" to close the observance of Christmas and greet the coming Epiphany season. It is during the Epiphany that the nature of Christ's divinity and his own sense of call is made known to us. A little trivia for you: "We Three Kings" is not a Christmas carol. It is an Epiphany carol because it is on the Feast of the Epiphany, that the three Wise Magi visited Mary and Joseph and the child, Jesus to present their gifts.

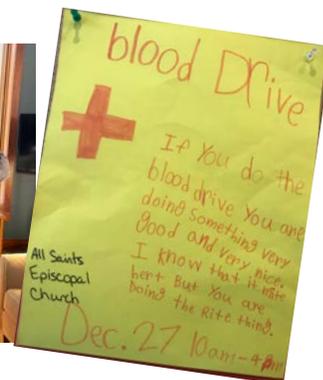
Next Month: catechumen

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Red Cross held another Blood Drive at All Saints on Monday, December 27th, and despite the cold it was another huge success! Thank you to Melody, Kalie and Kate Ford and their Girl Scout Troops for organizing the drive!





Snow shovelers of all ages--even from out of town!--are always welcome at All Saints. Sign up for fresh air and exercise by letting Marshall or Pam know. We'll add your name to the volunteer text/email list for snow events. Students are especially welcome on snow days when school has been canceled. Thank you to Marshall, Sam, Richard, John, Pam, Betsy, Kate, Kalie, Melody, Joe and Mark who have all helped out so far!

#### CHANGES WITH THE NEWSLETTER



The Connections newsletter is undergoing some changes as of the January 2022 issue. Tina Kraby, who since 2018, has assembled the newsletter with the content that we send to her will no longer be working with us. She has shut down her desktop publishing company as her personal circumstances changed this past year. We are grateful to Tina for her work with us! Pam Middleton, who has been on the newsletter team with Gayle Marsh and Mary Jones, collected articles and content to send to Tina; she is now preparing the January issue. If you are interested in being part of the team as we move forward, please speak with Pam!

## January

5	Worship Committee, 10:30am
9	Vestry, noon
12	Outreach Committee, 8:30am
23	Annual Meeting, noon
30	Celebration of Gayle's Retirement

### All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs

SR. WARDEN	Mark Heiman
JR. WARDEN	Pam Middleton
ASST. JR. WARDEN	Chris Ennis
TREASURER	Larry Archbold
CLERK	Rhonda Rowe
AT LARGE	Bonnie Sherman
AT LARGE	Laura Kay Allen
AT LARGE	Vicki Harper
AT LARGE	Richard Collman
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE	The Rev. Gayle Marsh
DEACON	The Rev. Cassandra Cook-Quarry
ORGANIST-CHOIR DIR.	Katie Gunn
SEXTON	Dave McGuire
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Pam Middleton
YOUTH GROUP	Pam Middleton
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie Sherman
CANTERBURY	Mark Heiman
CONNECTIONS TEAM	Pam Middleton
	Mary Jones
	Gayle Marsh
HOSPITALITY	Pam Middleton
KITCHEN	Open
OUTREACH	Mary Jones
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

2	Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	<b>January Readings</b>
9	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3: 15-17,21-22 Psalm 29	
16	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11 Psalm 36:5-10	
23	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4: 14-21 Psalm 19	
30	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4: 21-30 Psalm 71:1-6	

### BIRTHDAYS

1/4	Mark Heiman
1/10	Cassandra Cook-Quarry
1/10	Tim Halverson
1/24	Bob Aby
1/28	Mason Berkebile

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