

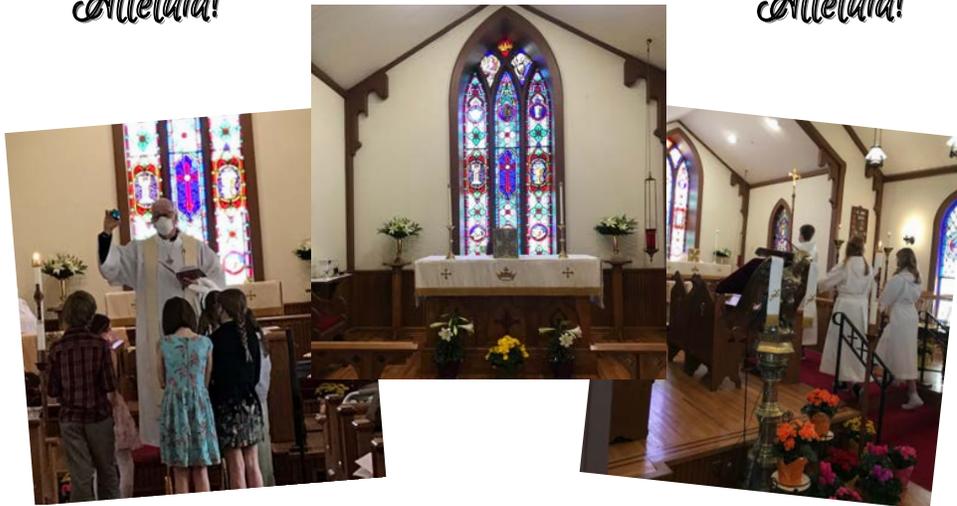
# CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

## THE SEASON OF EASTER

*Alleluia!*

*Alleluia!*



**All Saints is honored as one of 22  
Certified Climate Justice Congregations  
in Minnesota**

From Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:  
*Your 2021 Climate Action Plan and the progress you  
made in fulfilling it inspires us, and we hope the work  
you've been doing has inspired your congregation.*



Read more from the All Saints Green Team on p. 10

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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  
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**Peter Stebinger**  
**Interim Priest in charge**

I want to begin by thanking everyone who made Holy Week and Easter so wonderful at All Saints. The readers, the acolytes, the Altar Guild, the cooks, the ushers and many more made this a blessed week filled with the drama and joy of our Lord's passion and resurrection.

As spring comes, we celebrate the season of Easter. As Mark Heiman noted last Sunday, we were celebrating the Second Sunday of Easter season. Not after... Because this is fifty days of celebration leading up to Pentecost.

This is a time to settle into the reality of new life. Spring flowers, All Saints being recognized as a climate justice congregation for our use of solar power, warmer weather, more time spent outside connecting with the magnificent creation God has given us. All these can help us to feel lifted up after a very long winter.

Be joyful! Come and join us! It is a blessed time!



**CELEBRATION!**

**!SAVE THE DATE!**

**THANK YOU!**

All Saints will be celebrating Rev. Gayle Marsh's retirement on Sunday, June 5th, rain or shine! Join us for fellowship, fun and yummy food following the service. More details to come from the Party Committee!

Gayle reports she and Robyn are adjusting to retirement life and are tackling home projects, walking their dogs and cooking. She anticipates starting as a Cooks Illustrated magazine recipe test cook. Recipes are assigned, systematically prepared and feedback given to clarify the process and results. In May, she's off to Arlington Cemetery to bury her Aunt Jane. She says Sundays are tough because she misses our worship and fellowship with us at All Saints and is looking forward to the party in June!

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# VESTRY



**Sr. Warden**

**Mark Heiman**

Signs of spring are in the air! Many folks have commented that it sometimes seems like we've been in the season of Lent since March, 2020, but with our Easter celebration this year, it feels like our long penitential season is ending. Beautiful music, an Easter feast, an energetic egg hunt – all these things remind us of the joy and energy that characterizes All Saints at its best.

Your Vestry is committed to continuing to move thoughtfully and cautiously with our COVID restrictions, and with the help of Peter's expertise in public health, we've begun to shape some plans for how we can begin to ease some of our COVID adaptations as conditions allow. Some changes you may already have noticed in worship – the return of some hymn locations in the liturgy that had been replaced with instrumental music, and the return to passing the offering plate. More significant changes around masking and gathering have been outlined by the Vestry, but their implementation is entirely dependent on the presence of consistently low infection rates in our community. With the current uptick in numbers, any major changes are on hold for the moment. When we are ready to ease more restrictions, we'll provide plenty of notice so that no one is taken off guard.

The key is that we're trying to find ways to return to the fuller church life that we all cherish while continuing to be cautious and sensitive to everyone's needs. I really appreciate everyone's willingness to engage at whatever level is most comfortable, and our sensitivity that each person has different needs with regard to masking, distancing, etc.

Summer is often a quieter time at All Saints, but this year I think it may feel like a time of revival. With more activities resuming, the work of the Clergy Search Team, our traditional summer services in the park, and the overall sense of new life and renewal, I'm really looking forward to this new season in All Saints' life.

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**Jr. Warden**

**Pam Middleton**

Greetings! True spring weather will be here soon, and we will be out in the church yard playing in the dirt again! Please stay tuned for the call to join us as we clear out the leaves and twigs (we like to wait until the temperature is consistently above 50 degrees to protect pollinators), replenish mulch and freshen up the garden beds.

In other news, Mark and I have met with Jarrod from River City Builders to begin the process of renovating the exterior walls on the east and south sides of the original church building. The first step is an energy assessment which we hope will take place this month.

Finally, our building is open again for use by outside groups, and we have been busy! In addition to the 3 afternoons a week of violin lessons, two recitals as well as a midweek master class for the violin studio were held in the sanctuary, girl scout troops meet biweekly, one of Northfield's philanthropic groups gathered and the townhome board will resume meeting this month! The Easter season of new life is upon us!

**APRIL AT ALL SAINTS!**

All Saints came roaring back to life in April, 2022, a full two years after the pandemic began in March 2020! Yes, it is true that in the intervening months, we moved from online-only worship, no gatherings at the church and community building via zoom to in-person worship with social distancing, masks, and limited singing and limited, mask-wearing in-person meetings. April, the month of Easter and Resurrection, saw new life burst forth at All Saints- we tell the story in pictures!

**Lent 5, April 3**

Thank you to Marshall, Fletcher, Sara, Chester, Luke and Katie for giving us a special musical offering as Lent came to a close.



**Monday, April 5**

Canon for Ministry Karen Olson met with the Clergy Search Team and Vestry to share the results from the Congregational Assessment Survey.



**Wednesday, April 6**

Bishop Craig Loya and Canon for Vitality and Innovation Blair Pogue shared a meal with us and engaged in conversation, inspiring us and encouraging us as we move forward in our transition. Bishop Loya's message of hope and reimagining our role as a community that follows the way of Jesus, the way of love, carried through in his homily during the closing Compline service.



### Bishop Loya joins us for our final Lenten Simple Soup Supper

We enjoyed delicious chili, soup and cornbread. Thank you to Val Britton, Greg Gudbjartsson and Jayne Cook-Quarry for hosting!



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### Thursday, April 7

Our acolytes gathered for pizza and fellowship (as well as a bit of training!). Thank you to Pam Middleton for leading our young people.



Oliver lost a tooth!



We welcome Miriel Ennis as our newest acolyte!



**Sunday, April 10 – Saturday, April 16**

Holy Week at All Saints began with the Hosannas and procession of Palm Sunday and the reading of the Passion. During the week, clergy renewed their vows with Bishop Loya throughout the diocese and Easter eggs were filled with treats (thank you to Deney Perkins, Gail Halverson and Pam Middleton!). The altar was stripped on Maundy Thursday at the end of the service and remained so during the solemn Good Friday service.



On Holy Saturday, prayers were prayed, the altar and floors were scrubbed, the altar and Paschal candle were set for Easter, Alleluia banners were hung, and flowers and plants were arranged. Thank you to Bonnie, Vicki, Marshall, Carla, Bob, Rhonda and Pam!



**Easter Sunday, April 17**

All Saints was filled with beautiful music, Alleluias and Easter messages of hope, resurrection and new life (see pictures on page 1). Following the service, a delicious Easter brunch was served, thanks to Laura Heiman and Carla Hansen and their helpers. Unfortunately, we didn't get pictures of the beautiful egg bakes and goodies and fellowship in the Commons, but know that a wonderful time was had by all!



A fantastic Easter egg hunt was held outdoors despite the chilly weather- please enjoy the pictures on the next page!

Patently waiting!



2022 Easter Egg Hunt!



And they're off !



**Sunday, April 24**

Thank you to CST co-chairs, Laura Kay and Rhonda, and Wardens, Mark and Pam for sharing updates on the clergy search process and for listening to suggestions, concerns and questions at the Parish Gathering on April 24 following the service.





## 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 Laura Kay Allen and Rhonda Rowe

The first Parish Gathering on April 24th was well attended both in-person and on Zoom. Thank you to all who participated, and for those unable to attend, we hope to see/hear from you at future gatherings. Some in attendance asked that small groups be assembled to get more feedback and that an additional short survey or a request to open ended questions be prepared - something that will be specific to All Saints and our search. We will be discussing ways to make these things happen at our next meeting on May 2nd. Watch for notices in our weekly news.

Some interesting comments about the survey were shared. One person felt the name of the survey company, Holy Cow, is inappropriate for a faith-based survey. We also heard the survey, at least the first half of it, focused on the past as opposed to the future. Some felt the data is confusing and not helpful to our clergy search. We will share this information with the Diocese since they recommended this survey.

We continue to push forward in our search, and it is starting to get exciting as we hear from you and learn what your wishes and dreams are for All Saints. As we continue to gather information, we will be filling out paperwork required by the Diocese. Moving forward gets us closer to Vestry deciding on a clergy model.

Again, our sincere thanks for your input so far. We can't do this without hearing from you! We look forward to the next steps with small groups and a short survey.

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

| MAY      |                              |
|----------|------------------------------|
| 1        | Morning Prayer               |
| 8        | Confirmation Celebration     |
|          | Vestry meeting, Mother's Day |
| 11       | Outreach meeting             |
| 21       | ECW Meeting- St. Cloud       |
| 22       | Graduation Celebration       |
| Date TBD | Outdoor Workday              |

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Submitted by Marshall Hansen

Attention! Attention all Meals on Wheels Drivers--former, current, and future, regardless of your car's looks or your driving record (as long as you have a current license!)--you are SURE to want to BE IN TOWN for Northfield Hospital's annual lunch-luggin, cooler-clutching event, yes, the dubiously-dignified dill-and-dijon delivery derby of them all! It's All Saints' MEALS-ON-WHEELS WEEK, 17-23 July 2022! Mark your calendars now! Cancel that silly trip to Hawaii. It's too hot there in July anyway. Instead: plan on soaking up the coolness, the allure, the raw excitement, and the lifelong fulfillment of being an All Saints Meals on Wheels Driver this summer! It is one full week of daily noontime glamour--Sunday, 17 July through Saturday 23 July! Details are coming next month. Plan to be there!

## CAC Food Shelf

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe

This year's CAC food drive is All Saint's most successful March Food Share EVER!!! Thanks to your extreme generosity, we presented a check in the amount of \$2200 to CAC. Happily, this year the funds will be matched, resulting in an even greater impact. We also delivered food several times this month, approximately 125 pounds in total. This Outreach program could not happen without each of you giving so generously.



Submitted by Pam Middleton

This spring, All Saints also collected donations to send to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), designated to help the Ukraine people. Again, due to your generosity, we sent a check for \$1,495 to ERD in early April! We know that many of you also support these efforts through other organizations such as Doctors Without Borders. Our prayers for those suffering in Ukraine and in other conflicts throughout the world continue as well.

## Graduation Season is here!



We congratulate Daisy and Coco Leonard who are graduating from the online program Minnesota Connections this June!

We also congratulate Sara Jaramillo who is graduating from the UC Berkeley School of Law on May 13! Pam, Fernan and Eduardo will join Sara and her boyfriend, Cormac at the ceremony to honor this achievement! Watch for more details about our graduates' futures in the June Newsletter.

## GREEN TEAM UPDATES

More from Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light:

You are one of an elite group of 22 congregations across the state who are leading through meaningful, committed responses to the climate crisis. Your 2021 Climate Action Plan and the progress you made in fulfilling it inspires us, and we hope the work you've been doing has inspired your congregation. We loved your creative survey of parish members to discover what members were already doing for climate action and to educate them about more action opportunities. We celebrate the support your clergy gave to this effort and the ways you all incorporated celebration of the Earth into your liturgies.

A hard copy of the letter and the certificate are posted on the bulletin board.

### Report from the All Saints Green Team

It's now official! As of Earth Day 2022, All Saints is one of 22 certified Climate Justice Congregations in Minnesota. [See the front page of this newsletter] The All Saints Green Team worked hard last year on the development of a climate action plan that included two parish surveys: one surveyed practical actions taken by households to reduce carbon footprints, while a second provided a list of options households could take to help influence local, state and federal actions toward mitigating climate change. We also incorporated prayers and appropriate passages from scripture that highlighted our responsibility toward the Care of Creation into several outdoor worship services last summer. Together these comprise the legs of the required three legged stool approach to obtaining certification from MN Interfaith Power & Light in conjunction with the Diocese of Minnesota. Even prior to our climate action plan the green Team had carried out many adjustments to things like optimal building thermostat settings, conversion of conventional lighting to energy saving LED's, signing up for a community solar garden, and reduction of vampire currents in several appliances in the building.

Certification requires annual renewal, and the Green Team is currently reanimating itself to brainstorm brand new ideas for next year's climate action plan. We will most likely need people with knowledge about building infrastructure, (e.g. HVAC), writing and communication skills, working with our youth groups, and just a willingness to help out with routine tasks, (e.g. as simple as steadying a ladder while someone else switches out fluorescent bulbs for LED's). Bishop Loya presciently reminded us at our dinner together several weeks back, that congregations who "let [their] light so shine before men..." \*, showing concern for the wider community and the environment, have a genuine appeal to the younger generations. Getting involved with the Green Team is an excellent way to do this. The Team will be meeting in person again in June (outside if necessary). Congregants with ideas and/or wishing to get involved should contact Chris Ennis at 507 663-7075 or [cennis@northfieldwifi.com](mailto:cennis@northfieldwifi.com)

\* Just so long as they remember to turn the light off when they leave the room:)

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Some of you knew David Gangsei, who spent the last few years before the pandemic as a beloved substitute teacher at Northfield High School, his alma mater. David and his wife, Helen visited All Saints occasionally, and she asked us to share the news that David died this past December, and that a memorial service will be held for him on Saturday, May 7 at 2:00pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, his home church.

## 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: Whitsunday/Whitsuntide

A feast of the Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ, on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks" or Pentecost (Exodus 34:22; Deuteronomy 16:10). Whitsunday is so called from the white garments which were worn by those who were baptized during the vigil; Pentecost ("Pfingsten" in German), is the Greek for "the fiftieth" (day after Easter). Whitsunday, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century. Whitsuntide is the season of Pentecost. Both are terms that are little used today.

### Next Month: Daily Office

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!



### Register for ECMN ECW Meeting

May 21, 2022, in St. Cloud



Dear Friends – After two unsettled COVID years we will finally get to see each other face-to-face on May 21 in St. Cloud at St. John's Church! Together we will celebrate our Minnesota Honored Churchwomen during the noon luncheon following the meeting. Everyone is asked to wear a face mask, per current CDC recommendations - the safety and health of our members must always come first. We do need to have you register to have a seat saved for each one of you for lunch!

Please bring along as many of your ECW sisters as possible for this happy event! Nancy Dyson will present her parish's program for homeless citizens in St. Cloud. We will also vote to send two members to the 150th Anniversary Triennial Meeting to take place in Baltimore this July. Anyone who is interested in going may still be considered. We have received a grant to help make this happen. If you would like to know more about this event you can call me at 612-978-4613.

I am excited about seeing you all in May, as well as looking forward to the Triennial Meeting this summer in Baltimore - and will be thrilled to have one of you attending with me!

In our Beloved Community – LaDonna Boyd

**\*\*\*\*\*TO REGISTER FOR THE ECMN ECW SPRING MEETING ON SATURDAY MAY 21, 2022, 10 AM AT ST. JOHN'S IN ST. CLOUD at 1111 Cooper Avenue South (320) 251-8524**

1. Please call 507-664-1185 or email balnamoon@gmail.com with your name and telephone and the names of all those attending from your Faith Group.

2. A \$10.00 registration fee covers the cost of a meeting folder, the noon luncheon and a copy of the newly reprinted book THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN OF MINNESOTA – THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS – 1882-1982. Per current CDC recommendations attendees are asked to wear masks.

\*Note that 2020 and 2021 Honored Minnesota Churchwomen are urged to bring their spouse and/or other family and clergy – as our guests, they and those accompanying them will not pay the fee, but all must be registered to assure a luncheon reservation.

**All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs**

|                     |                                |
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| SR. WARDEN          | Mark Heiman                    |
| JR. WARDEN          | Pam Middleton                  |
| TREASURER           | Larry Archbold                 |
| CLERK               | Rhonda Rowe                    |
| AT LARGE            | Bonnie Sherman                 |
| AT LARGE            | Laura Kay Allen                |
| AT LARGE            | Vicki Harper                   |
| AT LARGE            | Richard Collman                |
| AT LARGE            | Robb Campbell                  |
| INTERIM PRIEST      | The Rev. Peter Stebinger       |
| DEACON              | The Rev. Cassandra Cook-Quarry |
| ECMN DELEGATES      | Elizabeth Campbell             |
|                     | Mark Heiman                    |
| ORGANIST-CHOIR DIR. | Katie Gunn                     |
| SEXTON              | Dave McGuire                   |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL       | Pam Middleton                  |
| YOUTH GROUP         | Pam Middleton                  |
| CONFIRMATION        | Rhonda Rowe                    |
|                     | Bob Rowe                       |
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| CONNECTIONS TEAM    | Pam Middleton                  |
|                     | Mary Jones                     |
|                     | Rhonda Rowe                    |
| HOSPITALITY         | Pam Middleton                  |
| KITCHEN             | Open                           |
| OUTREACH            | Mary Jones                     |
| WEBSITE DESIGN      | Mark Heiman                    |

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| 1  | Acts 9:1-6<br>Revelation 5:11-14<br>John 21:1-19<br>Psalm 30                    |
| 8  | Acts 9:37-43<br>Revelation 7:9-17<br>John 10:22-30<br>Psalm 23                  |
| 15 | Acts 11:1-18<br>Revelation 21:1-6<br>John 13:31-35<br>Psalm 148                 |
| 22 | Acts 16:9-15<br>Revelation 21:10,22-22:5<br>John 14:23-29<br>Psalm 67           |
| 29 | Acts 16:16-34<br>Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21<br>John 17:20-26<br>Psalm 97 |

**May Readings**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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| May | 3  | Read Gleason      |
|     | 6  | Eduardo Jaramillo |
|     | 9  | Molly Gleason     |
|     | 12 | Edith Heiman      |
|     | 14 | Pam Middleton     |
|     | 14 | Joe Peterson      |
|     | 15 | Chester Graham    |
|     | 23 | Sue Redalen       |
|     | 25 | Abe Hansen        |
|     | 29 | Christiana Adams  |

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

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| May | 20 | Rhonda and Bob Rowe |
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