

CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



SUMMERTIME AT ALL SAINTS

Walking into the 5th street entrance, our landscape welcomes you with green beauty and blooms all summer long. But did you know that our Rain Garden plays a significant role in water management and is a pollinator's paradise, in addition to providing beauty?

As part of All Saints' commitment to sustainability and climate justice, we installed the rain garden to handle our water runoff into the stormwater system. Our Prairie Landscape serves the same purpose, as the deep roots of the grasses draw water down into the water table. We also have refrained from using pesticides and weed killers on our grounds in an effort to keep our water toxin free. Of course, we also don't have as much mowing to do! Oh, and did we mention pollinators?!



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Welcome to All Saints

Starting on Sunday, August 14, masks are welcome but not required during the service. Service will continue to be available at 10:30am at allsaintsnorthfield.org

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Staffed by volunteers

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Peter Stebinger

Interim Priest in charge

A number of people from All Saints have asked about my trip to Kenya. It went very well and it's good to be back.

I went to Kenya to spend some time with the founder and staff of the Nambale Magnet School. NMS is a school which was founded in 2004 as a result of a partnership between the Reverend Evelyn Wakhusama, a Kenyan priest who spent 3 years studying at Yale Divinity School, from 1999-2003, Christ Episcopal Church in Bethany Connecticut, where I served as Rector for 29 years, and Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Connecticut. For much more information you can look at the website www.WIKS-USA.net, sponsored by the US non-profit established to provide scholarships for the destitute students who attend NMS.

The school project began in 2004 and admitted its first students in 2009. The purpose of the school is to benefit children whose families have been devastated by poverty, HIV/AIDS and other illnesses. The school is designed using the magnet model, in which fee-paying students go to school with fully supported orphans and other vulnerable children known as OVC's. Because of the circumstances the OVCs come from, they would be boarding during the school terms from age 4. The school itself was pre-K to grade 8, when students would take an exam called the KCPE to be allowed admission to secondary or high school. This was to guarantee nutrition, adequate housing and clothes for the OVCs. The fee-paying students would be day scholars until moving into residential status at grade 6. During the three school breaks, all students would return to their home villages to stay with extended family so as to remain in connection with their home communities.

When the school first started in 2009 there were 30 students spread across three classes, pre-K, kindergarten and grade 1. All were OVCs, except for three staff children. No fee-paying students were present, because none of the parents with the

ability to pay fees were willing to risk an untried model. However, within three years it became apparent that the school was academically one of the strongest in the province of Western Kenya. This caused fee-paying students to attend in large numbers, and the ratio of fee-paying to fully sponsored students is now 2 to 1. Yet by the time the students, who begin at 5 years old for the OVCs, reach 7th grade, you cannot tell which group student belongs to. And in this last year, 2021, the first OVC graduates began attending university.

There is much more information to be found at the website. I thought I would end by briefly describing the circumstances of one of the newly admitted OVCs. We routinely change some of the details to protect the privacy of the children.

Caroline came to NMS at five years old from a child headed family. Her oldest sibling was an 11-year-old brother. She had two other brothers, ages 9 and 8. She was brought to the attention of the NMS social worker by their village government, when the children had been taken to a local children's rescue center. The three older siblings had been taking turns skipping school so that one of them could do casual labor to earn some money for food. Their mother had died a couple of years ago from HIV and their father was addicted to alcohol and selling off the family possessions. When the government intervened, the children had not eaten for two days, the father was selling off the bedding and when the children's grandmother tried to take them in, their father assaulted her. Through the intervention of NMS staff, the three oldest children were placed in residential school settings and Caroline was admitted to NMS. When she came, she was emaciated and had severe ringworm. She also had no shoes.

After less than a year at NMS she is happy, loves the color pink, sings and dances and wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

These children are the poorest of the poor. It is an honor to be part of a small attempt to serve them.

On Sunday, July 10th, Rev. Peter wore this special stole from Colleen Hintz who hopes that the stoles will raise awareness and action around gun violence until our country is no longer ravaged by it.

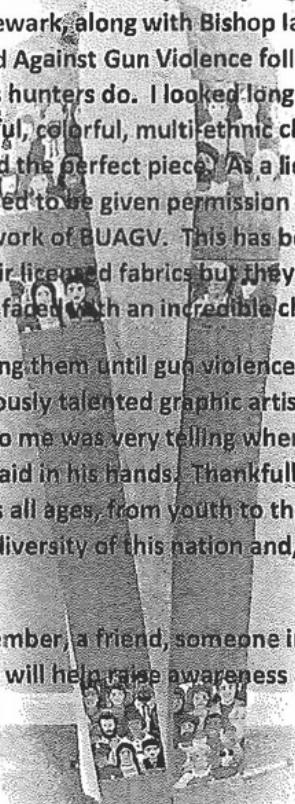
Thank you for purchasing a Gun Violence Awareness Stole. This journey began for me back in June of 2016. My Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, now retired Bishop of Newark, along with Bishop Ian Douglas of Connecticut and Bishop Eugene Sutton of Maryland had convened Bishops United Against Gun Violence following the tragedy in Sandy Hook. They chose to wear orange stoles to say "don't shoot" just as hunters do. I looked long and hard to find the perfect fabric to create such a stole for +Mark. When I found the beautiful, colorful, multi-ethnic children's faces from the book Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See, I knew I had found the perfect piece. As a licensed fabric, I was able to make one as a gift but knew I could not sell them. I have been blessed to be given permission to create first 100, then another 100 and now the final 100 of these stoles to help support the work of BUAGV. This has been an incredible gift as it is the Institute's policy to not allow any items to be sold using their licensed fabrics but they made an exception to support the work of BUAGV. I am eternally grateful! After 300, I was faced with an incredible challenge.

I made a commitment to myself to not stop making them until gun violence ends. Unable to find another fabric, I went to my husband's cousin, Pat Hintz. He is a tremendously talented graphic artist and a man of deep faith. I knew if anyone could do it, he was the one. His initial response to me was very telling when he said, "you know not what you ask". I would learn of the very complex challenge I had laid in his hands. Thankfully, gratefully, he persisted and I am now able to share his wondrous creation. The design includes all ages, from youth to those with grey hair; all ethnicities, a priest, a rabbi and so much more reflecting the beautiful diversity of this nation and, regrettably, those who have been victims of gun violence.

It is my hope you might find yourself, a family member, a friend, someone in your neighborhood that you have seen among the faces within. It is my prayer that these stoles will help raise awareness and action until the day comes when they become a footnote in history. May it be so!

Colleen Hintz Fruit of the Vine

www.fruitofthevine.us



Treasurer's update

Larry Archbold and Pam Middleton

Larry and I are sad to announce that our bookkeeper since 2015, Elizabeth Heigl, will no longer be working with us. She and her husband, Edward, have both recently retired and are moving to Brunswick, Georgia to be near their son, Mike and his family. Elizabeth has two other children living in the south, Anna and Ben, and she is looking forward to be nearer family. She moved to Northfield about 9 years ago when she married Edward, her high school sweetheart after they reconnected.



Elizabeth has been a delight to work with, and we will miss her. Starting this month, we will be working with Tammy Jirak from Goodney and Associates of downtown Northfield. Elizabeth, in her typical generous fashion, has offered to guide us through this transition. Thank you, Elizabeth, and enjoy your retirement!



CLERGY SEARCH TEAM NEWS

Laura Kay Allen

Betsy Brandt

Richard Collman

Joan Ennis

Kate Ford

Carla Hansen

Rhonda Rowe

Bonnie Sherman

Submitted by Laura Kay Allen and Rhonda Rowe

As we write this the search team is gearing up for a meeting on August 1st with Canon Karen Olson. We will be listening and asking specific questions about the interview process of candidates Bishop Loya will be sending to us. This is getting exciting, folks!! We have been at our business of preparing for this time for 6 plus months and we will soon see the fruits of our labor. We anticipate receiving names and information about interested candidates and that the interviewing will begin soon.

We will share information about the interviewing process as it develops.



There are still dates available to provide the flowers at the altar for the remainder of the year. This summer, we have enjoyed flowers and greens from our own gardens on some Sundays! Please reach out to Pam Middleton if you would like to claim a Sunday!





Excerpts from Bishop Loya's July 19 message "We Are"

If you are reading this, you're probably involved with it enough to know that the Episcopal Church is a massively inefficient organization. Our system is complex, our administrative and governance structures often move at a glacial pace, and if you are at all acquainted with how things normally work in the corporate or non-profit world, the way we make decisions, staff, and govern ourselves can seem alternately bewildering and maddening.

As followers of Jesus, our fundamental value is not efficiency, success, or production. Our fundamental value is Spirit-formed community, the whole people of God hearing God's voice and doing God's will together, for the sake of the world's salvation. We have canons, structures, the Book of Common Prayer, and holy tradition, all to remind us that "we are" before "I am." We agree to be part of a family, to give ourselves to a system discerned by the whole body, because it is only together that we are most fully able to know and do God's will. Worshipping traditions and institutions for their own sake is idolatry; disregarding them is the height of hubris.

Anyone who has ever worked closely with me knows that one of my biggest liabilities is my impatience. Jesus and his gospel are urgently needed in the world, and I always want things to move more quickly than they do. Our system, and our values as a church, usually force me to slow down, and it's usually when I slow down that I experience the Spirit's leading most fully and know God's love most powerfully. In these blistering warm days of mid-summer, I hope you can slow down, hear the Spirit calling to you, and delight some in the weird, holy inefficiency of being a critical member of Christ's body, the church.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



As many of you recall, before the pandemic, Faribault based Ruth's House used our lower-level meeting room on Tuesdays as an office space, giving them a presence in Northfield. We are happy to report that they are returning and are very grateful for the use of our space. Sue Stout, the Outreach Coordinator will use the space about once a week as needed. Suzanne Fox who used the office in the past, is now the Executive Director of Ruth's House. As a reminder, Ruth's House is a home which provides transitional shelter and support for women and children in crisis.



All Saints had another successful year with our week of Meals on Wheels Deliveries! Thank you to Marshall Hansen for keeping us organized, and to all of our volunteers, Laura Kay Allen, Dick Brown, Kate, Melody and Kalie Ford and Joe Peterson, Chris Ennis, Vicki Harper and Richard Olson, Fletcher and Eleanor Coolidge, James and Lynne Young, Pam Middleton and Fernan Jaramillo, Mark Krug, Betsy Brandt and Tom Drucker, and Carla and Marshall Hansen!

Our friends at Viking Terrace need our help!

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe
Update on Viking Terrace

For those who have not read this in the news, here is a recap of what has been happening over the past couple of weeks. On Friday, July 22nd, the Minnesota Attorney General's office confirmed that Lakeshore Management is walking back some of its demands of Viking Terrace residents. They have retracted the lease originally sent out and it is void. The management company has also confirmed that the on-site manager, who may have been the source of some of the problems, has been let go.

Mar Valdecantos, a community advocate, said people feel, "Relief, for now. But this doesn't mean that the end goal of the company doesn't remain the same, which is: beautify the place, on the backs of people living there, and then eventually start raising the rent. And we have low-income people, or very low-income people in this community. We have fixed-income people. They cannot afford the rent going super, super high."

Community Action Center, together with Healthy Community Initiative and the Northfield Racial and Ethnic Equity Coalition (NREEC), has created a designated fund for mobile home repairs, rehabilitation costs, and lot rent assistance across Rice County.

Funds are intended to prevent eviction and will be accessed by tenants/participants through CAC as well as the HCI/Growing Up Healthy Mobile Home Rehabilitation Initiative Coordinator.

We hope this designated fund will provide a way for community members to stand in solidarity with our neighbors living in mobile home communities who need our support more than ever.

Donations can be made at: <https://communityactioncenter.org/donate/>

If you prefer to make a check out directly to CAC with a memo line Mobile Home Rehab, and drop it in the offering plate at church, we will make sure it gets delivered to CAC.

Our Local Food Shelf is in NEED!!

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe

As you likely have been hearing on the local news, food shelves are struggling. The community members accessing the food shelf in Northfield is up 40% since January, and the federally subsidized and donated commodity foods that are normally available to food banks are down by 50%. As I volunteer at the food shelf, I am constantly seeing more signs that read "limit 1 per family", meaning a particular item is hard for us to get and we need to ration. This is heartbreaking to see a shopper with a family of 4 or more come in and only be able to get 2 packages of meat, 2 dozen eggs, etc. for the week. Food shelves were originally set up to subsidize grocery needs, however, it has become the only means of food for some.

In July CAC had their mid-year drive, Open Your Heart campaign. While I would have liked for All Saints to participate in the campaign, it just didn't happen because of a communication glitch on CAC's part. The food shelf now has an additional, non-budgeted amount of \$22,000 plus that was raised during the campaign. This is a huge boost to their budget! That doesn't mean our donations collected aren't equally important. The need will be just as great if not greater through the second half of the year. CAC can make our dollars go further, so the plea this month is for monetary donations. Checks can be made out to All Saints with "food shelf" on the memo line. The funds collected will go directly to the Northfield food shelves. Please consider opening your hearts to this most worthy cause. We will be collecting the month of August and I will personally take the check to CAC the first of September. All Saints is known by CAC to be a loyal supporter of the food shelf - let's keep this trend going!!

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: the Caroline Divines (and no, they were not a Motown group!)

The name, Caroline Divines, is applied to a group of English theologians, preachers and poets who lived during the reigns of King Charles I and King Charles II – hence the term Caroline. In their work, they sought to emphasize the Catholic part of the English Reformation tradition in a time when it was not widely embraced.

Their corpus of writing would have a profound influence on a brief but very important period (1833-1841) in English Church history called the Oxford Movement. The Oxford Movement was an important influence first, on the growing Anglo-Catholic movement within Anglicanism and ultimately on liturgy as we know it in the Episcopal Church many other denominations today.

Some important Caroline Divines were: William Laud, George Herbert, Lancelot Andrewes, Thomas Ken, and (take note here, all anglers) Izaac Walton.

Next Month: BCP

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!

News from our All Saints Community

As most of you know, our friends, Lynn Naeckel and David McKee split their time between homes in Northfield and in International Falls. In early July, Lynn had a fall while moving mulch in her yard and hit her head. After careful monitoring by her doctors, it was determined that she should have surgery in Duluth to relieve pressure on her brain. The successful surgery was on Monday, July 18, and she and David returned to International Falls. Lynn is recovering well and hopes to see us in Northfield at some point in the next few months. In the meantime, cards can be sent to Lynn at 112 Hiway Lane, International Falls, MN 56649.

Three of our musically gifted young people play in the Cannon Valley Youth Orchestra. On July 15th they played in a special concert in Central Park. Well done, Kalie Ford, Oliver Heiman, and Melody Ford!



Summertime means Outdoor Worship

Outdoor Worship
August 7 and September 4
Odd Fellows Pavilion
1011 Forest Avenue



SCENES FROM THE SERVICE ON JULY 3



Music by the Pan-handlers
steel drum band

Therapy dogs -
Mags & Molly



Celebrate with Laura Baker Services Association

Everyone is invited to celebrate LBSA's 125th anniversary.

Sunday, August 21 | 11:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.
211 Oak Street | Northfield, Minnesota 55057

ALL are welcome to this free event! Registration requested. RSVP
at lbsa125.eventbrite.com by Wednesday, August 10.

Complimentary grill lunch

Horse and wagon rides

All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs

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
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie Sherman
CANTERBURY	Mark Heiman
CONNECTIONS TEAM	Pam Middleton
	Mary Jones
	Rhonda Rowe
HOSPITALITY	Pam Middleton
KITCHEN	Open
OUTREACH	Mary Jones
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

THE
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CHURCH



7	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40 Psalm 33:12-22
14	Jeremiah 23: 23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56 Psalm 82
21	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17 Psalm 103:1-8
28	Proverbs 25:6-7 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 Luke 14:1,7-14 Psalm 112

August Readings

BIRTHDAYS

August

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| 1 | Tom Drucker |
| 3 | Brad Leonard |
| 3 | Mike Reymann |
| 4 | Lundy Berry-Phillips |
| 11 | Paul Pieper |
| 15 | Dick Brown |
| 17 | Chris Olson |
| 25 | Dan Olson |
| 25 | Jim Gleason |
| 26 | Celia Murphy-Pearson |
| 27 | Robb Campbell |
| 28 | James Young |
| 30 | Bob Rowe |



ANNIVERSARIES

August

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| 19 | Pam Middleton and Fernan Jaramillo |
| 22 | Rebecca and Mark Krug |
| 22 | Val Britton and Greg Gudbjartsson |
| 25 | Stephanie and Gregory Ennis |