

CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- We remember departed loved ones who have been a part of or connected to the All Saints Community.
- We collect UTO envelopes and Blue Boxes at our UTO Ingathering, as we have been making contributions during October in an expression of our gratitude for the blessings in our lives.
- We kick off our Pledge Drive, as we prayerfully consider our gifts of treasure, time and talent to All Saints.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- We celebrate and pray for the children of All Saints and across the world. They are in our prayers throughout the year, but on this special day, we focus on their needs and gifts. Our children and youth will participate in all aspects of the service.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- We celebrate The Rev. Peter Stebinger's final Sunday with us as our Interim Priest in Charge, and thank him for his ministry with us during our transition.
- We offer our gifts with our Pledge Ingathering, pledging our gifts with gratitude for the blessings of this church and our community.

ADVENT I, NOVEMBER 27

- We welcome The Rev. Cody Maynus, our new Priest in Charge as we begin a new church year and new beginnings.

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Welcome to All Saints

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

Dear new-found friends at All Saints,

This will be my last column as your interim priest in charge. I have to say I have come to love the All Saints community, to have immense respect and honor for the good work which Gayle Marsh did in her time here, and for the excellent ongoing work this community continues to do.

Internally, watching you transition from a very restricted, very COVID sensitive time, to a looser way of being together this fall, has been a real Joy. The return of coffee hour, the returning of the choir, the concerts which have been offered, the MNIPL community training, and the reopening of the office, are all signs of a healthy re-engagement with a fuller life. This began, perhaps, with the great party for Gayle Marsh which we had in June, but it continues each and every week.

All Saints' significant commitment to outreach continues to inspire me. For a small community which can at most send one to four people to any need, All Saints reaches out on a regular basis in a consistent and clear way to many of the needs in Northfield, the region, and our world. The food bank, environmental stewardship from the Green Team, anti-gun violence support, working with the people affected at Viking Terrace, the coat drive and feeding ministry of San Jose Obero, the support of Episcopal Relief and Development and the UTO, are all examples of how a small community can do amazing things.

And last but not least, the incredible work of the Priest Search Committee. This group worked hard and well and quickly. And selected an outstanding person, in the Reverend Cody Maynus as our new priest-in-charge. All in less time than I have ever seen while missing none of the important steps. Well done!

This has been one of the most joyful and satisfying interims I have ever done. All Saints has incredible potential for the future. I believe this Parish serves our Lord and our Lord's creation and all the people of God's world very, very well. You will continue to be in my prayers, and I look forward to seeing you out and about after my time here has ended.

Yours in Christ,
Peter



A Gift of Grace

A treasure has been left by one of our prairie rocks at the lower Washington Street entrance! Thank you to whomever left this brick (and the 2 zebras!) to remind us of God's gift of grace!



From your wardens, Mark Heiman and Pam Middleton



Transitions! This past year from November, 2021 until this November, 2022 has been one of transition, a year of goodbyes and hellos, even as we remained steadfast in our worship, fellowship and outreach together. One year ago, in November 2021, we announced the retirement of the Rev. Gayle Marsh. Much has happened during these past 12 months, including interviewing the Rev. Peter Stebinger in December, 2021 for our Interim Priest in Charge position and asking him to serve with us, celebrating a final service and mini-celebration of Rev. Gayle on January 30, 2022, establishing a Clergy Search Team who worked through the next 8 months to discern our next Priest in Charge, holding a celebration of gratitude for Rev. Gayle's ministry of 16 years with All Saints and best wishes for her retirement in June, interviewing candidates in August, and calling The Rev. Cody Maynus to be our next Priest in Charge. During these 12 months, we have continued to grapple with Covid considerations as we proceeded with the transition process. We are grateful for your prayers, patience and support during this time; All Saints is indeed a loving community!

On November 20, Rev. Peter will celebrate his final Sunday with us as Priest in Charge; we are so grateful for his ministry with us. Serving as an interim priest is not easy, and yet Peter seemed to carry it off with ease and made everything easy for us! We enjoyed his preaching and his celebration of the Eucharist throughout the past 10 months, as well as his company outside of worship. Peter not only provided wisdom, counsel, good humor and guidance with vestry, but he also did so with our outreach and green teams. We will miss him! Please join us for a Festive Coffee Hour on his final Sunday as we say goodbye and thank you to Rev. Peter!

On November 27, Rev. Cody Maynus will begin his ministry with us as our Priest in Charge. We will begin the new church year on this Advent I with this new relationship. We are excited to begin this journey with Father Cody, as we continue to grow in faith, to build our community, and to venture out into the wider community as disciples of Jesus.

November

- 5 **Outdoor Workday**
- 6 **All Saints Sunday**
- UTO Ingathering, Pledge Drive Kick-off**
- 9 **Outreach meeting**
- 11 **Veteran's Day; Campus Ministry Chocolatefest, 6pm**
- 13 **Children's Sabbath**
- Vestry meeting**
- 20 **Christ the King Sunday**
- Rev. Peter Stebinger's final Sunday as Interim Priest-in-Charge**
- Pledge Ingathering**
- 24 **Thanksgiving**
- 27 **Advent I**
- Rev. Cody Maynus' first Sunday as Priest-in-Charge**

Convention 2022

Submitted by Pam Middleton



The 165th ECMN Convention was held on October 28th and 29th in Rochester; Rev. Peter, Deacon Cassandra, Mark and I were present and enjoyed the meeting. This was the first in-person convention since Bishop Loya has been in Minnesota, and he gave an inspiring, uplifting, positive address on Friday morning. We encourage you all to view his address here:

Please find the Bishop's Address in whatever form suits your needs below:

- [Bishop's Address video, with captions](https://vimeo.com/765242140) (<https://vimeo.com/765242140>).
- In writing, in English (<https://episcopalmn.org/sites/default/files/resource/Bishop%27s%20Address%202022%20English.pdf>).
- In writing, en Español (<https://episcopalmn.org/sites/default/files/resource/Bishop%27s%20Address%202022%20Espan%CC%83ol.pdf>).

It's That Time Again!



Daylight Savings Time
ends on
All Saints Sunday,
November 6th

Chocolatefest!

Chocolatefest is back! All Saints Campus Ministry team will be hosting Chocolatefest for students on Friday, November 11 @ 6pm at the church. We are hoping some of you would be willing to bake a chocolate treat and drop it off at the church Thursday or Friday. Please contact Mark or Betsy for more information.

THANKSGIVING

While All Saints will not be holding a Thanksgiving service this year, there are several opportunities to worship on this holiday. Northfield typically holds an ecumenical service, of which All Saints has been a part in the past, on Thanksgiving Eve. As of this writing, details are not available; please watch for an announcement later in November. Also, the National Cathedral in Washington, DC is offering a service.

From the National Cathedral website:
Thursday, November 24, 2022 | 10:00am

"Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us."

Join us on Thanksgiving Day amidst the beauty of God's abundance as it fills the Cathedral nave. We gather to give thanks through word and song for the blessings of our lives. Please note that this service is not a Eucharist.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The UTO ingathering is on All Saints Sunday, November 6!
Please bring your blue boxes and/or envelopes to the 10:30 service! 100% of all funds given to UTO are granted the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church. To learn more visit:
www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

**! OPERATION JOY !**

Operation Joy has served families in the Northfield community since the 1970s. Each year, nearly 400 families participate in the program, and donations from community members are shared with upwards of 1000 children.

The goal is to provide each child with:

- a Target gift card, which allows families to choose that just-right gift for their child
- a new book donated generously by Content Bookstore and their customers
- a pair of pajamas and a family quilt, both lovingly sewn by local volunteers
- Operation Joy is Wednesday, December 7 this year.
- Donations are appreciated by Friday, November 18.



If you want to make a cash/check donation, you can put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church (PO Box 663) by November 18. Checks can be made out to All Saints with Operation Joy on the memo line and cash may be placed in an envelope marked Operation Joy. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Coffee Hour!

The All Saints Coffee Hour following the church service on Sundays has always been a popular time for conversation and fellowship- the coffee and goodies are just icing on the cake! We are looking for some more volunteers to host coffee hour. The food can be quite simple- as easy as store bought cookies or, as many churches enjoy, doughnuts! It is true that some of our All Saints hosts enjoy setting out a delicious array of food and decorating the table, but that does not mean that is the only way to host coffee hour- we leave that up to you! Please speak with Pam if you are willing to give it a try!





GREEN TEAM UPDATES



All Saints hosted a workshop on "Speaking your Values" presented by Buff Grace and Joshua Lewis of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL) on Thursday, September 29. The workshop is designed to equip audience members interested in learning "how to speak your values" to influence others in making our world more just and resilient. Six of us from the All Saints community were joined by thirteen people from the Northfield/Faribault communities to learn about reaching out to policy makers to make our voices heard.



Of course, compostable coffee cups were used!
Thank you to Peter Stebinger for supplying them!



Saving Energy and Reducing our Carbon Footprint

Submitted by Pam Middleton

In other news, the Green Team also made recommendations to the vestry on making small adjustments to our thermostat settings; the vestry accepted the recommendations and voted to move forward. In addition to cost savings on energy, these measures will contribute to less energy use, having an impact on carbon emissions, and thus, climate change. These involved changing the settings by 2 degrees higher in the summer and 1 degree lower in the winter; the settings are adjusted for times when the building is likely to be occupied (9:00 am to 8:00pm) versus unoccupied (8:00pm to 9:00am). An exception is made for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, where the temperature is set for 68 degrees in both the summer and winter seasons. This temperature has been determined to be a comfortable setting for the congregation, the clergy and the choir through the past several years, as well as to be beneficial to the organ. However, the number of hours that the church is kept at this temperature on Sunday has been reduced, creating further savings. Finally, it is possible to override the settings temporarily if you are using a room that feels uncomfortably cool or warm. Instructions are being placed by each thermostat. Thank you to Mark Heiman who has produced a chart to keep a record of the settings, and who helped me to make sure that all of the settings are accurate.

VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day is November 11 and we want to recognize and thank our veterans. Let us remember those known to us, those unknown and those whose service is invisible; may we remain steadfast in gratitude and prayer. We salute our All Saints active, reserves and veteran service members. Please contact Laura Kay Allen with any corrections, additions and details (laurakaya@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Active Service and Reserve Status

Robert J. Allen, United States Navy
 Frank Berry, IV, United States Navy
 Abraham Hansen, United States Army

Military Veterans

Bob Aby, United States Navy
 Michael Allen, United States Navy Reserves, Ret.
 Frank Berry, III, United States Army, Ret.
 Carla Hansen, United States Navy
 Joseph Hopwood, United States Army National Guard
 Marshall Hansen, United States Navy, Ret.
 John Lindley, United States Navy Reserves
 David McKee, United States Navy
 Charles Perkins, United States Army Reserves
 Robert Rowe, United States Marine Corp /MN Army National Guard, Ret.
 John Thomas, United States Army
 Robert Will, United States Navy

Sunday School!

This fall, we have enjoyed focusing on God's Creation! Thank you to Bonnie Sherman, Mark Krug and Pam Middleton for volunteering to serve as Sunday School leaders!



On Sunday, November 13, we will celebrate Children's Sabbath Sunday, when we pray for our children at All Saints and throughout the world. The children will participate in all aspects of the service!



Did you know?? Special updates from members of the All Saints community!



Piano Recital November 13

Richard F. Collman and David K. Miller will perform music for Two Pianos at 50 North (Senior Center) on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 2:00 P. M. The program will include music of Grainger, Bach, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff, and others.

In a tribute to Veterans, it will end with a two piano arrangement of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." All are invited.



Running the Good Race!



Celia Murphy-Pearson was joined by her mother, Lori and her cousin in running a relay-marathon in honor of her father, Brian Murphy and her aunt, Suze Foster, both of whom died this past January. They ran in the Mount Desert Island Marathon on the weekend of October 15 to raise funds for the community that both Brian and Suze loved; the funds will support the Bar Harbor Food Pantry. Soren Murphy-Pearson was unable to attend because he was running his own race on the Northfield High School's Cross-country team that weekend. Soren has been a rising star on the team his fall and has been featured in the Northfield News many times- congratulations Soren! You can learn more about the marathon and the family's involvement at their GoFund.me site:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/run-in-honor-of-suze-bri-for-the-bh-food-pantry?qid=84d6b5de094577efdb77d8896fef4c33>

While Lori and Celia were running the marathon, I was walking (that's right, walking, not running!) my first 10K in Charleston, SC. My sister, Beth, and I walked the race, while the younger generation, including my children, Sara and Eduardo, ran the race! The race took us over the Ashley River as it flows into Charleston Harbor on the James Island Connector, so called because it connects James Island to the City of Charleston. This bridge holds many memories from visits with my father Gus Middleton, as we traversed it many times over the 8 years that he lived at the Episcopal Retirement Community, Bishop Gadsden.



WINTER IS COMING!

Top 8 Reasons to help shovel snow at church this winter:

8. Many hands make light work.



7. If you live within walking distance, church can be your fitness center.

6. Fresh air and exercise are good for all of us. They lower blood sugar and blood pressure, relieve stress, and improve mood, immunity, cognition, and life expectancy.



Amen.

5. When school is cancelled, you are free to join the shoveling fun (and you are a lot younger than us usual snow team members!).

4. Shovels help you get a grip on life.



Groovy!

3. Snow--you can really dig it!



2. With more volunteers, we won't need to use gasoline or electricity to run the snowblower. Instead, our bodies run on bean soup, chicken salad, cookies, and milk!

And...the TOP REASON to help shovel at church this winter?

1. Shoveling snow is truly uplifting!



Saint Fiacre, patron saint of (snow) shovelers, c. 650 AD (actually, patron saint of gardeners!)



Are you pumped up now? Speak to Marshall Hansen or Pam Middleton if you are ready to join the all-volunteer All Saints snow shoveling team (AVASSST) for the coming season!

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: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

All Saints Day (Nov. 1) is a very ancient and venerable feast day in the Christian calendar that dates back to the early church – possibly the 3rd or 4th century. It is the day that acknowledges the importance of the lives of the great saints of the church many of whom died for their faith.

However from the earliest days of the church, all believers were commonly known as saints. It is likely that as the prominence of All Saints day grew in popularity, that there also came a desire to also remember the vast majority of believers - all those unknown and unsung "saints" who had gone to their heavenly rest. The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed became a common observance in the tenth century. Celebrated on the 2nd of November it became an extension of the Feast of All Saints. It came to be the time for people to remember and pray for family and friends who had died.

The feast of All Faithful Departed was suppressed during the Reformation because of the abusive practice of indulgences associated with it. The renewal of interest in this lesser known feast day came as a result of the whole liturgical renewal movement that began about 70 years ago. Fortunately, it is gaining in interest and popularity once again.

As we recall those of our friends and loved ones who have gone before us let us remember their lives with gratitude and pray:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant _____. Acknowledge, we, humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive (him/her) into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen

Next Month: thurible/thurifer
Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!

Pledge Drive!

Stewardship letters and pledge forms will be available on
Sunday, November 6! Ingathering is on Christ the King
Sunday, November 20.

We are blessed!

*Giving out of
gratitude!*



ACOLYTES



All Saints welcomes our newest acolyte, Paul Pieper. Paul is an experienced acolyte, as he has served at other churches, including the Cathedral of St. Mark's in Minneapolis. Thank you, Paul, for your ministry.



Welcome New All Saints Members!

Submitted by Joan Ennis

If you have been a member of All Saints since before the pandemic, you probably have noticed some new members, and you might be wondering who they are! Our newest members have not had the opportunity to meet our community through usual church social activities, such as coffee hour, dinners, and other events. We will be introducing some of our newest members in the next few newsletters. When you see them at church, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself! Welcome New All Saints Members!

Introducing Terry and Marie Schlink

Terry and Marie Schlink joined All Saints during the pandemic, but they are returning after almost thirty years. They moved to Northfield in 1963, and after 26 years at Bethel Lutheran church, they joined All Saints in 1990. They left All Saints in 1994 when they moved to Minneapolis, and Terry joined a different architecture firm.

Terry was born in Minnesota and grew up in our state. Marie was born in North Dakota, moved to Wisconsin when she was 9, and then moved to Minnesota when she was in 8th grade. Marie and Terry met on a blind date while teenagers. Terry graduated from the U of M with a degree in architecture, and Marie graduated from Augsburg College, with a degree in Home Economics, with an art emphasis. They married while still in college, and went on to have three children, while Terry worked as an architect and Marie worked as an interior designer.

The Schlinks have traveled throughout the U.S., as well as in Europe and Canada. Marie enjoys hobbies, including family tree research, botanical art, reading, music and cooking. Church has always been a central part of their life. They were very involved parishioners when they attended All Saints in the 1990's. They moved back to Northfield, in 2020, and enjoy living in Kildahl Park Pointe. Welcome back, Terry and Marie!

Coming next month: What is the name of that child? Who are the parents? Is that tall teenager the kid I used to see in the pew? We will be introducing our youth, who have grown and are busy with school and activities.

If you are a new member of the church and would like to be introduced in the newsletter, please contact Pam Middleton or Joan Ennis.

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KITCHEN	Open
OUTREACH	Mary Jones
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

6	Job 19:23-27a Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31 Psalm 17:1-9	November Readings
13	Malachi 4:1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19 Psalm 98	
20	Judges 4:1-7 I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30 Psalm 123	
27	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46 Psalm 100	

BIRTHDAYS

November

2	Lori Pearson
3	Theo Ennis
6	Alex Reymann
7	Laura Kay Allen
7	Gretchen Hardgrove
11	Leo Aeikens
13	Susan Dunhaupt
13	Zibby Allen
15	Terry Schlink
16	Mark Krug
26	Dina Fesler
29	Sara Aeikens
29	Daniel Bliss



November

6	Laura and Mark Heiman
26	Laura Kay and Mike Allen

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