

CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



September is always a busy month and it is so again this year! Read details about the events listed here throughout the newsletter.

- Sunday, 4th Outdoor service at Odd Fellows Park
- Saturday, 10th DJJD open House
- Sunday, 11th Presentation by Coco & Daisy Leonard 9:30
Vestry 12noon
- Wednesday, 14th Outreach 9:30am
- Sunday, 18th Rally Sunday- Sunday School, Confirmation,
Potluck
- Saturday, 24th Southeast Mission Area Meeting- online
- Sunday, 25th San Jose Obrero outreach- afternoon
- Thursday, 29th MN -Interfaith Power & Light workshop

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Welcome to All Saints

Masks are welcome but not required during the service. The service will continue to be available at 10:30am at allsaintsnorthfield.org

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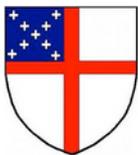
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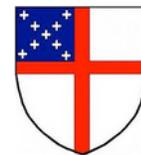
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Peter Stebinger, Mark Heiman, Pam Middleton, Laura Kay Allen, Rhonda Rowe



In addition to the ongoing business and worship at All Saints, August was a month FULL of A LOT of meetings for church leadership, as well as a vacation (Pam) and a conference (Peter). Important information that is often delivered in their newsletter articles will be delivered in the Weekly News email and announcements during the service. The October Connections Newsletter will again feature articles from your church leadership.



FALL SOUTHEAST MISSION AREA GATHERING SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 10am TO NOON ONLINE

Join your fellow Episcopalians from your mission area for a time of prayer and fellowship. Canon Kelsey Schuster and representatives from ECMN Council will preview the budget that will be considered at the 2022 Convention and review other items coming before convention this year. This will be your opportunity to ask questions, consider the ways that the budget reflects our shared values as a diocese and as a mission area, and offer feedback. This gathering will be particularly useful for lay and clergy delegates to convention.

Register here:

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GREEN TEAM UPDATES

Thursday, September 29, 6:30pm Workshop with MN Interfaith Power and Light



Want to sharpen your skills for effective citizen advocacy through letter writing to the media and public officials? Then get out your Montblanc Meisterstuck fountain pen, (or alternately, your laptop) and join us on September 29th at 6:30 PM when All Saints will host local college students, members of other congregations and anyone else interested, for, Advocacy 101, a workshop presented by Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, (sponsors of our Climate Justice Certification). Besides addressing general techniques that can be applied to any issues, specific examples of climate justice related issues, such as the proposed Xcel Energy rate hike of 21% (!) will be used as specific examples. Admission is free, but it would be helpful to know how many in your party are planning to attend. Contact Chris Ennis or Pam Middleton.

Electric Lawn Mower in the works!



Joe Peterson, who regularly devotes his time to mow our church lawn, informs us that our aging gas powered lawn mower is on its last leg. The Green Team has recommended that we take this opportunity to purchase a cordless electric lawn mower. Various studies have shown that mowing a typical size lawn with a gasoline model emits a quantity of pollutants equivalent to driving your car 100 miles! Generous donations have already been made to cover the cost of this purchase! Once again, All Saints parishioners have stepped up to meet an unexpected need!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



ALL SAINTS REACHES OUT

Outreach efforts at All Saints did not slow down during the past 2 ½ years of pandemic restrictions; in fact, outreach has been strong! In September, along with our continuing support of the CAC Food Shelf, there are 2 great opportunities to serve those in need!



SEPTEMBER 11

9:30- 10:15

Flipping the Script

Daisy and Coco Leonard



Please join us for a presentation by Daisy and Coco, two of our Youth Group members, as they share about a 4-week emotional wellness workbook they have created called Flipping The Script. The workbook is to help youth worldwide reclaim their narrative and become the hero of their own story. They will be taking this workbook abroad to both India and China for a duration of ten months.



SEPTEMBER 25

San Jose Obrero Mission

Meal and Fellowship

2:30- 7:30 (2 shifts)

What IS San Jose Obrero, we have been asked? Good question!

Submitted by Pam Middleton

The San Jose Obrero Mission is the ECMN's mission church for seasonal workers in Montgomery during August and September. The name is from the patron saint of workers (Saint Joseph the Worker). Beginning in 1990, the churches of the SouthEast Mission Are (SEMA) have provided support for two services, as well as provided a meal for anywhere between 30 and 75 workers and their families. The seasonal workers work long shifts at the Seneca Packaging Plant in Montgomery (about 25 miles west of Northfield), and have always been grateful for the hospitality.

This year, All Saints has volunteered to provide the meal on Sunday, September 25th. We typically serve a hot meal, with much of the preparation on Saturday. The cost is kept low due to donations of food items or funds to purchase the food. The first service is at 3:30 and so the first meal is served at about 4:30. The plant shift that finishes at 6:00 is then served a meal at about 6:15 before the second service at 7:00.

Please continue reading on the next page for more details!

San Jose Obrero continued:

Many All Saints parishioners have volunteered through the years, and have gotten a lot of satisfaction from being a part of this mission. This is a great outreach event for families! Please consider joining us this year! Speak with Pam Middleton, if interested.

Ways to volunteer!

- Help prepare the meal on Saturday
- Sunday- Volunteer Shift 1, 2:30-5:00: Travel to Montgomery at about 2:30 on Sunday with the food and supplies and serve the first meal
- Sunday- Volunteer Shift 2, 5:30-7:30: Serve the second meal, pack up and return supplies to All Saints kitchen
- Donate food items (list will be provided close to the date)
- Donate funds to purchase food items not donated.

Concerning the Ministry at San Jose Obrero

The Mission of San Jose Obrero (Saint Joseph the Worker) is an Episcopal Mission made up of migrant workers who come each year to Montgomery Minnesota to work at the Seneca canning plant. These people, from Southern Texas and Mexico, travel from one job to the next. They are a long way away from home.

The lifestyle of a migrant laborer is not easy. The shifts are long, the pay is not great, and room and board is not cheap. These workers are in Montgomery for approximately 10 weeks. Most find rooms to rent in trailers on the plant site or in town. Many share rooms and beds with friends or family members who work on opposite shifts. The plant has a cafeteria but buying prepared meals every day takes a large percentage of their paycheck. Many buy meager supplies from the local grocery store.

**“A scribe then approached and said, ‘Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.’
And Jesus said to him, ‘Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son
of Man has nowhere to lay his head.’”**

This passage from Matthew captures what must be the feeling of the migrant laborer. They come each year to live and work among us. They travel in whatever vehicle works, they have no real comfort; no home, no kitchen, and no luxuries. When they finish their shift many have just a roof over their heads and a bed to share. They understand this passage better than most of us.

A free meal and a church service once a week is a blessing to those who come. A home cooked meal is a real gift. But your part in this ministry is not merely a chance to give food to some seasonal migrant workers. This is an opportunity to sit with them and share stories. Many of these people have been coming to Minnesota for decades; some since they were quite young. Some have come to Minnesota for the first time and this is their first introduction to the Episcopal Church.

A suggestion for preparing a meal is to think about preparing culturally relevant food for our friends at San Jose Obrero. A simple menu might be: beans, rice, seasoned meat, hot sauce, and tortillas. A simple meal like this is what they miss. This is home cooking! Speaking Spanish is not a requirement for ministry at San Jose Obrero; however most of those who attend services and meals are Spanish speakers. Whether you are a Spanish speaker, a novice, or understand no Spanish whatsoever, you are in for a real treat!



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

Submitted by Gary Gleason with help from his 4 siblings; Gail Halverson, Jim Gleason, Laura Kay Allen, and Henry Lansing Gleason

One of the pioneers of All Saints Episcopal Church was Laura Belle Baker. Born in Iowa in 1859, one year after All Saints was founded, she moved to Northfield in 1898 to continue her “experiment in education” begun a year earlier in Minneapolis. She believed that even those with limited intellectual ability had the potential to grow socially, educationally, physically, and spiritually.

Miss Baker had begun a career at the Glenwood State Hospital in Iowa, answering a call from her uncle to take a teaching position there, working with handicapped children, then known as “feeble-minded.” Her career advanced when she was called to be principal of the education department at the Faribault State School in Minnesota. With much encouragement from parents and family of those students, she ventured out to begin a private school and residential program for children and adults who needed services not available at state institutions, in public schools, or in the community. 2022 marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of Laura Baker School.

From the beginning, Miss Baker was committed to creating a homelike environment where individuals grew not just in academics, but in a full scope of life. Socialization and ability to function well in society were at the core of her residential program. Beyond that, individuals had time outside daily, in solitude as well as in organized activities. She created an outdoor environment with equipment and walking paths for all ages.

Over time, Miss Baker realized a spiritual component was needed to complete a program of development for the individuals entrusted to her care. She had become a confirmed member of the Cathedral of our Merciful Saviour, a vibrant Episcopal congregation in Faribault, and continued her membership at All Saints in Northfield. As a friend of Minnesota’s first Episcopal Bishop, Henry Benjamin Whipple, she was drawn to the Episcopal Church’s expansive teachings that included a blend of Scripture, tradition, and reason. She looked to its Book of Common Prayer for a model of worship and developed a morning chapel service as part of the daily routine. While grounded in Christianity, it was inclusive of all faiths.

“We become what we pray” was a strong conviction held by Miss Baker, a belief she had learned from Bishop Whipple. The evidence was that participating in a daily practice of singing, hearing scripture, reciting psalms, and listening to other readings helped form her students into wholesome individuals. She knew that things heard in community would become ingrained in the listener, forming a strong basis for happiness and human flourishing, perhaps among the staff as much as the students.

Several of her employees attended All Saints Church, likely believing that a denomination that promoted seeking and serving the good in all others provided a spiritual foundation they relished, as did respecting the dignity of every human being.

Laura Baker Services Association continued:

As she neared her 80th year, Miss Baker knew she needed to provide for succession in the operation of the School. She called upon her niece and namesake Laura May Baker Millis and her husband, Henry Lansing Millis, to make a permanent move to Northfield to begin assisting in the daily operations. Miss Baker remained engaged and involved until her death in 1960 at the age of 101.

Her funeral service was held in June of that year at All Saints Church with the Rev. Victor Pinkham officiating. The church was overflowing with many individuals from the School as well as from the community of Northfield which had also grown to love and admire her.

Miss Baker's grandniece, Laura Virginia Millis Gleason, and Mrs. Gleason's son Gary knew the importance of acquiring nonprofit status for the School. Under their leadership, the School received 501(c)3 status. This new Association raised several million dollars to build modern facilities and develop associated programs throughout the community. The Association was then taken over by a nonprofit board which has continued the operation.

Five generations of Miss Baker's family have called All Saints their spiritual home. The Baker, Millis, Gleason, Allen, and Halverson families continue to attend and support the ministry of All Saints 125 years later. Gary Gleason, the main author of this article, is proud to be part of the third generation descendant from Laura Baker. A retired lay church professional, he now lives in Palm Springs, California, where he continues to be active in the Episcopal Church.



Memorial Stained Glass Window at All Saints



CLERGY SEARCH TEAM NEWS

Laura Kay Allen

Betsy Brandt

Richard Collman

Joan Ennis

Kate Ford

Carla Hansen

Rhonda Rowe

Bonnie Sherman

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe and Laura Kay Allen

How do you say thank you to a Clergy Search Team who has been faithfully with us every step of the way? On behalf of Laura Kay and myself we would like to recognize each team member: Bonnie Sherman, Betsy Brandt, Kate Ford, Joan Ennis, Richard Collman, and Carla Hansen. We have asked a lot of these fine people over the past 7 months, especially the past 4 weeks, and we aren't quite finished. When we had 8 meetings in 2 weeks, they were there. I would like to thank you, the parishioners of All Saints, for your patience. We ask for your prayers as we move into the final discernment phase.

A MONTH FILLED WITH SPECIAL MUSIC!



**The Kentucky Baroque Trumpets
from the
Vintage Band Festival**



**Northfield Noon Organ Recital
featuring our own
Larry Archbold
The church was full with over 90
people in attendance!**



**The August Outdoor Service
featuring
Kalie and Melody on violin, bass and flute
and
Peter and Mark on guitar**



**The Northfield Early Music Ensemble
featuring
our own Fletcher Coolidge
along with
Judy Mason and Moira Hill**



**We also enjoyed the
organ music of
Eleanor Coolidge
(no picture available)**

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!

Introducing Paul Pieper

Paul has been a lifelong Episcopalian, and joined All Saints about one year, ago, during the pandemic. He lives south of Morristown. Paul works as the Hazardous Waste Coordinator at the Rice Country Recycling Center in Faribault.



Paul was born in St. Louis Park, and grew up in Maple Grove. He moved to Rice County in 2001. He has two brothers, and his parents live in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Paul enjoys backpacking, camping, canoeing and gardening and enjoys the company of his mixed breed dog.

Welcome Paul! We are looking forward to getting to know you better and spending more time with you at All Saints activities.

Introducing Fletcher and Eleanor Coolidge

Fletcher and Eleanor moved to Northfield in 2017, from Delavan, Wisconsin. They have a son, Austin, who lives in Northfield with his family. Austin is the Associate Registrar for Technology Operations at Carleton College. Before moving to Northfield, Eleanor had major back surgery, and their adult children insisted they move to Northfield and be closer to family!

Fletcher and Eleanor met in college, as music majors. Eleanor was originally a nursing student, but changed her major to music when she was told that she would not have time for piano lessons with her nursing class schedule.

Fletcher directed church choirs for many years. He also worked as a technical writer and illustrator. Eleanor taught music in schools for many years. She loves to accompany other musicians as a pianist or organist. Both Fletcher and Eleanor have many interests. As we heard at the August 21 service, Fletcher is a talented musician and vocalist. Eleanor plays the organ beautifully.

Fletcher describes himself as a “steam locomotive nut.” He also enjoys working with wood, and has built a spinning wheel, and repairs spinning wheels. He also writes poetry.

Eleanor loves to work with fibers. She knits, weaves, spins yarn and dyes yarn. She can often be found at the Hot Spot on Sunday afternoons, weaving with the fiber group.

Welcome Fletcher and Eleanor! We are looking forward to getting to know you better and spending more time with you at All Saints activities.

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: BCP

An old joke about the Episcopalian who marveled that there are so many quotes from the Book of Common Prayer in the Bible says much about the importance of the BCP in our faith tradition. The BCP, in Episco-Speak, is a document that has been beloved as well as argued over. What's more, it is one for which people have literally given their lives. It is all the more remarkable because since the very first BCP published in 1549, it has been intended to be a resource of prayer and study to be used by ALL. Hence the key word in the title – common. We don't necessarily get the common part because much of worship at All Saints happens with the bulletin in our hands and not the actual physical prayer book from which it comes each Sunday. It is a dilemma because the book can be confusing for people new to the Episcopal Church and the bulletin format is a far more user-friendly approach. I worry that the sense of prayer book as a marvelous resource for us both individually and as a community is being lost. Disclaimer here - this is my opinion and not necessarily that of the clergy or lay leadership.

The first BCP in 1549 came into being roughly two years after the death of King Henry VIII – who I must point out here did NOT found the Protestant Church of England! Despite Henry's long-standing disputes with Rome, he remained a thoroughly Catholic monarch all his life. But the growing forms of Protestantism were reaching into England, and after Henry's death in 1547, Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury moved to enact a number of ecclesial and liturgical reforms. Perhaps the most significant and controversial was to have the entirety of the various liturgical books compiled into one volume and in the vernacular – that is, in English. The books now found in one volume were, for example, the Daily Office, the Mass or Eucharist, Baptism, Marriage, the Burial Rite, and the pontifical rites, i.e. those done by a bishop – Confirmation and Ordination. It was an astounding act made remarkable by the compilation and translation of all these books from Latin. There had been a few limited attempts at the use of English in liturgy during Henry's reign, but nothing as extensive as this.

Other revisions, as well as setbacks, occurred during Mary's violent counter-reformation. A period of stability for both the nation and the Church of England happened under Elizabeth I's lengthy and thoroughly Protestant rule. Curiously, the current authorized prayer book in England was compiled in 1662. There are many trial liturgies in use in England, but the only authorized edition remains the BCP 1662.

In the Episcopal Church in the United States we have had prayer books authorized by General Convention in 1789, 1892, 1928 and 1976. I vividly recall the controversies, handwringing, and threats to leave the church over the trial liturgies that came and went from the late 1960's until the adoption of the BCP 1976. Even after its adoption, the book remained a source of contention for many who were devoted to the 1928 book and its decidedly Elizabethan English. Here I offer you a challenge. For example, in the marriage rite in the 1928 book there is a line, "...I plight thee my troth." See if you can figure out what that means! Sadly, there will be no prizes for the right answer, only the satisfaction of learning.

Episco-Speak Continued:

I was raised on the 1928 book and marvel at how far we have come. I give you a few examples. The 1928 book was the first one that did not have a separate rite for the burial of children because of the advances in medicine and a greatly reduced rate of infant mortality. The burial rite in the 1928 book never provides an opportunity to say the name of the deceased! In the prayers of the people, the standard petition was for those who travel and land and sea, and in the air which was still a novelty in the 1928. In the 1976 book we now pray for those who travel on land, on the sea, in the air and (gasp!) though outer space. And, most glaringly obvious, was the presumption of the time in which the clergy were all male.

One other curiosity is the form of the Eucharist as we know it. The American books have all followed not the English form but that of the Scottish Episcopal Prayer Book because of the most pivotal role that the Scottish Church had in the founding of the Episcopal Church in the United States in 1789. But that is another story to be told at another time!

Our current 1976 book contains many other resources for all Episcopalians like expanded forms of the Daily Office, the Catechism, the various liturgies for Holy Week, a rite for the sacrament of reconciliation (i.e. confession) and numerous historical documents. I highly recommend owning a book. It is one of the treasures of our faith tradition.

In our most recent General Convention held this summer one of the most interesting resolutions was to very broadly define what the Book of Common Prayer is, which would now include many of the various authorized liturgies in common use. Prior to this resolution, the authorized liturgies were not technically speaking a part of the BCP 1976. No one knows yet what the implications of this may ultimately be, but one could conclude that, for example, there may well not be another authorized version beyond 1976 if we can now consider many of current other authorized supplemental liturgies to be a part of the current BCP.

My goodness, I have rambled quite enough for now, save for one parting thought. You may recall that our prayer book as we know it is one for which some not only argued over, but also one for which some gave their lives. Next month, on the 16th of October we commemorate three bishops, Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley and Thomas Cranmer who were burned at the stake by Queen Mary in 1555 in Oxford for a variety of Protestant heresies among them their part in the development of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer and other doctrinal heresies. I hope that you will give some thought come October on what a remarkable resource of Book of Common Prayer truly is how it has come to us and how it may faithfully carry us into the future of the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation Class!

Submitted by Rhonda Rowe

It has been a long year without a confirmation class! We just couldn't find the right time to start up again. We have 2 great youth who are ready to start meeting on the 18th of September at 9:30 am!! Bob and I are excited to get this going again, if for no other reason than, we don't buy donuts unless we have a confirmation class!!! I'm ready for some donuts!! Welcome back Liz Campbell and Soren Pearson-Murphy!

Sunday School!

Submitted by Pam Middleton

We are excited to resume Sunday School on Rally Sunday at 9:30am! I will be leading the program with several volunteers; we look forward to spending time with Miriel and Theo Ennis, Kalie and Melody Ford, and Oliver and Edith Heiman! Our lessons will come from Illustrated Ministry, whose curriculum is recommended by the Episcopal Church, and this fall, they will focus on caring for God's Creation.

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4	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1-216 Luke 14:25-33 Psalm 1	<h2>September Readings</h2>
11	Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-172 Luke 15:1-10 Psalm 51:1-11	
18	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13 Psalm 113	
25	Genesis 28:10-17 Revelation 12:7-12 John 1:47-51 Psalm 103:19-22	

BIRTHDAYS

September

3	Gail Halverson
4	Sarah Berkebile
7	Glenn Olson
8	David McKee
10	Jayne Cook-Quarry
11	Leslie Will
12	Dave McGuire
12	Robert Allen
13	Jackson Landon
15	Eleanor Coolidge
18	Rhonda Rowe
22	Lynn Naeckel
30	H.B. (Skip) Edmonds
30	Joan Ennis



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September

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