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All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS

CHRISTMAS EVE, 8:00PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY, 10:30AM HOLY EUCHARIST

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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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The Church Office is open
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Priest-in-Charge**Father Cody Maynus**

As I was getting ready for my first Sunday at All Saints—the First Sunday of Advent—I poked my head into the confirmation class taught ably by Bob and Rhonda Rowe. The subject, of course, was the Season of Advent and its place in the broader liturgical life of The Episcopal Church. By the time I popped into the class, the group had already discussed the number and color of Advent candles, the lectionary readings, the Gospel of Matthew, and other matters historical, liturgical, and practical.

Rhonda asked me if there was anything else that I thought our confirmands ought to focus on during this season. My mind immediately went to the seasonal preface for Advent which is sung by the celebrant during the Eucharist.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, *we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing* (emphasis mine.)

As I preached in my homily on Sunday, the Season of Advent is about Christ coming to us as a baby in a manger, as well as his promised return, the details of which we know nothing about. Anybody who has read The Left Behind series by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye or watched the movies knows just how afraid some people are about Christ's promised Second Coming. The world that Jenkins and LaHaye create is one of great angst and turbulence, with people disappearing into thin air and foreign powers wielding demonic influence. It's a terrifying world, indeed, and it's purely fictional.

The seasonal preface for Advent tells us as much. Just as Jesus's first Advent as a baby born to Mary and Joseph is the cause for great joy, so, too, will his second Advent be a cause for rejoicing. American Christianity—especially the kind that makes it into best selling novels and feature films—is quick to suggest that we're awful, evil, no-good people who ought to be quaking in fear of God's piercing wrath and terrible judgment.

Biblical Christianity, on the other hand, emphasizes that God's only desire is to bring about reconciliation between humanity and God. That's the whole purpose of the Church, in fact, as the Catechism states very clearly: "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (BCP, 855). Judgment is not about God handing down a harsh sentence of damnation. It is about God making right that which has gone astray. We ought not be afraid or ashamed, as the seasonal preface says. Instead, we get to join the Blessed Virgin Mary, who sings, "My soul magnifies the Lord! My spirit rejoices in God my savior!"

As the Angel said to Mary: be not afraid! Rejoice! And as the Psalmist wrote: Rejoice! Again, I say rejoice! God's overwhelming love caused God to take on human flesh and to be born into our human condition. The Creator became the created. God set up his tent right here in the midst of our lives, our hopes, and our disappointments. Not to punish us, but to become us. Not to wreak havoc, but to bring about wholeness. Thanks be to God!

Be well and know that I'm praying for you and with you during this holy season.

Bless you, always,
Fr Cody

Fr Cody's December Office Hours:

In the Church Office

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00AM - 12:00PM

At The Hideaway Cafe

Wednesday 1:00PM-3:00PM

Other dates and times

by appointment.

Sr. Warden
Mark Heiman

VESTRY



As the start of the church year, Advent is a time for thinking about both beginnings and endings, and we've had a lot of those over the past few weeks! We said goodbye to our interim Priest in Charge, Peter Stebinger, with thanks for guiding us through a very successful transition; the next week we said hello to Fr. Cody Maynus, our new Priest in Charge, with a full house and another festive coffee hour. The energy and enthusiasm at church was palpable, and I know we're all looking forward to seeing what new adventures Fr. Cody will help us embark on.

We also concluded another successful pledge campaign (but it's not too late to return that pledge form that's stuck on your refrigerator). We don't have all the numbers in yet, but I know that many of you responded to my challenge to consider a pledge increase for 2023 to better support our work together. Thank you!

As I think of new beginnings, I'm also looking ahead to our Annual Meeting on January 29, at which we will reflect on the year past and elect new members of the Vestry. During our transition year, we held the Vestry membership static to reduce the number of changes that we had to deal with, so in 2023 we will be returning to our normal Vestry terms and electing several new members. I'd like to extend an invitation – if you have even the glimmer of an interest in seeing how the parish is managed, this would be a great opportunity to join the Vestry. The commitment isn't large – typically about two hours a month – but it's a role that will help you to understand All Saints in new ways, and allow you to contribute your own unique experience and aspirations for our future. The Vestry isn't only for people who've been at All Saints for decades; it's extremely valuable also to have the perspectives of those who've joined our community more recently.

If you think you might be interested in serving in this way, I'd love to hear from you and answer any questions you may have – please reach out by email or in person. It's an exciting time to be at All Saints, and I hope you'll consider stepping up and exploring new ways to contribute to our future.

Jr. Warden
Pam Middleton

November was a busy time in terms of caring for our grounds, and the weather was not very cooperative! We had to delay our Outdoor Workday for cleaning up the leaves to a weekday morning, but we managed to complete the task. Thank you to Marshall Hansen and Skip Edmonds for helping out!



Special thanks go out to Elizabeth Campbell who tended our new plantings with great care throughout the summer and into the fall, ensuring that they were well watered during this very dry season. Her husband, Tom, was always available to assist, and between the two of them, the hoses were cleared of ice and water and stored for the winter. Thank you, Tom and Elizabeth!



Special thanks also go out to Joe Peterson, who faithfully mowed our property throughout the growing season, and, once the first snow had melted, got the prairie mowed for the winter. Thank you, Joe!



Special thanks to Mark Heiman for installing the solar lights for the sidewalks to the 5th street door, making the walkway a bit safer. Thank you, Mark!

Welcome to The Reverend Cody Maynus, our new Priest-in-Charge on November 27, Advent I

We enjoyed the special music during the service and another festive coffee hour with Advent Wreath making! Enjoy the pictures!



A Thank You and A Farewell to The Rev. Peter Stebinger

On Sunday, November 20, Rev. Peter Stebinger celebrated the Eucharist with us for a final time after serving faithfully as our Interim Priest-in Charge for the past 10 months. Thank you, Peter for your ministry with us!

Enjoy the pictures from Peter's final Sunday with us including a festive Coffee Hour in his honor!



A Special Gift to remember All Saints by!



Goodbyes and Thank Yous



A Very Festive Coffee Hour!!



A note from Peter:

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful last Sunday as your interim Priest in charge!

It was a blessed day!

May the new beginnings and the holidays be a blessing for all.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The outpouring of gratitude at All Saints for UTO was outstanding again this year, as we collected \$833.35! From our budgeted outreach funds, we added \$300 to the gratitude offerings, and mailed a check to The Episcopal Church for UTO totaling \$1,133.35. You may read more about the missions that UTO supports at <https://unitedthankoffering.com/>.



All Saints also supported our local community through the Operation Joy collection with donations totaling \$800! Thank you to all who made donations for this outreach opportunity that brings so much joy to families in Northfield.

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.

Our goal is to provide each child with:

- A Target giftcard, 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 blanket, both lovingly sewn by local volunteers

Operation Joy 2022 will be held on Wednesday, December 7, at Community Action Center.

December

4	Green Team Meeting
7, 14, 21	Advent Faith Sharing Book Group, 7:00pm
11	Children's Christmas Pageant
	Festive Coffee Hour, Vestry meeting
18	Greening of the Church (following the Advent IV service)
24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 8:00pm
25	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, 10:30am

On November 13, we celebrated **Children's Sabbath** for the first time since 2019! The young people of All Saints participated in all aspects of the service as we celebrated them and prayed for them, as well as for children around the world. As has been the tradition at All Saints, the sermon, or reflections, were given by the most senior of the high school students; this year we were treated to wonderful remarks by Ann Campbell, a senior at Northfield High School. Ann has shared her reflections with us, which can be found on page 8.



The Prelude with Oliver, Kalie, and Melody accompanied by Katie Gunn



Ann Campbell delivered the sermon



Our newest Cantor, Oliver!



Prayers of the People with Theo and Melody



The Processional



Kalie reads the Lesson



The Postlude with Miriel



Rev. Peter with the young people



The Postlude with Theo

Ann Campbell's Reflections
Children's Sabbath Sunday, November 13, 2022

Hi guys! For those of you who may not know me, my name is Ann Campbell and I'm a senior here in Northfield. I'm so proud to be able to talk to you guys today. I love this church and growing up here the last four years has been wonderful, and I'm so grateful to be part of a community like All Saints.

A thing some of you might not know about me is that I was born in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and grew up there (until I was 13). Growing up, I spent a lot of my time outside. Living in such a naturally beautiful place with a lot of preserved natural spaces makes this an easy thing to do. This shaped a great love for the outdoors in me, which has only grown as I've gotten older. Even though I might not have as much time or energy to spend outside as I did when I was say, 5.

One part of growing up in the Hills I look back on especially fondly is going to Thunderhead! Thunderhead Episcopal Camp is a little church camp way up in a remote part of the Hills. It's where my parents met! Fun fact! And I spent quite a few summers there. One thing I always noticed at Thunderhead is that I felt so much closer to God than I ever had before. Taking communion in a little circle in the woods, praying and singing sitting on the floor of a little log cabin, and being disconnected from the modern world and connected to the earth and the mountains and the trees brought me a sense of peace and groundedness in my spirituality. And every time I feel completely connected to the earth, that sense of peace returns.

So now you're thinking, okay, so she loves the earth and nature and stuff. So what? Now comes the part where I tell you the less feel good stuff. There's this new thing, you might have heard about it on the news once or twice. It's called climate change? Ringing some bells? So, because of this, this nature I've been telling you guys about isn't doing so well lately! And I personally am not thrilled about it! And, as I've learned being the co-leader of the environmental club at the high school, a lot of other kids my age aren't very happy with it either.

Now people love to place the blame of this on people like you! People like us! You know, "maybe if you didn't drive your car to church today, those polar bears would still be alive!"

But I have some statistics for you:

- The wealthiest 1% of humanity are responsible for twice as many carbon emissions as the poorest 60% of humans.
- Billionaires are responsible for literally a million times more greenhouse gas emissions than the average person.
- This is equivalent to the yearly emissions of 85 million cars.

Now how did Jesus feel about the rich? Well, we have some pretty direct quotes from him.

In Matthew 19:23 he says "I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven."

Now some biblical scholars debate this one because there was an entrance to Jerusalem called "the needle" but given that in the sentence prior he said it was very hard to enter the kingdom of heaven if you're rich, I think it's safe to assume he was probably just talking about a regular needle.

Now there are plenty of other things in the Bible I can talk about when Jesus spoke poorly of the rich and of excessive wealth, but I think you've probably heard them all before, so I won't bore you.

Now the point of my speech today is absolutely not that there's nothing to be done. There are a million things we can do! All we need is the organization and will to do it! We at All Saints already have one of the most important things you need to organize environmental movements! We have a community! A bunch of like minded people who support and love each other is a very powerful thing!

So what do we want to do with that power of a community? What do we as individuals and as a group want to do with our time? Our money? Our leadership and community? Because we have the answers to the climate crisis! Scientists and activists have given us the answers! We just have to act on the information they've given us (which by the way is very easy to access! if you can get onto Google, you can get the answers).

So the question I want to leave you with today is this: What do you want your impact to be on this beautiful earth that God gave us?

The season of Advent is upon us!

Our Advent/Christmas tree was selected by Fr. Cody, Pam and Cody's friend, Erik, who also helped to set the tree up in the sanctuary for the season. Thank you to Kalie and her friend, Siena, Melody, Bonnie, Vicki, Mark and Pam for preparing the church by polishing brass, changing the altar cloths, setting the Advent wreath, hanging the banners and placing wreaths on the front doors.

Advent Faith Sharing Book Group Join Fr. Cody and others for an informal faith sharing group during the Season of Advent. Our conversation will be informed by reading the newly published book *Holy Is His Name: Daily Devotions for Advent* by Elis Hiu-Mei Lui. The book is available from Forward Movement or via e-book on Amazon. We will gather on the Wednesdays of Advent (12/7, 12/13, and 12/21) from 7:00PM-8:00PM in the Fireside Room. Questions? Email Fr. Cody (cody@allsaintsnorthfield.org).



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: Sarum blue

The Book of Common Prayer 1928 tended to represent the season of Advent as a shorter Lent with emphases on repentance and spiritual disciplines. Thus the liturgical color for Advent was the same purple used in Lent.

The Book of Common Prayer 1979 is typical of the decades long liturgical renewal movement which sought to articulate a unique identity for the season of Advent which did not negate the need for penitence. But in addition to the call to penitence, the primary emphasis is on waiting, watching, preparation.

A number of denominations have embraced this new emphasis, and have recommended the use of a liturgical color distinctive to the Advent season. The consensus choice is Sarum Blue, a dusty shade of royal blue. The origin of the color can be traced to ancient use in Salisbury Cathedral (the Sarum Rite) in England.

Next Month: Twelfth Night

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!



Depolarizing:

Respecting Others With Different Beliefs

The Episcopal Church in Minnesota, Braver Angels and the Episcopal House of Prayer invite you to a workshop designed to give congregations the tools to bring Americans together, bridge the partisan divide, and inspire the beloved community.

Join us at the ECMN offices at 1101 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411, or virtually on Zoom.

There is no charge to attend, and lunch will be provided.

Please let us know you are coming at: ECMNBraverAngelsEHOP@gmail.com.

- Americans no longer see their political opponents as simply wrong or misguided, but as enemies who must be defeated at all costs. We do not accept this.
- Our mission is to strengthen our democratic republic by treating people who disagree with us with honesty and respect.
- We believe the contemplative approach can equip us to hold opposites in tension.

Saturday, February 25, 2023
9:00am to 3:30pm



Braver Angels



ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 following the service. Details to come!



ALL SAINTS YOUTH

Submitted by Joan Ennis

As we saw at our children's sabbath service in November, we have a great group of talented young members. Are you wondering who some of these children are, what grade they are in school, what their interests are, and who goes with which parents? Read below and get to know our youth!

Ann Campbell is a senior at Northfield High School, and gave a very thoughtful reflection for Children's Sabbath in November. She is a leader in the Environmental Club at NHS. She has also joined the Nordic Ski team this year. Ann plans to take a gap year next year to study and travel in Norway. She has studied Norwegian at St. Olaf, and took a weeklong trip to Norway in October. Her parents are Erika and Robb Campbell, and Liz is her younger sister. Local grandparents attending All Saints are Elizabeth and Tom Campbell.

Liz Campbell is a freshman at Northfield High School. She just completed her third season of Cross Country, and capped the season with a trip to the Nike Heartland race in Sioux Falls, SD over the Veterans' Day weekend. Her parents are Erika and Robb Campbell and Ann is her older sister. Local grandparents attending All Saints are Elizabeth and Tom Campbell.

Miriel Ennis is in 8th grade at Northfield Middle School. She just completed her second season of Cross Country, and enjoys both the running and the comradery of the team. She is now on the Nordic Sky team and played softball in the summer. Miriel plays piano and French horn, and is in the Middle School choir, band and jazz band. She enjoys all of her classes, and her favorite right now is science. She has been taking Irish dance since first grade. The family has a large puppy named Toby. Her parents are Stephanie and Gregory Ennis, and Theo is her younger brother. Local grandparents attending All Saints are Joan and Chris Ennis.

Theo Ennis is in 6th grade at the Northfield Middle School. He has enjoyed the transition from elementary to middle school. He likes his classes, and his favorite is gym. His favorite teachers right now are his math and gym teachers. Theo enjoys playing baseball in the summer and fall, and has developed a good pitching arm. He is looking forward to track in the spring, and Cross Country when he is in 7th grade. Theo plays piano, saxophone, and drums, and is in the Middle School band and choir. He is also a Boy Scout. Theo enjoys their puppy, Toby, and also has a gecko. His parents are Stephanie and Gregory Ennis, and Miriel is his older sister. Local grandparents attending All Saints are Joan and Chris Ennis.

Kalie Ford is in 7th grade and is homeschooled except for band, orchestra and Spanish at the Northfield Middle School. Her favorite class is band. She plays flute and bass. Kalie dances ballet professionally and has danced in the Nutcracker. She also participates in Knowledge Bowl, Cannon Valley Youth Orchestra, and Girl Scouts. The family has many pets: Lucky, Keke, River, Magpie, Hash Brown, Wolf, and Wink. Her parents are Kate Ford and Joe Peterson. Melody is her younger sister.

Melody Ford is a 5th grader at Greenvale Elementary School. Her favorite classes this year are writing and math. She plays the violin, drums, and piano, and participates in band, choir and orchestra. She enjoys swimming and dance and is a Girl Scout. She babysits and has 5 cats and 2 geckos. Her parents are Katie Ford and Joe Peterson. Kalie is her older sister.

Eleanor Heiman is a sophomore at Gustavous Adolphus College in St. Peter. She transferred after studying at Hamline University for one year. Eleanor is a theater major, and enjoys all aspects of theater as well as theater arts. Her parents are Laura and Mark Heiman. Oliver and Edith are her younger siblings.

Oliver Heiman is in 7th grade at Northfield Middle School. Oliver is in the Middle School Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Choir. He loves to read and play games with his friends, and is working on his programming skills. He enjoys most of his classes, but especially math. He plays the violin and participates in Boy Scouts. The family currently has three cats. His parents are Laura and Mark Heiman. Eleanor is his older sister, and Edith is his younger sister.

Edith Heiman is in kindergarten at Spring Creek Elementary School. Edith is working on her reading skills, and spends as much time as she can drawing, painting, and making crafts. The family currently has three cats. Her parents are Laura and Mark Heiman. Eleanor and Oliver are her older siblings.

Celia Murphy-Pearson is a sophomore at Boston College. Her favorite classes are biology and psychology. She played the piano for twelve years. She enjoys playing soccer and running. During the summer and college breaks, she works as a Resident Aide at the Northfield Retirement Community. The family has two dogs, Maisy and Toby, and one cat, Lily. Her parents are Lori Pearson and the late Brian Murphy. Soren is her younger brother.

Soren Murphy-Pearson is a sophomore at Northfield High School. His favorite class right now is English/American Literature. He played the piano for many years. He loves the music of Kendrick Lamar. Soren runs on the Cross Country team, plays on the basketball team, and runs on the track team. This year Soren was the number two boys varsity runner for Cross Country. He enjoys spending time with his friends. His family has two dogs, Maisy and Toby, and one cat, Lily. His parents are Lori Pearson and the late Brian Murphy. Celia is his older sister.

All Saints Christmas Pageant



The young people and children of All Saints will be putting on the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 11th during the 10:30 service. Thank you to Lori Pearson and Erika Campbell for directing the pageant this year, a tradition that we have missed for the past 2 years due to Covid.

Festive Coffee Hour

On Sunday, December 11, following our Christmas Pageant, we will have a Festive Coffee Hour to celebrate the children of All Saints and the Christmas Season. If you are able to bring a contribution of food or beverages, please speak with Laura Heiman.



All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs

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11	Isaiah 35:1-10 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Matthew 11:2-11 Luke 1:46b-55 The Song of Mary
18	Isaiah 7:10-16 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25 Psalm 80:1-7,16-18
24	Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20 Psalm 96
25	Isaiah 52:7-10 Titus 3:4-7 John 1:1-14 Psalm 96:1-4,11-12

December Readings

BIRTHDAYS

December

2	George Hardgrove
9	Liz Campbell
9	John Thomas
14	Chuck Perkins
20	Bonnie Sherman
22	Mike Allen
27	Barbara Hopwood
30	Sara Jaramillo
30	Stephanie Reymann



December

18	Joan and Chris Ennis
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