

# CONNECTIONS

## All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



### AUGUST AT ALL SAINTS!



The dog days of summer are here! What does this mean at All Saints? We are preparing for the fall season with its full calendar of activities, ranging from the Open House at the Defeat of Jesse James Days to Rally Sunday and the beginning of Choir and Sunday School to Outreach activities, including San Jose Obrero, UTO and Regenerate Shingal (See pages 6&7) and more! So, what projects are happening in August?

- **Roofing Repairs**- As part of the renovation of the exterior of the historic church, we are beginning with the installment of a new roof, which was damaged in the hail storm of 2022. Plans are progressing for the exterior wall and stained glass window repairs. Questions? Ask Bob or Rhonda Rowe!
- **Youth Group Room Renovation**- A generous gift has been given to renovate the Youth Group Room, the "undercroft." With input from the young people, the decision was made to paint the walls and to carpet a portion of the space, giving the space a fresh, more inviting feel. We will be asking for help to prepare the room for painting and carpeting in August; all are welcome to join the fun! Questions? Ask Pam Middleton!
- **Sunday School Room Clean-up**- As a service project, the Youth Group will gather with Pam to clean up the room and organize all of the arts and crafts supplies in preparation for a new year of Sunday School fun!

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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](http://allsaintsnorthfield.org)

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**Priest-in-Charge**  
**Father Cody Maynus**



I was privileged to be part of the event staff at the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) this summer at the University of Maryland-College Park. EYE is the second largest event hosted by the Episcopal Church and, like General Convention (which is the largest), happens only once every three years.

The event is a bit of a cross between summer camp and a youth ministry conference. There were about 1,000 people at this year's EYE including high school youth, adult chaperones, event staff, and bishops from several dioceses (including our own Bishop Loya.) A team of youth and adult mentors put together the theme "Regreso a Casa: A New Age of Faith" and were very intentional in planning programmatic pieces, including worship services, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions aimed at high school youth facing an ever-changing world.

As you can imagine, it takes a great deal of work to pull off something as large as EYE. The Planning Team met for about a year before the Event to do their work of brainstorming the program and scouting out the university campus. The Event Team started meeting a few months in advance to plan out our work, which was divided into teams: logistics, chaplains, communications (my team), medical, and so on. Members of the Presiding Bishop's staff were on site the whole time. Chaperones from the various dioceses and camps which sent delegations of youngsters spent many hours booking travel to EYE, planning educational trips into DC and Baltimore, and preparing their kids to attend what might have been the largest event in their lives up until this point.

Since I've been home, I've been reflecting on the experience of EYE and am filled with gratitude for the sheer number of adults who love the young people of our church. I'm not talking only about the various adults who were at EYE, though that is a sizable number in and of itself. I'm also and perhaps especially thinking about the adults who weren't at EYE, but who offer so much of themselves so that all of the kids of our church can have meaningful encounters with Jesus and one another.

Parents are, of course, the first teachers of their children. I'm not a biological parent myself, but I'm keenly aware of the very real sacrifices that parents make to ensure that their children are able to thrive. One of the real joys of being part of the Church is the presence of multi-generational relationships which transcend the nuclear family and spill out into some wide-reaching experience which we call God's family.

It is an unspeakable joy to see the young people of All Saints interacting with the not-so-young. I love watching Pam sitting next to Edith on beanbags during Sunday School week in and week out. I love watching the way that Bonnie lovingly guides Melody on the Altar Guild. I love watching the way that Rhonda and Bob share their faith with Soren and Liz. I love watching the way that Deacon Cassandra helps straighten Miriel's acolyte cross. I love watching the parents and grandparents of our parish help raise one another's kids, instilling love and virtue across familial lines.

**Father Cody Maynus, continued**

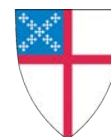
Having spent time with the youth of this Church—both here at All Saints and at larger gatherings like EYE—I’m so hopeful for the future of the Church and the world. That hope comes from the tenacity and goodness of these young people and their commitment to make the world a better place than it currently is. It also comes from the steady foundation of adult mentors who clear the path for these young people to engage meaningfully with God, one another, and themselves.

We are blessed indeed to have such adult mentors here at All Saints. They make great sacrifices so that our children can soar. As we round the corner into August and prepare for the program year to begin once more, take a moment to thank the many people of our parish who work with and support our young people. Pray for them and for our kids. And be confident that the world is in good hands.

As ever, please let me know if there is any way in which I might be praying for you. Know how grateful I am for each of you and for our common life together.

God bless you, always,  
Fr. Cody

**Junior Warden  
Laura Kay Allen**



Just last month, I reported that nearly all the yearly inspections have been completed.

On July 24, our Schindler’s Elevator technician came to All Saints. He completed a thorough inspection and submitted the information necessary to the State of Minnesota.

The final summer inspection has been scheduled for the fire suppression (sprinkler) system. A representative from Olympic Fire Protection Corporation will be here on August 8. Like every other inspection, I will be present from start to finish. It’s been helpful to be at each of the visits I’ve scheduled this summer to better understand the ins and outs of equipment we have at All Saints.

In October, Keith Pumper Plumbing and Heating will return for an examination of our furnaces. That will conclude our preventive appointments for the year.

As always, please be in touch with any questions or suggestions.

Thanks to everyone for all the things you do for All Saints! I am so grateful to each of you.





**POTLUCK, PRAISE AND PIES!**

Our first mid-week outdoor gathering was a huge success! On Wednesday, July 19, All Saints members were joined by new friends (Fr. Cody invited the Quakers and the UCC church as well as friends from the cities) for a delicious potluck and a fun sing-along, ably led, as always by Mark Heiman! The evening was capped off with a bite of pie, a perfect ending to a perfect evening! Thank you to Pam Middleton and Fr. Cody for organizing and setting up, to Betsy Brandt, Tom Drucker and Fr. Cody for clean-up, to Mark for leading us in singing and to everyone who brought their favorite dish. Plans are underway for another one in the not-too-distant future!





**ACOLYTES AT ALL SAINTS!**

Submitted by Pam Middleton

All Saints welcomes our two newest acolytes, Theo Ennis and Melody Ford! Father Cody and I, with the assistance of senior acolytes, Oliver Heiman and Miriel Ennis, held a training session on July 12. We had a lot of fun practicing carrying the cross (it's heavy!) and discussing which side of the altar is the "Gospel side" or the "Epistle side." We are grateful to all of our acolytes for serving in this important ministry- thank you to Miriel and Theo Ennis, Kalie and Melody Ford, Oliver Heiman, Soren Murphy-Pearson and Paul Pieper!



Thank you to Bob and Rhonda Rowe for laundering all of the acolyte robes and to Fr. Cody for locating the nametags that had been lovingly made by Rev. Gayle!

Following the training session, we enjoyed Dominos pizza, root beer and ice cream! A LOT of ice cream!



YUMMY!



**Office Angels at All Saints!**

Submitted by Betsy Brandt

Did you know All Saints has "Office Angels"? Office Angels are a small group of people who staff the office at All Saints four mornings a week. Office Angels do various office tasks including answering phones and welcoming visitors. Current Office Angels are Pam Middleton, Rhonda Rowe, Vickie Harper, Bonnie Sherman, Deacon Cassandra Cook-Quarry, and Betsy Brandt. The office is open Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-12noon. This is a great time to come by if you need to get into the church or just want to say "hello"! If you are interested in serving by joining the team, please contact Pam Middleton.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



# Regenerate Shingal



## **New Mission Partner: Regenerate Shingal**

Submitted by Fr. Cody

On behalf of the Outreach Committee, I'd like to invite the whole All Saints family into a new relationship with a network called Regenerate Shingal. This invitation comes by way of my friend and former seminary professor, Sister Makrina Finlay, OSB, D. Phil Oxon, an American nun who is a member of the Benedictine abbey in Dinklage, Germany.

Shingal is the ancestral homeland of the Yazidi people (sometimes spelled Yezidi or Ezidi), an ethnic and religious minority indigenous to Kurdistan (which is parts of Iraq, Syria, Turkey, and Iran). In August of 2014, Shingal and the surrounding countryside was attacked by ISIS. This attack began a three year-long genocide of the Yazidi by the Islamic State. Between 2014 and 2017, 5,000 Yazidi were killed by ISIL and an additional 10,000+ were kidnapped or were otherwise held captive by ISIL. More than 200,000 Yazidi are living as refugees and religious asylum seekers in Germany and another 250,000 remain displaced in various parts of Kurdistan. The cause of the genocide is the Yazidi people's indigenous religion, which is monotheistic (like Islam, Christianity, and Judaism), but differs enough from Islam that it has been perceived by the Islamic State to be a threat.

The Regenerate Shingal network is working to help the Yazidi people rebuild their home. This is being done by people on the ground in Shingal (which is located in Iraq), as well as people throughout the world, including the United Nations. Given that the Yazidi are a religious group, as well as an ethnic one, this work is being largely embraced by religious people and scholars of religion. At present, the goals of the rebuilding project are:

- 1) Water: reestablish springs, ponds, and streams
- 2) Reforestation: restore 8km of forest; provide training, housing, and resources for forester families; establish a tree nursery
- 3) Agriculture: develop basis of a sustainable co-op farm
- 4) Culture: rebuild guesthouse and complete restoration of two major Yazidi shrines
- 5) Research: provide access for innovators and researchers to study genocide, religicide, and the indigenous religion/spirituality of the Yaizidi

Before going any further, you may be wondering: what does any of this have to do with All Saints Episcopal Church in Northfield, Minnesota? That's a really fabulous question! This goes to the heart of why a parish like ours would even have an Outreach Committee in the first place.

**Outreach Continued:**

As I see it, there are basically two approaches to doing outreach: 1) transactional and 2) relational. Many churches are very good at the first approach. We know that there is great need in the world and so we respond by writing a check which goes (we hope) to the right place. There's nothing wrong with this approach! Money is a huge asset to folks doing good work throughout the world. The second approach—and the one which I think we, as Christians, are called to live into more fully—puts us directly into relationship with the people whom we're serving. While there might still be an exchange of money in relational outreach—again, money is necessary to do good!—the emphasis is on the relationship between peoples. Transactional outreach has a built in power imbalance: the giver and the getter, the one with privilege and the one without privilege, the fortunate and the unfortunate. Relational outreach presumes equality between people. While one party might be giving funds or services, the important and foundational exchange in the relationship is the relationship itself.

So, the basic answer to my question of “what does the Yazidi genocide have to do with All Saints?” is that we've been invited by Sister Makrina into a relationship with the Yazidi people and your Outreach Committee has discerned over the past few months that this is a relationship that we ought to explore further.

Sister Makrina and her abbey got involved because they converted their monastery guesthouse into a religious asylum and a Yazidi man named Hamo adopted the nuns as his sisters. All Saints is being invited to become involved because Sister Makrina is my sister and that makes Hamo my brother.

Beyond the bonds of affection and universal siblinghood, I think All Saints is well suited to engage in this work because of our wide network of connections, both professional and personal. The Yazidi are indigenous people who were targeted by ISIS for being of a different ethnicity and religion. By helping to engage with this work, we are combating religicide and taking a firm stand against the oppression of ISIS. This work is both patriotic and interfaith. In some ways, this is the best of America: standing up for the free exercise of religion and self-determination, two fundamental rights we enjoy here.

As with any relationship, the details of our relationship with the Yazidi people and the Regenerate Shingal network will unfold organically. Over the course of the new several months, your Outreach Committee will communicate various ways that we can begin to develop our relationship with the Yazidi people and the Regenerate Shingal network. There will be opportunities to learn about the Yazidi people and their religion, as well as to contribute financially. Although hopping on a plane to Iraq is probably beyond our means at the moment, we will have the chance to FaceTime or Zoom with people on the ground in Shingal.

We will also have the opportunity to hear directly from Sister Makrina, who will be here at All Saints on October 1st, 2023. She will conduct the Adult Forum before Mass, focusing on the Yaizidi religion, and will then give a general presentation on the Yazidi people and the Regenerate Shingal project during a special coffee hour. Please plan to be here on October 1st, 2023. You'll love Sister Makrina!

In the meantime, be on the lookout for more information in the Newsletter and Weekly News. You can direct any questions to a member of the Outreach Committee: Mary Jones, Pam Middleton, Marshall Hansen, Rhonda Rowe, or me.



## GREEN TEAM UPDATES



### Progress that looks good

Care of Creation Corner  
Submitted by Marshall Hansen



Two years ago Minnesota's electricity production from renewable sources (wind, solar, hydro, and biomass) surpassed both coal and natural gas (29% renewables, 26% coal, 21% natural gas). Nuclear has remained relatively flat at 24%. Renewables are increasing each year, and coal in Minnesota is scheduled to be mostly phased out by about 2035. (Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, at [www.eia.gov](http://www.eia.gov)).

So, though not perfect yet, electricity in Minnesota is getting significantly cleaner with each passing month. Switching to electric appliances, vehicles, and yard equipment whenever opportunities arise is increasingly the right thing to do.

When our old, used, gasoline-powered Toyota Corolla died a few years ago, Carla and I took the leap and bought a used Chevy Bolt EV (electric vehicle) for \$18K. It gets the equivalent of 118 mpg. Its range on a single charge is 250 miles in summer or 150 miles in winter, and a full recharge at home using an ordinary 110V outlet in our garage costs just \$8. How's that for cheap? For errands anywhere in the south metro or for daily commutes of less than 40 miles each way, it's hard to beat. We've been lending it to friends to help with their occasional transportation needs and to introduce them to the amazing simplicity and appeal of an EV. Let me know if any of you who are reading this want to test-drive our Chevy or want more information about electric cars.

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### 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: catholic

In this instance it is important to note the lower case "c." It makes a significant difference if the letter is upper or lower case! I am not talking about the Catholic Church as a particular faith tradition. Derived from the Greek word meaning "general" or "universal," the phrase "the catholic church" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch in the early second century. The BCP Catechism states (p. 854) that "The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time." The catholicity of the church means the wholeness and universality of Christian doctrine in continuity with the undivided early church, the fullness of Christian life and worship, and the inclusion of all kinds of people in the church.

#### Next Month: Lectionary Cycle

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!



**COFFEE HOUR MINISTRY**

Submitted by Pam Middleton

The All Saints Coffee Hour following the service each Sunday is a wonderful time to catch up with other parishioners and enjoy great food and fellowship. We are blessed with many volunteers who host coffee hour, including our newest hosts, Katherine and Richard Collman. Hosting can be fun and is often shared between a couple of families; the fare can be simple (potato chips and dip!) or more involved (egg bakes or baked goods)- the choice is yours to make! Please consider joining the Coffee Hour Hosting Team by speaking with Pam Middleton or Betsy Brandt.

**Thank you to our current hosts!**

Betsy Brandt and Tom Drucker  
 Erika Campbell and family  
 Katherine and Richard Collman  
 Joan and Chris Ennis  
 Stephanie and Gregory Ennis  
 Laura and Mark Heiman

Rebecca and Mark Krug  
 Pam Middleton  
 Lori Pearson and family  
 Sue Redalen  
 Rhonda and Bob Rowe  
 Liz Truman and family



**Announcing New All Saints Musicians**



Submitted by Fr. Cody

We are very excited to introduce you to our new All Saints musicians: Sabe Dunlap (they/them), Music Director and Lucas Jindra (he/him), Organist. You will recognize Sabe (who uses they/them pronouns) as one of our choir scholars from last year. Sabe will be a junior at St. Olaf and is majoring in vocal performance. They bring with them experience singing in the noted choir of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Day School in New Haven, CT, as well as a year singing with the All Saints choir and the St. Olaf Choir. Sabe will have responsibility for the music program at All Saints, including conducting the choir and selecting congregational hymns. Lucas (who uses he/him pronouns) is a senior at St. Olaf where he is majoring in music and physics. Lucas is studying organ under Dr. Catherine Rodland and will be our primary Sunday organist. You'll have a chance to get to know both Sabe and Lucas when they're back in Northfield after their summer vacations!

**All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs**

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CO-TREASURER	Pam Middleton
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AT LARGE	Richard Collman
AT LARGE	Mark Krug
AT LARGE	Liz Truman
AT LARGE	Joe Peterson
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CANTERBURY	Mark Heiman Betsy Brandt
CONNECTIONS	Pam Middleton
OUTREACH	Mary Jones
HOSPITALITY	Pam Middleton
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

6	Exodus 34:29-35 II Peter 1:13-21 Luke 9:28-36 Psalm 99
13	I Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33 Psalm 85:8-13
20	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 21-28 Psalm 67
27	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20 Psalm 138

**August Readings**

**BIRTHDAYS**

August

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



**ANNIVERSARIES**

August

3	Rachel and Jay Zoller
6	Marie and Terry Schlink
19	Pam Middleton and Fernan Jaramillo
22	Rebecca and Mark Krug
22	Val Britton and Greg Gudbjartsson
25	Stephanie and Gregory Ennis

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