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CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



RALLY SUNDAY



September 17

SUNDAY
SCHOOL

CHOIR

POTLUCK

MINISTRY
FAIR

On Sunday, September 17, All Saints celebrates the beginning of the new school year and the return of the choir! With the excitement of new beginnings, we also invite the entire community to consider how each person can contribute their time and talent to the life of All Saints. There are many opportunities for participation, and these will be highlighted at a Ministry Fair, held during our Rally Sunday Potluck Lunch following the service. Let's celebrate the All Saints community!

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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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Priest-in-Charge
Father Cody Maynus



Jesse James and his band rode into Northfield on Thursday September 7th, 1876 intent on robbing the First National Bank. On Sunday September 10th, 1876—just three days later—church services were conducted just up the block at All Saints parish using the poetic language of the 1789 Book of Common Prayer.

Did the minister that Sunday morning add special prayers in for the repose of the soul of Joseph Lee Heywood who had died defending his bank? Or did he pray for Nicholas Gustafson to recover from the bullet wound he incurred in the bank raid, not knowing that he would die the next day? Did he preach fire and brimstone against the bank robbers or urge his fellow townspeople to forgive the James-Younger gang? Although we cannot know for certain exactly what words were spoken during that church service on September 10th, 1876, we do know that whatever was prayed that day had its base in the beautiful language of the 1789 Book of Common Prayer.

Our foundational liturgical language as Anglicans is the Book of Common Prayer, first compiled in 1549 during the reign of King Edward VI. In England, the Book of Common Prayer has been changed modestly throughout the centuries leading up to today. The first prayerbook was a product of the English Reformation (which is demonstrably different than the Protestant Reformation a few years earlier) and reflects both a desire to keep the traditional liturgy and structure which England had known for centuries and the spirit of church reform which was in the air at the time. The 1549 prayerbook was revised in 1552 just a few months before Queen Mary I (Bloody Mary) restored Roman Catholicism and was replaced in 1559 after Queen Elizabeth I suppressed Roman Catholicism and restored the Church of England. It was again revised in 1604 during the reign of King James I (of the King James Bible). During the English Civil War, the evil Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell abolished the prayerbook, and, after the war was over, the Book of Common Prayer was revised and published in 1662. This edition of the prayerbook remains the official prayerbook of the Church of England to this day.

Although Anglican clergymen made minor edits to their prayerbook following the American revolution in 1776, it was not until 1789 when the Episcopal Church officially separated itself from the Church of England. Given that bishops at the time had to make an oath of loyalty to the British Crown, it was impossible for any American clergymen to be consecrated bishop and ensure that the fledgling American Church would continue into the future. A priest from Connecticut—the Rev. Dr. Samuel Seabury (of Hamilton infamy) was sent to Scotland in 1784 to attempt to receive ordination as a bishop from the Scottish bishops who, a century before, had refused to take the new oath of loyalty to King William III and Queen Mary II (the College of William and Mary fame). The Scottish bishops, who were already bishops by the time they were asked to take an oath of loyalty, agreed to consecrate Dr. Seabury as a bishop in exchange for a memorandum of agreement between the Scottish Church and the American Church, the crux of which required the American Church to adopt the Scottish order and practice for celebrating Holy Communion which differed from the Church of England's order and practice. The Scottish order had been influenced by ancient liturgies of the East and West and notably included an invocation of the Holy Spirit over the offers of bread and wine, where the priest asked the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine substantially into the Body and Blood of Christ and not mere symbols.

Now that the Episcopal Church had secured for itself a bishop in the form of Bishop Seabury and a Communion service in the form of the Scottish rite, they needed a prayerbook of their own and thus was born the 1789 Book of Common Prayer. This prayerbook served the Episcopal Church exceptionally well until it was replaced by the 1892 Book of Common Prayer, which, in turn, gave way to the 1928 prayerbook and then the 1979 prayerbook.

Father Cody Maynus, continued

On Sunday September 10th, 2023, we will celebrate the Communion service from the 1789 Book of Common Prayer, the rite in use the Sunday after Jesse James was defeated. Although Communion was celebrated far less frequently then than it is now—especially since All Saints was between priests at the time, the Rev. Anson R. Graves having departed in May 1876 and the Rev. John Dudley Ferguson not arriving until January 1877- we will nevertheless celebrate the Communion service that Sunday, since it is in that particular service that the most notable changes occur.

All Saints is a place where history comes alive and we will experience the liturgy as closely as possible to the way our forebearers did that Sunday morning in 1876 when their town on the edge of the prairie was in an uproar over the attempted bank raid and the deaths and imprisonments which ensued. We do this not as a reenactment—as will happen that weekend in front of the old bank building—but as a living, breathing communion of Christians worshipping the Lord in the language of our ancestors-in-faith. We do so as a means of connecting with them and inhabiting the world in which they lived and embracing the language with which they prayed. It will also be a fun experience and the very thing that really, truly can only happen in a place like this.

Please plan to join us on September 10th, 2023 for our Sunday service at 10:30AM! In the meantime, know that I am praying for you and with you. If there is anything I or others can do to be of assistance, do not hesitate to reach out.

God bless you always,
Fr Cody

Regenerate Shingal

SAVE THE DATE!



On Sunday, October 1, Sister Makrina Finlay, OSB, D. Phil Oxon, an American nun who is a member of the Benedictine abbey in Dinklage, Germany, will be at All Saints to talk about her outreach efforts with Regenerate Shingal. You can read about their mission in the August 2023 Connections newsletter. Sister Makrina will do a presentation with Q and A during Adult Forum, and will also be available during Coffee Hour. Please join us on October 1st to learn about this new outreach program, brought to us by Fr. Cody!

September

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| 9 | Defeat Of Jesse James Days Open House |
| 10 | Vestry |
| 13 | Outreach meeting |
| 17 | Rally Sunday |
| 24 | San Jose Obrero Mission |



Rally Sunday Ministry Fair Celebrating the All Saints Community

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering for All Saints Lay Ministries! While signing up to volunteer to serve is open to anyone and everyone throughout the year, there will be a special focus on the various opportunities on Rally Sunday, September 17!

The All Saints Mission of Hospitality to All- focus on our kitchen!

The All Saints kitchen has been busy the past few months! Thank you to all of the users for keeping it organized and clean! A few quick notes/reminders:

- Please review the dishwasher instructions on the front next time you use it. A few times we have found that it hasn't been run properly.
- The ladles have been moved to a drawer near the stove. The drawer has been relabeled, so they should be easy to find.
- If you are interested in hosting coffee hour, please talk to Betsy Brandt or Pam Middleton. We are happy to show you how everything in the kitchen works!
- If you have any suggestions for the kitchen or would ever like a refresher on how to run any of the kitchen appliances, please talk to Betsy Brandt.

Thanks again to everyone who makes All Saints such a welcoming place! The kitchen plays a special role in that hospitality. Bon Appetit!



ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Melody and Theo did a great job on their first Sunday of service as acolytes!



August 2023 was a VERY busy month at All Saints!

August began with a successful "Night to Unite" gathering in collaboration with the Lofts. Thanks to Fr. Cody and Betsy Brandt for their leadership this year and to all who helped to make a fun evening!

The roof, which had been damaged in the April 2022 hailstorm, was replaced. Millersberg Construction did a fabulous job, even with the impact of extreme heat delays and a sudden, unexpected storm! Thank you to our Special Projects team of Bob and Rhonda Rowe for overseeing this project!

The Youth Group Room renovation got underway with fresh paint on the walls, posts and braces; see page 6 for pictures! Thank you to Pam Middleton for overseeing this project in collaboration with the kids, Fr. Cody, Laura Kay, Bob and Rhonda!

The Sunday School Room received some loving care from the children as they helped Pam to clean and organize the room in preparation for the new Sunday School Year; see page 7 for pictures.

The church grounds were tended to with great care and new plantings; thanks to all who contribute time and talent to keeping our landscape looking so cared for. Very special thanks to Elizabeth Campbell for her dedication, hard work and gardening expertise! See page 8 for pictures.

On August 19th, a funeral was held for Mera Colling, a new and dear friend of All Saints. On August 26th, a memorial service was held for long-time parishioner and dear friend Bob Will. Thanks go out to everyone who helped to provide hospitality to Mera's and Bob's family and friends.

ALL SAINTS GETS A NEW ROOF!

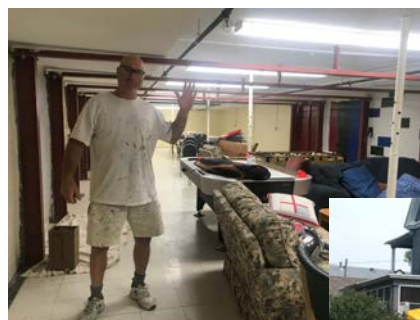


THE YOUTH GROUP ROOM RENOVATION BEGINS!

Many hands made quick work in preparing the room for painting- thanks to all who helped!



"BEFORE"

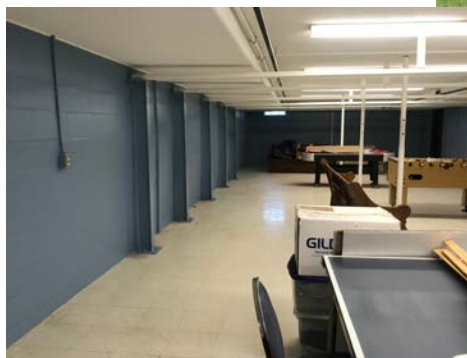


Our painter, John Dimick, was great to work with!

"DURING"



"AFTER"



Next steps- new carpet, bulletin boards, and wall decor! Our young people are excited about new adventures in the Youth Group Room!

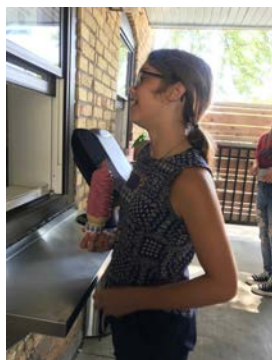
A SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT!

Miriell, Kalie, Theo and Melody joined Pam to organize and cleanup the Sunday School Room in preparation for a new year of fun in Sunday School!

We are excited for the new year when Sigrid Edstrom, All Saints' new Ministry Assistant, helps us to enjoy another year of learning and growing together in Sunday School.



After having such a "BLAST" at cleaning/organizing, we, of course, had to enjoy some ice cream treats at "THE BLAST"!



Landscape work continues through the dog days of summer!

Thank you to Pam and Carla for clearing most of the low-grow sumac from the driveway! Elizabeth's grandson and HB (Skip) helped Elizabeth finish the job so that fresh, bright plantings could be installed! Katherine and Pam finished weeding the front beds that Sue takes care of, and spread fresh mulch. It truly takes many people to create a welcoming landscape at All Saints!



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COMMUNITY OUTREACH**San Jose Obrero Mission****SEPTEMBER 24****Meal and Fellowship
2:30- 7:30 (2 shifts)**

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 Area (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 24th. 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.

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.

Jesus Encounters
Submitted by Fletcher Coolidge

What I have to offer is a series of dramatic monologues where I tried to imagine myself back into the first century and then into an encounter with Jesus (or a situation involving Jesus) without 2,000 years of dogma, theology, history, etc., to fall back on when interpreting the situation. Or, in other words, what would it have been like to encounter Jesus with no preconceived notions (except, maybe what you had heard at the marketplace or in the temple or some such place)? The attitudes of my protagonists may not be politically correct, but they are my attempt to be as accurate as possible in portraying real people, seen through the wrong end of the telescope.

THE SYRO-PHOENICIAN WOMAN Mark 7:24-30

I heard that the Jewish prophet
Was in town but trying to stay
Out of the public eye – fat chance! –
So I decided to go to him. After all,
He couldn't do less than all the
Doctors I'd taken her to
Had done – the best of them
Said "I don't know", and the worst
Of them said the same
But at much greater length.
But Gaia had been so sweet
And so bright when she was little,
And the demon had pulled
her down so far,
That I was ready to try anything.

It was an ungodly hot day,
But I walked clear across town
To where they said he was staying,
And sure enough, there he was,
Sitting outside in the shade.
He looked exhausted, as though
He'd reached the stage
Where, sitting there,
He was in more than half a trance.

But by that time I was desperate;
So I said to him, very hesitantly,
"Sir, can you heal my daughter?"
And he didn't even turn his head.
Just growled "First feed the children;
It isn't right to take the children's bread
And throw it to the dogs."

That stung, of course –
I was just furious!

So I yelled at him
"Even the little dogs under the table
Eat the scraps the children
Throw down!" Then I thought
"Oh, no – that's torn it – he won't....."

But he woke up and stared at me
In blank astonishment,
As though he'd scolded the dog
And the dog answered back.
Then he looked at me as though
He'd never seen anything like me before –
Maybe he hadn't, as taken up
With his own people as he is –

And all of a sudden he – well –
Concentrated for a moment,
And then he muttered something
That I didn't hear, and a sort of shudder
Went over him for an instant,
And then he smiled at me –
It changed his whole face! –
And said "For saying that,
You may go your way;
Your daughter is healed."

Then he got up and walked
Into the house, just like that.
But he looked a little –
Well – lighter, somehow –
As though he had something new
To think about, something
That helped his day –

Jesus Encounters, continued

But that wasn't my concern;
 I had to get back to Gaia.
 So I ran home, in that heat,
 Afraid to believe, afraid not to believe.
 No Gaia. So I ran in the house,
 And there she was, in bed, quite still.
 I thought "My god, she's dead!"

I let out a sort of strangled cry "Gaia!"
 And leaned on the doorjamb gasping
 (I couldn't talk, after running all that way)
 And she woke up, turned over,
 Bounced up, and said "Hi, Momma!
 I'm all well and he said I'm not to worry
 And you aren't either!" Which left me
 Pretty well confused, so I croaked
 "Who said?" and Gaia said "He
 Said", which of course didn't help at all
 But then she looked around and said
 "He was right here. I guess he's gone now."

Anyway the demon's gone, he said so.
 But I feel lots, lots better and can I go play
 With Dorothea today?"

Well, I didn't know what to say. But
 She was so much better that I said
 "I guess so", while all the time the "what ifs"
 Were crawling around the back of my mind.
 But she went, and came back for supper,
 And she seemed to be my own dear Gaia again.
 It was all I could do not to cry
 Every time I looked at her.
 Her father doesn't understand it yet. I guess
 I don't either, if the truth were known,
 But it's been four months now
 And she's still my darling Gaia, still well,
 Still bouncy and happy and delightful,
 No sign of the demon coming back,
 And I'm getting less and less afraid
 To believe that yes, she's really healed.

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: Lectionary Cycle

How in the world are the lessons that we hear on Sundays chosen? Not to be too facetious but I wish that I could answer that question other than to note that it is largely a product of committees. That may be a bit of an over-generalization, but it explains a lot. I can, however, tell you what the lectionary cycle is.

The Lectionary in the BCP and other contemporary lectionaries use a three-year cycle, referred to as Years A, B, and C. Year A begins on the First Sunday in Advent in years evenly divisible by three (e.g., 2001). The Daily Office lectionary follows a two-year cycle. Year One begins on the First Sunday in Advent preceding odd-numbered years and Year Two even-numbered years. In the eucharistic lectionary the Gospel According to Matthew is read in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C. The Gospel According to John is used during Lent and Easter, and on some Sundays in Year B, since Mark is shorter than the other gospels.

As I say, this won't explain some of the head scratching choices but I hope that this tells you what the cycle is and why we follow it.

**Next Month: mitre and crozier (no it's not a fictional detective agency, or carpenter tools)
 Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!**

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| HOSPITALITY | Mark Heiman |
| WEBSITE DESIGN | |

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| 3 | Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28 Psalm 26:1-8 | September Readings |
| 10 | Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20 Psalm 119:33-40 | |
| 17 | Exodus 19:3-8 1 Peter 4:7-11 Matthew 16:24-27 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c | |
| 24 | Jonah 3:10-4:11 Philippians 1: 21-30 Matthew 20: 1-16 Psalm 145:1-8 | |

BIRTHDAYS

September

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



ANNIVERSARIES

September

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| 3 | Elizabeth and Tom Campbell |
| 13 | Lizzy and Alex Larson |

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