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CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



SHROVE TUESDAY February 13th



The All Saints traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper returns! All are welcome to join the fun before the season of Lent begins. Starting at 6:00 pm on February 13th, we will have pancakes and sausage, a King Cake, fun music (starts at 5:45!) and the burying of the Alleluia! See Page 4 for more details!

Lenten Wednesdays @ All Saints

5:30PM SIMPLE EUCHARIST
FIRESIDE ROOM

6:00PM SOUP SUPPER
COMMONS

6:45PM DISCUSSION GROUPS

WISDOM JESUS BOOK DISCUSSION
W/ FR. JAMES
CHURCH OFFICE

REVOLUTIONARY PATIENCE
W/ BOB, RACHEL, PAM
FIRESIDE ROOM

8:00PM COMPLINE
FIRESIDE ROOM

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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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From the Rector Embracing our Tradition this Lenten Season



As we approach the holy season of Lent (which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024), I'm excited to announce that several people in our parish community are preparing to be baptized, confirmed, or received into The Episcopal Church this Easter. To help prepare these spiritual seekers—and to walk alongside them—we will be implementing an ancient process of discernment and formation called the Catechumenate.

The historic Catechumenate dates back to the earliest centuries of the Church and provided a structured period of instruction, spiritual formation, and discernment for those seeking to join the Church. This gave seekers an opportunity to study and internalize the commitments which accompany life in Christ (and of which we remind ourselves several times a year in the Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.) The Catechumenate was restored to Christianity during the Liturgical Movement of the last century and is now mostly used in Anglican, Roman Catholic, and Lutheran churches in the West.

We are embracing this ancient tradition as a way to deepen our own lives in Christ and to welcome new members with open arms both to our parish community and to the Body of Christ. We will pray for the catechumens (those preparing for baptism) and those who are candidates for confirmation/reception each Sunday during the Prayers of the People, as well as during special blessings of the catechumens and the candidates at set points throughout the Lenten season. Each catechumen and candidate will have at least one sponsor from the parish who will ceremonially present them to the Church and meet with them throughout the season of Lent for support and encouragement.

This process will culminate at the Great Vigil of Easter (March 30th, 8:00PM) where the catechumens will be baptized and confirmed and the candidates will be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church. Bishop Loya has graciously offered to be with us that night as we welcome our friends and neighbors into deeper and deeper life in Christ.

If you've never been to the Easter Vigil, it is a glorious service filled with rich symbolism and ancient rituals. It will be even more exciting with the presence of our bishop! Your prayers, encouragement, and presence at the Easter Vigil will be a source of strength and inspiration for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation this Easter.

As ever, I keep you all in prayer daily. If there is anything I, or the parish, can do to be supportive of you, please do be in touch. In the meantime, may God bless you and keep you!

I faithfully remain
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Cody

Letter from new Sr. Warden, Rhonda Rowe



Greetings Friends,

I want to thank each of you for your confidence in me as your Sr. Warden. I will do my best to continue the work of Mark Heiman. He has made it easy to slide into this position with his meticulous thought to all he has done over the past 5 years. Thank you Mark.

The first thing on my agenda for the spring is to work with Fr. Cody, Laura Kay Allen, Bob Rowe, and Mark Heiman with the siding and windows on the east and south sides of the building. There will also be work done to the skirting on the entire building. River City Builders and Gaytee Palmer have All Saints on their calendars for March. If you have any questions about the stained-glass windows, Mark is the person to ask. All other questions can be directed to anyone listed above. This seems like a long time coming, but through your generosity, we are ready! If you would like to consider a donation, we are still working to reach our goal. You can speak with Mark, Fr. Cody, or me.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am always here to listen.

Rhonda



LAY MINISTRY UPDATES LECTORS AND INTERCESSORS

Submitted by Fr. James Young

On Saturday, February 10th, I will offer a workshop for lectors beginning at 10:00. This is for beginners and folks who have been at it for a while. We can all use refreshers from time to time, and my goal is to make an already excellent cohort of readers yet the better. Then at around 10:45 or so, I will offer a similar workshop for the intercessors. That way if you are both a lector and an intercessor, you can move right into the second part of the morning. Coffee, tea, etc and refreshments will be provided for you with our gratitude for your part in this important ministry!

Shrove Tuesday is on February 13th! Everyone is invited to the Pancake Supper and Burying of the Alleluia before the season of Lent begins. Marshall is organizing the Dixieland Band again this year; they will begin playing at 5:45. Pancakes, sausage and fruit will be served beginning at 6:00; all of the food has already been donated! The men of the church will be cooking and serving as is our tradition! Thank you to Bob Rowe for organizing the cooking, serving, and clean-up! Men are asked to sign up to help in the kitchen or speak with Bob! Of course, we will also enjoy the King Cake and the Burying of the Alleluia. If you are interested in helping to decorate the Commons, please speak with Pam Middleton.



WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

A Simple Soup Supper begins at 6:00! Please sign up on the bulletin board to prepare the meal on one of the Lenten Wednesdays, (Feb. 21, 28, March 6,13,20) - teams of two make it fun!

Following the meal, we are offering two discussion groups. Fr. James Young will lead a book study and Bob Craig, Rachel Zoller and Pam Middleton will facilitate a discussion on finding hope in a challenging world. Details below!

The evening concludes with a service of Compline in the Fireside Room

From Fr. James Young: In this Lenten study series, beginning on Wednesday February 21, I invite you to put aside what you think that you know about Jesus and listen to the gospels as though for the first time. We will be reading and discussing *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message*, by Cynthia Bourgeault, an Episcopal priest, spiritual director and retreat leader. In addition to the book, I will also bring other materials to help us look not west from Jerusalem toward Rome, but east toward Asia, and let a very different picture of Jesus emerge. This Jesus stands in the tradition of Jewish mysticism and great teachers like Ecclesiastes and Proverbs - concerned with the inner transformation of the whole person. We will also explore wisdom practices that can deepen our experience of the teachings of Jesus rooted in compassion and self-emptying love.

From Bob Craig, Rachel Zoller and Pam Middleton: These are difficult times. With wars raging, conflict over ideologies, and all the domestic issues, how can we remain hopeful and go forward believing in better times for our future? Lent is a perfect time to slow down, look at this issue and then carry these ideas forward. This discussion will not focus on these issues but on hope that is useful in any situation.

The following questions will be addressed:

- How do we each find hope?
- How have others found hope and what can they offer us?
- Who has inspired you?
- How can we spread hope?

We will use some videos and readings for sharing and discussion. In that this is a discussion, time lines and questions will be adjusted according to the group's needs.

Please join us on Wednesday nights following the Simple Soup Supper in the Fireside Room.

THANK YOU TO MARY AND DOUG JONES FOR OUR NEW PIANO

The piano had been in the family for years but was looking for a new home; it found the perfect spot in The Youth Group Room!



Fun and Fellowship at All Saints! Game Night: February 23



Game Night Is Here Again!! Please join us on February 23 at 6:30 pm at church for some fun and fellowship! We promise there will be a bit of competition too! Game night is a great way to spend a cold evening not feeling so cold. Enjoy a few games, snacks, wonderful conversation and time with friends. Even if a boardgame is not high on your list of exciting things to do, we bet we can help change your mind! We have lots of games already set to go from Hi Ho Cherry Oh! to Clue. Please feel free to bring any game that you want to play or play one that we have on hand. I personally am thinking I would like to play a competitive game of Mexican Train or Catan. Or maybe even Trivial Pursuit! Please bring yourself, a friend if you wish and a snack to share. We look forward to seeing you. If you have questions or need a ride please call Rebecca Krug 507-213-9743 or email rebeccakrug1017@gmail.com.

February

8-10	Fr. Cody at Clergy Conference, Brainard
10	Lector/Intercessor training with Fr. James Young
	Ruth's House fundraising auction - Faribault
11	Green Team meeting
13	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
14	Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes
18	Vestry meeting
21,28	Simple Supper/Lenten gatherings/Compline
23	Game night at 6:30 p.m.



Annual Meeting January 28, 2024



EPIPHANY AT ALL SAINTS!





EPIPHANY AT THE CARLETON CHAPEL!!



All Saints saw very little snow in December and January! Thank you to Carla and Marshall Hansen, Pam Middleton, Tom Drucker and Brad Ely for clearing the walks and entryways!



With the warm weather, the city sent crews out to trim the trees in the boulevard! Fr. Cody navigated through the downed branches to get to the office!



Pride in the Park 2023

Pride in the Park is June 1, 2024

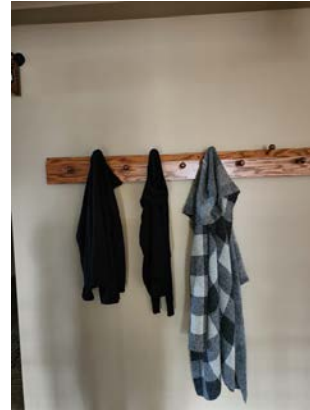
Yes, Pride in the Park is a few months away but it is never too early to start planning! Mark and Rebecca Krug invite you to contact them if you are interested in helping to make All Saints' participation as great again this year as it was last year! Please reach out to Mark and Rebecca or stay tuned for announcements about plans for this year's event.

KITCHEN UPDATES

These items have been left in the kitchen.
They are currently on the left side of the stove.
If they are yours, please pick them up by
February 12!



Lost and Found in the hallway!



Thank you to everyone who has used the kitchen! It has stayed clean & organized! A few quick reminders:

- The Hobart (dishwasher) should always be left open after use. This helps the interior to dry
- When putting silverware out, please use a container (these large creamer pitchers work well) & place the utensils with the handles pointing up.



- Please don't wash this type of glass carafe' in the Hobart. We have had some break in the dishwasher!
- Please let Betsy Brandt, Rebecca Krug or Pam Middleton know if you have any suggestions for or questions about the kitchen.



Thank you to Fr. Joe Hopwood for bringing his special cookies to the coffee hour on the coldest day of the year! They were a real treat!

Episcopalians are celebrated all around the world and we would love for you to submit photos of Episcopal churches that you have taken. Photos from where you have traveled to, have lived or even one you were married in. Share with us the beauty of those churches. Please feel free to include a story to go along with your submission. Will you be our next submission for March???

Our friends Val Britton and Greg Gudbjartsson sent us photos from their travels and history.



In Irmo, SC (near Columbia) is home to Saint Mary's Episcopal Church.

Monthly they hold Celtic Prayer service and hosts meetings for the scouts.

Irma has a population of just over 11,700.

This red door may look familiar to some of you as this was a church in Janesville, MN.

The church was decommissioned about 30 years ago and has since been demolished along with the guild house next door.

For a while it was an antique store and now is a parking lot for St. Ann's catholic church.



Some of the stain glass windows for the church went to an interested party out west.

This vibrant, round, stain glass window was donated by Bishop Whipple. Val is not sure what became of this particular window.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Ruth's House of Hope Helping Hearts Fundraiser



The Ruth's House Helping Hearts Gala is on Saturday, February 10 at the 3 Ten Events Center in Faribault. Ruth's House supports sober living and safe shelter for women and children in Rice County. For years Deacon Cassandra has been a member of the board. Tickets and more information can be found on the Ruth's House website: <https://ruthshousemn.org/helpinghearts/> Deacon Cassandra is one of the event's coordinators; you may speak with her if you have questions!



Ruth's House

Update from Sister Makrina

Regenerate Shingal



Greetings from Dinklage! I wanted to write an update on Regenerate Shingal and what better day to do it than on the feast of "chel zivistan". That literally means "40 winter" and is the day when Ezidi ascetics end a 40 day fast. They hold such fasts in summer and winter: it seems to me that they are showing solidarity with the sun and the earth during these extreme seasons.

After five months of going back and forth, Regenerate Shingal finally got the seal of approval as an NGO in Germany. We are off and running! Just this week, we purchased a tractor that will allow our partners to support 15 more families in addition to the 20 they already support. The informal social support that they provide is becoming increasingly important as more families return, as is the basis of our work at Regenerate Shingal: sustainable restoration and development on and around Mount Shingal. We are also now a cooperation circle of United Religions Initiative. The base for that is in Iraq and not in Germany, as we want to ensure that leadership is coming from the community itself as well as from global partners.

In terms of our work, more than anything, this winter has been filled with articulating our hopes, dreams and how to put them into practice: in less flowery words, we have been writing grant applications. Thankfully, the Germany ministry of Development has taken an interest in our work and we are now going through the required process to receive financial support for projects, starting with restoration of a natural spring. Developing that relationship takes time but it gives us hope for the future. So, too, does the support that comes from all of you at All Saint's. Many blessings as we approach the formal end of the Christmas season on Candlemas. Thank you for being a light to so many!

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.

ONCE I WAS BLIND – The Blind Man's Story

John, Chapter 9

I spent twenty seven years in the dark,
 Fifteen of them begging, begging –
 For the last eight years, I've had
 My pitch right by the Temple gate!
 You'd think they'd know me by now.
 So when Yeshua bar Joseph came by,
 (And I'd heard a lot about Him –
 You learn early to listen, when you can't see),
 One of His disciples asked Him a hard question,
 and after He disposed of that, He called
 me to Him. Well, I went. Who wouldn't?
 The upshot was, I washed in the pool of Siloam,
 And all of a sudden I could see!

That was the greatest (and the strangest)
 Moment I ever hope to know. Up to then,
 I hadn't even been able to guess
 What this "seeing" might be, because, of course,
 I'd never had the experience. People
 Would say things like "It must be bad, to be
 Always in the dark" – but I didn't know
 What "dark" was, so I had no answer.
 But anyway, after all my life lived by listening,
 Feeling, sensing, touching, now I could see.

It was a nine-day wonder, for sure, and I
 Must have told the story a thousand times to
 All the folks that came around – they all
 Knew me, of course – and eventually they
 Took me to the Council to tell them all about it.
 And what did the Council have to say?
 "Oh, he healed him on the sabbath –
 What a sin!" or worse (after all those years)
 "Is this the same man who was blind, or
 Somebody else who looks like him?"
 As though not one of them had seen me
 In all that time. Maybe they hadn't – I
 Could believe it of that crew. They had me
 On the carpet twice over it, they even harassed
 my parents about it, and they wanted to know

"Where is he?" "How did he do it?" "We don't know
 Where he comes from; Give God the glory,
 Not him." That one really got me.

They're supposed to know about God,
 And that God doesn't listen to sinners –
 And yet obviously, nobody but God
 Could have done it, so God must have
 Been listening to Him. Without God,
 He couldn't do anything. But they couldn't
 See it. So to speak. I answered back
 Pretty sharp at that point, and they
 Threw me out on my ear. They claimed
 That I was trying to teach them, which
 I guess I was, in a way, and they weren't
 Having any. The funny thing is that when
 Yeshua heard about it, He hunted me up
 With a question. I knew who He was, of course,
 By His voice, but I hadn't seen Him before
 Because He'd been gone by the time
 I got back from the pool of Siloam.

He wanted to know "Do you believe in the
 Son of man? So I said "Who is he, that
 I might believe in him?" And He said,
 In effect, "You're looking at him." He
 Went on to say that He was here "that those
 Who don't see may see, and those who see
 May become blind." He likes paradoxes like that.
 Their were some Pharisees standing around
 (There always are, at the Temple), and of course
 They had to know: "Are we blind, then?" and
 You know what He said? He said "If you were
 Blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you
 Say 'We see', your guilt remains." That hit me,
 All right; I know too much about what it means to be
 Blind, and what it means to see; but they
 Didn't like it at all. Well, for my part, I hope
 They figure it out, some day. But in the meantime,
 I'll go with Him; after all, He's why I see.

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: Candlemas

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation commemorates the presentation of Jesus the Temple (Luke 2.22-40). This reflects Leviticus 12 which specifies that a woman was to be purified at the temple by the offering of a lamb as a burnt offering and the offering of a turtle dove or a young pigeon as a sin offering, 33 days after the circumcision of the infant. Thus, in the Christian calendar, this falls on the 2nd of February. This marks the time when most Christians will have taken down their Christmas decorations. Many do so after Twelfth Night but they are to be taken down most certainly by the feast of Candlemas. In popular folklore, it is considered to be bad luck to leave Christmas decorations up after the feast of Candlemas. In one particularly gruesome tradition it is said that for every needle or leaf left after this time the household would be visited by some creature like a goblin. But anyway you get my drift. Take them down!

On Candlemas, it is a tradition to bring candles to the church to be blessed for use for the rest of the year. The blessed candles represent the light of Christ as revealed to us in the epiphany as the light of the world.

Next Month: Just how long is Lent?

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak!

COOKIE SEASON IS HERE!

It is that time of the year that the Ford/Peterson family will be selling Girl Scout cookies.

Sales start February 9th and deliveries will happen sometime after February 16th. Even if you have sworn them off for Lent, they freeze well. Hit up a member of the Ford/Peterson household to place your order! This year they are working towards a service trip to New Jersey.



Back Row: Molly M., CJ O., Rae D., Kalie F.
Front: Theo K., Hannah H.

Not pictured: Hailey and Bella

All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs

SR. WARDEN	Rhonda Rowe
JR. WARDEN	Laura Kay Allen
CO-TREASURER	Larry Archbold
CO-TREASURER	Pam Middleton
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AT LARGE	Rachel Zoller
AT LARGE	Liz Truman
AT LARGE	Joe Peterson
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	Sigrid Edstrom
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	Jayne Cook-Quarry
OUTREACH	Mary Jones
HOSPITALITY	Pam Middleton
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

Save the date

Mar 17 Piano Salon with Richard Collman
 Mar 21 Book Discussion for Regenerate Shingal
 Mar 30 Easter Vigil- visit by Bishop Loya and opportunity for baptisms or confirmations
 Mar 31 Easter Day
 June 1 Pride in the Park
 June Red Cross blood drive. Date TBD Kate Ford
 July Meals on Wheels. Dates TBD. Marshall Hansen



BIRTHDAYS

February

2	Lizzy Larson
7	Bob Craig
17	Vania Liang
17	Ella Rae Berkebile
18	Kalie Ford
19	Ericka Campbell
21	Melody Ford
23	Zeke Will



ANNIVERSARIES

February

1	Marshall and Carla Hansen
22	Rebecca & Mark Krug

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