

# CONNECTIONS

## All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

### EZIDI CONNECTIONS

Sr Makrina's visit is fast approaching! We know that she will be welcomed in All Saints style and, at the same time, that we will be generous as we raise money to support animal husbandry for the new little village in Shingal. We have shared information about Sr. Makrina, Regenerate Shingal and the Ezidi people in past newsletters, and you can read more about this outreach partnership on the bulletin board in the Commons. During Sr. Makrina's visit, you will have several opportunities to learn more!

- Come Early and Come Hungry on Oct. 6th! We will be having a pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 10:00 with a free will offering. All donations will be sent home with Sr. Makrina as she continues her work with the Ezidi people.
- Adult Forum at 9:30 with Sr Makrina sharing "The Story of a Village."
- A Conversation with Sr. Makrina follows church at 12 noon in the sanctuary. The Pancake Breakfast prior to the service replaces Coffee Hour, but coffee and tea will be available.



CHICKEN \$20-\$25



CALF \$800



BEEHIVE \$300



SHEEP \$250



TURKEY \$30-\$40

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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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### From the Rector



All Saints  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear friends—

It's been almost a full year since our grand and glorious Celebration of New Ministry on All Saints Day last year and, with it, my institution as rector of All Saints Church. As I said then, so I say now: I am the luckiest priest in the whole diocese (and probably the whole Episcopal Church, to tell you the truth.) Although it might seem like the new rector is at the center of attention during these kinds of celebrations, that couldn't be further from the truth. It truly was and continues to be a celebration of all of our ministry, both our collective ministry as a parish and our own individual ministries as pastor and parishioners.

At first pass, this might seem like Midwestern modesty, but it's actually a healthy reflection of the Church's foundational understanding of ministry. If you look toward the back of the Book of Common Prayer (pages 845-862), you'll find the oft forgotten Catechism, a short outline of our shared faith as Episcopalians. The Catechism is super clear that the Church's ministers are not solely those of us who wear collars and robes, but rather all of the baptized: lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

It might be tempting to conclude that clergy are somehow more or better or truer ministers than lay persons—after all, when you see a minister on television or in film, it's most often somebody in a collar or a robe—but that conclusion is a huge departure from the historic teaching of the Church. Clergy have a specific roles within the Church's ministry and are trained and ordained (or 'set aside') for those particular roles, but there's nothing better or more important or more genuine in those roles than the roles which lay person play in the life of the Christian community.

The Catechism clearly spells out the ministry of the four orders of ministry:

**Laity** - The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

**Priesthood** - The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God.

**Diaconate** - The ministry of a deacon is to represent Christ and his Church, particular as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments.

**Episcopate** - The ministry of a bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry.

Father Cody continued

Notice that each of the four orders of ministry is called to represent Christ and his Church. Neither Deacon Cassandra nor I represent Christ and his Church any better than any of you (and, speaking for myself only, I can say that many of you are more faithful witnesses to Christ than any cleric I've ever met.) Each of us—whether bishop, deacon, priest, or lay person—is called to the same fundamental work of unity with God and our neighbor. How we answer that calling and live into it varies based on the shape of that call which is unique to each of us.

My specific role, as a priest and as your pastor, is to empower each of you to live into the various ministries to which God has called you. As the late Fr. James C. Fenhagen, sometime President and Dean of The General Theological Seminary in NYC, wrote in his classic text *Mutual Ministry: New Vitality for the Local Church*: “The function of the [priest] is not primarily to do ministry but to help others identify and carry out the ministries which are uniquely theirs.”

I do in a number of ways, most of which revolve around preaching and teaching, stewarding the sacraments, accompanying folks in their daily journeys, listening to those in discernment, shepherding those in need, and otherwise keeping the USS ALL SAINTS afloat. Mother Barbara Brown Taylor, an Episcopal priest, author, and expert on the spiritual life, has said that “priests are likely to wear a hundred hats—social worker, chauffeur, cook, financial advisor, community organizer, babysitter, philanthropist, marriage counselor, cheerleader, friend.” I've certainly experienced all of those roles and more. (Sometimes all of them on the same day!)

When I first graduated from seminary, I was pretty convinced that I had to do everything and be everything. I've since come to the awesome realization that the only thing I need to do is be and the only thing I need to be is Cody. That's the amazing thing about ministry. You all don't have to be priests, deacons, or bishops (though I think at least a few of you are called to ordained ministry and don't yet realize it or haven't accepted that calling). All you have to do is be and all you have to be is yourself.

All Saints needs you to be yourselves. This community needs you to bring your whole selves to our shared life together. This community needs your questions and your doubts. We need your perspectives and your experiences. We need the flair or thoughtfulness which comes natural to you. We need you to teach our young and to help us all steward our resources. We need you to serve at the altar and to deliver meals on wheels. We need you to take your share in governance on the vestry and on the various boards and committees of the diocese or the broader church. We need your art and we need your music. We need your joy and your sorrow. We need your fears and your anxieties. We need your dreams.

If there are ways that I can help you be yourself more fully in this place, please do let me know. There's almost nothing which excites me as much as being able to help folks find their niches in the church or on behalf of the church.

God has called you to this place, my friends. Thanks for answering that call.

Yours faithfully,  
Fr. Cody

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## UTO

### United Thank Offering



The focus of UTO remains the same: to promote gratitude and to support innovative projects that address compelling needs around the world. As we move through the month of October, we will be reading some of the stories as told by grateful grant recipients. Boxes and envelopes will be available on the credenza beginning Sunday October 13th.

### SAN JOSE OBRERO

#### Sunday, September 22, 2024

Submitted by Pam Middleton

Once again, our afternoon of sharing friendship and a meal with the seasonal workers at the San Jose Obrero Mission was a huge success! We enjoyed an afternoon of pure joy! This year we served approximately 40 guests. What a blessing for us!

Thank you to everyone who donated food, funds and winter cloths for our friends in Montgomery. All was received with open arms and smiles.

Thank you also to all of our All Saints volunteers:

Saturday: Liz Truman, Fernan Jaramillo and I prepared the chili and purchased the tamales from El triunfo (always a crowd favorite!). Thanks!

Sunday, first shift: Fr. Cody, Bob and Gail Craig, Jayne Gardner, Katharine Powers, Liz Truman, Diana Zimmerman, Fernan Jaramillo and I loaded our cars with food, supplies and winter clothing, set up everything at Memorial Park in Montgomery, attended the service led by Fr. Neptali, and served and shared the first meal with the seasonal workers and clergy. What a great crew!

Sunday, second shift: Jayne and Cassandra Cook-Quarry, Bob Neuhaus, Barb Chlan, Rhonda and Bob Rowe, Caroline Beail, Gregory Ennis, and some members of our youth group, including Kalie and Melody Ford, Xander and Penelope Stavenau, and Theo and Miriel Ennis joined Liz, Fr.Cody, Fernan and me at the park to serve the second meal and clean up. Thanks to Bob, Rhonda and Fernan for returning all the supplies and dirty roasters to All Saints! The youth group joined Fr. Cody, Caroline and Gregory at the second service before returning to Northfield for an ice cream treat!

Monday: Thank you to Betsy Brandt who joined me in the All Saints kitchen to finish the clean-up!





### SAN JOSE OBRERO

Reaching out to support our friends who work long hours in the Seneca Packing Plant in Montgomery





## Rally Sunday Ministry Fair Celebrating the All Saints Community

All Saints is a strong and vibrant community because of the many gifts of time and talent that its members and friends contribute to the life of the church. Thank you to our many current volunteers and to everyone who signed up at our Ministry Fair on Rally Sunday, September 15 and to everyone who is still considering if there is an area of ministry in which you would like to serve!

At some point during this fall, we will be contacting those of you who have signed up so you can get started on your new service/volunteer activities!



## Rally Sunday

The Choir Returns!



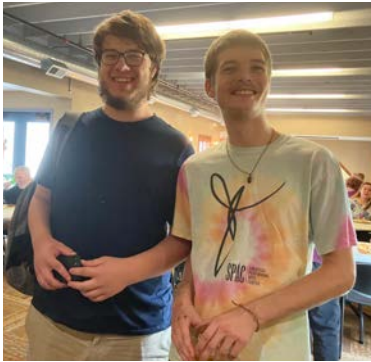
Sunday School  
and  
Youth Group Resume!





# RALLY SUNDAY

Another All Saints tradition, the Rally Sunday Potluck, was enjoyed by all!





## New at All Saints!



A new ramp has been installed at the main entrance to the church to minimize the tripping hazard that had resulted from the uneven settling of the concrete.



The "Busy Bags" for young children have been cleaned and filled with fresh crayons, quiet toys, and games.



A new Baptismal Font can be found by the lectern in the sanctuary!

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## October

- 6 Regnerate Shingal update with Sr. Makrina's visit  
Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
Conversations with Sr. Makrina at Adult Forum and at noon
- 9 Vestry meeting
- 13 UTO Kickoff
- 18-20 DYE: Diocesan Youth Event, MEA weekend



A Message from The Right Reverend Craig Loya  
September 19, 2024



Beloved in Christ,

I have always done a lot of the cooking in our family. I am neither a particularly good, nor a particularly creative, cook. Like many busy parents, I have a small rotation of simple meals that help keep us nourished in the midst of full and busy days. Knowing at the beginning of the day what simple meal I will prepare at the end of the day is like having an anchor of something concrete as we navigate the pace and demands of modern life.

In an era of uncertainty and transformation in the church, of cultural complexity and political rancor, I am firmly convinced we are called to embrace this kind of simple approach to our life together. Most churches (including and especially those I have led as a priest) are doing too many things. Because we are eager to grow our numbers, it's easy to unconsciously fall into the trap of trying to compete in the marketplace of chronic busyness, rather than equipping one another to resist it, and live the grounded, intentional life that Jesus both models and calls us to. The only way to do this is to keep our focus on the simple basics of discipleship: dwelling deeply in scripture, yoking ourselves to God each day in prayer, doing life together in a real way, giving ourselves away for the world around us.

One of my favorite phrases in the Book of Common Prayer is in the post-communion prayer on page 365, where we ask God to send us out "with gladness and singleness of heart." What might simple church look like? What might we need to set down, and clear away, to cultivate glad and single hearts in the midst of a complex and conflicted world?

Soren Kierkegaard once famously wrote that to be a saint is to will the one thing. Pray that our life together might will the one thing of God's love flooding, embracing, and healing the whole world.

Grace and Peace,  
The Right Reverend Craig Loya  
X Bishop  
Episcopal Church in Minnesota

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## DYE: Diocesan Youth Event

October 18-20, Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour,  
Faribault

DYE is ECMN's twice-annual retreat for senior high school students to come together to play, pray, grow, encounter the resurrected Christ, and learn more about living as disciples. Open to high school students.



**Register at this [link](#)!**

***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: ***All Hallows' Eve***

The evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The BOS provides a form for a service on All Hallows' Eve. This service begins with the Prayer for Light, and it includes two or more readings from scripture. The options for the readings include the Witch of Endor (1 Sm 28:3-25), the Vision of Eliphaz the Temanite (Jb 4:12-21), the Valley of Dry Bones (Ez37:1-14), and the War in Heaven (Rv 12:[1-6]7-12). The readings are followed by a psalm, canticle, or hymn, and a prayer. The BOS notes that "suitable festivities and entertainments" may precede or follow the service, and there may be a visit to a cemetery or burial place.

The popular name for this festival is Halloween. It was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. The church "adopted" this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, and All Hallows' Eve on the evening of Oct. 31.



Next Month: ***Thanksgiving Day***

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of ***Episco-Speak!***



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<b>AT LARGE</b>	Liz Truman
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	Caroline Beail
<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>	Pam Middleton
	Caroline Beail
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	Bob Rowe
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*Save the date*

November 3	Stewardship Kickoff
November 10	UTO Ingathering
November 17	Pledge Ingathering
November 24	Bishop Loya visit
November 28	Thanksgiving



**BIRTHDAYS**

**October**

- 1 Richard Olson
- 2 Rob Young
- 4 Katherine Collman
- 4 Joe Hopwood
- 5 Mary Patterson
- 7 Denev Perkins
- 9 Kate Ford
- 11 David Ennis
- 12 Emily Thomas
- 14 Stephanie Ennis
- 17 Rebecca Krug
- 20 Blaine Gudbjartsson
- 20 Liz Truman
- 27 Carla Hansen
- 27 Samuel Hansen
- 31 Erin Young



**ANNIVERSARIES**

**October**

- 12 Jayne Gardner and John Schultz
- 31 Brad Leonard and Dina Fester

