

September 2024

CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter



RALLY SUNDAY



September 15

SUNDAY
SCHOOL

CHOIR

POTLUCK

YOUTH
GROUP

MINISTRY FAIR

On Sunday, September 15, 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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Sr. and Jr. Warden Report
Rhonda Rowe and Laura Kay Allen

“Your church looks sooo good after the siding project!” “Wow, what a change!” “Beautiful, just beautiful!” “I can see the stained-glass windows!”

These are some of the comments we are hearing from our neighbors and townspeople who are walking by. It is beautiful, isn't it? We are so fortunate to have this project completed and paid for. Thanks to each of you who made this happen.

There were surprises when the old siding was removed. It was original and the sheathing under the siding had rotted away. As with all projects, there were change orders. We had a contingency fund that covered some of the overage, but not all. Here are the items involved in the change order:

- Install plywood sheathing over the wall frame
- Repair framing and insulate the wall cavities
- Repair wood frame around the windows
- Labor associated with the additional work

The change orders came in around \$50,000 over the original proposal. Vestry held a special meeting on August 25th to approve cashing out a portion of a stock gift, given to us by Al Gramstedt, in order to complete our payment for the restoration.

Bonus work!! Bob Rowe has power washed our sidewalks! There was mold on the north side that got very slick when wet. Thank you, Bob!

We would like to thank everyone who participated in Vacation Bible School. What a wonderful week! We had 8 youngsters who participated and nearly that many adults and helpers. It was a huge success, and we look forward to next year.

There was a good crowd at Potluck Praise and Pie on the 21st at Odd Fellows Park. We welcomed our friends from The Cathedral of Our Merciful Saviour and everyone had an enjoyable time. Delicious food and great music, what more could one want!?

In August, we met with our Church Insurance representative, Ken Jacobson. We received a very positive report and a few suggestions of items to work on in the future.

Please connect with us with any questions or concerns.

September

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| 7 | DJJD Open House |
| 11 | Outreach committee meeting |
| 12 | Liturgy Planning Committee Meeting, 3:00pm |
| 15 | Rally Sunday- Choir, Sunday School, Youth Group begin
Potluck, Ministry Fair |
| 17 | Vestry meeting, 6:00pm |
| 21 | Campus Ministry Cookout/Chocolate Fest |
| 22 | San Jose Obrero Mission |
| 29 | Animal Blessing; Regenerate Shingal video viewing |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



San Jose Obrero Mission

SEPTEMBER 22

**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 22nd. 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.

EZIDI CONNECTIONS

Submitted by Bob Craig

In preparation for the return of Sister Makrina on October 5-6, and her discussion of Regenerate Shingal, the Outreach Committee thought that it would be helpful to have more information about the Ezidi people. The Ezidis (Yazidi) are considered one of the oldest indigenous ethnic and religious communities, in the Middle East. For centuries they have lived in north-west Iraq in areas around the Shingal Mountain and the Shekhan district of Iraq. Below is a map of the wide range of Ezidi towns and villages. Prior to the genocide of the Ezidi by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS), they numbered about 600,000 people.



Ten years ago, on the 3rd of August, ISIS attacked the Sinjar region, close to the border with Syria that is home to the vast majority of Ezidi. Singled out to be killed were men and elderly women. According to the UN, ISIS not only committed genocide but war crimes by means of mass executions, forced conversions to Islam, as well as, enslavement and widespread sexual violence against women and girls. Even though the Islamic State no longer exists, the Ezidi community is still, a decade later, coming to terms with collective trauma, displacement, and reuniting families and the rebuilding of their community. 150,000 Ezidi have been able to return home to the Sinjar region but another 200,000 are still living in tents in what have been described as prison camps, as internally displaced persons with little hope of leaving. Those who have returned to the Sinjar, struggle with access to healthcare and education, as well as, clean water and electricity, coupled with the insecurity of regional conflict.

The plight of the Ezidi in Iraq is compounded by the fate of Ezidi living in Germany, which is the largest Ezidi diaspora in Europe, numbering about 250,000 people. Even though the German government has recognized the persecution of Ezidi, and its accompanying genocide, several federal states have been deporting Ezidi to Iraq where conditions remain unstable.

Sources for Bob Craig's Ezidi article:

MERI (Middle East Research Institute) "The Yazidis Perceptions of Reconciliation and Conflict," <https://www.meri-k.org/publication/the-yazidis-perceptions-of-reconciliation-and-conflict/>

"Ten Years after the Yazidi genocide," Report of the UN Syrian Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (August 3, 2024), <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/coisyria/report2024/coi-syria-position-paper-02-08-2024.pdf>

"Will Germany betray the Yazidi genocide victims," The Cradle (May 17, 2024), <https://thecradle.co/articles-id/24942>

"News report shows: Yazidis must not be deported to Iraq, PRO ASYL (Organization documents human rights violations), (April 24, 2024). <https://www.proasyl.de/en/pressrelease/new-report-shows-yazidis-must-not-be-deported-to-iraq/#:-:text=Whether%20Yazidis%20are%20deported%20or,has%20become%20a%20dangerous%20hotspot.>

The Joshua Project: <https://www.joshuaproject.net/>

An opportunity to prepare for the return visit of Sr Makrina on October 6th, will be a viewing of a recent video from Shingal on Sunday September 29th after church. Also, please do take time to visit the newly updated website: regenerateshingal.org. Be sure to click the menu icon to visit the entire site.



**OPEN DOORS
AT
ALL SAINTS
WELCOME
EVERYONE!**





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD



Submitted by Pam Middleton

All Saints was alive with laughter, learning and love during the week of August 19-23 when we hosted our first Vacation Bible School in over 10 years. We all dove into friendship with God, through music, crafts, stories, games, snacks and videos. We learned that:

- God is a friend who is Real.
- God is a friend who Loves.
- God is a friend we can Trust.
- God is a friend Forever.
- God is a friend for Everyone.

Caroline Beail and I oversaw VBS but we had A LOT of help from our All Saints Community. Children from outside our own community attended as well as some of our own, as both attendees and helpers!

Thank you to Betsy Brandt, Rikki Drewitz, Rhonda Rowe and Fr. Cody for helping in whate4ver way was needed each morning- helping with crafts, cleaning up, setting up snacks, and being friends to the children!

Thank you to Cathy Whiteman who prepared the wonderful music and taught the songs of the children, and to Laura Porter-Jones and Morgan Jones for assisting!

Thank you to Gail Halverson, Laura Kay Allen, Gretchen and Tara Alaniz, Joan Ennis, Rachel Zoller, Kathy Phillips, Fernan Jaramillo and Deney Perkins for supplying the fun snacks!

Thank you to Cassandra Cook-Quarry and Deney Perkins (and her grandsons!) for helping with the decorations!

Thank you to our wonderful youth assistants, Reagan Dee, Penelope and Xander Stavenau, Tara Alaniz, Ruby Anderson, Josie Kuennen, and Miriel Ennis!





Potluck, Praise and Pies!

Potluck, Praise, Pies! What a wonderful evening at Odd Fellows Park on August 21st. Thank you to Fr. Cody, Bob and Rhonda Rowe, Rachel Zoller and Laura Kay Allen for taking care of the set-up and clean-up! Thank you to Mark Heiman, Morgan Jones and Richard Collman for playing the music and leading the singing! Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share and/or a pie!



A Message from The Right Reverend Craig Loya
August 30, 2024



Beloved in Christ,

I'm writing this as I am frantically preparing to be away for a few days with my family over the Labor Day weekend. I am reminded as I do so of something that stuck with me from John Mark Comer's book "Practicing the Way," that I recommended as a resource to the diocese earlier this summer. Of all the spiritual practices that help us be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do as Jesus did, Comer says we have to start with rest. In the modern western world, sabbath—reserving one full day each week for rest, connecting with those we love best, and spending time with God—is the most neglected of all the commandments in scripture, and of the way of being Jesus modeled and taught.

This critical practice is one of the most challenging for me, and just about everyone else I know, to keep. We are bombarded every minute of every day with messages that tell us our worth is determined by how much we do. We carry a universe of attention shredding distraction in our pockets, and that universe doesn't sit passively by, but pings us repeatedly with reminders to give it the attention it is designed to solicit.

To really know God's presence in our lives, we have to first be actually present to them ourselves. To really know God's power in our lives, we have to first rest so we stop trying to power everything on our own.

As you observe the secular holiday this weekend, I invite you to practice a little sabbath. Turn off your phone, let the projects go, spend some time with Jesus, connect without distraction with those who love you best. If you're like me, there may be no more challenging thing to do. But as we practice this critical spiritual discipline, we may just also learn there is no more important way of joining God's revolution of life and love.

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

Youth Group!



Youth Group resumes their regular meetings on Rally Sunday, September 15th! Caroline Beail and the All Saints young people, grades 5-12, will gather for fun and friendship in the Youth Group Room from 6:30pm to 8:00pm! The summer was busy for many of our young people, but several assisted with Vacation Bible School in August- thank you! An end of summer bowling outing was a lot of fun as well!

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: **chalice, paten, corporal, purificator**

These are all items that are used specifically during the Holy Eucharist. Three of them are plainly visible to all who receive communion. The one that is not easily seen by most is the *corporal* (Latin for "body") which is a linen on the altar onto which the vessels for communion are placed. The *paten* (Greek for "platter") is the plate on which the communion bread is placed. The *chalice* (from Latin *calix* for "cup") is the footed cup which holds the wine for communion. The *purificator* is a special linen that is used by the person administering the wine to wipe off the chalice after each person receives the wine.



Next Month: ***All Hallows Eve***

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

With Gratitude

We wish to thank the people of All Saints for their support after Lynne's mother, Veronica, passed away in July. Your many expressions of sympathy and caring have meant the world to us. We especially treasure memories of the beautiful bouquet of red roses for her funeral.

With love and gratitude,
Lynne and James Young



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 15!

BEHIND THE SCENES!

All Saints is a thriving community! Many parishioners contribute to the life and the upkeep of the church. During the academic year, our Music Director, Sabe Dunlap is responsible for changing the Hymn Board each week. This summer, Brad Ely has taken care of this most Sundays with Mark Heiman and Pam Middleton helping out at times; thank you! Betsy Brandt cleaned up the nursery to get it ready for the start of the new academic year; thank you! Bob Rowe cleaned our sidewalks and some of the walls with his power washer this summer; thank you! Richard Collman and Pam Middleton keep our indoor plants watered each week; thank you!

There are many other people who take care of things “behind the scenes” at All Saints! If you notice something and want it to be highlighted, please reach out to Pam Middleton!



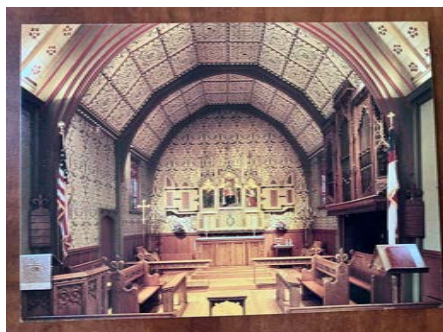
Episcopal Churches Around the World! Send submissions to jaynequarry@yahoo.com

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 October?

Our friends, Rachel and Jay Zoller sent us postcards from their trip to Maine earlier this year.

From Rachel:

My children were part of the choir, confirmed and Jay and I were married here. It is right on the Damariscotta River. It was designed by Henry Vaughn who designed the Washington Cathedral and the interior is painted with stencils. Francis Perkins was a congregant when she was in town at her River Road House.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Newcastle, Maine****Episcopal Student Association**

College students are back & the Campus Ministry team has started planning! The first event All Saints is going to host will be a combined cookout & Chocolatefest on Saturday, September 21. Last year we had about 40 students attend! We are looking for volunteers to make any type of chocolate dessert. Please let Megan Smith, Mark Heiman or Betsy Brandt know if you can make something.



**WELCOME BACK
STUDENTS!**



All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs

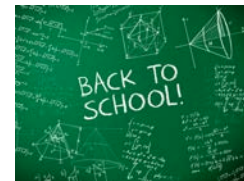
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WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

Save the date

October 6 Sister Makrina visit
Pancake breakfast fundraiser

October 13 UTO Kick-off

November 24. Bishop Loya visit



BIRTHDAYS

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



ANNIVERSARIES

September	3	Tom & Elizabeth Campbell
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