

# CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

GRATITUDE

BLESSINGS

## NOVEMBER THE MONTH OF GIVING THANKS



**Stewardship Campaign**  
November 10-24

Gratitude and Growth!

Giving from a sense of feeling blessed!

**United Thank Offering (UTO)**

Ingathering November 10  
A Theology of Gratitude



**Thanksgiving Dinner**

November 28

Giving thanks with your friends  
and family at All Saints



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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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Staffed by volunteers

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## Building Renewal Project Turns 10

### Let's Celebrate!

Ten years ago, on All Saints Day (November 1st), we gathered to celebrate the completion of our Building Renewal Project with an Open House and Thanksgiving service. This beautiful addition to our historic church has served us well, enhancing our worship, community, and ministry spaces. **Thanks to your steadfast support, we are thrilled to share that of the approximately \$2,000,000 cost of the project, we now owe less than \$100,000 on the mortgage!** As we celebrate this milestone, we thank each of you for your ongoing commitment and generosity, which continues to make our church a welcoming home for all.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ALL SAINTS !ALL ARE WELCOME!

All Saints is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for students & parishioners at 2pm on Thanksgiving Day. We will provide Turkey & ask you, as possible, to provide sides, salads & desserts. Thank you to Rebecca and Mark Krug for organizing this special event! There is a sign-up sheet on the credenza in the Commons, or you can contact Rebecca at [rebeccakrug1017@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccakrug1017@gmail.com)



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

ALL SAINTS RESURRECTED WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING  
5:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19  
in  
THE COMMONS

We will share a meal, laugh a lot and have a great time!  
Watch for details from Carla, Val and Pam

## November

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| November 2  | Outdoor Workday                         |
| November 3  | All Saints Sunday                       |
| November 10 | UTO Ingathering<br>Stewardship Kickoff  |
| November 12 | Outreach meeting, 8:30am                |
| November 13 | Vestry meeting, 6:15 pm                 |
| November 24 | Bishop Loya visit<br>Pledge Ingathering |
| November 28 | Thanksgiving Dinner                     |

## Updates on the All Saints Organ

Submitted by Fr. Cody

On October 9th, the Vestry voted to accept the Organ Committee's proposal to purchase the historic 1893 J. W. Steere organ from Redemption Church in Owatonna! This decision follows months of careful research and discussion—and the committee reached a unanimous decision, which felt like a miracle in itself! Thanks to incredible generosity, anonymous gifts have already covered the \$3,000 organ purchase and pledged an additional \$100,000.

In the coming months, the Vestry will be launching a formal campaign to establish an endowed organ fund. This fund will ensure sustainable maintenance without impacting our regular budget, which means more resources for outreach and other mission-driven activities. There is also potential for exciting educational and cultural programming centered on this magnificent instrument.

Please join me in expressing gratitude for the hard work of the Organ Committee and stay tuned for more updates on how you can support this beautiful opportunity!

### Organ Committee

Richard Collman, Chair  
 Dr. Lawrence Archbold  
 Prof. Joanne Rodland  
 Jay Zoller  
 John Schultz  
 Fletcher Coolidge  
 Eleanor Coolidge  
 Brian Carson  
 Laura Kay Allen, Jr Warden  
 Rhonda Rowe, Sr Warden  
 Fr. Cody Maynus, Rector



## ORGANSPEAK

Submitted by Richard Collman

This begins a series of columns for the All Saints newsletter called “Organspeak”, a term Fletcher Coolidge has used in educating the Vestry and others about our present pipe organ and the proposal for a reconditioned 1893 historic organ from Owatonna for our sanctuary in 2026.

### I. The situation with our organ (with thanks to Fletcher)

Our present organ has several challenges. It began its life as a practice organ at a Nebraska college. We acquired it in 2012 as part of the building renovation, added several new sounds (ranks of 61 pipes), and ended up with a “scatterbrained” design. There is not much variation of sounds available, so the present organ is not very useful for accompaniment nor enough volume to adequately support congregational singing (and we do sing loudly!). The sound is more brilliant than mellow.

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This organ has not been reliable and has been expensive to maintain. (in 2023 we budgeted \$485 and spent \$3,156). Russell Draeger of the Draeger Organ Firm from Owatonna discovered in Sept. that the blower and relay system were mis-wired. This means that part of the electrical system of the organ had been running at the wrong voltage for over a decade. Russell has the contract on maintenance of this instrument, and he just worked with an electrician to correct this problem since 2012 which had led to voltage surges and damaged relays. An example of this was the organ quitting in August of 2023 right before the funeral for Robert Will. While we hope this has been corrected to improve reliability, there is no way to discover the extent of damage to the relays due to surges. Hence we cannot be sure it is completely cured unless the entire relay system is replaced. The largest windchest has a crack causing leakage of air which can affect pressure of the air in the pipes thus affecting tone, pitch, and volume. A windchest is the wooden box filled with pressurized air with holes in the top into which the bases of pipes sit to make sound when a key is depressed.

Complete fixing of mechanical troubles in our present organ would require replacing the largest windchest or more (there are four windchests) and the relay system. This would cost, according to the Draeger Co., \$55-60K and could not be started until the spring of 2026. The instrument would sound exactly as it does now but all its design limitations and faults would still remain with us. To quote Fletcher, “we would spend 44-60K to keep what we have.” We could continue to patch the organ up with no guarantee of reliability, but we have no reasonable guarantee about how long repairs would hold well into the future.

## II. Investigation, Meetings, and a Proposal

Russell Draeger proposed that we acquire an 1893 J. W. Steere pipe organ given by Mr. Pillsbury to First Baptist Church in Owatonna (now Redemption Church). This organ could be “refitted” into our present pipe chamber, would have more volume and tonal variety than our present organ, and have a mellow and rich sound more fitting to our historic sanctuary. There will be more information about this organ in future columns, but for now, know that seven meetings of information have transpired since the end of August. These meetings have included two trips to Owatonna to play the instrument as well as organists and interested Vestry persons. You may “hear” the sound of this organ by listening to its “twin”, now refurbished in the chapel of Lutheran Memorial Church in Madison, WI. That organ is demonstrated in a 53 min. lecture demo. to help us understand what got organists from All Saints enthused about the sound of the proposed Owatonna organ.

The Vestry has voted to move ahead with this project which includes buying the organ, storing it, and anticipating installation by the fall of 2026 (23 months from now). One anonymous donor came forth to buy this organ; another has just come forth to support the entire project at a total estimated cost of \$100,000.

**Next month: Back to Basics: console, manual, stops, pipes, ranks, organ mumbo-jumbo explained!**

### SAVE THE DATES!

Jaclyn Duellman  
St. Olaf Senior Recital  
Vocal Music Education Major  
November 17, 4:30pm  
Urrness Recital Hall

**ST.OLAF SENIOR RECITALS**  
**Everyone is invited to attend**  
**the recitals of two of our**  
**choir’s choral scholars**

Claire Bouma  
St. Olaf Senior Recital  
Vocal Music Education Major  
November 22, 8:00pm  
Urrness Recital Hall

Junior Warden Update  
Laura Kay Allen



The Junior Warden is responsible for oversight of things related to the church property and equipment. Those responsibilities seem to be cyclical. Maintenance and safety checks are mainly taken care of during the summer months, there are weather related details that come up each fall, winter and spring and then, of course, there are the completely unexpected items that can and do arise. Things such as the trees that needed to be trimmed last January, the play structure that required repair, the hiring of a new sexton and the like.

This summer, I initiated conversations with our Episcopal Church Insurance Agency representative, Ken Jacobson. The purpose of my contacting him was to be sure that we were in compliance with all safety features in our church since this spring/summer marked our ten-year anniversary in our newer addition to All Saints. The first time we met was on Zoom. About three weeks later, Rhonda Rowe and I met with Ken in person, and he took us through a lengthy questionnaire about items pertinent to health and safety issues in our building. He also walked through the entire building and took pictures. Ken provided us with a written summary and photos which we shared with our vestry. There were suggestions (not requirements) for improvement that he highlighted in that summary.

He highly encourages us to do a complete inventory of everything we have in our church in the event we would need to replace something. Rhonda and Betsy Brandt are providing the leadership to that effort.

He also suggested that we have additional first aid kits and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). A huge thank you to our Parish Nurse, Brad Ely, who ordered kits and the AED and to Bob Rowe for mounting them in our church. Brad will be reporting details about these items and other things.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to participate in our fall cleanup and to our garden club members. We are grateful to our snow removal team who will be ready when the snow flies. Finally, I am thankful to Fr. Cody, Rhonda, Pam Middleton, Betsy Brandt and the entire vestry who are always very supportive of my efforts.

As always, please notify me if you have a concern related to our facilities or equipment.



Poinsettias and greens for the Advent and Christmas seasons have been ordered! If you would like to donate funds for the greens or poinsettias, in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one, please email or mail your acknowledgement to the church ([office@allsaintsnorthfield.org](mailto:office@allsaintsnorthfield.org) or PO Box 663) and send a check with "Christmas greens/flowers" on the memo line. The suggested donation is \$30.

A Message from The Right Reverend Craig Loya  
November 6, 2024



Beloved in Christ,

At five o'clock this morning, my daughter and I went for a run together, as we often do. It was very dark, and the fog was so dense we couldn't see more than a few feet in front of us, even with our headlamps. It was a longer run for Mari, and we stopped at the turnaround point for a minute or two to regroup for the trip back. As we passed another figure shrouded in the mist, we all went out of our way to warmly greet each other.

For many across our diocese and our nation, this morning feels covered by a dense fog. For many others, there is great rejoicing. That is probably the only thing that was certain regardless of the election's outcome - one more chapter in a now long and bitter epoch in our nation's history.

It is worth remembering today that Jesus is God's small, good thing for the world. The path of life Jesus sets out for us isn't forged by victory through force. It is forged by the small, good thing of standing in the broken, forgotten places, with the forgotten, vulnerable people. It is forged as God's extravagant love reaches over every division that tears God's children apart. While the world will always worship and covet what is big and powerful, small and humble is how God saves that world from itself.

In the season to come, there will inevitably be much we are called upon to say and do, which will require great courage and great faith. It is always so in a sinful and fallen world. For now, and for today, it is enough to sit for a time with the fact that it is not your job or mine to save the world from the fog that enfolds it. It is your job and mine to join Jesus in being God's small, good things that point to God's better way of love. It is your job and mine to run together in the fog, clinging to each other, pausing together to rest and recover, reaching out to our neighbors in love, standing with and for those whose dignity and lives are threatened. It is your job and mine to follow the lead of our ancient mothers who also set out together in the early dark, and found, as God's people have across the centuries, that God's small and humble love topples every fearful power under heaven, and heals all creation in the warmth of its light.

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



Bishop Loya will be making his official visitation to All Saints on Christ the King Sunday, November 24th. He will attend our adult forum at 9:30am, celebrate the Eucharist with us and preach at the 10:30am service, confirm/receive new members of the Episcopal Church, and spend time with our youth group. He will be accompanied by our regional dean, the Very Rev. Cindi Brickson. Join us for this important day in our life together!

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 months of October and November, we will be focusing on the blessings in our lives and how even small gifts (and large!) can have profound impacts in the lives of those in need.. Boxes and envelopes will be available on the credenza beginning Sunday October 13th. The Ingathering is on Sunday, November 10.

**REGENERATE SHINGAL**

Thank you to Sister Makrina for sharing her updates from Shingal when she visited on October 6th. Our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for our Izidi friends was a big success! We were able to send \$1,637 with Sister Makrina, which will purchase 5 bee hives for the Izidi people. We learned from Sister Makrina that bee hives are their top priority at this moment. We look forward to hearing from her soon and will keep you updated on happenings in the Mt. Shingal region.



Thank you to Tim Neuhaus, and Bob and Rhonda Rowe for preparing the food!  
Thank you to Oliver, Xander, Penelope, Caroline, Pam and Fr. Cody for serving the food!



**A FUN  
PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST  
FUNDRAISER**



Operation Joy, a community-wide gift sharing program of Community Action Center (CAC), is set to take place on Wednesday, December 11, 2024! Through the generosity of hundreds of individual donors and dedicated volunteers, over 1000 Northfield area children from over 500 households will receive gifts through Operation Joy this year. Each year, our goal remains the same: to provide a joyful holiday experience for all children in our community. At this time, the most impactful way our community can help support this goal is through monetary donations. Donations will be used to purchase gift cards, which will give families the opportunity to select gifts their children will enjoy the most. In keeping with tradition, families will receive a blanket, lovingly sewn by local volunteers. Children will also receive a new book, donated generously by Content Bookstore and their customers. If you would like to do donate funds, please make your check out to All Saints with "Operation Joy" on the memo line, or specify that on an envelope with cash if that is how you prefer to donate. Donations through All Saints are appreciated by Sunday, November 17.

St. Francis of Assisi  
Pet Blessing



*Save the date*

December 1 Advent I, wreath making

December 8 Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood

December 12 Winter Walk

December 15 Festive Coffee Hour

December 19 Women's Group Dinner

December 22 Greening of the Church with the All Saints band

December 24 Christmas Eve

December 25 Christmas Day

**Veterans Day is November 11.** We want to recognize and thank our veterans from All Saints. Let us remember those known to us, those unknown and those whose service is invisible; may we remain steadfast in gratitude and prayer. Heal those experiencing isolation and moral injury and those wounded in body and recovering. Grant each the satisfaction of having served to maintain the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Let us pray for each of these veterans.

- All Saints Military Veterans
- Bob Aby, United States Navy
- Michael Allen, United States Navy Reserves, Ret.
- Robert J. Allen, United States Navy
- Brad Ely, United States Air Force
- Carla Hansen, United States Navy
- Joseph Hopwood, United States Army National Guard
- Marshall Hansen, United States Navy, Ret.
- John Lindley, United States Navy Reserves
- David McKee, United States Navy
- Paul Pieper, United States Marine Corp/United States Army Reserves
- Alfred Pieper, United States Army
- Charles Perkins, United States Army Reserves
- Robert Rowe, United States Marine Corp/MN Army National Guard, Ret.
- John Thomas, United States Army



Those All Saints Active Duty Veterans who have died this year:  
Abraham Hansen, United States Army

**Fr. Cody and Dcn. Cassandra posing in their new green vestments!**

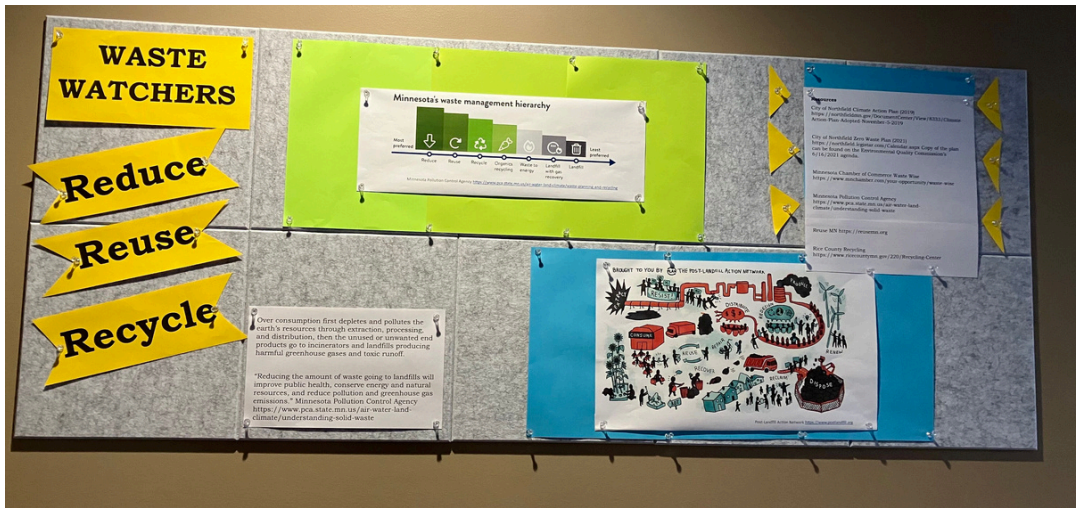


**Welcome back  
Fr. Jim Newman!**

**Fr. Newman served  
at All Saints from  
1980-1988.**



THE GREEN TEAM  
REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



Starting on Sunday, October 20 & running through Sunday, November 10, the Green Team will provide information about managing & reducing waste, reusing items & recycling. Please take time to look at the information that will be in the Commons across from the kitchen. We hope you will learn some new strategies & information. If you would like an electronic copy of the information or have any questions, please see Chris Ennis, Carla Hansen or Betsy Brandt.



New Addresses for All Saints Parishioners



Barbara and Joe Hopwood  
20230 North Ave  
Apartment 329  
Northfield, MN 55057

Larry Archbold  
910 Cannon Valley Dr.  
Parkview East, #1119  
Northfield, MN 55057

Gretchen and George Hardgrove  
910 Cannon Valley Dr.  
Parkview West, #2221  
Northfield, MN 55057

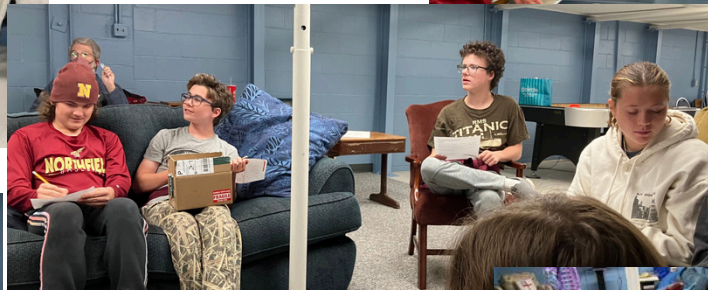
Pledge Drive  
2024

We are blessed!

Giving out of  
gratitude!

Stewardship letters and pledge forms were made available on Sunday, November 10! The Pledge Ingathering is on Christ the King Sunday, November 24th. Thank you for being prayerful about your pledge!

### Youth Group Fun Exploring Sustainability with Betsy Brandt and Chris Ennis and Carving Pumpkins for Halloween!



### NEW AT ALL SAINTS

Thank you to Brad Ely, our Parish Nurse, for upgrading our first aid kits and supplies. You will find a first aid kit on each floor and in the kitchen. Brad also obtained an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a portable device that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. Look for notices about training on the use of the AED, or contact Brad at [bradjely@gmail.com](mailto:bradjely@gmail.com).



***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: ***Thanksgiving Day***

A national holiday and day of thanks. Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in Nov. This custom is based on the celebration of three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth, Massachusetts, colonists in 1621. There was also a Thanksgiving celebration with prayer by members of the Berkeley plantation, near what is now Charles City, Virginia, in 1619. The first national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1789. Under President Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Day came to be celebrated annually on the last Thursday of Nov. Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on the third Thursday of Nov. in the three years 1939-1941 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. However, the Thanksgiving Day commemoration was moved back to the fourth Thursday in Nov. by Congress in 1941.

Thanksgiving Day is a major holy day and a national day in the Prayer Book calendar of the church year (pp. 16-17, 33). The Proposed Prayer Book of 1786 included "A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all the other Blessings of his merciful Providence." The first American Prayer Book (1789) replaced the four national days of the 1662 English book with propers for Thanksgiving Day. The collect for Thanksgiving Day gives thanks to God the Father for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. It asks that we may be faithful stewards of God's great bounty, providing for our own necessities and the relief of all who are in need (BCP, p. 246). Hymns for Thanksgiving Day in The Hymnal 1982 include "Praise to God, immortal praise" (Hymn 288), "Come, ye thankful people, come" (Hymn 290), and "We plow the fields, and scatter" (Hymn 291). The Hymnal 1982 Accompaniment Edition, Vol. 1, provides musical settings for a Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church (S 391; see BCP, pp. 578-579) and a Litany of Thanksgiving (S 392; see BCP, pp. 836-837). The Litany of Thanksgiving may be used on Thanksgiving Day in place of the prayers of the people at the eucharist, or at any time after the collects at Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.

Next Month: ***Advent or Why don't we sing Christmas carols until December 24th???***

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

**All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs**

SR. WARDEN	Rhonda Rowe
JR. WARDEN	Laura Kay Allen
CO-TREASURER	Larry Archbold
CO-TREASURER	Pam Middleton
CLERK	Mark Krug
AT LARGE	Betsy Brandt
AT LARGE	Dick Brown
AT LARGE	Fletcher Coolidge
AT LARGE	Rachel Zoller
AT LARGE	Liz Truman
AT LARGE	Joe Peterson
COLLEGE REP	Open
RECTOR	The Rev. Cody Maynus
DEACON	The Rev. Cassandra Cook-Quarry
ECMN DELEGATES	Betsy Brandt
	Mark Heiman
ORGANIST	Faiz Wareh
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Sabe Dunlap
MINISTRY ASSISTANT	Caroline Beail
SEXTON	Jason Schwartz
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Pam Middleton
	Caroline Beail
YOUTH GROUP	Pam Middleton
	Caroline Beail
CONFIRMATION	Rhonda Rowe
	Bob Rowe
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie Sherman
EPISCOPAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION	Mark Heiman
CONNECTIONS	Betsy Brandt
	Pam Middleton
	Jayne Cook-Quarry
OUTREACH	Mary Jones
HOSPITALITY	Pam Middleton
OPERATIONS	Betsy Brandt
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

3	Isaiah 25:6-9 John 11:32-44 Revelation 21:1-6a Psalm 24	<b>November Readings</b>
10	1 Kings 17:8-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 Psalm 146	
17	Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8 Psalm 16	
24	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37 Psalm 93	

**BIRTHDAYS**

November	2 Lori Pearson
	3 Theodore Ennis
	6 Alex Reymann
	7 Gretchen Hardgrove
	7 Laura Kay Allen
	7 John Stavenau
	12 Leo Aeikens
	13 Zibby Allen
	13 Susan Dunhaupt
	15 Ruth Pieper
	15 Terry Schlink
	16 Mark Krug
	19 Penelope Stavenau
	26 Dina Fesler
	29 Sara Aeikens
	29 Fr. Cody Maynus



**ANNIVERSARIES**

November	6 Laura & Mark Heiman
	24 Ruth & Al Pieper
	26 Laura Kay & Michael Allen

