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All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

ADVENT AT ALL SAINTS



- December 1- ADVENT I, Advent wreath making for your your home
- December 7- Advent Quiet Day, 9:00-noon Knitting Group, 10:00-noon
- December 8- Caroling with the Youth Group, 6:30pm

 December 12- Music and Meditation, 5:00-8:00pm-Winter

 Walk Hospitality
- December 15- ADVENT III, Children's Pageant, Festive Coffee Hour
- December 17- Vestry, 6:15pm
- December 19- Resurrected Women's Group Dinner, 5:30pm
- December 22- ADVENT IV, Music and Greening of the

CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS

December 24- CHRISTMAS EVE, Candlelight service, 8:00pm
December 25- CHRISTMAS DAY, Holy Eucharist, 10:30am
December 29- 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Holy Eucharist, Christmas Carols, 10:30am

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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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MUSIC AND MEDITATIONWINTER WALK AT ALL SAINTS

Once again, All Saints will be open for "Music and Meditation" with keyboards, strings and bows on Thursday evening, December 12, for Northfield's downtown "Winter Walk". We begin at 4 pm with music by organists followed at 5pm with string students of Laura Geissler. There will be other music to "fill in" at 6 pm (possibly autoharp, Celtic Harp). At 7 pm. the Bow, Strings and Contentment orchestra will perform at the Grant Event Center since they outgrew our space at All Saints last year.

All are invited as a respite from crowds downtown; for some lovely Advent music; for a time of meditation during Winter Walk. Our thanks to Peter Stegner of the Orchestra for the posters and Mark Heiman for the kiosk at the corner of 5th and Division to point us "up the hill" to All Saints.

ADVENT QUIET DAY

All Saints will be hosting "Listening for the Light" an Advent Quiet Day on Saturday December 7th from 9am-12:00pm. Meditations by Fr. Cody and Fr. James will be interspersed between organ pieces played by Dr. John Schultz and antiphons sung by Jayne Gardner. Light refreshments will be available throughout the morning. All are welcome!

ADVENT PEACE AND HEALING

The annual Peace and Healing service will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 4pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 E. Sumner St. Sponsored by St. Peter's and the United Methodist Church, this service will feature beautiful Advent music by Celtic harp, classical guitar, and cello; lighting of candles; poetry and silence; anointing/healing for oneself or others. The prelude begins at 3:45 pm

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 following the service. Details to come!



WINTER IS COMING!

All Saints is committed to ensuring that our sidewalks and entryways are safe for community members and parishioners. For heavy snowfalls, we have hired Tyler Green to clear the public ways and driveway to the lower Washington Street entrance. Tyler has worked with us for two years and is wonderful about clearing the snow and ice in a timely fashion.

Our Volunteer Snow Removal Team is still responsible for clearing the front stairs and 5th street entrances to the office and the kitchen, as well as the fire exit doors off of the Commons and the kitchen. Thank you to Marshall Hansen who is, once again, leading the team. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marshall at 507-403-1048. Many hands (shovels!) make light work.



ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The young people, children and, in fact, people of all ages of All Saints will be putting on the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15th during the 10:30 service. This tradition on Advent III, the Joy or Gaudete Sunday is always a wonderful event in the life of the church, as the story of Jesus' birth is told along wih singing of carols.



FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15TH FOLLOWING THE PAGEANT!



We will have our annual Festive Coffee Hour to celebrate the children of All Saints and the Christmas Season. If you are able to bring a food item to share, please sign up on the sheet in the Commons or contact Pam Middleton pmiddlet58@gmail.com or 507-581-2468. Thank you so much!

ALL SAINTS RESURRECTED WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING



5:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 in THE COMMONS



All women are welcome to come for an evening filled with conversation, laughter and friendship! Please email the church office (office @allsaintsnorthfield.org) to RSVP so that we have an idea of how much lasagna (meat, vegetarian and gluten free options) to prepare. If you would like to bring a salad, dessert or wine, please include that in your email, but do not feel that you must bring something in order to join the fun! You can also reach out to Val Brtitton, Carla Hansen or Pam Middleton to RSVP!We look forward to seeing you!

Save the date

January 9	Fr. Cody preaches at Boe Chapel, St. Olaf, 10:10am
January 12	Epiphany service at Carleton, led by Fr. Cody
January 13	Mark Heiman preaches at Boe Chapel , St. Olaf, 10:10am
January 26	Annual Meeting and Potluck
February 2	Candlemas Blessing of Candles
February 23	Choral Evensong at Carleton Chanel

COMMUNITY OUTREACH





United Thank Offering





The people of All Saints are generous people!!! The UTO ingathering was held on November 10th, and all of the donations were blessed with a special prayer. The Outreach Committee is proud to announce that a check was sent to UTO for \$1,401! The budget made up \$300 of the amount and YOU made up the balance 0f \$1,101! Thank you for supporting all of the worthy projects that the UTO supports!

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.

THE ALL SAINTS YOUTH GROUP ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

The Youth Group community outreach project for the season of Advent is an Angel Tree in partnership with Ruth's House, a local organization that provides resources and housing to families and women in need. All Saints is proud and privileged to have an ongoing relationship with Ruth's House, which is based in Faribault, MN. Starting Sunday, December 1, there will be a tree in our commons area, covered in ornaments outlining the current and ongoing needs for donations to Ruth's House. Please bring all donations by Sunday, January 5. No need to wrap anything! We can't wait to watch the pile of donations under the Angel Tree grow over the course of the Advent and Christmas seasons! Let's show our neighbors at Ruth's House the All Saints spirit of generosity and giving!

A Message from The Right Reverend Craig Loya December 4, 2024



Beloved in Christ.

I grew up in North Platte, Nebraska - a railroad, cattle, and farm town that sits right on Interstate 80 at the gateway to the western expanse of the state. Across Nebraska, I-80 follows the Platte River valley. Unlike the winding river, the highway feels arrow-straight, and carries cars very quickly over wide vistas of farmland that give way to plains as you travel west. So when I hear John the Baptist in this week's gospel lesson, quoting Isaiah's prophetic cry to prepare the way of the Lord by making his pathways straight, it doesn't sound like a stretch.

In the geography where John stood, on the other hand, this was a bold claim. John was preaching in a spot that is only about fifteen miles from Jerusalem, but it could be ninety degrees where John was standing, and snowing in Jerusalem. The route in between is a rocky and winding wilderness that was hard to traverse and incredibly dangerous. To call for the construction of I-80 in such a place was a bold claim indeed.

Advent is the season we are invited to sit in the uneven geography of the world, and our own hearts, and remember that God can always do what seems too impossible to believe, and too good to be true. The gospel of Jesus is good news precisely because it is unbelievable, and makes no rational sense. While we wait for the fulfillment of God's promises, we are called to move some of the stones of injustice, smooth out rough patches with mercy, and make the path for the mighty waters of God's love to flow unimpeded through ourselves, our communities, ad and the whole world.

The path we are called to walk is often difficult, dangerous, and demanding, dear ones. But there is a voice crying in the wilderness, a voice pointing to God's unfailing faithfulness, a voice calling us to the better way of love, a voice promising that all the uneven, broken places will be filled up, until that highway buoys us all into the unending embrace of God's love. Can you hear it? Will you join it?

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

ORGANSPEAK

Watch for another installment of Organspeak in the January issue of the Connections newsletter!





ECMN Convention 2024

Thank you to our Lay Delegates, Betsy Brandt and Caroline Beail (serving as the alternate delegate) who joined Fr. Cody and Deacon Cassandra at the 167th Convention at the Sanford Center in Bemidji on November 7-9.

From the ECMN convention website:

Three of the four gospels recount a decisive moment when Jesus asks his disciples a critical question - 'Who do you say that I am?" By the time Jesus asks this question, the disciples have sat with Jesus, walked with Jesus, prayed with Jesus and eaten meals with him. They have watched him heal, prophetically call inherited power structures to deeper faithfulness, bring hope where there was only despair, life where there was death, and proclaim liberating good news to the poor and to the oppressed. They rightly acclaim him as the Messiah. But, of course, Jesus did not turn out to be the Messiah anyone expected. Jesus gives himself away in an act of sacrificial love, and invites those who would follow him into a life of love and service that offers a radical alternative to business as usual

This year at convention, we will be focused on how we are answering this question in our own day. Who do we say Jesus is by our lives as individuals, as congregations, and as a diocese? In every generation, in every context, the church of Jesus thrives when it looks and acts like Jesus. How can we most faithfully confess, follow, and bear witness to this Messiah in our own unique moment?

New Choir Robes!



All Saints Sunday



ANOTHER SUCCESSFEUL (AND FUN!) OUTDOOR WORK DAY

Thank you to everyone who came out to help clean up the property and prepare for the winter months! It was a gorgeous day full of fun and laughter- and good work! Special thanks to Doug Jones and his red truck!

















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 or PO Box 663) and send a check with "Christmas greens/flowers" on the memo line. The suggested donation is \$30.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Bishop Loya and our regional dean, the Very Rev. Cindi Brickson visited All Saints on this special Sunday. In addition to preaching a very inspirational sermon, Bishop Loya confirmed & received four new members, Bob, Deanna, Diana and Kadie. The bishop also received a couple of gifts from the church before joining the

Youth group for an afternoon of bowling!











ALL SAINTS YOUTH 2024

All Saints has a great group of youth members with a variety of musical talents, athletic abilities, and other interests. Read below to get to know them better.

Tara Alaniz is a junior at Northfield High School. She is involved in FFA (Future Farmers of America), SSS Club (Students Supporting Students), and youth boards. She is in gymnastics, plays lacrosse, and soccer. She has a pet fish given to her by a friend. Tara enjoys making friendship bracelets. Her mother is Gretchen Alaniz.

Ann Campbell is a freshman at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse, after spending a year abroad in Norway. She is part of the Sustainability Club. Her parents are Erika and Robb Campbell, and Liz is her younger sister. Her grandparents are Fr. Tom and Elizabeth Campbell.

Liz Campbell is a junior at Northfield High School. She plays soccer in the fall and runs track in the spring. Liz has a segment on the KYMN Saturday morning radio show called "The Raider Wrap." Her parents are Erika and Robb Campbell, and Ann is her older sister. Her grandparents are Fr. Tom and Elizabeth Campbell.

Miriel Ennis is a sophomore at Northfield High School. She just finished her fourth season on the Cross-Country team. She is now on the Nordic Ski Team for her third season and is hoping for more snow this year! She also plays softball in the spring. Miriel plays piano and French horn, and plays in the high school and jazz bands, and sings in the choir. She danced and sang in the Rock and Roll Revival last spring. Her favorite subject this year is history. Miriel has been taking Irish dancing for over seven years and has performed at Irish festivals in Minnesota. The family pet is a big golden doodle named Toby. Her parents are Gregory and Stephanie Ennis and Theo is her younger brother. Her grandparents are Joan and Chris Ennis.

Theo Ennis is an 8th grader at the Northfield Middle School. He joined the Cross-Country team last year and moved onto the Varsity team this year as an 8th grader. The team went to State this year! He will participate in the high school downhill ski club in the winter and is looking forward to spring track. He also really enjoys baseball and played all summer. He enjoys pitching. He loves everything about baseball. Theo plays piano, saxophone, and drums. He is in the middle school band and choir. The family pet is a big golden doodle named Toby. His parents are Gregory and Stephanie Ennis, and Miriel is his older sister. His grandparents are Joan and Chris Ennis.

Kalie Ford is a 9th grader at Arcadia Charter School. She plays the flute in the high school band. Ballet is her favorite activity, and she will be performing in a Minnesota Nutcracker performance in December. She will be in the party scene. Kalie is a Girl Scout. Her family has three cats and two geckos. Her parents are Kate Ford and Joe Peterson, and Melody is her younger sister.

Melody Ford is a 7th grader at Arcadia Charter School. She is on the local swim club team. She plays violin and participates in the Cannon Valley Youth Orchestra. Her favorite subjects are math and reading. She is a Girl Scout. Her family has three cats. Parents are Kate Ford and Joe Peterson, and Kalie is her older sister.

Eleanor Heiman is a senior at Gustavus Adolphus College and is a theater arts major. Her parents are Mark and Laura Heiman. Oliver and Edith are her younger siblings.

Oliver Heiman is a freshman at Northfield High School. He plays violin and is in the school orchestra and choir. He is active in Boy Scouts. Oliver enjoys reading books in his free time. His family has 3 cats. His parents are Mark and Laura Heiman. Eleanor is his older sister, and Edith his younger sister.

Edith Heiman is in 2nd grade at Spring Creek Elementary School. She likes to do a variety of crafts in her free time. Her parents are Mark and Laura Heiman. Eleanor and Oliver are her older siblings.

Celia Murphy-Pearson is a senior at Boston College. She is a Neuroscience major, and is in the Physician Assistant track. This year she is enjoying a theology course called, "God, Self, and Society." At college, she is involved in Boston College's Relay for Life Cancer Fundraising Club for the American Cancer Society. She is cochair of the Spirit and Activities sub-committee for Relay for Life. She is also involved in the Student Admissions Program. She guides prospective students and their families through their visits to Boston College. During summers and school breaks, she works as a Resident Aide at Northfield Retirement Community in Evergreen Lodge (memory care). "I love working with people in memory care, and I would like to go into geriatric health care." She spent last spring semester on a study abroad program in Croatia, called "War, Peace, and Reconciliation." She also traveled to many other places such as Copenhagen, Prague, Barcelona, Madrid, and Dublin. After graduation she plans to take a gap year working in a hospital and then will apply to P.A. School. Her family has 2 dogs, Maisy and Toby, and 1 cat, Lily. Her parents are Lori Pearson and the late Brian Murphy. Her younger brother is Soren.

Soren Murphy-Pearson is in 12th grade at Northfield High School. His favorite classes this year are Government and Literature. He also loves Physics! He is a member of Youth Bank and likes learning more about Northfield and ways to improve the lives of youth in our town. He has friends in this group, also. Soren is in Cross-Country, Track and Field, and enjoys running with friends, we well as playing basketball, pickle ball, and spike ball. Soren was captain of the Varsity Cross-Country team this year. He was injured for the season, and focused on physical therapy, rehab, and cheering on his teammates. His family has 3 dogs, Kendi, Maisy and Toby, and one cat, Lily. He enjoys his job as a Dietary Aide at the Northfield Retirement Community. He likes hanging out with friends, playing cards, and listening to music. His parents are Lori Pearson and the late Brian Murphy. His older sister is Celia.

Xander Stavenau is a freshman at Northfield High School. He plays on the Football team, Wrestling Team, and Track Team. He also sings in the high school choir. He has 3 cats, Button, Maple, and Snickers. In his limited free time, he enjoys Gaming. His parents are John Stavenau and Rikki Drewitz. Penelope is his younger sister.

Penelope Stavenau is a sixth grader at Northfield Middle School. She plays football, is on the wrestling team, and is a Minnesota Vikings Junior Cheerleader. She was on the field cheering at the Vikings vs Detroit Lions game! She hasn't decided what sport she will do this spring. She sings in the middle school choir. At home, she has shared custody of Button, Maple, and Snickers. In her free time, she enjoys making self-help videos. Her parents are John Stavenau and Rikki Drewitz. Xander is her older brother.

THE ALL SAINTS THANKSGIVING DINNER IS BECOMING A TRADITION!

Thank you to Mark and Rebecca Krug for organizing the dinner and to everyone who contributed yummy food and helped out! Dinner was enjoyed by 46 grateful people!















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

As the rector I would be asked from time to time by a parishioner why we couldn't sing Christmas carols in church until the 24th of December. Gentle reader, please permit this mild polemical rant. **BECAUSE IT'S NOT CHRISTMAS!!!!** Few things bring out the curmudgeon in me more than hearing Christmas carols in stores in the middle of October.

Advent is the first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory."

As one who grew up in the Episcopal Church, I had thought of Advent as a shorter version of Lent. The liturgical renewal movement of the last century (Oh my, that makes me feel old!) helped us reclaim the distinctive identity of Advent. Growing up we used the same purple liturgical colors of Lent for Advent as well. Now many churches have adopted the ancient color called Sarum blue to mark the distinctive nature of Advent preparation. This is a recovery of an ancient English tradition stemming from Salisbury Cathedral, and so it is referred to as sarum blue. (Sarum being the ancient Latin name for Salisbury.) While the deep blue conveys a feeling of solemnity, because of its association with the Blessed Virgin Mary, it also conveys the Advent themes of hope and expectation. On the Third Sunday of Advent, we see hints of pink on the vestments, marking that Sunday as Gaudete Sunday, reflecting the opening words of the ancient introit appointed for the day: *Rejoice in the Lord, always!*

I invite you to view the season as a respite from the often times forced mirth and merriment of the commerce driven season of shopping, baking, etc. Instead, Advent affords us a season of quiet and reflection – even if only for a brief time on Sunday mornings at All Saints.

Next Month: *The Epiphany*Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of *Episco-Speak!*

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1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 December Psalm 25:1-9 8 **Baruch 5:1-9** Readings Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 15 Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18 Isaiah 12:2-6 22 Micah 5:2-5a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55) Luke 1:46b-55 24 Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

BIRTHDAYS

December

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Celebrate!

Psalm 96

Isaiah 52:7-10

John 1:1-14 Psalm 98

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

- 2 George Hardgrove
- 2 Jay Zoller
- 9 Liz Cambell
- 9 John Thomas
- 14 Chuck Perkins
- 20 Bonnie Sherman
- 22 Michael Allen
- 22 Frank Berry, IV
- 27 Barbara Hopwood
- 30 Stephanie Reymann
- 30 Sara Jaramillo



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