

# CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

## Season of Epiphany



From Fr. Cody's sermon on January 5th, when the All Saints magi appeared at the creche, gazing down on Jesus:

Can we, [as Wendell Berry says,] be joyful, even though we've considered the facts? The answer is 'yes,' but only if we look in the right direction...

If we look downward,  
if we look to Christ incarnate...  
if we look at the resolute grandeur of God's glory in our midst,  
at the conspicuous end of divine estrangement before us,  
at the unification of heaven and earth in front of our faces,  
if we're able to manage that  
we, too, will be overwhelmed with joy.

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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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## Connections Newsletter Updates



In order to publish a January issue of the newsletter, we decided to move forward even though we are not able to include all of the pictures from the Advent and Christmas seasons in this issue! Please look for pictures from the Christmas Pageant, Youth Group Caroling night, and Festive Coffee Hour in the February newsletter. There will also be other pictures from the season as well!

Of course, the February newsletter will also have many pictures from the Epiphany season, including the Annual meeting as well as reports from your rector and wardens. The issue will also include an article from the Organspeak series from Richard Collman and updates from our Parish Nurse, Brad Ely.

## ALL SAINTS RESURRECTED WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING

**FRIENDSHIP**

March Date To Be Announced  
in  
THE COMMONS

**FELLOWSHIP**

All women are welcome to come for an evening filled with conversation, laughter and friendship! We are looking forward to another fun gathering in March with a simple meal (it is during Lent afterall!). Be on the lookout for more details from Val, Carla and Pam!

## GAME NIGHT IS BACK! Save the Date! Winter Warm Up Game Day!

On Saturday February 15 at 4 pm, join us for an afternoon evening of fellowship, fun, a bit of competitiveness, and good food! We'll play some games and laugh a lot! This always warms the heart and the soul. It's a great way to spend a chilly Saturday afternoon/evening in February. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game; any questions please call Rebecca or Mark Krug. The more the merrier!!



## ALTAR FLOWERS



The 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board. There are several remaining dates in 2025 to donate the altar flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones. The donation is \$30; you may give cash or a check made out to All Saints with "Flowers" on the memo line. You are also welcome to purchase the flowers yourself and arrange them at the altar or ask Rachel Zoller to do so. Please email the church office (office@allsaintsnorthfield.org) with the announcement that you would like to have in the bulletin.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## The annual fundraiser for Ruths House of Hope is in Faribault February 8th

Ruth's House provides transitional housing in a safe, supportive and healing environment to help women and families on their way to a new beginning.

If you would like to donate to help the annual fundraiser by:

1. Buying cakes/cupcakes at a bakery
2. Making bakery quality cakes/cupcakes (gluten free, dairy free and vegan also welcome)



Please contact Deacon Cassandra Cook-Quarry via phone 507-412-0253 or email her [ccookquarry@gmail.com](mailto:ccookquarry@gmail.com). Contact her no later than January 23 to arrange details and get info.

If you want to attend the event, tickets are still available at <https://ruthshousemn.org>

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*Save the date*

- February 1** Creative Collective, 10-noon
- February 2** Candlemas Blessing of Candles
- February 15** Game night, 4:00pm
- February 16** Vestry
- February 22** In-person Safe Church Training, 10am-1pm
- February 23** Choral Evensong at Carleton Chapel, 5:00pm

## ALL SAINTS LUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING



The Annual Meeting is on Sunday January 26th following the service in the Commons. We will be reviewing the past year, approving the 2025 budget and electing new vestry members.

**The Vestry is providing lunch!** Come ready to enjoy a taco bar and various desserts!



## All Saints Creative Collective February 1st, 10 am-12pm



Submitted by Rebecca Krug

Do you have that project you just haven't been working on but think about all the time? The box of photos that needs sorting for a family project? Or a cross stitch you haven't finished? A needle point that you'd like to work on or a scrapbook project you're currently putting the finishing touches to? Are you knitting a new or old project you want to finish? Literally any project that you can bring to church and work on this is the perfect place to be!! I'm not sure that glass blowing is a good idea but we can make most things happen! Join others that are creating! Have a cup of tea or coffee and enjoy some fellowship for the morning. This is open to all! Let's start an All Saints Creative Collective! Call Rebecca Krug 507-213-9743 with questions.



## All Saints Deacon Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary Ordination

Cassandra Cook-Quarry was ordained in 2014. Since then, she has been a Deacon in Kasson and Faribault, until she landed in Northfield and fell in love with the people.

This community is one of the best she has seen and loves watching the ways in which the parish finds ways to share the love of God to others.



## ***Resurrected Women's Group Dinner***

***Thursday, December 19***



## **January**

**January 9 Fr. Cody preaches at Boe Chapel, St. Olaf, 10:10am**

**January 12 Vestry meeting, 12:15  
Epiphany service at Carleton, led by Fr. Cody**

**January 13 Mark Heiman preaches at Boe Chapel, St. Olaf, 10:10am**

**January 14 Outreach meeting, 8:30am**

**January 25 Youth Group Lock-in**

**January 26 Annual Meeting and Potluck**

### THE GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Following the service on Advent IV, the church was decorated for Christmas with a lot of cheer! Thank you to Marshall Hansen for organizing the All Saints musicians who entertained us as we hung the garland, wreaths, banners and ribbons and placed the poisnettias and creche figures in the sanctuary!



## Why I Became an Episcopalian

Submitted by Richard Collman

Begin with a disclaimer: I am not a typical church goer. I come from a background of music, ministry, and a lifetime of putting together preaching, worship, and music for large and small churches. My professional identity is with the United Methodist Church (cradle Methodist, ordained 1969). How and why did I become an Episcopalian?

I was attracted by the ambiance of the Episcopal Church. Stained glass, a theology rooted in beauty, processions, occasional incense. What's the old joke? When the church is on fire, the Methodists have a committee meeting, the Baptists sing a hymn, and the Episcopalians form a procession. Here is a church with a theology rooted in beauty. I need beauty in my life, always. My self-styled description is "Broker of beauty, Steward of mystery." I find both in abundance in the Episcopal Church. Furthermore, I represented the Washington National Cathedral for SD and MN back in the 1990s and early 2000s. This involved program presentation, interpretation, and in 2006 working with a delegation from the MN Epis. Diocese in late Sept. for "MN Day" at the Cathedral and a pilgrimage there. A highlight of my life was being invited to serve Eucharist at the Cathedral as part of our weekend there.

In worship with Episcopalians, I get the "full diet," or the "whole load of hay" as some people have described my worship services. Three lessons, a chanted Psalm, numerous responses, sung Eucharistic liturgy in most cases (not always summer). This easily takes more than an hour, but who complains about football games going longer than that? I said to my wife in a memorial service last fall for a United Methodist minister involving at least four preachers, "Methodists are long on preaching, while Episcopalians are long on liturgy." At All Saints, I counted singing eleven times in a worship service, and at least five hymns. To quote the Hymn Society of America, "We believe that the holy act of singing together shapes faith, heals brokenness, transforms lives, and renews peace." More is better for me, not less in an age of sound bytes! Did I forget to say that the Episcopal Church attempts to find a middle way among those all over the theological map?

John and Charles Wesley were Anglican priests in the Church of England. They did not intend to become Methodists, nor did they intend to start a movement by that name that evolved from a term of derision for their "methodical" ways of Bible study and prison visitations in the 18th century. Historically speaking, the Anglican church of that time in England had become constipated in class consciousness, so the Wesley brothers organized ways for common folks to get together in class meetings and sing new hymns about salvation and serve neighbors in need. John Wesley, graduate of Oxford, was "turned out" of an Oxford chapel for preaching too enthusiastically. Against his better judgment, he went to field preaching to Welsh miners. Brother Charles stayed home and wrote some 9,000 hymn texts, many of which we still sing today. Some historians believe that English history was changed by the Methodist movement, or at least made more civil. I feel as if I have gone back to my "roots" at All Saints since I can sing enthusiastically and not get turned out.

In retirement, I am free to worship where I choose. I play organ several times a month at St. Peter's Lutheran; I play Celtic harp for people in hospice who request it (volunteer in the Northfield Hospital Hospice program for 10 years). Coming to All Saints felt like I had "come home" in many ways to what I always needed but rarely articulated. Not to mention the amazing hospitality of All Saints and its welcoming community. Thank you, All Saints, for your liveliness, your great hymn singing, and your ability to embrace even this wayward United Methodist minister and musician.

## THE WATER OF BAPTISM

Submitted by Joseph Hopwood +

Many visitors to the Holy Land bring back, among their collected treasures, a bottle of water from the River Jordan. The significance is that Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. Thus, it is a sample of that same water. They may donate it to their home church, where the Jordan River water may be added, even sparingly, to the local water in the font at baptism, thus transforming the local baptismal water into the very same water in which Jesus was baptized, an awe-inspiring reality.

The bottled water obtained by the traveler, either by collecting the water directly on visiting the river, or by purchasing the sample from a trusted purveyor, may be assured to be a genuine portion of the water of the present Jordan River at a location believed to be the site of Jesus' baptism. But one must understand that the baptism took place in a river of flowing water. The water in which John and Jesus stood that day -- the water of Jesus' baptism -- immediately flowed away from them and was gone from that site. So, a sample of water taken from the river today would not be the same water in which Jesus was baptized, or would it?

The only source of water on earth is by precipitation -- rain, snow, sleet and hail, water in any form. On earth, fallen water flows downhill until it settles into depressions, forming lakes and finally oceans. Water on the earth's surface evaporates, becoming its gaseous form, rises into the atmosphere, condenses into the liquid or solid form and falls back to earth. This is the hydrologic cycle. This does not belittle the treasure of souvenir water from the Jordan River. The water from the River Jordan today is spiritually significant, because it represents the water used in Jesus' baptism, being from the same river and the location along that river believed to be the biblical baptismal site of our Lord, east of Jerusalem, on the west bank of the Jordan River, north of the Dead Sea.

Now and historically, the Jordan River forms from water falling on the land north of the Sea of Galilee. The Jordan River water then flows southward from the Sea of Galilee and into the Dead Sea. As there are no surface outlets from the Dead Sea, those waters evaporate, and over time, precipitation replenishes the flow in the Jordan River system originating on the lands above the Sea of Galilee.

Thus, the baptismal waters in the River Jordan came from the heavens, flowed through the Sea of Galilee and the site of Jesus' baptism and on into the Dead Sea, then back up into the atmosphere. But only some of the water evaporated from the Jordan River system falls back into that system. At any moment of time, at least a portion of the water from the Jordan River becomes global, forming clouds and precipitation everywhere over the earth.

Thus, the water of Jesus' baptism is now present in all waters on and in the earth. There is no other water on earth, or in the earth, or over the earth. It is all the same water. It is the same water for all time.



***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: ***Epiphany***

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Please excuse a minor musical quibble at this point. "We Three Kings" is not a Christmas carol, but rather a hymn that speaks of visitation of the Magi on the Feast of the Epiphany. But I know a losing battle when I see one! The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.



Next Month: ***Candlemas*** and a bonus feature: ***Ordinary Time***  
Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of ***Episco-Speak***

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AT LARGE	Rachel Zoller
AT LARGE	Liz Truman
AT LARGE	Joe Peterson
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DEACON	The Rev. Cassandra Cook-Quarry
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	Caroline Beail
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OPERATIONS	Pam Middleton
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	Mark Heiman

5	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2:1-12 Psalm 84	<b>January Readings</b>
12	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Psalm 29	
19	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11 Psalm 36:5-10	
26	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21 Psalm 19	

**BIRTHDAYS**

January

4	Mark Heiman
10	Cassandra Cook-Quarry
10	Tim Halverson
18	Al Pieper
19	Gretchen Grey
24	Bob Aby



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