

CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

Father Cody Maynus Full-time Rector All Saints



At the All Saints Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025, the parish voted to change Fr. Cody's employment status from 80% time to full-time! You can find pictures from the Annual Meeting on page 10.

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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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From the Rector



Almost every Sunday that I don't preach, Bob Rowe greets me at the back of the church with a grin and an outstretched hand. "Congratulations!" Bob usually says. "That was one of your best yet." This playful ribbing happens with some regularity, as we are lucky and blessed to have a full bench of preachers here at All Saints.

In addition to the preachers you'd expect—Deacon Cassandra, Fr. James, me—we fairly regularly welcome students from our campus ministry, clergy of other denominations, seminarians, members of the bishop's staff, other diocesan clergy, and other local clergy/religious leaders. Some of these are predictable at this point—we can expect a non-Episcopalian to preach during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, for example—but others are mostly at random or as the Spirit moves.

I love preaching. I love the process of engaging with the Scriptures, reading commentaries, puttering around with word choice, and trawling an ever-growing collection of quotations from theologians, mystics, scientists, and others who inspire me. Although preaching takes discipline—especially preaching almost every week—it's also great fun. One of my theological and homiletical heroes, the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor, describes the preacher as Cyrano de Bergerac in the pulpit, "passing messages between two would-be lovers who want to get together but do not know how. The words are my own, but I do not speak for myself...As a preacher I am less a principal player than a go-between, a courier who serves both partners in this ancient courtship" (*The Preaching Life*, 1993.)

If I could preach every week—every day, even!—it would be a great honor and privilege! Theoretically, I *could* preach every week. Many priests and pastors do just that and they do so admirably well. Given the unique realities of Northfield and of this parish, however, it would be a great disservice to you all if I were to preach every week. This is not me being self-deprecating at all! I'm relatively aware of my own gifts and weaknesses as a preacher. If I were to preach every week, you all would miss out on hearing the voices of other wonderful preachers.

I don't take lightly my role as the primary preacher and pastor of this parish—I promised to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed when I was ordained—but neither do I take lightly the Holy Spirit's presence in the ministry of others. It's important to me that, even though it's my voice which you hear most often, you hear other voices as well. Other preachers—lay and ordained, Episcopalian or not—bring their own unique style and perspective to their preaching. Every halfway decent preacher tries diligently to be open to God and to scholarly commentaries, but it would be naive to assume that preachers don't bring at least a part of themselves to their preaching as well. God speaks to and through these people in different ways than God speaks to and through me. If you only heard my voice in the pulpit—my voice breaking open the Scriptures, my voice interpreting God's word to and among you all—you would miss out on so much of the human experience.

From the Rector continued

I come to the sermonic moment (as my friend, the Rev. Dr. Larry Crudup calls it) with my own beliefs, my own struggles, my own prejudices, my own observations, my own acquaintances. I bring the theologians and commentators I read most regularly. I bring my childhood growing up in an evangelical church. I bring my love of the mystical and poetic. I bring my training in congregational development and my love of poetry. I bring my unwavering commitment to the marginalized and my belief in God's preferential option for the poor. I bring my background as a white person raised in rural Minnesota. I bring my politics. I bring my sexuality. I bring my vows as a priest and a deacon. I bring my education. I bring my monks and nuns. I bring my dad and my grandma. I bring my friends. I bring you all.

All of that is wonderful—I love who I am and what I have to offer—but it's not all there is! When another preacher steps into the pulpit, they bring the fullness of who they are. They bring the things they love and the things which keep them up at night. They bring their hearts and their minds. They bring their communities and congregations. They bring their freedoms and their restraints. They bring it all and, with God's help, they present it to us and among us.

As ever, know that you are in my prayers and in my thoughts. If there are particular ways that I can be praying for you during these days, please do let me know.

With every blessing,
Fr. Cody

February

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| February 1 | Creative Collective; 10am to noon |
| February 7-9 | Campus Ministry Retreat |
| February 15 | Game Day, 4:00pm |
| February 19 | Vestry meeting |
| February 22 | In-person Safe Church Training, 10am-1pm |
| February 23 | Choral Evensong at Carleton Chapel, 5:00pm |

A Message from The Right Reverend Craig Loya
February 5, 2025



Beloved in Christ,

Luke's story of the call of the first disciples appointed for this Sunday reminds us of three critical things about following Jesus in this moment:

- Jesus doesn't wait for us to invite him in. He's walking along the lakeshore, and he sees an opening in a boat because the fishermen are out washing their nets, so he climbs in uninvited. Jesus isn't some distant figure who sits back and waits for us to find him. He's always seeking us out - in our mundane tasks, in our fears, in the places we hide. Our job isn't to put in some heroic effort required to find him, but rather to keep the door of our hearts and lives open to him.
- Following Jesus is risky. When Simon Peter and the others have had a bad night of fishing, he tells them to put out into the deeper waters. The deeper waters are riskier, more mysterious, full of both great uncertainty and great possibility. God is always calling God's people to leave the safety of what is known, trusting entirely on God, in order to discover an abundance of grace, mercy and love. Right now, the world doesn't need anymore of the safe Jesus who simply authorizes the status quo, it needs a risky Jesus who pushes us out, challenges business as usual, and upends the broken world order.
- Jesus radically reorients our purpose and priorities. "From now on, you will be fishing for people," Jesus says. His call requires the disciples to leave what is known and who they think they are for a new identity that is fully devoted to God's project to heal the world with love. To follow Jesus means to accept the painful and liberating truth that my life is not about me. It's not about getting what I want, insisting on my way, or being right. Following Jesus is about giving myself fully over to God's will and project. For following Jesus to mean anything at all, it can't be a side hobby, it has to be the center of our lives.

As we walk through these incredibly chaotic, painful, and fearful days in the life of our nation, how can we make more room for Jesus in our boats, because God knows we can't sail them through these waters alone? What does it look like for us to put out into deeper waters together? How can we set aside who we thought we were, and devote ourselves utterly to his holy work of loving, healing, standing with the poor, forgotten and pushed aside, and bearing witness with every breath, every decision, and every encounter, to God's perfect kingdom of peace, love, justice, and joy?

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

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Dear friends at All Saints,

I hope this finds you well. We have been enjoying some cold, sunny days here in Dinklage. I missed out on two weeks of rain in mid-January when I was in Iraq. This was my first visit in January and although I enjoyed the temperate weather, the plants would have loved to have some of the German rain.

This trip was in large part to consider the cultural heritage elements of our work and to take next steps with our water-management plans. It was helpful to get a better sense about old building styles – which are both more ecological than concrete and cement buildings as well as a means of preserving cultural heritage but also more difficult to maintain. We were with several architects in both Baghdad and Erbil and also went to several ancient Christian sites. The challenge that I see is balancing out the ideal and the practical needs. Our next bigger project is to build a house on the site where we are also developing a nursery for native trees. This will be done in the traditional style using bricks and limestone mortar.

During this visit, I also had a chance to spend time with our partners at Hasar Organization, who are doing wonderful tree planting projects and working on a “Resilient Village” near Erbil as well as some people from Unicef. Unicef knows about the work we are doing and the plans we have and have asked for more details as they are interested in partnering with us on water-related projects.

Yesterday we also got the go ahead to apply for grants from the German government, so will put together an application to fund the nursery. Slowly but surely, things are coming together. Our partners have been very busy on the ground. In the past weeks, they have set up solar panels and greenhouses at the farm. The onions, garlic and wheat are starting to sprout up.

Another positive is that Saeed Shamo, one of the young men who works with us, finished school and is set to start an engineering degree at the University of Mosul this coming fall. He needs to use these next months to improve his English. Might there be anyone in the parish who could volunteer a couple hours a week to practice with him? It would be a matter of basic conversational English and helping with pronunciation of words he is reading. If there is a long line of volunteers, there are also a couple other people who would be grateful for a contact person to help them work on their English.

I will be back in Iraq at the end of March and will write again before that. I gave our partners the sketch of All Saints church and shared with them our greeting from the church. They loved both!

With every blessing and gratitude for your ongoing support!
Sr. Makrina

See pictures on the next page!

Pictures from Shingal!



THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

The Youth Group had a wonderful evening of Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood! Thank you to Marshall Hansen and Morgan Jones for providing instrumental accompaniment, and to Carla and Marshall for warming us up with hot chocolate and treats and a warm welcome at their home!



YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN!

The Youth Group had a fun-filled night with their first lock-in at the church! Thank you to Caroline Beail for organizing this fun event and to Caroline and Sabe Dunlap for spending the entire night with the youth! Thanks also to Fr. Cody, Pam Middleton and Zibby Allen for joining in on the fun before heading home to their own beds for the night. Also, think you to everyone who provided food and treats for the evening, especially Deney Perkins, Joan Ennis, Rachel Zoller and Laura Kay Allen!



**ALL SAINTS ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2025**

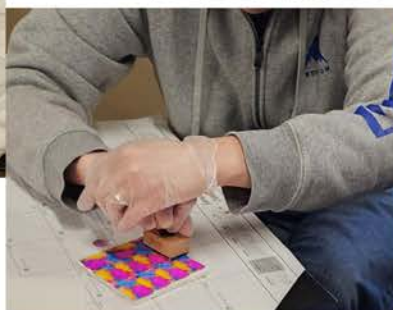
All Saints held its 167th Annual Meeting following the service on January 26, during which reports were given detailing the events of 2024, a budget was passed and new members were elected to the vestry. Significantly, the parish voted to change Fr. Cody's status from part-time (80% time) rector to full-time rector! Thank you to Rhonda Rowe for organizing the taco bar lunch and to Rhonda, Bob Rowe, Liz Truman, Rachel Zoller, Betsy Brandt, Mark Krug, Dick Brown, Laura Heiman and Pam Middleton for helping! Also, thank you to Mark Heiman for setting up a permanent sound system in the Commons!



Creative Collective: What a success!!



We had a wonderful day of fellowship, creativity and joy. As one creative said, "such a nice way to spend time when it's bleak in the world, this gives me hope." We saw enjoyment with knitting, quilting- yes! there was a sewing machine, sewing away all morning, black walnut cracking for pancakes and ink to be made, cartoon drawing, size N train designing, coloring, garden design, fiction and poetry writing, watercolor painting, and alcohol ink art. And the best conversation available!! We also had yummy treats and coffee. Next time we will assign a "quiet room" for creatives that like a more quiet environment but still want to have fellowship and be present and productive. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th 10-12 noon. Please call Rebecca Krug with any questions.



Save the date

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| March 4 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper |
| March 5 | Ash Wednesday |
| March 12-
April 9 | Wednesday Lenten Simple Suppers and study |
| April 3 | Resurrected Women's Group Dinner |
| April 5 | Creative Collective Gathering |

ALL SAINTS RESURRECTED WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING

FRIENDSHIP

Thursday, April 3
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 April with a simple meal (it is during Lent after all!). Be on the lookout for more details from Val, Carla and Pam!

An Invitation to a Lenten Book Study Series from Fr. James

Dear friends in Christ. I have selected an old favorite book to explore with you in the coming Lenten season, *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*, by Richard Rohr. I offer this quote from the back cover of the book: "The enlightenment we seek in other religions has been present in Christianity from the beginning. Richard Rohr, a global leader in spiritual awakening, helps us recognize the forces (such as ego resistance and dual thinking) that separate us from our deeper selves. Then, drawing from the Gospels and the greatest Christian contemplatives, he shows us what it means to be spiritually awake." The heart of our traditional Lenten disciplines of repentance, self-denial, prayer and study are intended for us to come to know our true selves (foibles and all) as God has lovingly created each of us. I believe that the book can help us navigate the Lenten journey to emerge come this Easter, renewed, centered and living in the fullness of God's abundant love and grace.

I suggest that we gather on Wednesdays (March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9) at noon in the Commons area. You are welcome to bring a lunch with you. I'll have coffee, tea and water for us. We could meet for an hour or so for lunch and discussion. In the meantime, you can find out more about the book online. If you are interested, please let me know by February 23rd, and I will place an order at Content Bookstore where we get a modest discount for book groups. I look forward to our time together! Contact me at: revjyoung@gmail.com or text 507-301-9545



Brad Ely, Faith Community Nurse

I feel so privileged to have the opportunity to serve as your faith community nurse. I look forward to getting to know each of you and humbly ask for your prayers in this new ministry.

What is a Faith Community Nurse(FCN). A an actively licensed RN with special training who focuses on the intentional care of the spirit, the promotion of health and the prevention of illness. FCNs address the health of the “whole” person—body, mind and spirit.

What does an FCN do?

- Serve as a resource & advocate for members with health issues.
- Provide health education individually or in groups
- Offer community resources and make referrals as needed.
- Offer guidance to persons struggling with spiritual needs in the midst of health crises.
- Work with volunteers to increase a congregations’ outreach to home-bound members and those with health problems.
- Offer health screenings.

What can’t an FCN do?

FCNs are not allowed to provide treatments prescribed by a health care provider such as giving medication, dressing changes or home health care nursing.

Why might you contact your Faith Community Nurse?

- ✓If you have questions about your health condition.
- ✓If you need information about living alternatives because of your own or your aging parents’ health conditions.
- ✓If you just need to talk about coping.
- ✓If you would like a visit at home or in the hospital.
- ✓If you are feeling distressed physically, emotionally, spiritually.

Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions about my role or other concerns.

You can reach me at 612-245-0037 (text or call) or brad.j.ely@gmail.com

ORGANSPEAK II A B C's

submitted by Richard Collman

This is the second installment of "Organspeak" with credit to Fletcher Coolidge's comments for education to the Vestry and others about the terms used in pipe organs. Be mindful that this instrument is one of the oldest in western civilization (dating back to the Roman era) with a long history in the church as well as concert halls and residences.

Manual – a keyboard. Our present organ has two manuals plus a "pedal board" of 2 and ½ octaves since organists also play with the feet. The upper manual is called a Swell (which has vertical shades in the organ pipe room for expression via a pedal; the lower manual is called the Great which is usually exposed in the room; the pedal sounds may be open or under expression.

Console – the desk-like piece of furniture supporting the manual, pedal board, stops, and mechanisms which control the pipes to make the unique sound of the organ.

Stop – a term for a rank of pipes having usually 61 pipes corresponding to a keyboard and sounding separate pitches but of a similar sound (principals, flutes, strings, and reeds). Our organ has 9 ranks of principal, flute, and reed (no strings). When an organist puts a stop down or pulls one out, it connects the keyboard to a rank of pipes through a relay (often electro/pneumatic connection, sometimes mechanical) so when a key is depressed, the current pulls the magnet to open the valve beneath the pipe to blow air up that makes the sound of music. Or a wooden mechanical or tracker linkage connects keys to valves for more sensitive action. Pushing the stop in or pulling it up "stops" the sound so the valve doesn't open. This can get complicated, but we are dealing with centuries of mechanical organ action or electro/pneumatic action since electricity was invented. (over a mere 100 some years ago which helped to expand the size of this "King of Instruments" as in Northrup Auditorium on the campus of the Univ. of MN)

Chamber – the room that contains the rows of pipes. In our church, this is to the left of the altar when you face the front with some pedal pipes in front exposed for better sound distribution.



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: ***Candlemas and Ordinary Time***

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation commemorates the presentation of Jesus the Temple (Luke 2.22-40). This reflects Leviticus 12 which specifies that a woman was to be purified at the temple by the offering of a lamb as a burnt offering and the offering of a turtle dove or a young pigeon as a sin offering, 33 days after the circumcision of the infant. Thus, in the Christian calendar, this falls on the 2nd of February. This marks the time when most Christians will have taken down their Christmas decorations. Many do so after Twelfth Night, but they are to be taken down most certainly by the feast of Candlemas. In popular folklore, it is considered to be bad luck to leave Christmas decorations up after the feast of Candlemas. In one particularly gruesome tradition it is said that for every needle or leaf left after this time the household would be visited by a goblin. But anyway, you get my drift. Take them down!

On Candlemas, it is a tradition to bring candles to the church to be blessed for use for the rest of the year. The blessed candles represent the light of Christ as revealed to us in the epiphany as the light of the world.

The time in the liturgical year between Pentecost and the beginning of Advent is known as ordinary time, but not because it is plain, common or unimportant. It is called that because of the root word ordinal which refers to counting and numbers. That part of the liturgical year from Advent through Pentecost are readily known by the major feasts (church holy-days) that happen along the way (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and the day of Pentecost). Once we are past the day of Pentecost we have no major feast days by which to keep track of calendar time. That is where ordinary (as numbers & counting) time comes in (marked by the liturgical color of green). That is why each Sunday in ordinary time is known by its ordinal (number) after Pentecost. For example, the first Sunday in June this year is known on the liturgical year as the third Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays after the Feast of the Epiphany until Lent are also counted as ordinary time.

Next Month: ***Lent***

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

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CO-TREASURER	Pam Middleton
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AT LARGE	Dick Brown
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AT LARGE	Joe Peterson
AT LARGE	Laura Porter-Jones
AT LARGE	Rachel Zoller
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OPERATIONS	Betsy Brandt
WEBSITE DESIGN	Mark Heiman

2	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 Psalm 84	February Readings
9	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Psalm 138	
16	Jeremiah 17:5-10 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26 Psalm 1	
23	Genesis 45:3-11, 15 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	

BIRTHDAYS

February

1	Edward Malnar
2	Lizzy Larson
7	Bob Craig
8	Brad Ely
17	Ella Rae Berkebile
18	Kalie Ford
19	Erika Campbell
21	Melody Ford
23	Zeke Will
24	Xander Stavenau

Anniversaries

1	Carla & Marshall Hansen
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