

# CONNECTIONS

All Saints Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

## ALL SAINTS ACOLYTES



### NATIONAL ACOLYTE FESTIVAL WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

OCTOBER 11, 2025

All Saints is proud that all 8 of our young acolytes are excited to participate in the National Acolyte Festival on October 11. **Tara Alaniz, Miriel and Theo Ennis, Kalie and Melody Ford, Oliver Heiman, and Penelope and Xander Stavenau** will be proudly representing All Saints in the Nation's Capital at the National Cathedral. Fr. Cody, Dcn. Cassandra and Pam Middleton will chaperone the young people and participate in the festival as well. Brad Ely and Richard Collman are joining us too.

### Many of you have asked how you can support our young people.

The kids are already raising funds with a lemonade stand, (see pictures on page 6), bagging groceries at Cub Foods and selling bottled water during the Defeat of Jesse James Days. We are planning a fundraiser at All Saints for early in September- the kids will also be involved in that fundraiser! Stay tuned!

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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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## From the Rector: Pastoral Care



All Saints  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

One of the most beautiful truths of our faith is that God meets us not only in mountaintop moments but in the ordinary, complicated, and vulnerable seasons of life. And more often than not, God shows up through the love and care of one another.

In the Episcopal Church, we believe that pastoral care is the shared work of the whole Body of Christ, not just something that priests and deacons do. Rooted in our baptismal promise to “seek and serve Christ in all persons,” pastoral care is one of the ways we extend the love of Jesus in real, tangible ways: through presence, listening, prayer, note-writing, meal-giving, and connection.

This is not about having the perfect words or being a counselor. It’s about showing up. About offering a meal when someone is sick. Sending a card when someone is grieving. Checking in when a familiar face hasn’t been in church for a while. Sitting beside someone in silence when words fall short. These simple gestures become holy when done with compassion and intention.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul writes that “if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” This is the theology of pastoral care and congregational life: the belief that no one should walk through pain or joy alone.

We’re building up our Pastoral Care Team—a group of caring people from our parish community who share in the work of presence and compassion. There are many ways to serve, including:

- Care Companions who visit and check in with those going through difficult times
- Note-Writers who send encouraging cards
- Meal Coordinators who organize meals during times of need
- Eucharistic Visitors who bring Holy Communion to those who cannot attend church

Each person on the team will be trained, supported, and part of a community of caregivers rooted in prayer and love.

If you have a heart for this kind of ministry—even if you're not sure exactly how you might serve—we’d love to hear from you. Contact Fr. Cody or Dcn. Cassandra to learn more. You don’t have to be perfect. You just have to be willing to care.

Together, let’s be a church where no one is forgotten, where love shows up, and where Christ is made known in the quiet moments of companionship.

**A Message from The Right Reverend Craig Loya  
July 30, 2025**

Beloved in Christ,

Last week, as I wrapped up a few weeks of vacation, my daughter Mari and I took our annual bicycle trip together. We spent three days exploring a wonderful trail system through the beautiful farmlands and river valleys of central Iowa. On the first day, we rode a little too late into the afternoon, and were challenged by some particularly rough heat and humidity. To lift our spirits, we resolved to get ice cream at the end of the ride, and for the last twenty-five miles or so, the hope and promise of a giant serving kept us going through the challenge of the heat. It was, of course, the best ice cream I've ever had, given how long it had held my focus.

The gospel lesson for this coming Sunday raises the question of where we put our focus. Two siblings ask Jesus to settle a dispute about an inheritance. He responds by telling them a story about a man who spent his life fixated on acquiring and holding onto wealth, only to die suddenly before he could enjoy it.

It's a jolting response. But the man's mistake in the story isn't that he has saved resources. It's that accumulating and storing them has become his whole focus. It's where he has placed his whole trust. Over and over again in Luke's gospel, Jesus' teachings and parables come back to the core question of what are we focused on? Our own abilities and power? The fearful forces around us? Accumulating resources? Or the power of God's coming kingdom of love?

The challenges and questions we face in this moment are, as much as anything, a matter of focus and trust. With what feels like chaotic waves of injustice crashing over us day in and day out, it's easy to put our focus on the oppressive heat enfolding us, and our trust in our own power to pedal harder through it. But the way of Jesus calls us to meet the pain and challenge of the world in this and every moment with a singular focus on the power of God's love. We must pedal. We must act. We must speak up and resist the forces that are always seeking to tear down the children of God. But as followers of the Way, we do not trust in our own power to save and secure ourselves. We keep our eyes fixed firmly on the spring of living water that is Jesus Christ, endeavoring to join the small trickle of our lives to the great, healing, world-saving flood that even now is bursting into our parched and sun scorched world.

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

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**Episco-Speak**

A Guide to the Language of Episcopalians

Fr. James is taking a break in August

Stay tuned for another thrilling installment of Episco-Speak in September!



# VESTRY



Sr. Warden, Rhonda Rowe  
Jr. Warden, Laura Kay Allen

All is well at All Saints as we begin our slow walk into fall. The heat and humidity will soon be gone. Some items to report:

The Stavenau/Drewitz Family offered and has begun helping with the mowing at the church. With our wet weather this summer it has been nearly a constant weekly job. Joe Peterson is happy to welcome them to the team, as are we.

The windstorm on the 29th of July left us with some clean-up of some large branches on the 5th Street side. Pam and Fr. Cody saw it first thing on the 30th and stopped to pull the branches off the sidewalk. Our neighbor Paul graciously came over to help AND offered to haul them away! Thank you, Paul and Clint, for being such good neighbors! And thank you, Pam and Fr. Cody for stopping to clean it up.

These are examples of "it takes a community". Being part of this community shows pride and caring at this church on 5th and Washington.



## Welcome to our 2025-2026 Seminarian!

All Saints is blessed to have a seminarian joining us for the 2025-2026 school year! Paul Johnson, a postulant for the priesthood and a member of Messiah Episcopal Church in St. Paul, will be serving alongside us for about 10 hours per week as part of his field education requirements for ordination. Paul is an incredibly thoughtful person and will be a wonderful addition to our community. A companion committee of parishioners will be supporting Paul and helping him reflect on his experiences and he will be supervised by Fr. Cody.

Paul's first Sunday with us will be September 7th. In the meantime, here's some information about Paul to help get to know him better:

Paul is a postulant (officially on the path to ordination) and seminarian at Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He has served in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota for most of his adult life as a musician and youth minister. Paul's happy place has been driving a 15 passenger van full of teenagers on an adventure (really!) and he is passionate about seeing youth and adults become lifelong disciples of Jesus. Northfield holds a special place in Paul's heart as he attended St. Olaf College where he also met his wife Libby. Paul and Libby live in the Frogtown neighborhood of St. Paul and have three boys, one of whom is also an Ole. Though there are many Oles in their lives, the family also counts Carls and Townies among their friends. In whatever free time exists in Paul's life he enjoys fine art photography and is a coffee enthusiast.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



## Northfield Union of Youth

### The Key 30th Anniversary



Indeed, this 30<sup>th</sup> year has seen big milestones for NUY whose focus in founding was to create a space where all youth felt welcome, supported and encouraged. At its opening in 1995, the goal to be a substance free youth center became a reality.

-----Thirty years later saw the opening of Wallflower House, a safe and comfortable living space for ages 18-24 and if still in need of housing, there is the volunteer host home network.

-----In early June, The Key was awarded a \$160,000 grant to be used to expand upwards their current location at 109 6<sup>th</sup> Street W. The St Paul and Minnesota Foundation were pleased to award the grant as The Key presents a dynamic, youth led approach to addressing systemic issues that affect youth across the state of Minnesota.

-----In late June, WINGS, Women in Northfield Giving Support, awarded NUY \$5,750 to support the mental health outreach which planned activities respond to the needs of youth.

From being a substance free gathering place 30 years ago, the services they currently provide are wide ranging: from enrichment activities to help getting essentials (food and necessities), wellness and recovery support, mental health support and the learning and practice of life skills. The Key is a very busy place! Its Youth Board president is democratically elected by youth. The board meets weekly providing a platform for all youth to have a voice in the organization besides making policy decisions, hiring staff and helping to select members of the Adult Board. The Adult Board, which oversees financial management, meets monthly with the Youth Board to ensure that youth have the support they need. To learn even more, visit their web site: [unionofyouth.org](http://unionofyouth.org) NUY is a recipient of All Saints Church Outreach.

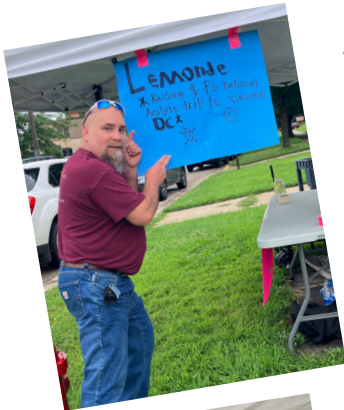
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## Meals on Wheels

A big Daytona 500 and Rallye Monte-Carlo THANK YOU to all our Meals on Wheels drivers of the past two weeks! Over 300 lunches were individually and cheerfully delivered all around Northfield, on time and without mishap. Bravo, everyone! Let's do it again next year!

A huge thank you also to Marshall Hansen for coordinating our Meals on Wheels outreach, and for the excellent communication with all of the drivers!

### Acolytes' lemonade stand fundraiser!



### Welcome to Sr. Hannah, CSM Prioress, Community of St. Mary Sewanee, TN



### 2025 NOONTIME ORGAN RECITALS

The Northfield Noontime Organ Recitals are entering their 18th year beginning July 2nd - August 13th, all on Wednesday noons from 12:15 to 12:45. All Saints is hosting the recital on July 16 featuring our own Richard Collman!



#### 2025 SCHEDULE

- August 6, Joanne Rodland & Donna Paulsen, United Methodist Church
- August 13, Stephen May, First United Church of Christ



**Richard Collman was the organist on July 16**

**All Saints welcomed 128 people into the church to enjoy Richard's playing!**



### August

- 2 Creative Collective
- 12 Outreach meeting
- 20 Vestry meeting
- 23 Acolyte Fundraiser at Cub Foods
- 31 San Jose Obrero Mission

*Save the date*

- Sept. 6 DJJD Open House
- Sept. 13 Rally Sunday
- Sept. 21 Sr. Makrina visit for Regenerate Shingal
- Oct. 10-12 Acolyte Festival at Washington National Cathedral

**All Saints Vestry and Committee Chairs**

SR. WARDEN	Rhonda Rowe
JR. WARDEN	Laura Kay Allen
CO-TREASURER	Pam Middleton
CLERK	Mark Krug
AT LARGE	Betsy Brandt
AT LARGE	Dick Brown
AT LARGE	Bob Craig
AT LARGE	Joe Peterson
AT LARGE	Laura Porter-Jones
AT LARGE	Rachel Zoller
STUDENT REP	Tara Alaniz
RECTOR	The Rev. Cody Maynus
DEACON	The Rev. Cassandra Cook-Quarry
ECMN DELEGATES	Rachel Zoller Laura Porter-Jones Faiz Wareh
ORGANIST	Sabe Dunlap
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Luke Poley
MINISTRY ASSISTANT	Jason Schwartz
SEXTON	Pam Middleton
SUNDAY SCHOOL/ YOUTH GROUP	Zibby Allen Jack Gronholz Alek Pochan
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie Sherman
EPISCOPAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION	Mark Heiman
CONNECTIONS	Betsy Brandt Pam Middleton Jayne Cook-Quarry Mary Jones
OUTREACH	Pam Middleton
HOSPITALITY	Betsy Brandt
OPERATIONS	Mark Heiman
WEBSITE DESIGN	

3	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21 Psalm 49:1-12	<b>August Readings</b>
10	Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40 Psalm 33:12-220	
17	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56 Psalm 82	
24	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17 Psalm 103:1-8	
31	Sirach 10:12-18 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14 Psalm 112	

**BIRTHDAYS**

**August Birthdays**

- 1 Issac Kofsky
- 3 Mike Reymann
- 3 Brad Leonard
- 3 Rikki Drewitz
- 11 Paul Pieper
- 11 Laura Porter-Jones
- 15 Richard Brown
- 16 Rachel Zoller
- 17 Chris Olson
- 21. Karen Doherty
- 25 Dan Olson
- 25 Jim Gleason
- 26 Celia Murphy-Pearson
- 27 Robb Campbell
- 28 James Young
- 30 Bob Rowe



**August ANNIVERSARIES**

- 3 Jay & Rachel Zoller
- 3 Bob & Gail Craig
- 19 Pam Middleton & Fernan Jaramillo
- 22 Mark & Rebecca Krug
- 22 Greg Gudbjartsson & Val Britton
- 23 Morgan Jones & Laura Porter-Jones
- 25 Gregory & Stephanie Ennis

