



Pastor Eric's E Note

February, 14, 2017

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Valentine's Day!

All relationships require daily doses of compassion, communication, kindness and certainly love. (If you have forgotten it is Valentine's Day there is still time to get some flowers, a card, chocolates or pick up supper).

Today is also a great day to say "Thank you" for your relationship with All Saints. Your compassion, communication, kindness and love make a difference in my life and in the life of this congregation.

Continue to share those daily doses of compassion, kindness and love in your home, in church, at work and in this world. It is sorely needed.

Pastor Eric

Lent 2017

The year 2017 marks the international observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In honor of that anniversary, our midweek Lenten series will focus on Luther's Small Catechism. Martin Luther designed the Small Catechism as a teaching tool of the faith, not just within the church but in the home. Luther intended for the home to be the place where faith was first shared and taught. To that end he created the Small Catechism: a simple explanation of the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism and Communion. He included basic prayers for morning and evening, and suggested ways to worship, praise, and revere God during each part of our day.

Lent Schedule (All Services at 7 p.m. following our Lenten Suppers at 6 p.m.)

With Awe and Love

March 1 - Ash Wednesday- "Why Repentance?"

March 8 – Ten Commandments

March 15 – Apostle's Creed

March 22 – Lord's Prayer

March 29 – Baptism

April 5 – Holy Communion

Beginning March 8th every Lenten service will involve lighting a candle of commitment and placing it in a Lenten Cross.

Opportunities to Serve

Our monthly serving schedules are available online through Signup.com. There you can volunteer to usher, read scripture lessons, assist with communion and serve fellowship. Go to our website www.allsaintsnva.org and click on the Signup.com logo. You can also sign up at the Welcome Center.

The Learning Ministry Team is hosting a Sparkhouse Book Fair!

The resources from Sparkhouse are designed to help parents instill an open-hearted, transformational, lifelong Christian faith in their children at every age and stage. Looking for that perfect Easter gift for your kids or grandkids? Stop by our Book Fair table on March 12 and 19 and shop award-winning Bibles, books, and videos for kids. Save up to 50% PLUS free shipping on all titles. AND our church will earn 20% of the proceeds to go towards curriculum or other resources!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration is now open!

VBS is June 12-15, 2017. 9:00-11:30 a.m. VBS is for students Age 3-Grade 6 (entering fall 2017). We are gearing up for a great week of fun with our theme, "Mighty Fortress!" We'll have music, Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks. EVERYONE is invited to VBS at All Saints so tell your friends, neighbors, cousins, EVERYONE! Be sure to tell them that transportation is available! Cost is \$18 per child with a \$36 family max. Scholarships are available.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2017.

Register online at <http://www.allsaintsnva.org/ministries/vbs.html> or you can pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center, fill it out, and turn it into the church office.



Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering

An exciting opportunity for women is knocking on our door right here in Minneapolis. The Women of the ELCA Tenth Triennial Gathering will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center July 13-16, 2017. Over the years this gathering has taken place all over the nation so it's exciting to have it be a local event this year. See the bulletin board in the hallway for more information. You can attend all of the days of the gathering or attend just one day, either Friday or Saturday. If you are interested in attending, let Christin Fugate know. You can also visit this website for more info: www.womenoftheelca.org and click on Triennial Gathering.