





# Pastor Eric's E Note

Here are some of the comments we received for the kick-off of our "Why Give" appeal for the Mission and Ministry Fund and the Building Fund.

#### I GIVE BECAUSE:

Everything we have is the Lord's

Spread God's grace and bring comfort to people

It brings me joy!

To support the children and youth programs and the whole chuch

Dear Friends.

Reminded how blessed my family and I are so we give to enrich our church and community.

The Bible tells us to.

I want to!

I enjoy giving knowing it can make a difference for someone

For all the Church has done for me and my family—past, present and future. Thanks be to God!

Thankfullness for God's grace and blessing

It feels good to give-makes my heart happy

My love for the church and everything it stands for

God's word will be spread to every person on earth

The Church needs money to keep it going

Give back

I like to help others

Watch your email and mailings for many more reasons. I will close with this one: *Because Pastor Eric says we should*.

Thanks for Giving! Pastor Eric

### First Communion Instruction - Deadline to register is February 17

First Communion Family Instruction will be on Sunday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. Invitations have been sent via email to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Also to any 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in case they haven't had First Communion Instruction yet, which is needed before you can be confirmed. If you have a child who is ready to receive First Communion and you did not receive this invitation, please let Darcy Gray know at dgray@allsaintsnya.org.

## **Tuesday Morning Coffee Hour Bible Study**

Tuesday, February 19 at 8:30 am we continue our monthly Bible Study in the narthex. We provide the coffee and juice and rolls. All are welcome.

# 12 hour Prayer Vigil - Saturday, March 2

We need your help to fill 48 - fifteen minute prayer slots. From 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday, March 2 we will pray for our church, programs, community and world. The church will be open during this time and we encourage you to pray at church or you can pray at home or wherever you are. Please sign up today at the Welcome Center or call the church office. Suggestions for prayer will be provided for you so we ask you to sign up by February 24.



If you have prayers you would like to be a part of this vigil please email them to <a href="mailto:dgray@allsaintsnya.org">dgray@allsaintsnya.org</a> (they will be kept confidential) or turn them in on Sunday.



### Family Ice Fishing Event Sunday, March 10

Join us Sunday, March 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm for some good old-fashioned family fun as we go ice fishing at a location to be determined. We will serve lunch and hot chocolate out on the ice. If you have never fished before we will have equipment for you. Please sign-up at church or email Pastor Eric at <a href="mailto:eaune@allsaintsnya.org">eaune@allsaintsnya.org</a>.

## **Congregational Meeting**

The congregational meeting will be held Sunday March 17 following the 10:15 am service. The only order of business is to vote on proposed updates to the bylaws and constitution. Copies of the proposed updated bylaws/constitution have been emailed or mailed out and are also available at the Welcome Center. Another congregational meeting will be held on the first Sunday in June to approve the 2019-20 budget. Confirmed members of All Saints are encouraged to attend both meetings.

### **Thrivent Choice**

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial? Did you know that you can direct any choice dollars you may have directly to All Saints? Thrivent members can designate their funds by going to the Thrivent website at <a href="https://www.thrivent.com">www.thrivent.com</a> or by calling Thrivent at 800-847-4836. 2018 Choice dollar designations expire on March 31, 2019. Thank you for considering All Saints.



# **Discipleship Retreat**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 3, 4 & 5 Green Lake Bible Camp/St. Andrew Village in New London/Spicer, MN Estimated per person cost \$120 Includes two nights lodging (motel style cabin) and Four meals

Sign up today at the Welcome Center or email dgray@allsaintsnya.org