



### **Pastor Eric's E Note**

September 26, 2019

Dear All Saints Family:

Driving down 212 and even in our neighborhood, I've noticed this summer that if you work with cement you do a lot of waiting.



The forms and rebar are all in place on the highway or the driveway, the screed (that 2x4 the worker is smoothing out the cement with), the float, the shovels, and wheel-barrow are at the ready and now they wait and wait and wait for the cement truck to arrive with the goods.

There are far more serious and difficult kinds of waiting. There's the waiting for the results from your biopsy or scan. There's the waiting of a couple who desperately want to start a family but day after day, month after month, their prayer goes unanswered.

To paraphrase Lewis Smedes, Waiting is like a flame we cannot light, a happy ending we cannot write and a not yet that feels like a not ever.

God seems to encourage us to wait. 64 times in the Old Testament the people are commanded, "Wait on the Lord." Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD."

What do we do while we wait. We keep at the ready like the construction workers. We wait, watch, worship, pray, gather with our family and friends. And then what happens? The prophet Isaiah says this, "Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not grow weary. They shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:30-31)."

Pastor Eric

### **College and Military Care Packages:**

Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students will assemble care packages on Wednesday, Oct. 2 to go to our college students and active military. Your donations are appreciated: money to help pay postage, items to go in the packages such as: candy, gum, ramen noodles, popcorn and other microwave foods, pens, pencils, highlighters, trial size health and beauty, anything else you think a college student or active military person would enjoy. Please bring items in or make your monetary donations by Sept. 29. Items can go in the box outside the offices. Monetary donations, labeled "care packages", can be placed in the offering plate or in Darcy's office.

If you have a college student or an active military person in your family, please leave a note on Darcy's desk or email their address to Darcy [dgray@allsaintsnya.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsnya.org). Because we pre-purchase mailing boxes from the post office, we will be unable to send packages to addresses received after **September 29**.

### **Serving Schedules**

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.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org) and click on the Signup.com logo or at the Welcome Center.

### **Trunk or Treat - October 28 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Here is a fun and safe way to trick or treat. Bring your costumed children to the church parking lot where they can stop at decorated cars and pick up a treat or prize.

### **Trunk or Treat Vehicle Participants**

We need participants to help by decorating the trunk of your car or back end of trucks or SUVs which we will park at the west end of the parking lot. We ask that you bring candy or prizes to hand out to the kids who come around. We are also going to ask congregation members to donate candy or prizes. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center for more detailed information.

Registering your vehicle with Darcy will allow us to reserve a space for your vehicle and to make sure we have plenty of participants. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email Darcy at [dgray@allsaintsnya.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsnya.org).

**Congregation: If you don't want to decorate a vehicle perhaps you would like to help by donating candy or small prizes to hand out. There is tub outside the workroom.**

### **New Members**

We will receive new members on Sunday, November 3 at the 10:15 am worship service. There will be a casual orientation for you and your sponsors at the home of Pastor Eric and Judy on Tuesday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in becoming a part of the All Saints family please contact the church office at 467-3388, Darcy at [dgray@allsaintsnya.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsnya.org) or Pastor Eric at [eaune@allsaintsnya.org](mailto:eaune@allsaintsnya.org).

**Get this on your December calendar we are bringing back the Christmas Progressive Dinner on Saturday, December 7.**