



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

Dear Friends:

November 21, 2019

Two weeks ago Wednesday, I came back to church to teach confirmation. On my office chair was a stack of thank you notes from the WOW kids. It made my day.

Last week I thanked the WOW students and told them what a difference it made in my life and one of the students shouted, "It's what we do here!"

He was right. From Sunday School, to Confirmation, to Senior High to adult—All Saints makes a difference—"it's what we do here."

I was twice blessed by the WOW students--blessed by the thank you notes and blessed to be reminded of the thousands of acts of ministry that take place daily through the disciples of All Saints.

Thank you,  
Pastor Eric

### **Six Sunday Left In 2019-Financial Update**

We are well within striking distance of our financial goals at the end of 2019. We are \$10,000 behind in our giving to our Mission and Ministry Fund and \$10,000 behind in giving to our Building Fund. Last year our December offerings were \$29,500 for Mission and Ministry and \$16,500 for our Building Fund. Thank you for remembering All Saints during the Advent-Christmas Season.

### **Associate Pastor Update**

The Minneapolis Area Synod is gathering names of candidates to be interviewed by our call committee once Bishop Ann Svennungsen can find a date to meet with our congregation. Please keep this process in your prayers.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Worship, World Hunger Offering and Pie Social**

Be sure to set aside time for worship and thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Eve, November 27 at 6:30 p.m. followed by our annual pie social. Our Thanksgiving offering will go to World Hunger—specifically to buy two family farms at \$715 apiece. A family farm includes a cow a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds and agricultural training which creates a world of opportunity for a family living in poverty.



**"Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas"** is a colorful deck of cards that is full of rituals, prayers and reflections. Use these cards to explore the entire season from Advent to Christmas through Epiphany with your family! They are available for \$5.00 at the Welcome Center.



### **Poinsettia Order Due November 24**

We are taking orders for Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary. You will find order forms at the Welcome Center. We will be getting 6.5 inch plants for \$12.00. Choose from white, pink, or red. Turn in to the church office.

### **Project Christmas**

Give back and give the gift of JOY this Christmas season by providing a gift to children and families within our own community. New this year, we will also be providing families with wrapping paper, tape, and gift tags. Parents will be given the opportunity to wrap their child's gifts and place them under their own Christmas tree.

Look for the Christmas tree in the narthex this Sunday. It is decorated with tags indicating an item that needs to be purchased.

Directions

- Gifts need to be new and unused
- Please DO NOT wrap the gifts
- Gifts should not exceed \$25.00
- Attach the GREEN tag to the unwrapped item
- Please bring unwrapped gifts to All Saints NO LATER than Sunday, December 8th



If you have any questions, please contact Becca Braun at 952-261-5419 or [bbraun@central.k12.mn.us](mailto:bbraun@central.k12.mn.us)

**November is food shelf month. Help us fill up our donation crates located in the narthex. All non-perishable food items along with household items are welcome. No expired food please!**

### **Decorating Party**

All ages are invited to help decorate for Christmas. On Tuesday, December 3 at 6 pm we will begin with sloppy joe supper and then adults and older children will decorate the sanctuary, narthex and fellowship hall (putting lights and ornaments on the tree and hanging garland) while the younger children make a Christmas craft and watch a movie. After we will gather in the sanctuary for a service of candlelight and carols as we light the Christmas tree. Sign-up today at the Welcome Center so we can plan for supper and craft.



### **Progressive Dinner - Adult Event**

The Christmas Progressive Dinner is back! Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7. We will start with hors d'oeuvres at the home of Pastor Eric and Judy and then come down to church for dinner and dessert. Sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate if you are bringing an hors d'oeuvres, side dish or dessert.



### **Sunday School Christmas Programs- December 8 at 9:00 & 10:15 am**

We will have two programs BUT ALL students will perform at both services. So 9:00 kids will perform at 9:00 and 10:15. The 10:15 students will perform at 9:00 and 10:15. Parents will sign up to attend one of the services so we know who is coming to which services and we will have room for everyone.

### **All Saints Advent Choir Concert**

The annual Advent-Christmas Choir Concert is Sunday, December 15. Come worship and enjoy music performed by the All Saints choirs at 8, 9 & 10:15 am.

### **Bake Sale**

Women's Outreach will hold their annual bake sale all morning Sunday, December 15. You can purchase the delicious homemade baked goods prepared by Women's Outreach and members of the congregation. If you can help us out by donating homemade baked goods, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Items can be dropped off on Friday, December 13 or early Sunday morning.



### **Christmas Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, December 22 Worship at 8 & 9 am; Early Christmas Eve Service at 10:15 am**

**December 24 Christmas Eve Services 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm**

**Four ushers are needed at each service. Let Darcy know if you can help [dgray@allsaintsnya.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsnya.org)**

**Sunday, December 29 one service at 9:00 am**

### **Chanhassen Dinner Theater- Music Man - March 29, 2020**

Adults - we have 20 tickets reserved so please sign up at the Welcome Center early to reserve your seat. Dinner seating is at 4:30 pm, show starts at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$73.82 per ticket (this is a promotional price), includes dinner, show, tax and gratuity. A \$25.00 per ticket downpayment is required by November 24th.

# Central Elementary opens the RAIDER ROOM

The name of our school store is the Raider Room. It is located at the Elementary school in the Kindergarten hallway.

Over the next few weeks, we will be asking for donations through a variety of different ways. We are asking for healthy snacks, gently used clothes, new socks and underwear, and toiletries. We are also accepting donations of plastic hangers and plastic bags.

## Purpose of the store:

The purpose of the store is to provide a more dignified way for children who need snacks and clothing to receive them.

## How the store will operate:

If a child needs a snack or clothing item and the teacher is not available to bring them themselves, the student will check in with a Kindergarten teacher and they will go with them into the Raider Room.

## Hours:

The hours it will be open is before school, 9:30-10:00, 11:00-12:00, and 1:30-2:15.

**If you would like to donate snacks or clothing items, you may bring items to All Saints and we will deliver them for you.**



## **Please Donate Nutritious Foods Using This Guide and Support the Central Elementary Raider Room**

- Granola bars
- Trail mix bars
- Apples
- Oranges
- Pears
- Crackers
- 100% fruit juices
- Cereals (low sugar)
- Fruit snacks
- Raisins
- Cheese Sticks
- Trail mix
- Bananas
- Goldfish
- Yogurt Tubes
- Applesauce cups
- Natural fruit rollups
- Fruit Cup

