



Dear Friends in Christ,

You have heard me say the Christian faith is not a sprint but a marathon.



At the beginning of our quarantine, viewership of our virtual services was more than double our attendance on a Sunday morning. Our offerings were surprisingly large and consistent. At the time Judy and I were probably watching four to five services on a Sunday—now we are down to one—All Saints.

How do we prevent our interest, from waning? How do we persevere in our worship, discipleship and giving?

Will a pep talk from your coaches (pastors) do it?—probably not.

I used to believe that perseverance in faith meant we needed to try harder, work harder, train harder, but I find I am able to persevere in faith not because of extraordinary stamina but because God perseveres with me.

Before Jesus death he promised that the Father would send a helper, counselor, encourager the Paraclete or Holy Spirit. The image Jesus used was that of a runner being cheered on in a race.

In the book of Hebrews the writer spurs us on to run the race of faith with perseverance keeping our eyes on Jesus who both began and finished the race we are in. Jesus persevered through rejection, exhaustion, shame, and the cross because he never lost sight of where he was headed, that exhilarating finish in and with God.

I like what the gritty David Livingstone, a famous missionary to Africa said, "Lord, send me anywhere, only go with me. Lay any burden on me, only sustain me." When asked what sustained him? "What has sustained me," he said, "Was Jesus promise, Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

Thanks for sticking with it,
Pastor Eric

Women's and Men's Fellowship this Saturday, October 3 at 8 am

The women meet in the All Saints Fellowship Hall and the men at Hillcrest Café.

Limited In Person Worship Begins This Sunday with Confirmation

This Sunday, October 4 at 8 am we will worship indoors with a limit of 100 worshipers. Because of confirmation only confirmands and their families will be allowed to worship at 9 and 10:30 am.

All three services will be broadcast live on Facebook and will be available for viewing later that morning on Facebook and on our You Tube channel.

Church Parking: Access to Merger Street and our parking lot from Highway 212 will be closed off starting Friday, October 9. Any cars coming to the church will need to park in the Central High School parking lot to the north of the church. We have been told by the City of NYA that this could last up to 3 weeks. The North entrance to the building will be unlocked on Sundays and throughout the week.

Pastor Matt's Installation Next Sunday, October 11

Pastor Matt will be installed next Sunday, October 11 at 8, 9 and 10:15 am by Associate to the Bishop, Pastor Craig Pederson. We will share cake and coffee with social distancing to celebrate the day.

Rally Sunday, October 11 Meet the Teachers

Also on Sunday, October 11 at 9 and 10:15 am our Sunday School Students will begin in worship and then go meet their teachers toward the end of the service and receive a treat bag.

New Members

We will receive new members on Sunday, October 25 at the 10:15 am worship service. There will be a casual orientation for you and your sponsors at church on Monday October 19 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 or Pastor Eric at eaune@allsaintsnya.org.

College and Military Care Packages:

Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students will assemble care packages on Wednesday, Oct. 28 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 October 25. 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. Because we pre-purchase mailing boxes from the post office, we will be unable to send packages to addresses received after October 25.

Trunk or Treat - October 26 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Here is a fun and safe way to trick or treat. Bring your costumed children to the Central High School parking lot on Morse Street 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 an informational flyer and sign up at the Welcome Center.

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.