



E-Note for  
March 7, 2023

Friends in Christ,

Why do we give? Why do we make these commitments to the church year after year?

Because we know that giving is a grateful response to God's gifts to us. Because we know that giving is rewarding and gives us life. Because this is what we have been called to do and life *is* for giving.



There are many reasons why we give and I hope you prayerfully consider all of these things as you go through this year's commitment materials. There are lots of wonderful things happening here at All Saints (WOW, Fare for All, men's and women's fellowship and Bible study, the discipleship retreat, confirmation, the search for new church staff) and these things are only possible because of the generous commitments made by our members. Thank you for supporting us with your prayers, your time, and your resources.

Pledge materials were mailed on Tuesday, March 7 to those who were not able to pick up their packets at church. Commitment Sunday is March 19. Please fill out and return your card in person on that day or by mail before March 19.

Peace of Christ be with you,  
Pastor Matt Schroeder

**Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 am. Spring forward one hour.**



**Easter Flower order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Deadline to turn in order is March 12.**



**March is Food Shelf month**

Please bring in food or dry good donations and place in the black crates by the sacristy. Thank you for supporting the local community food shelves.



Boy Scout Troop 361 will hold their pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 19 from 8:30am to 12:00 pm at the NYA pavilion. Free will donation taken.



### Lent Schedule:

Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29: Worship at 6:30 pm

Treats will be served following each Lent service in the coffee area on March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

### Holy Week Schedule

**April 2 Palm Sunday Worship at 8:00 & 9:30 am**

**April 6 Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 pm**

**First Communion Worship at 7:30 pm**

**April 7 Good Friday Worship at 6:30 pm**

**April 9 Easter Sunday Worship at 7:00, 8:00 & 9:30 am \* note new times**

Fare For All is a program where anyone can shop for fresh, quality, and affordable groceries. Fare For All buys fresh produce and frozen meat from bulk wholesalers and growers, bundles them into \$10-\$30 packages, and distributes them at pop-up sites around the cities.

All Saints has joined 30+ sites in the Twin Cities and Greater MN area for year 2023. Upcoming sale dates are: March 30, May 4, June 1, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 28 from 3-5pm. Volunteer sign up can be found at the Welcome Center. More information can be found at: <https://www.thefoodgroupmn.org/groceries/fare-for-all/>



### First Communion Instruction

There will be a First Communion Instruction class on Sunday, March 26 at 10:45 am led by Pastor Matt. Invitations have been sent via email to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and also 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have not taken their First Communion. The child and at least one parent is asked to attend.

Those who take the class will receive their First Communion on Thursday, April 6 (Maundy Thursday) during the 7:30 pm worship service. If you did not receive an email and you have a child who is ready to receive First Communion and would like to attend please let Darcy or Pastor Matt know. The next opportunity to take the class will be spring of 2024.



### Discipleship Retreat: April 28, 29 & 30, 2023

Join us at Mount Carmel Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN for our annual discipleship retreat. Cost is \$180 per person double occupancy and \$219 per person single occupancy. Includes two nights of lodging and 5 meals. Sign up at the Welcome Center by April 2.

### Opportunities to Serve

We would like to be fully staffed with volunteers on Sunday mornings for ushering, assisting communion, serving fellowship and reading lessons. Our monthly serving schedules are available online through Signup.com. Go to our website [www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org) to volunteer or you can sign up at the Welcome Center.



"Stellar"

Vacation Bible School

June 12- 15, 2023

9:00-11:30 a.m.

For kids age 4 (as of time of registration)  
and Kindergarten to Grade 6 (entering fall 2023).

Cost is \$18 per child with a \$36 family max. Scholarships are available.

Register at [www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org)

Registration forms also at Welcome Center

Current Grade 7 - Adult: If you are interested in helping with VBS this year please sign up at the Welcome Center or let Darcy know.

Available volunteer positions:

Classroom Teacher

Classroom Helper

Assist with games

Assist with crafts

Kitchen/Snacks

Transportation driver

Floating Helper

Music/VBS Band

Photographer



Online Giving at All Saints:

Visit [www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org) or scan the QR code to set up a one time or recurring donation using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account.



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