



E-Note for September 28, 2023

Friends in Christ,

Last year, the staffing task force took an extensive poll of the congregation and found that the church wants to call a full-time associate pastor of children, youth, and family ministries. However, our 2023-2024 budget could not afford to leave a line-item in for an associate pastor's salary.

We discovered that, in order to call a full-time associate pastor, our total budget would need to increase by 20%. That is not a small figure, however this is only up 4% from the budget we passed back in 2021. All Saints has supported two full-time pastors in the past, why not now?

In order to move confidently forward, form a call committee, and begin the search for our next pastor, we need to be sure we have the support of the congregation. This Sunday, we will be distributing an anonymous, non-binding, "mock pledge card" that will ask you if you would commit to increasing your 2024-2025 pledge by 20% for the future of our church.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this expansion to our ministry. We look forward, with hopeful anticipation, to the future of All Saints Lutheran Church and the growth of the Gospel in our community.

*Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Matt Schroeder*

Men's Fellowship Begins October 7

Men's Fellowship is a group of men of all ages who meet with Pastor Matt the first Saturday of the month at 8:00 am at Hillcrest Cafe. Come enjoy some good food and good company! Contact Pastor Matt with any questions mschroeder@allsaintsnya.org

Women's Fellowship begins October 7

Join us at the church, 8:00 am on the first Saturday of the month to learn about the faith of Ruth and other biblical figures through a video and the book, *Twelve More Women of the Bible*. If you are new to the program, the book is \$10.50 plus tax and shipping. Fruit, coffee, muffins or rolls provided! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Contact Betty Zenk with any questions: bzenk005@yahoo.com.



Peace Village Open House Tuesday, October 10 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Public welcome

College and Military Care Packages

Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students will assemble care packages on Wednesday, October 11 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 8. 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 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 8.

New Member's Received Sunday, October 22

We will receive new members at All Saints on Sunday, October 22 at the 9:30 am service. If you are interested or have questions about becoming a new member of All Saints, please contact Pastor Matt at mschroeder@allsaintsnya.org.

Annual Men's Pancake Breakfast

The All Saints' Men's annual pancake breakfast is Sunday, October 29. Serving will be from 8:30 -11:30 am. We'll have pancakes, sausage, ham, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken. Men please sign up at the Welcome Center to help.

Trunk or Treat - October 30 6:00 - 7:00 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. This event is open to the public, invite your friends.



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 or you can also find it on our website's homepage

www.allsaintsnya.org

We will be inside the building too. You can decorate a "trunk" space in the church and hand out candy there (space limited). Sign up at the Welcome Center or email dgray@allsaintsnya.org to reserve a space either in the parking lot or inside.

Congregation: If you don't want to decorate a vehicle you can help by donating candy or small prizes to hand out. There is tub outside the offices for donations.

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. Upcoming sale dates are: October 5, October 31, and 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/>



Game Dinner

Delicious food awaits you on Monday, November 13 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at our annual game dinner. Sign up at the Welcome Center and let us know if you have a favorite dish to share. All are invited and you do not have to be a hunter or bring wild game to enjoy the evening.

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 and click on the Signup.com logo or sign up at the Welcome Center.

Confirmation Students: Sign up for Sunday Morning Service Activities. Remember you need four service activities for the year, one of them that is required is to Acolyte (light the altar candles). Sign up today for service in October through next May. <http://signup.com/go/7nvSnh>



Online Giving at All Saints:

Visit 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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