



E-Note for November 22, 2023



With thankful hearts we gather tonight for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 pm. After worship we hope you stay and enjoy a slice or two of pie served by your Church Council. A free will offering will be taken.

Support our FISH Events

Want to help support All Saints FISH events, *and* maybe get a start on your Christmas shopping? Starting today Lisa Sauer will sell these handmade items before and after church services:

- Jam (Strawberry, Blueberry, Peach, Raspberry)
- Moisturizing sugar hand scrubs
- Pinecone Christmas ornaments
- Greeting cards

ALL proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of **FISH** events, with the goal of making each event free to everyone!. **ALSO...** be sure to check the calendar for FISH events, and sign up at the Welcome Center to attend, lead or assist!



Christmas Decorating Supper and Party

All ages are invited to help decorate for Christmas. On Monday, November 27 at 6 pm we will begin with pizza 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. When decorating is done 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.



Dec 2 FISH Event

Please join us for our next **FISH** event on Saturday, Dec. 2, 10 am - 3 pm at All Saints! Everyone may come for *Christmas movies, games, pizza and popcorn* - **AND** parents have the option to drop off children ages 3 and up, then take a "Parent Day Out" to Christmas shop, go out for lunch, or just take time out to relax at home. This date is coming up quickly. *Please sign up at the Welcome Center, or contact Lisa Sauer at 612-719-5169.*

All Saints Advent Choir Concert

The annual Advent-Christmas Choir Concert is Sunday, December 10. Come worship and enjoy music performed by the All Saints choirs at 8:00 and 9:30 am.



Advent Bake Sale

Women's Outreach will hold their annual bake sale all morning Sunday, December 10. 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 should be dropped off on or before Friday, December 8 during the day or early Sunday morning.



Christmas Toy Drive

Can you help make Christmas a little more special for a family in need this year? In partnership with CAP Agency (community action partnership of Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties), we will be collecting new, unopened toys for families in our community. These toys will be going to kids anywhere from birth to age 18. You can drop off your unwrapped toys at All Saints any time before **December 17**. Thank you for sharing God's love through these gifts and bringing the joy of Christmas to families in need.



Christmas Program

Sunday School Christmas Programs- December 17 at 9:00 am & 10:15 am

We will have two programs BUT ALL students will perform at both services. Families can attend either the 9:00 or 10:15 am service.

Refreshments will be served in the church fellowship hall after each program.

Can you provide 2 dozen cookies OR a pan of bars (already cut) OR some apple juice? There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. Treats need to be in the church kitchen by 9:00 am on December 17.

Can you help serve the treats? Ideally, this should be those who do not have a child in the program as treats need to be put on trays and juice poured during the program. Sign up at the Welcome Center and indicate what time you can help.

Blue Christmas

Please join us on Sunday December 17th at 6:30pm for a quiet and contemplative Christmas worship service. Our Blue Christmas service is a space to acknowledge the "blue" feelings that can accompany this holiday season. At Christmas, we can feel a pressure to hide our loneliness and sadness and "be of good cheer" 24/7 through the month of December. Christmas is not about covering up our pain and grief, but of finding hope and healing even in our mourning. This service will honor the grief and the struggles that can accompany the darkest nights of the year.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Blue Christmas, Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve Services 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

New Year's Eve Day, Sunday, December 31 one service at 9:00 am



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