



E-Note for December 8, 2023

All Saints Call Committee

The Church Council met in November to appoint a call committee to begin the search for a full time associate pastor. This team has been chosen for their commitment, faith, and diverse perspectives. They will be working diligently over the next 6-9 months to interview candidates who can help All Saints continue the spiritual growth and unity of our church community.

Sarah Alsleben
Marlene Essig
Katie Feltmann
Mark Frost
Kurt Hansen
Julie Grams
Tim Sauer
Mike McPadden (ex-officio)

We are committed to maintaining open lines of communication with all members of the congregation. Feel free to reach out to them with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you may have. We'll provide ongoing status reports about once a month as the committee begins its work.

We are confident that under their leadership, we will find the very best candidate to call as our new associate pastor. Please join me in praying for them as they undertake this important responsibility.

Pastor Paul



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**.





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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