



## E-Note for September 25, 2024

I've completed one week with you all! How long will my "I'm new here" excuse for not knowing anything last? I think I get a few more weeks at least. Thank you for your grace in my learning period. While All Saints is new to me, I am also new to you. Things may be a little different, awkward, or, well, new for you also. Thanks for your solidarity through the rough days of newness! Bigger thanks for your excitement and hope in the newness!

But jokes aside, we've all been through new seasons, relationships, schoolyears, jobs, or chances. Newness comes and shakes up the things in our lives we feel we've put in just the right places. It challenges our perspectives, routines, and coping mechanisms. Sometimes it brings anxiety and disorientation, a threat to forget who we are. Our foundation must remain our guiding light: an identity titled **Child of God**. What a fun identity! A **Child of God** is filled with grace and love and courage to take on the newness. A **Child of God** has faith in a God who cheers you on and is working for your good. A **Child of God** remembers that even on the scary, hard, and most disorienting days, God walks close.

Not everyone's newness will be as dramatic as my current one. But how about a new season? Fall, with changing leaves and cooler temperatures (hopefully) and a winning Vikings team? There's a lot of newness upon us with opportunity and hope. My prayer for you is for finding comfort in the old favorite well-loved sweaters we start bringing out AND fearlessness in the face of a new venture, maybe as small as trying a Pumpkin Spice Latte for the first time (they're delicious, trust me). Happy Fall! See you around!

~ Pastor Dana

### All Saints Time & Talent Silent Auction

Sunday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, Bids open both Sundays 7:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Proceeds fund this year's FISH (Families Interacting Socially Having fun) program!



### Thrivent Event at All Saints: *Savvy Social Security*- Monday, September 30 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Join Thrivent and Henke Hess Financial Group as they cover these common questions: When should I file for Social Security benefits? If I file and continue to work, how will my benefits be affected? Will I pay taxes on my Social Security benefits? Don't miss out on potential opportunities to maximize your retirement income.

Monday, September 30 at 2:00 pm or 6:00pm at All Saints. Reserve your space today by calling Jessica at 952-442-8461 or email [henkehessfinancialgroup@thrivent.com](mailto:henkehessfinancialgroup@thrivent.com)

### Men's Fellowship *Begins October 5, 2024*

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@allsaintsny.org](mailto:m Schroeder@allsaintsny.org)

### Women's Fellowship *Begins October 5, 2024*

Join us at the church, 8:00 am on the first Saturday of the month for bible study and fellowship. We will finish up our book, *Twelve More Women of the Bible* and then start a new book. Fruit, coffee, muffins or rolls provided! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Contact Betty Zenk with any questions: [bzenk005@yahoo.com](mailto:bzenk005@yahoo.com).



### 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.allsaintsny.org](http://www.allsaintsny.org) and click on the Signup.com logo or sign up at the Welcome Center.

**Confirmation Students: You can start signing up for Sunday Morning Service Activities too. Remember you need four service activities for the year, one of them that is required is Acolyting. Sign up today for service in August through next May. <http://signup.com/go/7nvSnh>**

## College and Military Care Packages

Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students will assemble care packages on Wednesday, Oct. 9 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 6. 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@allsaintsny.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsny.org). Because we pre-purchase mailing boxes from the post office, we will be unable to send packages to addresses received after October 6.

## Crafters Group Begins October 22

Crafters group meets every other Tuesday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Stay as long as you want. All are welcome. Bring your favorite craft to work on and a bag lunch.

## New Member's Received Sunday, October 27

We will receive new members at All Saints on Sunday, October 27 at 9:30 am service. We will have new member orientation at church on Monday, October 21 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested or have questions about becoming a new member of All Saints, please contact Darcy [dgray@allsaintsny.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsny.org) or Pastor Matt [mschroeder@allsaintsny.org](mailto:mschroeder@allsaintsny.org)

## Trunk or Treat - October 28 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.allsaintsny.org](http://www.allsaintsny.org)

We will be inside the building too. You can help by serving hot chocolate, serving popcorn, or running a carnival game. Sign up at the Welcome Center or email [dgray@allsaintsny.org](mailto:dgray@allsaintsny.org).



**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

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. No registration required and all are welcome to shop! Upcoming 2024 sale dates at All Saints are: Oct 3 & Nov 26 from 3-5pm.

Volunteer sign up can be found at the Welcome Center.

More information on Fare for All can be found at: <https://www.thefoodgroupmn.org/groceries/fare-for-all/>



Online Giving at All Saints:

Visit [www.allsaintsny.org](http://www.allsaintsny.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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