



E-Note for
November 21, 2024

Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving is next week and, as my family does with all “traditional holidays”, we have prepared by watching the Charlie Brown Thanksgiving TV special. I don’t know what it is about the holidays that makes me want to watch the Peanuts gang but we never miss an opportunity to watch The Great Pumpkin, Thanksgiving, or Christmas specials.

At their Thanksgiving feast (consisting of toast, popcorn, jellybeans, and pretzel sticks) Linus stands up and quotes a prayer from Elder William Brewster. Rev. Brewster, who was present at the first thanksgiving of the Plymouth colony in 1621, prayed **“We thank God for our homes and our food and our safety in a new land. We thank God for the opportunity to create a new world for freedom and justice.”**

Our work to create a new world of freedom and justice for all is still ongoing. And we have a lot of work to do to create a more equitable society for the “least of these” among us. As I reflect on this call to action through the Gospel, I am thankful for all of you who join me in this mission we share. I am thankful for all the ways you continue to show up and embody the Gospel in our community.

I hope you will join us next week, November 27th at 6:30, for our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship and pie social as we give thanks for all of God’s blessings in our lives.

Peace of Christ be with you,
Pastor Matt Schroeder

November is food shelf month. Help us fill up our donation crates located in the narthex. The NYA food shelf is in need of the following items: jello, pudding, instant potatoes, juice, spam, sauerkraut, kids' cereal, flour, ketchup, mayo/miracle whip, pickles.

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: Tuesday, 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/>



Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social

Join us for worship on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:30 pm and after worship enjoy a variety of pies served by your Church Council. Free will offering will be taken.



Christmas Decorating and Sanctuary Risers December 1

Due to school activities during the week we have decided to change the Christmas decorating date to Sunday, December 1 immediately following the 9:30 am service. At that time we will also set up the risers in preparation for the upcoming choir concert and Sunday School Christmas program. Many hands will make these jobs go quickly. Please stay and help that day or come in if you can.

Dec 7 FISH Event – Movies, Pizza and Popcorn/Parent’s Day Out

Please join us for our next **FISH** event on Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 am - 2 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 (potty trained) 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.*

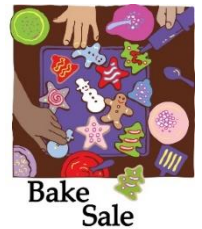


All Saints Advent Choir Concert

The annual Advent-Christmas Choir Concert is Sunday, December 8. 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 8. 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 6 during the day or early Sunday morning.



Christmas Toy/Gift Drive

Can you help make Christmas a little more special for a family in need this year? We will be collecting new, unopened toys/gifts for kids from birth to age 18 In partnership with CAP Agency (community action partnership of Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties). Some gift ideas for teens: water bottles (Owala/Stanley) gift cards (sporting goods stores, Starbucks, gas stations), Nike socks, Nike hats, card games/board games, slippers, gel pens, flair marker pens, toiletry bag, gloves, Winter hats (C.C. and Carhartt are great options) plush blankets, make-up brushes, belt bags, portable mini speakers.



You can drop off your unwrapped items at All Saints any time before **December 11**. 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 15 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 8:45 am on December 15.

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 Wednesday, December 18th 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, Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve Services at 2:00 pm, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 29, 2024 one service at 9:00 am

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.allsaintsnyc.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 through next May. <http://signup.com/go/7nvSnh>



Online Giving at All Saints:

Visit www.allsaintsnyc.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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