

## E-Note for February 18, 2025



Friends in Christ,

Wednesday nights at 6:30 through Lent we invite you to join us for a midweek worship service centered around the Beatitudes. Together, we will reflect and meditate on the words from Jesus found in the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel.

What did Jesus mean when he said blessed are the poor in spirit? How do we comfort those who mourn? Have we been living our call to be peacemakers? We will gather together to dive deeper into these questions, and more, as we journey to the cross.

And be sure to come early and have some dinner before our midweek worship. Each Wednesday, our confirmation small groups will take turns hosting the meal that evening. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the free-will offering will go to raise funds for the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Peace of Christ be with you,  
Pastor Matt Schroeder



### **Ice Fishing Event**

All ages are welcome to come out to the Southwest corner of Hydes Lake for some ice fishing on Sunday, February 23 starting at 1:00 pm. Bring your own equipment if you have it. An auger will be on site to use. Hot Dogs, chili, chips and water provided. Look for Michael Swanson's vehicle with a flag flying on it.

### **Lent Schedule**

***Ash Wednesday, March 5***

***Worship at 11:00 am & 6:30 pm***

***Lent Supper served at 5:30 pm***

***Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9***

***Lenten Supper at 5:30 pm***

***Worship at 6:30 pm***

***Lent Suppers will be served by our youth. Free will offering will be taken.***

### **FISH March Madness Competition**

Sunday March 16, join us for some Minute-to-Win-It games, competition, and walking tacos. We'll start after the 9:30 service and compete in challenges as teams. All ages, abilities, and athleticisms welcome! Minute-to-Win-It games involve 1-2 people per team competing against the clock and others to complete a task or challenge. Bonus points will be awarded to our teams with the most spirit. Sign up at the Welcome Center so we can plan for food.

### **First Communion Instruction**

There will be a First Communion Instruction class on Sunday, March 30 at 10:30 am led by Pastor Matt and Pastor Dana. Invitations have been sent via email to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have not taken their First Communion. The child and at least one parent are asked to attend. Those who take the class will receive their First Communion on Thursday, April 17 (Maundy Thursday) during the 7:30 pm worship service. If you did not receive an email and you have a child who is ready to receive First Communion and would like to attend please let Pastor Dana know. The next opportunity to take the class will be spring of 2026.

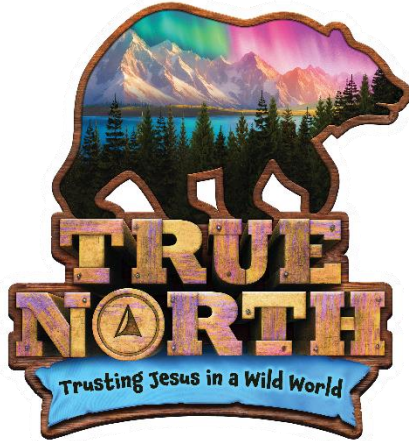


### **Being Present: A Soul's Journey - Discussion Group led by Tim Sauer- all ages welcome**

On Sunday March 30 & April 6 at 10:30 am Tim Sauer will be bringing back this discussion by asking the question: How do we become more aware of our souls and in what ways might we better care for them? If you participated before, there will be new perspectives, if you are new to this, wondering if Jiminy Cricket was onto something, welcome!  
Please sign up in the narthex or drop in on either or both dates if interested.

### **Discipleship Retreat: May 2, 3 & 4, 2025- Sign up deadline is April 13**

Join us at Mount Carmel Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN for our annual discipleship retreat. Cost is \$180 per person double occupancy and \$219 per person single occupancy. Includes two nights of lodging and 5 meals. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



## "TRUE NORTH VBS"

VBS is June 9-12, 2025, 9:00-11:30 a.m.

VBS is for students Age 4 - Grade 6 (entering fall 2024).

Join us for "True North" VBS, for **the ultimate Alaskan adventure where kids will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!**

**True North is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences, music, crafts, games, and snacks. Cost is \$20 per child with a \$40 family max and *deadline to sign up is May 25, 2025.* Transportation is available. Register online at [www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org) or you can find registration forms at the Welcome Center.**

### **VBS Staffing**

We are looking for fun, energetic volunteers for VBS for the following areas:

- ~ craft helpers,
- ~ game helpers
- ~ Classroom Teachers and Helpers: Age 4/Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade (some of these classes may be combined depending on registration)
- ~Transportation drivers from Kid's Company to church and back again
- ~Photographer: take pictures and videos throughout the week

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



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