



E-Note for  
November 18, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is fast approaching and that means our calendars are soon going to be very full. Full of rushing. Full of spending. Full of many things that, ironically, often leave us feeling empty. This time of year brings to mind images of trees filled with presents, tables filled with food, and houses filled with loved ones. But for many, this is not their reality and this, too, can leave us feeling empty. Join Pastor Matt and Pastor Dana on Wednesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 as we talk about how to have a more meaningFULL Christmas. We'll talk about this season of hopeful waiting, watching, and anticipation. And we'll talk about how these Advent practices can make our Christmas more joyful, hopeful, and meaningful.

Peace,  
Pastor Matt

**Trunk or Treat on October 26 was a huge success. By our estimation we had over 300 people attend, gave out 280 bags of popcorn and served about 7 gallons of hot chocolate. Thank you to everyone who had a trunk outside and to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who ran carnival games inside the building.**



**Thank you to the Men's group for serving the delicious pancake breakfast on October 26. Proceeds raised were in the amount of \$917.00.**

**Thank you to Women's Outreach for purchasing the new bulletin table in the narthex along with four new Christmas wreaths for the sanctuary. This group will also be sponsoring the Sunday School Christmas program treat bags.**

**Thank you for your donations to the Gideons on November 9 in the amount of \$544.00. Your generosity enabled 108 bibles or 362 New Testaments to be purchased and placed.**



WORSHIP FULLY  
SPEND LESS  
GIVE MORE  
LOVE ALL

Thank you to Terry Frost for fixing a couple of our white tables that were broken.

Thank you for your food shelf donations. So far in November you have given over 500 lbs to our local food shelf!

Thank you to Tim & Lisa Sauer for hosting the F.I.S.H. Bonfire at their home on November 14. We had about 20 people enjoy roasting hot dogs and smores over the outdoor fire. The weather was beautiful.



### Happenings at All Saints



November is food shelf month. Please consider donating Thanksgiving meal fixings: Gravy (jarred or canned or packets), canned whole potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned corn, canned jellied cranberries. Paper products are also needed too: paper towels, toilet paper, facial tissues, etc. Items can be placed in the black wooden crates outside the office doors.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Social- November 26

Join us for worship on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm (loose plate offering will go to the SW Carver County Food Shelf.)

After worship enjoy a variety of pies served by your Church Council. Free will offering will be taken.



### Christmas Decorating and Sanctuary Risers November 30

Due to conflicting church activities we will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, November 30 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.

### Season of Giving- Due by December 7

Central Public Schools is hosting a Season of Giving to support families in our community during the holiday season. This initiative helps ease the financial burden for families who may be struggling, allowing children to experience the joy of Christmas without the worry of costly gifts.

This year, 25 families are participating, representing 54 children and 156 gift tags. To support this effort, we are seeking donations of wrapping paper, gift tags, tape, and gift card boxes.

If you would like to help, please drop off items at the church by December 7th. Thank you for sharing Christ's love through your generosity and compassion; your kindness truly helps brighten the season for families in need.



Christmas Program

**Sunday School Christmas Programs- December 7 at 9:00 am and 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 7.**

**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.**

**Christmas Toy/Gift Drive – Due by December 10**

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 10**. Thank you for sharing God’s love through these gifts and bringing the joy of Christmas to families in need.



**All Saints Advent Choir Concert – December 14 at 8 & 9:30 am**

The annual Advent-Christmas Choir Concert is Sunday, December 14. Come worship and enjoy music performed by the All Saints’ choirs at 8:00 and 9:30 am.

**Advent Bake Sale – December 14**

Women’s Outreach will hold their annual bake sale all morning Sunday, December 14. 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 12 during the day or early Sunday morning.



Bake Sale

**Blue Christmas- December 17**

Please join us on Wednesday, 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, Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

**Tuesday, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve Services at 2:00, 3:30 & 5:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 28, 2025 one service at 9:00 am**



**Recorded worship services can be found on our new YouTube page and are typically posted by noon on Sundays.**

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