



E-Note for
April 16, 2026

As we approach another Confirmation class's proclamation of faith on Sunday April 19, I have been thinking about the journeys we take in our faith lives. These students have put in work for their journeys to Confirmation Sunday. There is celebration in the completion of and graduation from sermon notes and service activities and paperwork. But I'm hoping this is not the completion of their service and learning and journey. The paperwork and homework and accountability were like their training wheels to guide them through some "church" journeys for a bit. Now they can ride a little more free. But with love and curiosity and generosity and compassion. Keep riding.



One sermon note question that stuck with me from a Confirmation student. this year was something like: "how can I make sermons make more sense?" and there are a few tips I might give. But at the top of the list: let the message live. Our scriptures are living and breathing messages of our resurrected Christ. Ask questions. Talk about what doesn't make sense and what you're curious about. This faith journey isn't about getting it right, making it make perfect sense, acing some kind of test, etc. Our making sense of the gospel and sermons is to keep journeying. Keep living. Stay with it.

Congrats to our Confirmands this weekend! Happy Touchpoint of your faith. The journey doesn't end here. Amen.

Pastor Dana

Confirmation Sunday is April 19. We encourage the congregation to worship at the 8:00 am service so that families can worship at the 9:30 & 11:00 am services with their Confirmand.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Opportunity

Did you know that All Saints Church volunteers one week each month to deliver meals to our seniors? We are looking for volunteers to give us one day a month to deliver these meals. You don't even have to remember the date because the MOW Coordinator will call each month to organize every day of the week. The process takes about 1 ½ hours; the meals need to be picked up in Waconia at the Hockey Arena and delivered to our local seniors. If you are interested, please talk to Michael Swanson or call Linda Boll (952-681-9304).

FISH and ASSETS Potluck picnic – April 26

All are invited! Join us Sunday April 26 at 11:00 am at Baylor Park picnic shelter for a potluck picnic. Sign up at the welcome center. Plates, cups, utensils, hot dogs and lemonade will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

All Saints Fish Fry, Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 pm

Join us for the annual All Saints Fish Fry in the fellowship hall. All food is provided and a free will donation will be collected.

Silent Auction – Sunday, May 3 & 10

The Silent Auction returns! This year we will use the money to purchase new colored paraments (the fabric on the altar). We need to replace the Lent (purple) and Advent (blue) paraments as our current ones are 40 years old.

Prepare your art, crafts, baked goods and services. Auction will be held on Sunday May 3 & 10 and bids will be open 7:30 – 10:45 am. To donate a service, handcrafted item, or experience, pick up a flyer that lists great ideas and a submission form from the Welcome Center. Fill it out and return the form and your auction items (if applicable) to the church on or before Sunday, April 26.



Church Council Nominations

We will elect 5 council members on May 17 at our Annual Meeting. Prayerfully consider submitting names of confirmed members in the congregation you believe have the vision and leadership to serve on the All Saints Church Council. Council terms are 3 years and members meet 10 times during the year (we have monthly meetings but not in July or December). Potential members should attend worship on a consistent basis and spiritually and financially support the Mission and Ministry of the Church. Submit your nominations in person or send them to Darcy at dgray@allsaintsnya.org

Annual Meeting – May 17

On Sunday, May 17 at 8:45 am we will hold our annual meeting. At this meeting we will approve the May 1, 2026–April 30, 2027 Fiscal year income and expense budgets and elect 5 members to Church Council. Copies of the proposed income and expense budgets will be available starting May 4 at the Welcome Center or by request from Darcy, dgray@allsaintsnya.org. Budget questions should be directed to Treasurer, Cassie Storms cschug@hotmail.com

Senior High Graduation Banquet – May 17

On Sunday, May 17 we will have a Graduation Banquet Event beginning at 9:30 am in worship where the seniors will be recognized and receive a laying on of hands blessing. Then we will continue with a meal in their honor at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. What can you expect at this event: A baby picture guessing contest (please email a baby photo to Pastor Matt at mschroeder@allsaintsnya.org; receive a special gift from All Saints, enjoy a delicious meal, fellowship with classmates and their families. Please mark this date on your calendars now and plan to attend. Who is invited? The graduating senior, his/her parents, siblings, and grandparents. Please **RSVP by Sunday, May 3** and let us know how many from your family are coming. Please have accurate numbers since this is a catered meal that we pay for. You can call the church at 952- 467-3388 or email Darcy dgray@allsaintsnya.org

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Vacation Bible School

June 15 - 18, 2026

9:00-11:30 a.m.

**For youth Age 4 (as of time of registration)
and Kindergarten to Grade 6 (entering fall of 2026).**

Register online www.allsaintsnya.org or pick up a form at the Welcome Center

Deadline for signing up is June 3, 2026



VBS Staff Volunteers Needed – sign up at the Welcome Center

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

- ~ Classroom teacher: 5th/6th Grade
- ~ Classroom helper: 5th/6th Grade
- ~ Craft helpers
- ~ Game helpers
- ~ Transportation drivers or adults to walk kids to and from Kid's Company
- ~ Tech helper: run slides during opening and closing time each day
- ~ Photographer: take pictures and videos throughout the week



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

Search @AllSaintsNYA on YouTube

You can also find the link on our homepage at www.allsaintsnya.org

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Visit 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

