E-Note for August 19, 2026

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All Saints Family,

I know this looks like a lot—and it is! But please take a few minutes to look over all the activities and events coming up at All Saints. Your support and participation are so important to us as we move into our fall programming. We're excited to be back together again and look forward to a wonderful fall season!

Darcy

Fall Programming for Youth
Registration is open for all our youth programs: Sunday School, WOW, Children's Choir, Confirmation. You will find registration forms at the Welcome Center and our website. **WOW registration closes on September 6.**

2026-2027 Sunday School Leaders Needed
We are looking for parent/adult leaders for our Age 4 – Grade 5 children on a rotation basis. Sunday School is held during the 9:30 worship. We have revamped the program to incorporate worship, sacrament and music so actual class time is minimal. Each Sunday is planned out and prepared for you ahead of time. Talk with Pastor Dana for more information and interest.

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday August 23 at 8:00 or 9:30am
Students, bring your backpacks to worship and we'll pray and do a special blessing of you and your backpack as you begin a new school year.

National Youth Gathering Information Meeting August 23 at 10:30am
Are you going interested in joining us next summer in Minneapolis for the National Youth Gathering? Are you going to be in eighth to 12th grade this fall? Then you are invited to join Pastor Dana and Pastor Matt for an information session after the second service on Sunday August 23rd (around 10:35 am). Registration opens in October, so come with your questions and get excited for this community-building youth experience!

Sippin' Scripture Wednesday, August 26 at 3:00 pm
Join us to talk about the upcoming weekend's scripture passages. We'll read and discuss what we notice, wonder about, and interpret from the gospel of Matthew. Bring your own beverage!

Stiftungsfest Schedule
Thursday August 27 5pm to 8pm | Family Night - Willkommen Memorial Park in Norwood Young America, free evening of music, fun, and memories for all ages.

Sunday August 30 9am | Worship at Stiftungsfest (No worship at All Saints)

Sunday August 30 12pm | Parade
All ages are invited to represent All Saints by riding on our float consisting of a flatbed trailer pulled by a tractor. We also need parade walkers to hand out candy along the parade route. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Candy needed for parade – You can help us out by donating a bag of candy to hand out during the parade. We are looking for individually wrapped "non-melting" candy: jolly ranchers, fruit snacks, nerds, laffy taffy, sour patch kids, licorice, lollipops, tootsie rolls, etc. No chocolate please.

Men's Fellowship Begins September 3 at 9am at Hillcrest Cafe
Men of all ages meet with Pastor Matt the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 am at Hillcrest Cafe.

Women's Fellowship Begins September 3 at 9am at the church
Women of all ages meet with Pastor Dana for bible study and light breakfast the first Thursday of the month at 9:00am at church.

Read a Latte Book Club Begins September 8 at 6:30 pm
All Saints Book Club reads a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction books. We meet at church on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm and enjoy food, fellowship and conversation. We will talk about the book "The Nurse's Secret" by Amanda Skenandore. Come to this meeting with some book ideas for future selections. Contact Darcy with any questions: dgray@allsaintsnya.org.

Fall Program Start Dates
Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30 pm Confirmation parent and student orientation night

Wednesday, September 16 Schedule:
- 3:15 pm WOW
- 4:30 pm Children's Choir
- 5:30 pm Confirmation Large Group
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir

Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 am Sunday School begins

All Saints Choir Begins September 9 at 6:30 pm
Led by Lisa Sauer provides special music each month in addition to special occasions from September to May. The choir is for adults and high school students. The Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. New singers are always welcome!

Rally Sunday - Sunday, September 13th

Join us for Worship, Fellowship, Food and Fun! We'll have one worship service at 9:00 am with contemporary music led by "Pop Up Praise" immediately followed by:

•Outdoor carnival games and bounce house for children

•Hillcrest chicken, hot dogs, potato salad and coleslaw in the fellowship hall (free will donation)

Coffee Hour Bible Study Begins September 15 (note new time)

This bible study meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for coffee and rolls and study led by Pastor Matt. This is a great opportunity to become more fluent in the language of scripture, grow as a disciple and enjoy good eats and conversation. Bring your Bible. Treats and coffee provided.

Children's Choir Begins September 16

Led by Chris Starr provides special music periodically from September to April. Ideally this is for children first through fifth grade although Kindergarteners who have an older sibling in choir can also participate if the parent feels they are ready. The choir rehearses on Wednesday immediately after WOW from 4:30 to 5 pm. You will find a registration form at the Welcome Center and on our website.

Collecting Empty Prescription Bottles

We are collecting empty prescription pill bottles (the amber color with a white cap) from now until mid-February. They will be sent to *Matthew 25: Ministries* a non-profit that specializes in disaster relief and humanitarian aid, to dispense medication for their medical mission ministry. Please wash bottles and remove the label and place them in the box in the narthex.

Online Giving

Strong offerings are needed as we move into fall programming. A convenient way to keep up with your giving is by enrolling online. 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.

YouTube

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