E-Note for
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"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

Dear friends in Christ,

It is a wonderful feeling to see our building filled, once more, with the hustle and bustle of the program year. We were hard at work all summer planning and organizing and we're so happy you can be part of the things happening around here.

Sunday School, WOW and Confirmation, Sippin' Scripture, Coffee Hour Bible Study, Men's and Women's Fellowship are well underway! Our choirs have been diligently practicing (and our All Saints Choir has already sung an anthem in worship). We're collecting items for several upcoming outreach and fellowship projects. We'll be welcoming new members on October 25th, Trunk-or-Treat is October 26th, next thing you know it will be Thanksgiving, and then the tree will be up and the sanctuary will be filled with Advent blue!

These many ministries are only possible through your support. When you sign up to volunteer you are giving of your time and your talent. Help us by continuing to sign up for volunteer opportunities in worship and at outreach events. And when you give a financial gift to this place you are sustaining our ministries through your stewardship. Thank you for fulfilling your pledges and giving what you can through your abundances (big or small).

Thank you for all the ways you show up for All Saints Lutheran Church and I can't wait to see what's next in this program year together.

God's peace,
Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt and Pastor Dana will be attending the Minneapolis Synod Bishop's Theological Conference on September 28-29. Darcy will also be out of town, so the church office will be closed those days. Pastors are available by phone message and email for emergency concerns.

2026-2027 Sunday School Leaders
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. Sign up for one or two Sundays at the welcome center or talk with Pastor Dana, Tim & Lisa Sauer for more information.

Sippin' Scripture every Tuesday at Noon (next one is October 6) *No Sippin' Scripture on September 29.*
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 lunch or beverage!

Crafters Group Begins October 6
Crafters group meets every other Tuesday at 10:00 am. New crafters are welcome. Bring your favorite craft to work on and a bag lunch.

College and Military Care Packages- Wednesday October 7
Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students will assemble care packages on Wednesday, Oct. 7 to go to our college students and active military. Your donations are appreciated: money to help pay postage, items to go in the packages such as: candy, gum, ramen noodles, popcorn and other microwave foods, pens, pencils, highlighters, trial size health and beauty, anything else you think a college student or active military person would enjoy. Please bring items in or make your monetary donations by October 4. Items can go in the box outside the offices. Monetary donations, labeled "care packages", can be placed in the offering plate or in Darcy's office.

If you have a college student or an active military person in your family, please leave a note on Darcy's desk or email their address to dgray@allsaintsnya.org . Because we pre-purchase mailing boxes from the post office, we will be unable to send packages to addresses received after October 4.

ASSETS (50+) Second Monday of the month at 11:30 am (next one is October 12)
Join the ASSETS group for potluck and other activities in the Fellowship Hall.

Healing Team Helpers Needed October 18 at 8:00 & 9:30 am
We are preparing for a special Healing time during the October 18 worship service and would love your help in making this meaningful time a blessing for everyone who attends.
We are looking for 2 volunteers to stand with each Pastor at the healing station during worship. Your task would be to lay a hand on the Pastor and a hand on the person(s) who come up to the station. You do not have to say or do anything other than laying on of hands. The Pastors need your support to stand with them. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Coffee Hour Bible Study October 20 at 9:00 am

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 year we are studying the Apostle's Creed and more. Bring your Bible and small catechism if you have one. Treats and coffee provided.

October 25 Schedule Change
On Reformation Sunday, October 25 there will be one service at 9:00 am followed by the All Saints' Pancake Breakfast. Sunday School will be held at 9 am.

Pancake Breakfast at All Saints – October 25
Our annual pancake breakfast will be held on Reformation Sunday, October 25 after the 9 am service. We'll have pancakes, eggs, sausage, ham, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken. Eggs donated by Michael's Foods of Arlington, MN.

New Member's Received Sunday, October 25

We will receive new members at All Saints on Sunday, October 25 at the 9:00 am service. If you are interested or have questions about becoming a new member of All Saints, please contact Pastor Matt mschroeder@allsaintsnya.org

Trunk or Treat - October 26 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Here is a fun and safe way to trick or treat. Bring your costumed children to the church parking lot where they can stop at decorated cars and pick up a treat or prize. This event is open to the public, invite your friends.

Trunk or Treat Vehicle Participants

We need participants to help by decorating the trunk of your car or back end of trucks or SUVs which we will park at the west end of the parking lot. We ask that you bring candy or prizes to hand out to the kids who come around. We are also going to ask congregation members to donate candy or prizes. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center for more detailed information or you can also find it on our website's homepage www.allsaintsnya.org

We will be inside the building too. You can decorate a "trunk" space in the church and hand out candy there (space limited). Sign up at the Welcome Center or email dgray@allsaintsnya.org to reserve a space either in the parking lot or inside. **Congregation: If you don't want to decorate a vehicle you can help by donating candy or small prizes to hand out. There is tub outside the offices for donations.**

Daylight savings time ends on November 1. Set your clocks back one hour.

Game Dinner-Wednesday (yes Wednesday) November 4

Delicious food awaits you on Wednesday, November 4 at 5:30 pm at our annual game dinner. Sign up at the Welcome Center and let us know if you have a favorite dish to share. All are invited and you do not have to be a hunter or bring wild game to enjoy the evening.

Volunteer 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 Click here **http://signup.com/go/7nvSnh** or sign up at the Welcome Center. **Confirmation Students, you can start signing up for Sunday Morning Service Activities.**

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 label.

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.

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