Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 22 at 7 p.m.

November, 2017 All Saints Lutheran Church Spirit

<u>By Another Road...</u> By Pastor Charles Trittin

- I will wear a different color stole on October 29 for the first time since June. Red is the color for Reformation Sunday and in the church red represents the Holy Spirit. The colors of the altar paraments will be red as well.
- We will also celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October 29 with cake during the coffee hour.



- Martin Luther gets credit for beginning the Reformation when he posted his 95 Theses on October 31, 2017. Many others were involved in the Reformation, however. When I took the class Reformation History at Macalester College I was surprised we spent only two of eighteen weeks on Luther and those who would come to be known as Lutherans.
- I've been listening to a lot of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers following Petty's death on October
 He was one of my favorites. I used his song "Wake Up Time" in Wednesday worship. "Cause it's wake up time / It's time to open your eyes / And rise and shine"
- Pastor Chris Smith will present at the PATHways Adult Forum on November 19 about opportunities to support, Huruma, a children's home in Iringa, Tanzania.
- I quoted the beginning of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution in my sermon last Sunday. In case you missed it, here are the words that state the purpose of our federal government, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."
- I'm enjoying confirmation classes with eleven 7th and 8th graders. It's fun to be with kids that age without older siblings or parents around.
- The Vikings and Timberwolves are playing well, but the Wild are not. I constantly have to remind myself that the seasons are long, not to mention the playoffs!
- At its last meeting, the church council appointed Ed Sturm as chairperson of a Facilities Improvement Team. Look for more information from them as they develop plans for repairs and enhancements.
- I'm thinking I might play Arlo Guthrie's song/story "Alice's Restaurant" during our Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 22. We'll see if I change my mind....
- The water has cleared on Hay Lake with the cooler temperatures. I spent some time yesterday looking for swimming turtles and ended up finding a few Styrofoam pieces and plastic bags and taking them to my garbage can.
- God's presence, blessings and peace are everywhere. May you find what you're looking for....

ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES AT ALL SAINTS!

ALL SAINTS YOGA - Join a session of yoga and relax your way through the holidays. A new 5-week session of yoga will begin **November 2** and will meet Thursdays through December 14 (no class on November 9 or November 23). This session will cost \$42. All are invited. No experience needed. To register, contact yoga instructor Karen DeBaun at <u>karenyogam@gmail.com</u>.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - There will be a first communion instruction class on Saturday, November 11 at 2:15 p.m. for those children seeking to take their first communion. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the church office at office@allsaintseagan.org. WOMEN'S FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH - In November the Women's Footprints of Faith will finish the bible study "Work that Matters". The final session is "Return On Investment". It is important to understand that money and possession should never be the focus of a person's life. Annette LaPlant will continue to lead this bible study. We will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 7:30 p.m. If you have not joined us before, please consider coming to our November gathering. If you have any questions please call the church office or email Nancy Burns at njburns55@gmail.com.

DINNER SOCIAL EVENT! - Do you love to socialize around good food? Come to the social on **Sunday Nov 19 at 5:30 p.m.** at Lone Oak Grill in Eagan. All ages welcome! Contact Lindsay Bergstreser at lafisher27@gmail.com by 11/17 so she can add you to the RSVP. Also contact her if you'd love a kid free night and need help arranging childcare!

SHERIDAN STORY DONATIONS - We are still accepting donations to the Sheridan Story program at Woodland Elementary School. If you are interested in giving, please put a check in the offering basket made out to ASLC with "Sheridan Story" in the memo, or give via the blue "online giving" button at the bottom of this update. Every donation is greatly appreciated! We also need a few more volunteers to distribute food at Woodland on Thursday later afternoon or Friday mornings. There is a convenient online

The Giving Tree will be at All Saints again this year!

We will be participating in a Christmas gift collection for the Holiday Gift Shop that will be hosted by Easter Lutheran Church. Local churches join together to host a Christmas shopping opportunity for families served by The Open Door food shelf. On the days of the shop, parents are able to choose one gift per child and adult in the family and one fleece blanket per child. Last year over 400 families participated in the Holiday Shop.

The tree will be decorated with ornaments suggesting a gift idea or purchase of a gift card. You are invited to take as many ornaments from the tree as you would like and return the gifts, unwrapped, by Thursday, November 30. Fleece blankets and throws, children's hats and mittens are also needed. Volunteers (must have completed high school) will be needed during the Holiday Gift Shop. Watch for additional information about volunteering at Easter to help set up on December 4 - 5 and host the Shop on December 6 - 7. Jennifer Reinhardt is coordinating this outreach activity.





Fall Cleanup time is here!

Since our major cleanup is the springtime when we need a team, this fall I am posting the jobs that need to get done before the snow flies! These can be

done individually and on your own schedule! Some can be done right away and others make more sense to wait for the first hard frost.

- 1. Trim down all bushes under Montessori windows.
- 2. Cut down or cleanup the North side hosta.
- 3. Remove dead blooms from entrance garden lilacs.
- 4. Cut back all perennials in entrance garden.
- 5. Weed under coffee counter windows
- 6. Weed under entrance driveway pine trees
- 7. Weed rock perimeter of building
- 8. Sweep out curb of parking lot
- 9. Weed ANYWHERE!

Please let me know if you can do part of a job, or one or more of the jobs listed. Many thanks for keeping our property looking great! Questions: Betsy Sturm 952-891-5992 or <u>ebjsturm@comcast.net</u>

Mark your calendars for the second annual

Holiday Craft Show/Bazaar

Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Watch for more information to follow! This is a fundraiser for the 2018 youth mission trip. Along with many booths, there will be a raffle and bake sales, so come buy your holiday gifts, listen to good music and have some lunch while shopping.

Love to Help?

We need volunteers to help with various activities during the bazaar.

Love to Bake?

We need church members to donate baked goods to sell at the bazaar that day. This should be a great event to benefit our youth, but help out the local community and spread holiday joy!

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Julie Ramirez at <u>julie@allsaintseagan.com</u>.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2017

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GIVE ONLINE!

There are now lots of options for giving online to All Saints! You can give via our free GIVE+ online app, available in your App store for both android and iphones. You can give to any of the following funds via online giving:

General Fund Mortgage Fund World Hunger Disaster Relief The Sheridan Story Sunday School Registration Fees Confirmation Fees **Many thanks for ALL the ways you give to our life here at All Saints**! All Saints Lutheran Church (ELCA) 3810 Lexington Avenue South Eagan, MN 55123 (651) 452-7256 office@allsaintseagan.org

Progressing. . .

Accepting. . .

Thinking...

Helping!

living together at all saints - november 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We worship on Sunday mornings at

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

PATHways & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for grades PreK-12 is at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. PATHways Adult Forum meets on Sundays at 9:40 a.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Wednesday worship is at 7:00 p.m. and is a more contemporary service focusing on texts from our daily lives. Please join us!

If you are on social media, please follow us on Facebook at All Saints Eagan, and on Instagram: @allsaintseagan. Thanks for staying connected! Pastor Charles Trittin Church Office: 651-452-7256 email: office@allsaintseagan.org

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