

December, 2017

All Saints Lutheran Church

Spirit

BY ANOTHER ROAD...

BY PASTOR CHARLES TRITTIN



- A manger filled with straw will again make its way slowly to our sanctuary during the season of Advent. It starts between the front entrance doors, is at the sanctuary entrance by week three and finally is in front of the altar on the fourth Sunday.
- Thanks to Pastor Christopher Smith for his great presentation on Huruma, a children's home in Tanzania. Over 25 listen at the PATHways Adult Forum on November 19. Brochures about Huruma are available in the narthex. Look for more information in the near future!
- If you're looking for a gift for someone at All Saints who is a reader, history lover, art buff, interested in biographies and/or an overall Renaissance person, please consider getting them Leonardo Da Vinci by Walter Isaacson. We'll be reading it in three parts this winter at All Saints.
- Before the PATHways Adult Forum on Sundays I've been playing a song from the music library on my phone to draw people into the sanctuary and provide a little conversation among early arrivals. I'm calling it The Sunday Song. "Hurt" by Johnny Cash provided a nice discussion, while T. Rex's "Life is Strange" seemed to befuddle the faithful.
- I recently read a new biography on Muhammad Ali by Jonathan Eig. I really enjoyed it, but you know what that means, don't you? Ali anecdotes in my sermons soon!
- It was a great experience to shop at the ASLC Holiday Bazaar in November. Denise and I got a few Christmas presents. It was wonderful to see the youth active inside and out. Thanks to everyone who made it a great success!
- While traveling home from my Voyagers Clergy meetings in Washington D.C. I had my bag set aside for hand inspection by the TSA. I immediately knew the problem was two rocks I found I needed to add to my collection. They let me continue on my way as soon as they confirmed that was all they were. My kids were not surprised.
- Go Vikings! That's all I'm saying....
- I've been enjoying a recording of a 1986 concert by Bob Dylan backed by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers I recently purchased on Ebay. Two of my favorites playing together....
- In case you don't know, the last two songs we'll sing at the Christmas Eve worship services are "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World".
- A tree in our backyard on Hay Lake has large branches hanging low over the water. This autumn a muskrat ate all the bark on one. It sure looks strange hanging there bare!
- God's presence, blessings and peace are everywhere. May you find what you're looking for....

*Christmas Eve Worship
at All Saints Lutheran Church*

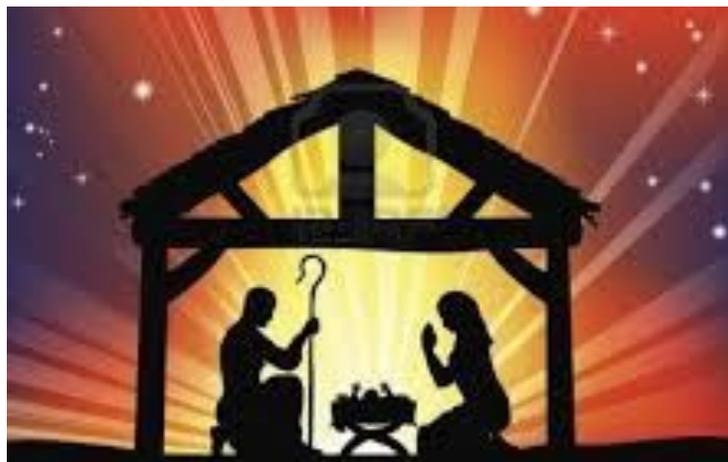
**Sunday, December 24
Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**Candlelight Worship at
3:30, 5:00 and 11 p.m.**

**No Wednesday evening activities or worship on
Wednesday, December 27.*

**Sunday, December 31 worship at 9:30 a.m. only*

O, Come Let Us Adore Him!



ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES AT ALL SAINTS!

WOMEN'S FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH

The December gathering for the Women's Footprints of Faith will be our annual Christmas Social and cookie exchange. We will be meeting on Thursday, **December 14th at 7:30 p.m.** Please note that we will be meeting at the home of Nancy Burns, 1054 Hummingbird Lane, Eagan. If you are able, bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas treats to share and we will divide up what we don't sample at our gathering. If you have not joined us before, please consider coming to our Christmas gathering! If you have any questions please call Nancy Burns at 651-303-4585 or the church office.

CHRISTMAS GARDEN

To decorate our worship space for Christmas, we are ordering poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one or more, fill out the form found in your Sunday bulletin or in the narthex, beginning tonight. Please attach a check for \$15.00 per plant, with "flowers" in the memo, written to All Saints. Place the form in the offering basket or drop off in the church office. We ask that you do NOT take your plant home after the 9:30 a.m. service on December 24. The plants can be taken home after either the 3:30, 5:00 or 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, or left to be enjoyed the following Sunday. **Orders must be placed by Wednesday, December 13th.** Contact Peggy Britton at 651-336-2797 if you have questions.

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS CAFE

You are invited to the All Saints Christmas Cafe on **Sunday, December 17 from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.,** featuring delicious cookies, coffee, hot cocoa, and Christmas music, too! Come to the cafe at 9:30 and stay for the Christmas program at 10:30, or stay after the first performance of the program. We will gather in the multi-purpose room, hosted by the Living Together Team. (We are looking for a few more performers to share Christmas music - contact Kathryn Sabel or Cherry Cramer for more info.)

SAVE THE DATE! AND YOUR STUFF!

The All Saints Annual Garage Sale date has been set for **April 19-21, 2018**--only 6 months away! Start saving your awesome items for this event! Proceeds will go to improving technology at All Saints. If you are unable to store things until the week prior to the sale, a blue collection bucket has been placed near the coat racks. The bucket will be checked and emptied several times monthly until March 1, 2018. All items must be no bigger than the bucket--no furniture, no electronics. We thank you for your donations and look forward to another successful fundraiser for All Saints Lutheran Church! Questions? Talk to Ed or Betsy Sturm.

All Saints Angel Tree

Hark the Herald Angels Sing! This year we will be starting a new tradition at All Saints! A Christmas tree will be up in the multi-purpose room on **December 3** ready for decorating. The Angel Tree will be a "memory" tree, combining our past and future work of angels! We invite you to participate in sharing your memories.

Starting December 3 and lasting through the Christmas season, you are welcome to bring to church an angel ornament "In Memory" of a loved one. Optional tags will be provided for names and/or messages. Ornaments will be carefully stored and kept by the church to be rehung for years to come. In addition, our Sunday Schoolers will be making ornaments in class, creating memories of learning of Jesus' birth, and also hanging them on the tree. Questions? Talk to Ed or Betsy Sturm.



Enjoy seeing the presence of angels grow year to year!

The Giving Tree Still Needs You!

There is still a need for volunteers during the shopping time for families. **Volunteers must have completed high school.**

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Holiday Gift Shop, the link to the sign up is: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coa48abab22a4ff2-holiday>.

Jennifer Reinhardt is coordinating this outreach activity. You can contact Jennifer at jenbrein@gmail.com.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS!!

Saturday Dec 16th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Christmas program dress rehearsal, with pizza afterwards!

Christmas program is

Sunday, Dec 17th at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services.

Questions? Contact Julie Ramirez at julie@allsaintseagan.org.



WE NEED YOU!

Have you been interested in helping in and around worship on Sunday mornings? Do you have gifts to offer? If so, we need you!

Help is needed in all areas of worship help on Sunday mornings. Ushers, communion assistants, greeters, altar guild, lectors, offering counters and hospitality assistants are needed. All are super simple to do and are NOT time consuming. You are scheduled only around once a month.

If this sounds like fun to you and you can offer your help, please fill out the form in your bulletin on Sunday and put it in the offering basket. They are also available on the table in the narthex. In addition, you can simply contact Nancy in the church office at nancy@allsaintseagan.org. Many thanks!



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

Many thanks for ALL the ways you give to our life here at All Saints!

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Progressing. . .

Accepting. . .

Thinking. . .

Helping!

living together at all saints - december 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!

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