#### ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA // APRIL 2023

# SAINTS ALIVE



# **Holy Week Service Schedule Easter** Maundy Good Thursday Friday Sunday 6:30pm 6:30pm 9:00 am

## **Hope for the Brave Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction**

Be a Hero~Do your part to end domestic Violence

#### Saturday, April 1, 2023 11 AM - 2 PM

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction~\$10.00



All Saints Lutheran Church 8100 Belden Blvd. Cottage Grove

Hope for the Brave is a start-up 501c3 nonprofit in the process of creating a supportive housing development fpr domestic violence survivors. We will be hosting a silent auction fundraising event and are looking to secure donations for this event.

Want to Donate or purchase tickets to attend? Call Jennifer @ 651-230-5888

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sundays @ 9:00am

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Lenten Service** Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

#### Hope for the

Brave~Spaghetti **Dinner/Silent Auction** Saturday, April 1 @ 11:00-2:00

**Palm Sunday and MORE Adult Forum** Sunday, April 2 @ 10:00 am

#### **Quilters Quest**

Mondays-8:30-12:00 Tuesday-4/4 & 4/18 6:30-8:00 pm

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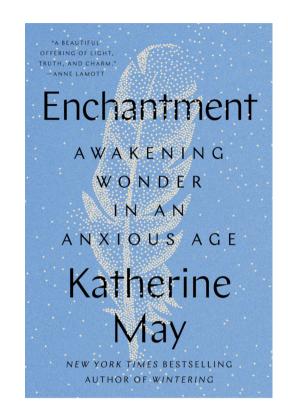


Sheep Dog's Log

The book for the month of April is Enchantment by Katherine May. She invites us to pay closer to each present moment. For those of us that struggle with anxiety and tiredness, this is an invitation to become more curious and in tune with ourselves and the world around us.

From the NY Times review I read the following: "In Enchantment, May invites the reader to come with her on a journey to reawaken our innate sense of wonder and awe. With humor, candor, and warmth, she shares stories of her own struggles with work, family, and the aftereffects of the pandemic, particularly feelings of overwhelm as the world rushes to reopen. Craving a different way to live, May begins to explore the restorative properties of the natural world, moving through the elements of earth, water, fire, and air and identifying the quiet traces of magic that can be found only when we look for them.

Through deliberate attention and ritual, she unearths the potency and nourishment that come from quiet reconnection with our immediate environment. Blending lyricism and storytelling, sensitivity and empathy, Enchantment invites each of us to open the door to human experience in all its sensual complexity, and to find the beauty waiting for us there." 'Consider picking this book up, especially if you are tired of social media, families that are divided along partisan lines, or are simply feeling tender.



https://www.zogomom.com/enchantmentawakening-wonder-in-an-anxious-age.htmlf

Afor Jules

Harriet Marquardt and family would like to express their gratitude for your condolences and help with Dale's funeral.



### From the Garden

WITH PASTOR TANNER

Beloved Saints and Sibling in Christ,

The third chapter of Ecclesiastes reminds us of an unchanging truth: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." For the past five years, I have felt called by God to serve as your pastor at All Saints Lutheran Church. Not only have I felt called to serve here, I have also greatly enjoyed the privilege of serving as a pastor to this wonderful community of faith.

Life, however, is never static. Change is inevitable. God continually calls us to new challenges, opportunities, and adventures. So, after a lot of prayer and discernment with Katie about our family's future, it's time for us to make a move. And for us that move is Duluth. Katie has accepted a position as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Essentia Health, and will be joining a wonderful practice in Superior. I am in active conversation with the NE Minnesota Synod about calls in and around Duluth, but will be taking some time to practice my dad skills this summer. No doubt Lorelai will have me well trained soon enough.

Our last Sunday here at All Saints will be April 16th. In the meantime, I am working with the staff, council, and synod to help All Saints transition well. That said, if you look at the wall of pastors in Resurrection Hall, you will note that you haven't had a pastoral transition since 2006, and not an associate transition since 2002. So, some of this will feel new. Pause. Breath. Pray.

Pastoral transitions are difficult. A big part of them is maintaining healthy boundaries which allow new pastoral relationships to form. These standard boundary policies apply to all pastors when they leave a congregation. Basically, this means that I will not be available for any pastoral or administrative duties at All Saints, including officiating or assisting at baptisms, weddings, or funerals for members of All Saints when I leave. We are pretty good at boundaries around All Saints. This is just a new one that we will live into together.

St. Paul opens his letter to the church at Philippi with these words: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Amid all the varied emotions I am currently feeling, I am definitely experiencing the joy Paul felt as he wrote to his beloved congregation. It is impossible for me to express how grateful I am to God for the privilege and pleasure of serving as your pastor. I believe God has truly blessed our ministry together. My family and I have also been richly blessed through the loving, nurturing, and supportive faith community that is All Saints. The relationships we have formed have enriched our lives and allowed us to love and be loved in the most wonderful ways.

Saints of God – thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you for showing up, doing work, and being kind. Thank you for welcoming us into your church family. Thank you serving, laughing, crying, and doing ministry together. Thank you for sending us off with your blessing. Thank you for walking the walk of faith.

In deep gratitude, Pastor Tanner

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Men's Luncheon**

Thursday, April 6 @ 12:00 @ All Saints

#### Maundy Thusday

Thursday, April 6 @ 6:30 pm

#### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 7 @ 6:30 pm

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 9 @ 9:00 am There will **not** be Seeds today

#### **Crafting Corner**

Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:30

#### Youth & BoomWhackers

Sunday, April 16th

#### Pastor Tanner & family's last day & cake

Sunday, April 16th

#### **Men's Group**

Tuesday, April 18 @ 5:30 @ Broadway Bar and Grill in St. Paul Park

#### OWLS

Wednesday, April 19 @ 11:30 @ The Machine Shed in Oakdale

#### **Funeral Planning Class**

Sunday, April 23 @ 10:00 am

#### **Grief and Family Systems**

Sunday, April 30 @ 10:00 am

# Pastoral Transition

PROCESS for a different Associate Pastor for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ at All Saints:

Our beloved Pastor Tanner is taking leave after five years of excellent ministry. Many of you have been asking "What's Next?"

First of all, we are going to have CAKE! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 16, 2023.** Worship at 9:00a.m. and join us to give godspeed to PT and his family.

Secondly, we'll enter an INTERIM phase. This pastor will fill the gap between calling the next pastor and Pastor Tanner.

Third, you all will select a call committee by vote in May or June. With the guidance of the St. Paul Area Synod and Bishop Lull, the call committee will begin the process. It is a well designed process. She will walk alongside us during this time of discernment.

The Office of the Pastor is set aside to do the work of Word and Sacrament. Pastors receive a 'call' to a parish. We do not 'hire' them. It is a process that is prayerful, lead by the Holy Spirit, and thoughtful.

The president of the Congregational Council, Julie Smith will be a point person along with Pastor Jules.

This is your church. Pastors are installed into the Office and they are often then 'called' to another congregation or retirement. The language we use around this process is important.

Look for more updates in the newsletters each month.



# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Friends in Need is looking for helpers on Tuesday's from 2ish to 5ish. To volunteer your time and talents please contact Michelle Rageth at (651) 458-0730 or director@finfood.org. You can also follow the link here: https://www.finfood.org/volunteers.ht ml



### Vicar's Versus

#### BY VICAR ERICA

As I'm writing this, knowing this may change by the end of the week, the Twin Cities has had enough snowfall to make this the eighth snowiest winter on record. I might speak for a good number of us when I say that I'm getting pretty tired of all the snow.

Unlike those of us in the "I could definitely be done with snow this season" group, my 2 year old husky-mix, Reilly, never tires of the snow. Every day, without fail, Reilly runs outside in pure joy, prancing and leaping through the snow that now reaches past his belly. With each new snowfall, he is just as excited as the last to eat the fresh snow off of the ground as he runs off all his joyous energy. I learn a lot from my pets. It's easy for us to grow tired of something when we're constantly surrounded by it. Even something beautiful, when you see it every day, seems to lose a bit of what makes it special. Reilly, though, never seems to grow tired of the same old thing. When I get stuck in a rut of frustration, perhaps digging my car out from underneath the snow again, I try to remind myself to be a little more like Reilly. Usually, that means taking a second to look a little deeper at God's good creation to find even a small place of gratitude and spend a moment in prayer.

As we trudge on through our snow-filled season, I challenge you to look at those places where you are growing tired of the rote and try to find even small glimmers of newness or ways of gratitude.

In gratitude, Vicar Erica



# DO YOU LIKE TECHNOLOGY???

We NEED some tech savvy people!

1) To help us in the sound booth.

2) To do some research on upgrading our video streaming system.

3) To help Pastor Jules because she is clearly NOT tech savvy.

If you can help in any of these avenues, contact PJ. Thanks!

# Looking for Adult Education Opportunities:

#### **End of Life Prep**

On Sunday, April 23, Pastor Jules will offer a class on things you need to gather for your family in the event of your death. This is a very practical class. Most of us may think we have all the information together OR we simply are in denial about the reality of death. Come and hear about how we can help our family at the end our lives. We will offer some concrete resources for you to take home.

### Grief in the Family System

On Sunday, April 30, PJ will share a class she's been leading for 18 years at KOK in the aftercare grief program. Grief is hard work! During this event you will learn about genograms, how families navigate grief in their own ways, and you will be given some resources. We will offer some concrete resources for you to take home.



Noteworthy Music

BY KAREN PIPER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

During Holy Week, the Sanctuary Choir will be singing the following pieces:

- On Palm Sunday, they will sing Ride On! Ride On! at the beginning of the service. It describes Jesus' ride into Jerusalem with great celebration. Later in the service, the choir will sing You Are Mine, one of our congregational favorites too. In this piece, Jesus tells us,"Do not be afraid; I am with you. I love you, and you are mine."
- On Good Friday, the choir will sing There is a Green Hill Far Away. Featuring tenor Michael Englehardt, this piece is hauntingly beautiful as it tells of Christ's suffering on the cross for our sins.
- On Easter Sunday, the choir sings Christ is Risen! Hallelujah, a congregational favorite. This piece celebrates Christ's resurrection with a rousing Christ has risen! Hallelujah, refrain as it retells the resurrection events.

You will also hear the Bell Choir play several hymns, yet to be determined, and a Michael Lavold rock song(s). It will be a music-filled week.

Christ Is Risen!

God Bless, Karen Pieper

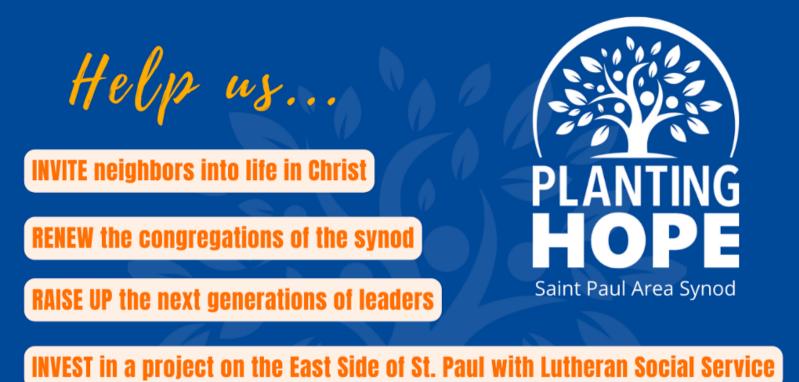


TRASH to TREASURE

Friday April 14th 9-4 Saturday April 15th 9-2 Saturday \$6 Bag Sale all day

#### Homemade Soups & Pulled Pork Lunch

Cottage Grove United Church of Christ 7008 Lamar Ave. So., Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove, 55016, 651-459-1501



# All Saints is a part of Planting Hope!

We have played the video in worship but in case you are new or do not know that we are a part of this campaign, consider watching the video linked below.

Congregations are encouraged to play this two-minute video at the beginning of their five-week campaigns. It may be used in worship and in other small group opportunities as they arise. Please download the video to the device you will play it on...don't rely on WiFi to play it from Vimeo! Click here, but click the link below to download the video to the device you will play it from. (For best results, don't rely on WiFi to play it from Vimeo!)



# DAY CAMP 2023 @ All Saints Lutheran

Join us in a free VBS program <u>at All Saints Lutheran</u> <u>Church</u> alongside counselors from Luther Crest Bible Camp.

When: Monday June 19-Thursday June 22 Time: 9:00-3:00 pm Ages: Preschool-6th Grade Lunch will be provided

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