

SAINTS ALIVE

BFST: Bowen Family Systems Theory is coming to All Saints!

This is the fourth year that Pastor Jules has taught Christian Public Leadership at Luther Seminary, so she has decided to bring a sampler platter of the theory to All Saints.

The last three weeks of April you can bring your notebook and happy energy to an overview of how to manage your anxiety, notice triangles, and increase your overall functioning.

It may sound boring but you know PJ. ;)

For a prelude on the conversation go to an article she wrote for Faith+Lead: <https://faithlead.org/blog/bowen-family-systems-theory-saved-my-life-jesus-saved-my-soul>

When: Sunday's at 10:15 in the conference room.

Dates: April 14, 21, and 28.

Why: Because we are all Christian public leaders

Who: You.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 9:00am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Morning Quilters:
830am

Tuesday Evening Quilters:
6:30pm

Thursday Bible Study:
10:00 am

FARE FOR ALL
Thursday April 4th 4-6pm

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Directories are in!

Each family can have one copy. Also, in the quarterly statements we will be including updates or corrections to the directory. Our staff is doing its best to keep track of you all. Please help us by sending us new phone numbers, apartment numbers, and changes of addresses.





Sheep Dog's Log



WHAT IF JESUS DIDN'T DIE FOR OUR SINS,
BUT LIVED TO SHOW US HOW TO LOVE...

This was on a church sign and it has had me thinking about how good it is to consider a different way of meeting Jesus.

If you have not watched the series "The Chosen" yet, I highly recommend it. It's given me a renewed understanding of how I encounter Jesus and even how I preach. Jesus has a sense of humor, he listens, he teaches, he asks questions, and he truly meets people where they are at. That is a part of our mission statement.

We often have a default to point out the deficits in others and that creates a distance between us and them. That's also known as sin. I would much rather focus on my own bobber and do my best to love people that can be a challenge. Perhaps you will consider following my lead?

Because Jesus did not come into this world to point an accusing finger at all of our failures, Jesus came into this world to remind us of the extravagant and abundant love that God has for all people.

I just read Rabbouni: Twelve Teaching Methods of Jesus and I was reminded of the story we know as the Prodigal Son. One sons stays and works, the other sows his wild oats. The Father loves both. When the prodigal son returns, what does Abba do? He runs to his son and embraces him like there is no tomorrow.

What is God's love like? A compassionate, welcoming, grace filled parent who understands that we make mistakes and continues to embrace us and love us with open arms.

Let's keep doing that kind of love, All Saints.



WINE WOMEN and CHOCOLATE

Thanks to all the Ladies that attended "Wine Women and Chocolate".

We had over 40 women that came for the wine, but we had a good time playing some games, eating some snacks, and a few laughs.



Keep watch for our next event.



Ponderings with Puzzles (and PastorWes)



When Daylight Savings hit this last month, it turned out to be a natural time for some transitions with Puzzles. We had been fighting with him, trying to get him to stay in his kennel until 7am before waking us up, loudly asking for breakfast. But, he has no idea Daylight Savings happened, so as far as he knew, he was on the same routine...which for us meant breakfast now came at 8am. Wow, what a gift that extra hour was! My parents' tried a similar switch on me as an infant/young toddler switching from a crib to a bed when we moved from Sioux Falls to the Twin Cities- it made sense to them, but was too much change for a young kid, and I did not take to it well. Fortunately, Puzzles responded way better than I did.

As we transition from Lent into Easter, or winter into spring, what are some of these natural transitions that are happening in your life? Are there graduations you are preparing for? A new job? An upcoming move? Spring cleaning? Or maybe just getting back into a rhythm of spending time outside now that there's more daylight? As you think about these transitions and rhythms in your life, listen to the following scripture from Ecclesiastes 3. God has formed creation to fit rhythms and routines, and our souls resonate when we find the right one. Where is your soul resonating as we enter this season of Easter?

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born and a time to die;
- a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill and a time to heal;
- a time to break down and a time to build up;
- a time to weep and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek and a time to lose;
- a time to keep and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
- a time to love and a time to hate;
- a time for war and a time for peace.

- Pastor Wes

Upcoming Events

Men's Luncheon

Thursday, April 4th @ All Saints
Gather 11:45
Lunch 12:00 Noon
Chef Bob
Assistance from Ron, Bob and Dave

Crafter's:

Tuesday April 9th @6:30pm

Meditation Exploration

Wednesday April 10th @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday April 24th @ 7:00pm

Crafting Corner

Tuesday, April 11 @ 6:30

Men's Group

Tuesday, April 16th @ 5:30 @
Broadway Bar and Grill in St. Paul
Park

OWLS

Wednesday, April 17th @ 11:30
Hasting Perkins

Gerten's Gift Card Sale

Starts mid April - May 5th
Check out page 5 for more
information!



Kudos to All Saints and Zion!!

2024 Lenten Outreach Summary

Giving to God by Giving to Others

Siblings in Christ, you have done it again! Because of the generosity of our faith communities and the gifts of Thrivent Funds, our Lenten Outreach projects were profoundly successful! A summary of your kindness:

Washington County Homeless Outreach Services “Welcome Baskets”

After asking for five Welcome Baskets, we were able to provide 18 fully stocked baskets with a variety of personal and household goods for people entering the homeless shelter.

Every Meal

As a partnering organization in this meal distribution program, we are asked to contribute \$2500 per school year to help fund the food give-away. At this time, a little over \$2000 has come in!

MORE

We were asked to provide laundry detergent for the new immigrants and refugees in our midst. We delivered over 50 containers of detergent to MORE.

Homeless Kits

This has been a yearly project for us. Essential travel sized toiletry items, snack crackers, socks, water, and Mc Donald gift cards are gathered into gallon ziplock bags for members to take for distribution. Amazing total this year: 83 bags!

Friends in Need food shelf

Two carloads of hygiene, paper and toiletry products were donated!

Well done good and faithful servants! Deep thanks to everyone for supporting these projects in such a loving, generous way and for volunteering your time to help organize or shop. We may never know the impact these gifts have made, but certainly it is life-changing and profoundly appreciated.

Thank
you!



Gertens Gift Cards



Coming this April, All Saints will be selling Gertens Gift Cards just in time for Mother's Day and our long awaited planting season. These cards will be purchased on our website. The proceeds will go to the All Saints General Fund.

SWEATSHIRT SALE!



We are ordering ASLC sweatshirts at \$35 each! There are two options for zip-ups (purple & light blue – not pictured), a vest option and *NEWLY DESIGNED* black hoodie to choose from!

To purchase, you may pay with cash, card, or check in person. We also have have a Venmo account @aslccg. If using Venmo, please specify color and size in the description. The vests are \$55 each. We will send updated pictures for the light blue and black hoodies once the designs are finalized.



Please note that sizes run 4XL and smaller. If you have any difficulty ordering, email office@allsaintscg.org for help! **Ordering will close on May 6th!**



Noteworthy Music

BY KAREN PIPER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Polly Rhode, a vibrant new soprano of the Sanctuary Choir, passed away on March 2nd after battling cancer. She possessed an enchanting voice that captivated the hearts of many, making her a beloved member of the choir. Polly was not only an outstanding singer but also a wonderful person, who had a deep passion for animals, cooking, and socializing. Despite knowing her for a short time, we still miss her upbeat spirit and infectious smile. On March 5th, the Sanctuary Choir performed "You Are Mine" at her funeral, accompanied by other choir members from Polly's previous church. It was a touching and fitting tribute to honor her talent and memory.

Here is the upcoming schedule for the Sanctuary and Bell Choirs' performances and rehearsals:

On Palm Sunday, March 23rd, the Sanctuary Choir will perform "Lamb of God" by Twila Paris, arranged by Mark Hayes and accompanied by a violin. There will be a run-through at 8:15 am.

So that you know, there will be no rehearsal on March 27th.

On March 29th, the Sanctuary Choir will perform "Ah, Holy Jesus" from ELW, page 349, with violin and oboe accompaniment. There will be a run-through at 6:15 pm.

On Easter, March 31st, the Sanctuary Choir will perform "All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice" by Antonio Vivaldi, arranged by Hal H. Hopson, with violin and oboe accompaniment. There will be a run-through at 8:15 am.

Finally, The Bell Choir will also perform Jesus Shall Reign on March 31st. There will be a run-through at 8:05 am.

Thanks to all the instrumentalists accompanying these services as well:-)

Christ Has Risen!

Karen Pieper, Music Director

PLANTING SEEDS

Planting Seeds is our Tuesday email update for our community. If you are not getting these, contact the office at. 651.459.1117 or office@allsaintscg.org.

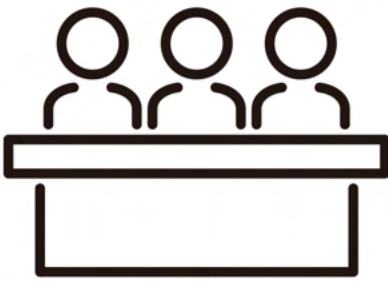
This short email has been a great way to keep you all posted on the mission and outreach programs we supported during Lent. It also allows us to give 'SHOUT OUTS' of joy.

For example: we aimed for 24 homeless kits, y'all made 83!

And, special thanks goes out to the Terry and Brian Gieser and Kristen, Mike and Eva Haapoja for serving with joy. They set up Wednesday night soup suppers for ASLC.

(We also included what soups were on the menu each Wed.)





COUNCIL NOTES

During the last meeting in March, Zion's executive team came to the Open Forum to ask ASLC's council how they felt about their presence within our campus. It was an open and cordial conversation on both sides.

Council members have ASLC name tags that they will wear on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please ask or come to the Open Forum time. Council meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00p.m.

The first meeting of the new council was held in February of 2024. During that meeting we covered the constitution, policies, bylaws, the function of the council and job descriptions.

The council represents the congregation, you elected them.

The role of the council is to represent the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ here at All Saints and beyond.

Please hold them in prayer as they do God's Work with their hands.

Also, there will be a new council page on our website so you can identify names to faces.

We continue to gather information and price points for the solar energy system. We will choose a vendor once all the information is gathered. There have been improvements to the products and there are many incentives from the county and the government. We'll keep you updated each month in this newsletter.

Sandy Schuck, Council President



SEEDS *of* Faith

Hello all! Our upcoming dates for the remainder of Sunday School for this spring.

- Sunday March 17th-24th-we will have regular Sunday School
- Sunday March 31st-Happy Easter there will be no Sunday School
- Sunday April 7-April 28th-We will have regular Sunday School.



Few reminders:

Let's see if we can fill our church with children for Vacation Bible School this year. Bring a friend or two. The more the merrier. My challenge is...can we all be registered and bring one friend or cousin with us to this great week of play and pray!

FREE< FREE <FREE Vacation Bible School will be held on the All Saints and Zion Lutheran Campus. We will host children entering into kindergarten-6th graders. We also welcome students entering 7th-9th grade as junior counselors. Vacation Bible School will be held June 17th-20th 9:00-3:00. On Thursday, June 20th there will be a short closing program for parents and grandparents. If you are interested in having your child attend please **fill out the attached forms** or [CLICK THIS LINK TO FILL OUT ONLINE!](#) You can either drop them off on Sunday with me, mail or scan and send them back! Let's fill our church with little people!

New this year for our Vacation Bible School-we will be having the MN Bug Guy bringing in all of his creepy crawly creatures for a free presentation for us! I am happy to announce the Monty's Traveling Reptile show will also be joining us for this fun filled week. Currently, we are working on securing a bus to have a park hop and outdoor service project through the Cottage Grove Parks and/or Washington or Dakota park systems.

We will need a host of volunteers to help pull off 4 days of VBS. Below is a list of needed helpers:

- Cooks
- lunch/snack servers
- meal clean-up crew
- preschool teachers-if we have volunteers we can offer this for our younger children
- decorating crew-lets deck our space with joy for these kiddos
- extra hands on deck
- volunteers and ideas for service projects-Les Beaudoin
- talent sharer- like a seed bomb class-Thank you Lesley Erickson



Please fill out the paperwork for FREE VBS for both churches. I am really hoping that we can fill our church to the brim with our combined kiddos!

Please watch for updates and opportunities surrounding our Godly Garden. We will be meeting this year on Sundays after church. It will be time to sow our seeds, surprise the weeds and eat our bounty. This will be a combined effort of both All Saints and Zion.

2024 LUTHER CREST DAY ALL SAINTS CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

CAMPER

NAME _____ SEX _____ AGE _____

PARENT'S

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

____ HOME PHONE (____) _____ WORK PHONE

(____) _____ GRADE JUST COMPLETED BY CAMPER (circle one) P K 1 2 3 4 5 6

I give my permission for my child to participate in Luther Crest's Day Camp, to take part in the normal activities, and I authorize the camp doctor to provide any necessary emergency medical care. I understand Luther Crest assumes secondary insurance coverage; the camper's family assumes primary coverage. I also give Luther Crest permission to use any photograph of my child taken at camp in future promotion of Luther Crest.

Parent's Signature

_____ I would like to be a Day Camp Volunteer.

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_____ I would like to have the Luther Crest Day Camp Team at my home for supper.

