

SAINTS ALIVE



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH
9:00 AM SERVICE

Announcements

Interim Position Filled!

Vicar Erica is graduating May 14th from Luther Seminary. She'll become our INTERIM vicar until she receives a call to congregation or we receive a new associate pastor.



We had a catalytic converter stolen on a Tuesday night, the second Tuesday night of the month of April.

This occurred while there were at least twenty people in our building. The parking lot was lit and still people were bold enough to steal.

The police have been contacted, a report has been made. Now we are creating a security plan for the outdoor campus.

Please keep your eyes open for unusual activity. We'll do our best to help make you feel safe about your own person as well as your personal property.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 9:00am

Upcoming Events

Quilting Groups:

Mondays @ 8:30am

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm

Bible Study

Thursdays @ 10 am

*now only in-person

Men's Lunch

Thursday, May 4th

12pm at All Saints

Confirmation and Juice Sunday

May 7th

Crafting Corner

May 9th @ 6:30pm

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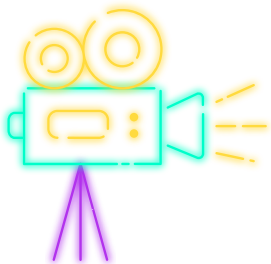
Sheep Dog's Log

Hello siblings and saints. As we are entering a new chapter in our life together as a community of faith, I'd like to continue with offering up a book that has helped me over the years. Instead of inviting you to get a copy of it, I'd like to summarize, "Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change" by William Bridges.

There are three stages to transitions, according to Bridges.

Endings

Transition starts with an ending. This is paradoxical but true. This first phase of transition begins when people identify what they are losing and learn how to manage these losses. They determine what is over and being left behind, and what they will keep. These may include relationships, processes, team members or locations.



If you've ever watched worship online...

We need to upgrade our video system! We are asking for a special gift from five families at \$5,000 each. The total cost is \$26,000 to install a system that will last and that will be user friendly!
Contact P.J. if you can help

Neutral Zone

The second step of transition comes after letting go: the neutral zone. People go through an in-between time when the old is gone but the new isn't fully operational. It is when the critical psychological realignments and repatternings take place. It is the very core of the transition process. This is the time between the old reality and sense of identity and the new one. People are creating new processes and learning what their new roles will be. They are in flux and may feel confusion and distress. The neutral zone is the seedbed for new beginnings.

New Beginnings

Beginnings involve new understandings, values and attitudes. Beginnings are marked by a release of energy in a new direction – they are an expression of a fresh identity. Well-managed transitions allow people to establish new roles with an understanding of their purpose, the part they play, and how to contribute and participate most effectively. As a result, they feel reoriented and renewed.

We are in a time of transition. Be not afraid. The Holy Spirit will guide, guard, and keep us as we enter our next New Beginning.

P.S.-We are not composting after worship and collecting plastics for recycling.



COMING
SOON

UPDATE ON THE STATE OF THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT:

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

Our beloved Pastor Tanner has taken leave after five years of excellent ministry. Many of you have been asking “What’s Next?”

We are entering the liminal zone or Neutral Zone (see PJ’s article).

The INTERIM phase has been a half time pastor. Several years ago we had two different interim pastors to help us: James the Elder and James the Younger. Each had a special set of gifts that helped us navigate the call process for the next pastor.

This interim will look different. Pending a meeting with our Executive Committee and the Congregational Council, an announcement will be made during worship and in the June / July newsletter. Know that Pastor Jules will have plenty of support as we enter into the summer programming and worship.

Next, 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.

Upcoming Events Continued:

Graduate Recognition
Sunday May 14th-during
worship

Men's Group
Tuesday, May 16th
5:30

OWLS Luncheon
Wednesday, May 18th
11:30am at Stockyard
Tavern

Fill the Food Pantry
Sunday May 21

SEEDS Faith

Please watch for emails from me over the next few months for upcoming events and opportunities which will include:

- VBS
- Gardening
- Holy Hootenanny

If you are not receiving my emails, please send me an email and I will make sure to include you

Wish List for ASLC:



Worship Support

- Ushers
- Readers
- Worship space banner / swag helpers
- Musicians (soloists, choir, instruments)
- COFFEE CORNER helpers

Technology Team

- Videographer for worship
- Sound Booth Support
- Set up for sound

Grant Writer(s)

- Non-Profit grants for SOLAR
- Grants for other outreach programs

Pastoral Care Visitors

- Once a month companion visits
- Relief Care for those caring for people with memory issues
- Eucharistic Ministers

PROPERTY

- Rain Garden helpers - Sunday, April 23rd following worship
- Weed pullers for berms and outdoor campus
- Mulch raking and fluffing mulch
- Spring and Fall Clean up around the outdoor campus
- Vegetable Garden helpers for our neighbors in need

Children and Teen Ministry

- Helping with Vacation Bible School(June 19-22)
- Lunch Prep for VBS
- Hosting VBS staff for supper
- Teen night Leader
- Strawberry Festival FLOAT helpers and walkers in the parade

Book Club Coordinator - if people are interested in a book club

Art Club Coordinator - if people are interested in making art of any medium together

Call Committee Member - to be voted in by congregation

Holy Hootenanny Helpers-This an Outreach to the community Event on July 16 from 2-6p.m.

- Vendor liaison
- Traffic directors
- Food Truck liaisons
- Stage set up / tear down

I.T. ASSISTANT

- Website design / maintenance
- Google Business / Suite admin assistance
- Outdoor and indoor sign updates

With Pastor Tanner completing his call here we need as much help as possible. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Pastor Jules know. Most are short term projects, all of them are very flexible.

This summer we will be doing all the same things we do during the academic school year with the exception of Seeds of Faith, Confirmation, and Sunday Adult Education. That means we have half the staff and the same amount of work.

Part of being a part of this community is engaging in worship, offering as an act of worship - whether in person or online, and engaging in sharing your time and talents. The more hands, the easier the lifting.

Show Up. Do Good. Be Kind. Repeat.

Check off the areas you are interested in and put your contact information here:

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Or, email PJ at jules@allsaintscg.org

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.



If you are able to help furnish meals for Bobbi during this transitional time please check out the meal train link:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/6v3qlk>

Thank you for all of your help!



Vicar's Verses

BY VICAR ERICA

Teddy and I got a graduation announcement in the mail earlier this week, for the son of one of Teddy's cousins. Now, I've never met this cousin, and Teddy hasn't seen her in years; they live down in Georgia. Nevertheless, we got an invitation to his graduation party. He probably sent out so many announcements/invitations, knowing that not everyone could come but still hoping that some will. (Or maybe just hoping for cards with cash in them. Always a good alternative for any graduate!)

Easter Sunday has passed, one of the two holidays when just about every church is full, and we're coming into the summer months when churches are noticeably emptier.

What would the church look like, though, if someone new was invited each week. A friend, a neighbor, someone in the line at the DMV that takes forever...

All Saint's firmly stands on the promise that All Are Really Welcome. That is an absolutely amazing statement, but we can also show people that they are more than welcome; they are wanted. How can we cast out such a wide net of actively welcoming people into the community of All Saints, where people know they can be both loved and wanted? How can we continue to share the Love of God beyond the walls of our building and the members of our congregation? My challenge for each of us is to do the work of inviting people in. Not because we want the chairs filled, but because we genuinely want each person to experience the Love of God that is present and shared in this community.

Quilter's Corner

The Monday Morning Quilters continue to meet Mondays 8:30am – Noon. Come and go as your time permits—coffee served at 10am.

We have over 5,000 cut squares in our inventory plus many other fabrics to cut. If you have an eye for color (or black and white), we would love to have you help match or 'mismatch' squares to assemble a warm, charming quilt! Cutting squares or trimming those in inventory to fit more appropriately, can be done in your home. There are cutting mats/rotary cutters and other supplies available in the quilt room. Stitching squares together, layering (sandwiching tops, batting and backing), tying and binding are other great ways to lend a hand (or a square). Contact Barb Anderson at 651-459-4950 if questions.

The Evening Quilters continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm. Next opportunities will be May 2nd and May 16th. Contact Jana White at 651-458-3634 if questions.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going – be that spark and help with All Saints quilting ministry. All are welcome!



LOOKING FOR GLASSES AND HEARING AIDS

Lauri Marquardt is collecting used glasses and hearing aids for The CG Lions Club. These are repurposed and given to those in need. The collection bucket is located narthex by the parking lot doors. Thank you for your generosity!!



HOLIDAY FAIR CRAFTERS

Please join the crafters on May 9th. at 6:30 pm. Any questions call Val at 651-768-7935 or Penny 612-860-8047.



GRADUATES!

Calling all graduates: We want to celebrate you! If you or someone in your family is graduating this year from any level of education, please let us know. Email Leah office@allsaintscg.org or Vicar Erica at erica@allsaintscg.org with their name, school graduating from, and any degree information or future plans you would like to share by Thursday, May 11th We will recognize and pray for these students on Sunday, May 14th during worship.



Noteworthy Music

BY KAREN PIPER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

We had a wonderful music ministry turnout for our Lent and Easter music:

The Sanctuary Choir sang for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, and Pastor Tanner's farewell service. It was great to see the risers so packed with our singers.

The Bell Choir played for Easter and for Pastor Tanner's Service. It was especially good to hear them accompany Mike Lavold on his original piece, Ring the Bell.

For service accompaniment, we had:

Karl S. and Michael L. on guitars, Jason W and Esther K on percussion, Rebecca T on the recorder, Catherine P on violin, Greg O on trumpet and French horn, and Jenna O on ukelele. They provided a powerful wall of music.

Thanks to Brian E for working with the children with the Boomwhacker Choir. What a joy:-)

God Bless,
Karen Piepers



We are looking for Thrivent dollars and or donations for our youth garden. New this year we will be adding a watering drip system.

Please watch for ways to explore, plant, weed and learn in our community youth garden this summer. We will be offering opportunities to help tend and classes to learn about bugs, seeds and produce from our very own master gardeners.

Look what you've done!!
Well done, well done,
Well Done!



Because of the generosity of our All Saints community and the gift of Thrivent Funds from five members, our Lenten outreach projects were profoundly successful! A summary of your kindness:

1. MORE agency (a non-profit providing education and support for refugees and immigrants in St. Paul for 30 years)

We provided 8 full tubs of personal/household goods and other miscellaneous items. Within two days, the tubs were given to new families in need. **WELL DONE!**

2. Union Gospel Mission~

We delivered a trunk full of items that were requested including: 21 bath towels, 5 pairs of jeans, 40+ shirts, 6 sets of twin sheets and 25 packages of underwear. **WELL DONE!**

3. Hastings Veterans Home~

Another car load of goods was delivered to a very appreciative resource director who added the items to a "store" setting at the home. Residents are given "shopping" days when they can take things they need. Personal care items, clothing, clocks, batteries, postage stamps and power strips were among the donations requested and provided. **WELL DONE!**

4. Homeless Kits~

You donated, you assembled, you delivered! We put together over 70 bags for distribution with a wide assortment of practical and personal care items that included thermal water bottles, solar phone chargers, flashlights, pens, crackers, toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, lotion, socks, combs, bandaids, kleenex, and McDonald \$5 gift cards. **WELL DONE!**

5. Friends in Need

This organization has been one of our community partners for decades! After your enormous outpouring of toiletries, Michelle Rageth (FIN director) sent a letter thanking All Saints for our generous donation of 157 pounds of goods! That's a LOT of paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash and dish soap. **Well Done!**

By providing these toiletries, it frees up funding for FIN to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables (monthly cost of \$2000-\$3000). Normally, these products would come from Second Harvest but there are supply chain issues. **WELL DONE!**

Deep thanks to everyone for supporting these outreach projects in such a loving, generous way! You have made a life-changing difference in the lives of so many people we may never meet.