



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements

December 9, 2018



LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 16
9 and 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate blessings of the Advent and Christmas season with music for the heart and soul performed by the adult and youth choirs along with music from Saints Brass, the Carillon Choir and contemporary service musicians. Sing along with robust arrangements of many beloved Christmas carols. We invite you to consider attending the 10:30 a.m. service to ensure seating, as both services are the same on this day.

MISSION TRIP

FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 16, after services

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Donations support the 2019 senior high mission trip to Montana.

GIVING MARKET

Today and Sunday, December 16
After worship services

In place of buying more "stuff" for Christmas this year, make a donation to help others. The Giving Market at All Saints provides an opportunity to honor family and friends through charitable donations that bring hope and resources to local and global individuals and families.

Visit the Giving Market tree to learn more and make gift selections.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, December 11, 9-11 a.m.

Beautiful Souls is a grief support group at All Saints. Congregation member Becky Knickerbocker facilitates. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Becky (kndgbeckyl@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DECEMBER SERVICE TIMES

Sunday, December 16

Lessons and Carols
9 and 10:30 a.m. service (same at both)

Sunday, December 23

One worship service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve, December 24

Candlelight Worship Services
3, 4:30 and 10 p.m. – Traditional
8 p.m. – Contemporary

Sunday, December 30

One worship service at 10 a.m.



Kids Connection does not meet for the remainder of December. Classes resume Sunday, January 6.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 15, 5-9 p.m.

Bring children ages 2-11 to All Saints and enjoy a night out while the kids have fun. The evening includes dinner, a craft, games, a short movie, and other fun activities. Find registration forms on the wall behind the Welcome Center. Submit forms to the church office by Thursday, December 13.

OWLS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Today, 5 p.m. | Presbyterian Homes
5330 Beacon Hill Road, Minnetonka

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre or dessert and \$3 to cover expenses.

The party starts at 5 p.m. sharp!

PRESCHOOL TOURS

The All Saints Preschool Half Day Program is scheduling tours for families interested in the 2019-2020 school year. Contact Katie Avenson (952.934.3552) to schedule a tour or with questions.

Enrollment for current and church families begins January 2; new families can enroll starting January 9.



WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Visit the Welcome Center for information about All Saints and enjoy coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall between services.

During services, find children's worship bags by Sanctuary doors.

CONNECTION CARDS

If you're a guest this morning, we encourage you to fill out the blue Connection Card attached to your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. This helps us connect with you and serve you better.

RESTLESS CHILD?

If your child is restless during worship, sound from the service is available in the space outside the sanctuary. Feel free to find an area to sit or spread out!

Kids Activity Bags

Bags are available near both entries to the sanctuary and contain a variety of activities to keep younger kids occupied including books, various toys including fidgets, as well as resources for drawing and coloring. Ask an usher for help locating them.

ALL SAINTS MOBILE APP

Download the app for easy access to news, last Sunday's message, events calendar, and more. Search for "All Saints Minnetonka" on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.



**JUNIOR HIGH | GRADES 7-9
Sunday, December 23, 12-2 p.m.**

Bring a friend and celebrate Christmas with food, games and plenty of ugly Christmas sweaters! Meet at All Saints. Bring a white elephant gift, \$5 for food and wear an ugly sweater. We'll finish up the party by watching *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

**SENIOR HIGH AND COLLEGE
Sunday, December 23, 6 p.m.**

Enjoy food, games and fellowship. Come to the Tomczak house wearing an ugly sweater and bring a white elephant gift and \$5 for food. See Kristine or the Youth Board for the address.

**MONTANA MISSION TRIP
July 13-21, 2019 | Grades 9-12**

Be a part of the senior high mission trip to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana. We partner with the community to work on home improvement projects in the area and engage with kids on the reservation. Find registration forms at the Youth board. Submit to the church office by Sunday, December 16.

GET YOUR KID CONNECTED!

Parents, if you're new to All Saints, we invite all children preschool through 6th grade to join us for Kids Connection during the 9 a.m. service. For more information, talk to Chelsea Gilbert (952.935.3550 x18) or CGilbert@AllSaintsMtka.org. New kids are always welcome.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

It's not too late to turn in your Statement of Intent card. Please put it in the offering basket during worship, or bring or mail it to the church office. Every gift is appreciated. Every amount matters. Thank you.

BIBLE CONVERSATION

No Thursday morning Bible Conversation meetings on December 27 or January 3.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Pick up your free copy of *A World Awaits*, with daily reflections for Advent taken from the writings of Christian author C. S. Lewis. Available behind the Welcome Center.



As we gather for Christmas and the year draws to a close, we're grateful for the ways that God has been present in our congregation over the past months. There are wonderful signs of vitality in our worship and ministry as we are implementing our intentional plan to invite our neighbors to join with us. As All Saints invests in ministry to help grow and expand our mission, we continue to give generously beyond ourselves.

As we near the half way point of our fiscal year, contributions are currently running behind projections by approximately \$55,000 or roughly 6% of total budgeted giving.

As some households assess the potential for deductions, the end of the calendar year offers a special opportunity to reflect on giving. To help All Saints finish 2018 strong, please consider how you can fulfill your planned gift for this year, and whether your

situation allows you to make an additional gift at this time. Offerings can be made on Sundays, dropped off at church or postmarked by December 31. Giving can also be completed through our website and app under the "Give" tab.

Thank you for your giving and may God's light bring hope and joy to you in the New Year!

OTHER EVENTS

Monday

3 p.m.Worship at Presbyterian Homes
6:30 p.m.Facilities Team

Tuesday

12:30 p.m.Outreach Quilters
6 p.m.Finance Team
6:30 p.m.Lake Mtka Stamp Club
6:45 p.m.Carillon Choir
7:30 p.m.Men's AA

Wednesday

6 p.m.Saints Choristers
6:15 p.m.Crossroads Guides
6:45 p.m.Crossroads Moms Night
7:15 p.m.Saints Chorale

Thursday

7:15 a.m.Morning Prayer
10 a.m.Bible Conversation
7 p.m.Alpha Band

Saturday

8 a.m.Men's Group
1 p.m.Saints Brass
5 p.m.Parents Night Out

Sunday - Lessons & Carols

9 and 10:30 a.m.Worship

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