



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements

December 23, 2018



NEW MESSAGE SERIES JANUARY 6

UNDERCURRENTS

As we move through winter, the mystery and beauty of the Christmas story still fresh, we reflect on the undercurrents of our faith. They are concerns, yearnings, and imaginings that point to something deeper. Longing for Justice, Thirst for Spirituality, Hunger for Relationships and Beauty in Creation. They point to the presence and work of God. If you're seeking to better understand why you are drawn to faith and yet remain restless at moments, join us.

January 6 – *Longing for Justice*

January 13 – *Thirst for Spirituality*

January 20 – *Hunger for Relationships*

January 27 – *For the Beauty of the Earth*



JUNIOR HIGH | GRADES 7-9

Today, 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

Today, 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DECEMBER SERVICE TIMES

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.



ALLERGENS AND SENSITIVITIES

All Saints Lutheran Church seeks to provide a safe environment for those with life-threatening allergies to ingredients such as nuts. Groups and individuals who bring food into the building for common consumption are asked to refrain from products that contain nuts. This helps us comply with safety standards for our child care and preschool during the week.

To make worship welcoming to all, All Saints also provides communion wafers that are free of the most common allergens, including gluten.

Hyper sensitivities to fragrance and scents can trigger allergic reactions. Although we cannot fully control this, to better care for our neighbors, we encourage you to be aware of this as you select personal products for use at church and in the community.

Questions? Contact the church office.

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.

PRESCHOOL TOURS

Find out what we're all about. 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.



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.

BIBLE CONVERSATION

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LEADERSHIP

Every other year All Saints helps build homes with Habitat for Humanity. Would you be willing to lead the All Saints Habitat project for summer 2019? Contact Pastor Antonio. Carpentry skills not required!

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.

BAGS FOR ICA

Place paper and plastic grocery bags with handles and reusable cloth bags in the bin 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 halfway 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

Sunday

7 p.m..... Carillon Choir

Monday

3, 4:30, 8 and 10 p.m.....Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday

All Day.....Church Office Closed

7:30 p.m..... Men's AA

Thursday

7:15 a.m..... Morning Prayer

Off..... No Bible Conversation

7 p.m.....Alpha Band

Saturday

8 a.m.....Men's Group

Sunday – One Service Today

10 a.m.....Worship

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