

Jesus Into Our World

Around the world, churches begin the season of spiritual preparation called “Advent,” a Latin word meaning “The Coming.”

Spiritually preparing for the coming of Christ into our world and into our most personal lives shapes the worship experiences planned for this Advent season,

November 27–December 18. Hear how Jesus has come into the lives of a few of your fellow members at All Saints; bask in rich seasonal music, and let your heart make room for the King of Everything.

Into My Life

Too Much Holiday Bustling?

Not in a jolly ho-ho-ho mood this year? You are not alone. Many grow weary of the relentless merriment “expected” at this time of year. For some, their hearts aren’t in it due to grief or illness in the family. For a different kind of worship, come Sunday, December 18, at 8:15 a.m. for a calm, meditative service of guided prayer and song.



Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve

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| Family Service | 3 p.m. |
| Join us for a family-friendly service with our combined Hosanna and Alleluia choirs. | |
| Family Service | 4:30 p.m. |
| Our Youth Choir leads our music in this service. Expect lots of carol singing and a few surprises at both of the family services as we worship our newborn Lord. | |
| Christmas Eve Musical | 8 p.m. |
| Join us for the beautiful musical setting, <i>Watchnight</i> , led by the New Voice Ensemble and Worship Band. This service of uplifting music, traditional carols, scripture, dance and candlelight will stir your hearts and be a highlight of your Christmas season. Come, worship, and celebrate God’s amazing gift of love—Jesus, the Hope of the World. | |
| Service of Holy Communion | 10 p.m. |
| In quiet and stillness, we worship our newborn Lord this evening. Music will be led by the Saints Chorale, organ, handbells, and flutes. | |

Christmas Day

Worship Service 10 a.m.

New Year’s Day

Worship Service 10 a.m.

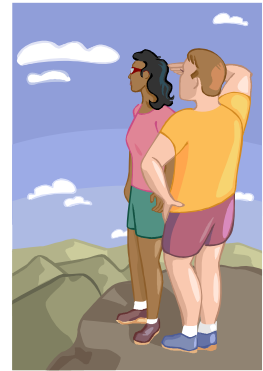
The View from the Path

I really enjoy hiking, whether along the Superior National Trail or in the mountains surrounding Holden Village near Chelan, Washington. When rounding a bend towards a new vista, I always feel an urge to glance back along the path traveled so far, and then turn my gaze to the path ahead.



All Saints, as a congregation, has covered quite a lot of ground in 2011. Considering only “new” things we have done together, the ground covered in 2011 has been substantial:

- Repainted the exterior of the church’s building
- Added 54 new members (up from 45 in 2010)
- Restarted a second section of Sunday School at 11 a.m.
- Undertook a strategic planning process, the plan to be presented for adoption in May 2012
- Met in Vision and Mission Conversations to discern the future of the congregation
- Launched a highly successful Vacation Bible School at Hospitality House in North Minneapolis
- Responded within hours to the tornados, providing pastoral care one night and dinner for 350 the next.
- Updated the Crossroads curriculum
- Contributed \$100,051 to ministries beyond the congregation
- Conducted first annual women’s Boundary Waters canoe adventure
- Called and installed a new senior pastor
- Re-structured All Saints Preschool and Child Care
- Called a permanent Director for Child Care
- Changed the start of the fiscal year to July 1
- Completed a new Personnel Handbook
- Assessed and upgraded the computer equipment of the church
- Started Wednesday night community meals, along with activities for all ages, “The Fine Art of Faith”
- Earned strong marks for fiscal health from the external auditors for the second year in a row
- Formed a new Adult Growth Team to oversee learning and spiritual growth opportunities



In my haste, I’ve undoubtedly overlooked many things the enormously capable lay leaders and staff have accomplished during the past year, but this list is enough to give you a flavor of the faithful work we have shared as a congregation.

Being a stalwart hiker, I don’t spend a lot of time looking over my shoulder, for I am eager to see what lies around the next bend on the trail. In the year ahead the congregation will see the outcome of the strategic planning process we have begun. Our website will, in time, have a new look and feel, with much greater functionality for an active and growing congregation. Our governance structure, constitution, and bylaws will need to be updated to reflect the missional priorities the congregation is discerning, led by the Vision Team. I’m excited by the vistas that will open up to us, and ever-so-thankful to have the privilege of sharing this trail with you.

Pastor Heather Hammond
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Outreach Ministry

All Saints Giving Market (Put an ornament on the Giving Tree)

One of the gifts you can give through the Giving Market is to help a child learn to read and to be mentored at Hospitality House. I've been able to experience this first-hand and want to share a little.

I spent the last several weeks with a wonderful young man name Dre'. He is 9 years old and in second grade. He lives with his Auntie who takes care of him and her children as well. I have never seen his parent nor know the situation. Each week Dre' and I spend time working together. Dre' continues to struggle with reading to the extent that his teachers, counselors and sometimes even I get a little frustrated. He is a very positive and delightful young man. And I care about him very much. We are part of the reading mentoring program at Hospitality House.

Recently I began to pray. I prayed for patience and perseverance. I prayed that our Wonderful Counselor would strengthen us and guide us so any barriers can be removed—so that progress is made towards reading. Dre' and I have progressed through the alphabet, upper and lower case, and alphabet sounds, to reading simple words. I read to him. He reads to me. In a week we will go to Culver's for a special free meal if he finishes 10 books. He has five done, but what's more important is that there are signs of improvement and hope. Progress is being made! Dre' and I will continue to work and we will continue to thank all of you for the support of Hospitality House. And we will continue to pray for patience, strength and guidance from our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Thank you, All Saints, on behalf of Dre' and many young men

For a child has been born for us...and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9: 6

A thank you from one of our Angel Tree Families....
*Hi,
Once again, my name is Latrina Palmer. I met you at the Christmas dinner, which was wonderful, by the way. I just wanted to write and say thanks to you and all the volunteers of Angel Tree who helped my family feel complete at this rough point in my/our life. We appreciate everything you guys did! You all helped my heart open up and I felt so joyful! Thanks again, and continue to spread HIS WORD.*

*Sincerely, The Palmer family
P.S. Pray for my husband, Ambres*

and women of Hospitality House.

Hospitality House is continually seeking reading mentors. Just one hour per week is all that is needed to help a young lady or young man learn to read and improve these important skills.

Angel Tree

(Put an ornament on the Angel Tree)

I can hardly believe this is our 15th year of doing Angel Tree at All Saints. Every year, you have given a fantastic



response by buying Christmas gifts for inmates' children. We plan to have the angels up by Sunday, November 27, with the presents returned to church by December 15.

Angel Tree is a powerful ministry for prisoners and their families. Inmates, who usually don't have the means, can give Christmas gifts to their kids through Angel Tree. Our congregation purchases and delivers the gifts, on behalf of the inmate. We have a special opportunity to introduce these kids to the powerful healing love of Jesus. We have seen this act of giving restore broken relationships between children and their parent, letting them know of the Christ's great love for them and their families.

Here is one story from last year's Christmas party. One of the families needed a ride and "Mary and Tom" volunteered. Immediately, this couple hit it off with the mom, Chris, and her 4-year-old daughter, Sarah. They had a great time at the party and little Sarah even won the bike she wanted.

Afterwards, Mary felt the nudging of God to give them a call to see how things were. Connections were made, they went out to coffee, and groceries were bought. Chris said it had been a hard month and cash was in short supply—she had run out of food. Mary said God's timing was perfect. Later on,

Mary and Tom felt the pull of surrogate grandparents and bought a helmet and training wheels for Sarah's Angel Tree bike. At that time, Chris needed some

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Financial Update

Through October 2011

Our income in October fell a bit short of budget. But overall, we continue to be in a good financial position. Thank you for your generosity!

Fiscal 2012	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Over/ (under)	Year to Date
July, 2011	\$60,863	\$72,679	\$11,816	\$11,816
Aug, 2011	\$62,843	\$65,752	\$2,909	\$14,734
Sept, 2011	\$65,863	\$70,990	\$5,127	\$19,861
Oct. 2011	\$76,091	\$72,237	-\$3,854	\$16,007

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encouragement to finish her nursing assistant training. They began to pray for each other. Sarah really appreciated being prayed for and prayed with. Mary said, "I feel like this was God's doing all along—to match us up together, to keep us in contact. We've been able to encourage Chris to finish her training, to keep on going and to be a good mom. We have been able to encourage her faith as well. It has been very special to be able to help this young lady and her daughter."

This year a neighbor of Sarah's was also on the list. Mary and Tom have already contacted her. Through Angel Tree, lives both on the giving and receiving end are changed.

On Sunday, December 18, we will have our Angel Tree Christmas Party. This year it will be held at Faith Church, 12007 Excelsior Blvd. in Minnetonka, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. We again need volunteers to drive, deliver gifts, help cook, bake cookies and host families. Please contact me if you are interested.

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Want to Save Money?

This summer, several All Saints youth will serve God in Arkansas. In order to get there, they are participating in many fundraisers. You have the opportunity to help a youth with fundraising and to save hundreds of dollars. Just purchase a coupon card, which is good for unlimited uses for one year on gas, haircuts, oil changes and more. The cost is \$20 each. For every card sold, ASL youth receive \$12. See Kristine Clemens to purchase your coupon card.

Music

Our Wednesday "Fine Art of Faith for Families" continues in December with sessions of singing and handbells. Our regular choir time is 6 p.m. for both



Hosanna and Alleluia choirs. The handbell sessions for children in grades 3-6 will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the Undercroft (next to the choir room). For children in grades K-2, we have special colored bells. Your session will be in a different room, so look for Penny. Many of you have seen and heard our handbell choir. Now is your chance to learn how to ring.

Our annual *Lessons and Carols* service is on Sunday, December 18, at both 9:30 and 11 a.m. Combined adult choirs, Carillon Choir, brass, organ and piano all combine for this special service. An added bonus this year will be participation by our children and youth choirs.

See the cover for information on the Christmas services. Note that Christmas Day is Sunday this year! One service at 10 a.m.

FYI – There are no choir rehearsals the week after Christmas. Look for emails with more detail.

Jim Hild
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Half-day Preschool

Registration for the half-day 2012-13 preschool year will begin on December 1 for current and former families and All Saints members. We offer 1, 2, 3, and 4 half-day options for children 30 months to 5 years. We also offer a number of extended care options, including early morning drop-off, Lunch Bunch, and Stay and Play. Please contact director Carla Nelson (952.934.3552 or cnelson@allsaintsmtka.org) to schedule a tour, or check the website for more information.

Ushers Needed

We could use a few good folks who are willing to usher for one of our services. You would be scheduled to usher a month at a time. Please contact Phil Ludemann, or talk to an usher.



Childhood Ministries

In the event of Advent—What is Advent? Well, the word means “coming.” What’s coming? Jesus’ birthday! Advent is the church season before Christmas. What are we doing about it? We are getting ready, preparing.

The children of our church and the Giving Market are decking the halls

This year Childhood Ministries is collaborating with Outreach Ministries. The Children of All Saints, including the 1st grade Faith Adventure, Sunday School, All Saints Preschool and Childcare, Wednesday Night Art, and the children at Hospitality House, are all making handmade ornaments to decorate our church.

The Giving Market

Each Sunday in Advent, you will have the opportunity to give a gift, such as a new pair of shoes to a child, a dairy goat for a family, clean water to drink, a gift for Casa Hogar, the orphanage in Mexico, or maybe a malaria net. As you give a monetary gift, you are invited to come help us decorate the Giving Trees and the Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall, by hanging a child-made ornament on a tree to symbolize your gift.

The ornaments will be in baskets to choose from. If you give a gift in honor of someone, also give them an ornament to enjoy.

We will start with undecorated trees in Fellowship Hall as Advent begins. Our hope is that by Christmas, the trees in our church will be filled with ornaments representing the gifts given all around the world. They will become “Giving Trees.” “Jesus into the world, Jesus into my life.”

Fine Art of Faith for Families (Wednesday nights) is full of good things

We have had music, art, clay and drumming with Pastor Antonio. Soon, we will experience handbell ringing with Jim Hild! We will also make Christmas centerpieces for Meals on Wheels again.

A full calendar of events is posted on a public Google calendar. You can access this calendar by copying the following address: <http://tinyurl.com/3vfhs9>; paste it into your web browser’s address line and click enter (or return). This will take you to the calendar where you can click on activities for more information. Even easier, go to the Sunday School page on the All Saints website for a link to the calendar.

December

Advent Calendar—Come and See

How can I bring Jesus into the world and into my *life*?

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| 1 | Th | Fun-day Art at Hospitality House
4-6 p.m.
Making Giving Tree ornaments |
| 3 | Sa | Christmas Caroling—All are welcome!
3 p.m. |
| 4 | Su | Light an Advent Candle
Christmas Play practice |
| 7 | W | Fine Art of Faith for Families
6:45-7:30 p.m.
Handbells with Jim and Bonnie Hild
Advent Art, ornament and card-making
Cards for Our Saviour’s Shelter |
| 8 | Th | Fun-day Art at Hospitality House
4-6 p.m.
Gingerbread Houses |
| 11 | Su | Family Christmas Festival
11 a.m., gingerbread house-making
12 noon, lunch,
1 p.m., Christmas play |
| 14 | W | Fine Art of Faith for Families
6:45-7:30 p.m.
Handbells with Jim and Bonnie Hild
6:45-8 p.m.
56’ers Christmas party |
| 18 | Su | Lessons and Carols at 9:30 and 11 a.m.
Sunday School in worship
2:30-5:30 p.m.
Host a family at the Angel Tree dinner
at Faith Presbyterian |
| 24 | Sa | Christmas Eve
Christmas story at 3 and 4 p.m. |
| 25 | Su | Christmas
Sunday School is off |
| 1 | Su | Happy New Year! Sunday School is off |
| 11 | W | 6th Grade Faith Adventure: Mission Possible |

January

Casa Hogar Mission Project

Casa Hogar is the orphanage we help support in Mexico. Each year, you, the members of All Saints, contribute little gifts and candy to put in shoe boxes for Christmas gifts for children there. Thank you to all who donated items and helped pack the boxes, and to the youth who will wrap them.

Family Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 11 This is for the whole church family! We will make gingerbread houses as a fund raiser to support the special houses in our church life: Casa Hogar and Hospitality House. We will have lunch and present our Christmas play starring the 56’ers. We will sing some

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Christmas carols too. We are looking for more gingerbread bakers. Please sign up on the Childhood Ministries bulletin board to build a gingerbread house – morning and afternoon sessions.

Let Penny know if you'd like to be in the Christmas play.

- 11 a.m. Come and make a gingerbread house. We supply everything for your house. Suggested donation is \$10 per house. Proceeds go to Hospitality House and Casa Hogar. Sign up on the Childhood Ministries bulletin board.
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Christmas play and Christmas carol-singing
- 2-3 p.m. Gingerbread house-making—shift two

Art for Lessons and Carols

This year we are inviting young artists (and looking for experienced artists to help guide) in visual art to complement the music on December 18.

The Christmas Play

Please contact Penny and Aaron Achartz if you are interested. There will be a play on December 11 and on Christmas Eve. You can be in one or both.

Hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season,
Penny Meschke
Childhood Ministries
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Bake Sale and Country Store Sunday, December 4

Come do your Christmas shopping and purchase baked goods at Martha Circle's Country Store and Bake Sale on Sunday, December 4. The fundraiser will be held between services from at 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to benefit the Tuesday Quilt Group in their efforts to make and send quilts to missions and to areas in Minnesota in need of warm quilts.

Donations of books, crafts and gently used or new children's or household items would be very much appreciated. A barrel marked "Martha Circle Country Store" is available in the Fellowship Hall for donated items. Baked goods can be brought to the church on Saturday, December 3, and morning on Sunday, December 4. Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions about the fundraiser, call Judy Johnson (952.935.7249) or Jackie Jones (952.474.4220).



Forums at 9:30 and 11 a.m., usually in the Loaves Room

December 4

Five Wishes: Creating a Living Will

Dying: A difficult subject, a vital conversation

Five Wishes lets your family and doctors know:

1. Whom you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them,
2. The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want,
3. How comfortable you want to be,
4. How you want people to treat you,
5. What you want your loved ones to know.

Jeff Hackler from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will conduct this workshop, which is for everyone—even young adults who may suddenly become incapacitated due to a tragic accident.

Take care of your family by making the difficult decisions yourself. Sponsored by All Saints Foundation

December 11

TBD

Sunday Forums will be on hiatus for December 18, 25, January 1 and 8, then will resume every Sunday from January 15.

Recycle your bicycle

We will take any bike you donate and refurbish it for good use.

Contact George Rowley.

Blood Drive Results

Thank you to all who came to the blood drive last month. After all is said and done, the bottom line is we had a total of 56 units that went back to the blood bank to contribute to people in need of our donations. The total number of lives impacted or saved by all Saints members is approximately 159. We achieved our goal once again and we should be proud. Special thanks to our recruiters who made contact with our members, and I have to say an extra thank you to those who signed up at the Welcome Center. This made it so much easier to fill the slots. Thanks also for the assistance of the All Saints staff. Our church community is the best! Mark your calendars for our spring drive, March 13, 2012.

A sincere apology to those who had to wait extra time to give your donation. We love walk-ins and they promised more staff next time so hopefully it won't happen again.

Watchnight

Tiny Babe of Bethlehem
Won't you take my hand again;
Wake the child that has my name,
I will never be the same.

Christmas Eve
8 p.m.



All Saints Preschool and Child Care

A big thank you from All Saints Preschool and Child Care for the wonderful support we receive from the congregation and church staff. We are truly grateful for the amazing partnership our early childhood ministry shares with the church.

November was a month of thanks for both programs. The full-time program enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Feast with children, families, friends, and church staff. A special thanks to Donna Christensen for her hard work and preparations. The part-time program children and staff shared a gorp feast and special Thanksgiving drama about families and sharing. Both programs held a food drive for ICA, collecting 450 pounds of food and \$120 in cash. In addition, a children's clothing drive benefited

Parents Night Out



Saturday, December 3,
5:30-9:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to bring their children (ages 2-11) for a night of games, snacks, movie, and crafts at All Saints while parents enjoy a night out.

Donations are taken to help youth participate in a summer mission trip or camp experience. Registration forms are located at the All Saints Welcome Center. For more information on this Parents Night Out, please contact Julie Mohlis (952.939.6024).

Genetics, Faith and Responsibility

January 18, 7:15 p.m.

Join in conversation about the unfolding revolution in genetics using the ELCA social statement on genetics. Genetic science extends human powers over the fundamental processes of life in unprecedented ways. It enables human beings to shape directly and rapidly the characteristics of living things, including human beings. We may welcome gene therapies, but what about designer babies? Prepare by reading the materials at <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements/Genetics.aspx>. Upon request the office will mail individual copies.

local residents
through Reach &
Restore.



We wish a very Merry Christmas to all of the All Saints members and their families. We cordially invite you to attend one of our fun and entertaining Christmas programs:

Full-day Program

Friday, December 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Half-day Program

Monday, December 19 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				7:15 a.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Befriender's Training 7 p.m. Alpha Band 7 p.m. Carillion Choir		7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting 1 p.m. Martha Circle sale preparation 5:30 p.m. Parents Night Out
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 9 a.m. ASL Giving Mkt. 9 a.m. Martha Circle Bake Sale and General Store 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Forum 12 noon Arkansas Youth Trip Meeting 5 p.m. Youth Choir 6 p.m. Senior High F.I.R.E. 7 p.m. Advocates for Peace	7:30 a.m. Saints Men Breakfast (offsite) 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6 p.m. Executive Committee 7 p.m. Centering Prayer	9 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Quilting 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Forum Planning 7 p.m. Reach Out 7:30 p.m. Men's A.A.	1 p.m. Wednesday Quilters 5:30 p.m. Church Supper 5:30 p.m. Operation Christmas Child (offsite) 6 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6 p.m. Hosanna Choir 6 p.m. Adult Study 6:30 p.m. WOW Wednesday 7 p.m. Operation Casa Hogar 7:30 p.m. New Voice 7:30 p.m. Saints Chorale	7:15 a.m. Prayer Group 6 p.m. Vision Team (offsite) 6:30 p.m. Befriender's Training 7 p.m. Alpha Band 7 p.m. Carillion Choir 7 p.m. Finance Committee	6:30 p.m. 9th Grade Igniter	7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting 10 a.m. Brass Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Mtka Music Assoc. Concert
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship 9 a.m. ASL Giving Mkt. 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Forum 1 p.m. Family Festival 5 p.m. Youth Choir 6 p.m. Senior High F.I.R.E.	10 a.m. January <i>Scribe</i> deadline 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. ASL Council Meeting 7 p.m. Centering Prayer	9 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Quilting 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Reach Out 7 p.m. Adult Growth Meeting 7:30 p.m. Men's A.A.	5:30 p.m. Church Supper 6 p.m. Alleluia Choir 6 p.m. Hosanna Choir 6 p.m. Adult Study 6:30 p.m. WOW Wednesday 6:45 p.m. Crossroads Guide Meeting 7 p.m. Crossroads 7:30 p.m. New Voice 7:30 p.m. Saints Chorale	7:15 a.m. Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Befriender's Training 6:30 p.m. Mission Resource Team 7 p.m. Alpha Band 7 p.m. Carillion Choir	7 p.m. Brass Choir rehearsal 3:30 p.m. Child Care Christmas Program	7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting 9 a.m. Youth Whitewasher (offsite)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10 a.m. Worship 	ASL office closed	9 a.m. Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Quilting 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Reach Out 7:30 p.m. Men's A.A.		7:15 a.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Alpha Band		7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting

Thanks

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
My chemotherapy stint is completed. You prayed, cried, laughed and cheered, loved by helping in so many ways, and were always there. You made the good times easy and the bad times okay. Thank you! Thanks be to God!

Praying for you, too,
Denise Werden

Upcoming Publication Deadlines

The deadline for submissions for the January *Scribe* is December 12. In order to get the *Scribe* to your home by January 1, it will need to be printed before Christmas. This deadline is necessary to get the *Scribe* and all of the Christmas bulletins will be compiled, edited and printed. The deadline for the February *Scribe* has been moved up to January 12 to accommodate a staff vacation.

Crossroads Announcements!

How fun to be back together for another wonderful season of Crossroads Ministry. Please see below for Upcoming Crossroads Events.

Operation Casa Hogar

Wednesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. (7th Grade Crossroads Only)

7th grade Crossroads small groups will meet to prepare and wrap the shoeboxes that will be sent to the Casa Hogar Orphanage in Nuevo Loreto, Mexico. Each youth is asked to bring a roll of Christmas wrapping paper to use for this project.

Operation Christmas Child

Wednesday, December 7

6-9 p.m. (9th Grade Crossroads Only)

(Meet at church by 5:15 p.m. to travel to location and allow 30 minutes for drive home.)

9th grade Crossroads will have the opportunity to serve this year at Operation Christmas Child. You will ride with and coordinate transportation with your small group Guide. Youth should see their Crossroads Guide and/or Kristine for more information. Permission forms were mailed home and additional copies are in the Crossroads slots.

9th Grade Igniter

Friday, December 9, 6:30-10:30 p.m.

All 9th grade Crossroads youth will meet at All Saints for this required event. The focus of the night is on igniting relationships, fun and faith. There will be a time of games and fellowship, and the night will close with a candle-light worship service. Parents are needed to help with the evening. The Igniter is a continual highlight for Crossroads youth.

Wednesday Night Worship

Wednesday, December 14, 7-8:30 p.m.

All Crossroads youth, Guides, & Jr. Guides will meet for a regular Crossroads worship night. Please bring your Bibles and offering money.

Crossroads Parent & Youth Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, January 18, 5:45 p.m.



It's time again for our annual Crossroads family night at All Saints. All Crossroads youth and parents should meet at 5:45 p.m. and bring a dish to share. This can be an appetizer, salad, casserole, dessert, etc. We will enjoy a meal together and then head into the Sanctuary for a time of worship and hear from this year's speaker Danielle Jones. Danielle is the minister of Congregational Life at Colonial Church in Edina and will be speaking to us about putting faith first. The evening will end by 8 p.m. Full Crossroads families are invited to come also. This is a Crossroads requirement.

Arkansas Mission Trip Meeting

When: Sunday, December 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Loaves Room.

All youth and parents of youth attending this year's summer mission trip to Arkansas should be at this meeting—it will be brief.



Whitewasher... a day of skiing & snowboarding

When: Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Who: 7th grade to college-aged youth

Cost: \$45 which includes the all-day lift ticket and transportation

Enjoy a day of fun, snow and more as we travel to Welch Village. Registration forms are located next to the Youth board and due to Kristine by **Wednesday, December 14.**

Senior High F.I.R.E. Youth in grades 9-12 and their friends are invited to come and participate in Senior High F.I.R.E. which stands for **Fellowship, Integrity, Righteousness and Evangelism.** Please bring a donation for the weekly meal.

F.I.R.E. meets on Sunday nights from 6-7:30 p.m.

Youth Christmas Parties

Junior High Christmas Party

Wednesday, 12.21.11 @ 7:00

All 7th-9th grade youth and friends are invited to come and celebrate Christmas with games and goodies and to hear the Christmas story. All youth should bring a holiday goodie to share with the group and a white elephant gift.

Sr. High & College Ugly Sweater Party! Sunday, 12.18.11 @ 6:00

All 9th grade to college-aged youth are invited for fun...



- Yummy Holiday Goodies
- Christmas sing along with Jim Hild
- **GAMES**
- Watch **A Charlie Brown Christmas**
- & **More!** Bring a white elephant gift and a holiday goodie to share with the group and don't forget to wear your **ugly Christmas Sweater!**





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Prayer Shawl Ministry at ASLC



*Shawls...made for centuries universal and embracing,
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*They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace,
mother, hug, shelter and beautify.*

*Those who have received these shawls have been
uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to
fly above their troubles..."*

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A group is forming to provide fellowship and joy through knitting prayer shawls. Please join us on Sunday, December 4, in Fellowship Hall between services to learn more about this new ministry. Please contact Char Kerr or Julie Hoff with any questions.