



Strategic Plan: Calling All Lay Leaders

- When:** Saturday, January 28, 2012
8:30 AM-1:30 PM
- Where:** Oakridge Conference Center
1 Oak Ridge Drive, Chaska, MN 55318
- Who:** ASLC Council members, committee and team chairpersons, and staff
- RSVP:** Chris Heiberg (cheiberg@allsaintsmtka.org or 952.934.3550x10) by January 20

Rev. Rick Rouse returns for the second and final leadership consultation on January 28. This essential step towards All Saints' strategic plan includes a "first look" at a rough draft of the plan being drafted by the Vision Team.

This retreat invites all lay leaders and staff to spend a worthwhile morning on the direction of our congregation.

The Vision Team was commissioned by the ASLC Council to lead a congregational discernment process of listening and prayer, to result in a statement of strategic priorities and core values to guide the next three years of All Saints' mission and ministry.

Double the Difference: Matching Challenge Grows Leaders

In an unusual move, a member of the congregation has offered a matching challenge to raise money for leadership development in the congregation. The donor will match all designated contributions up to a total of \$2500, yielding a total of \$5000 additional dollars to equip and extend the leadership of All Saints through equipping its members and staff for increasingly effective roles in congregation and community.

In 2011 the same donor made an outright gift of \$5000 for leadership development, to be used at the direction of the senior pastor. That gift has funded portions of both Befriender training and a council retreat on missional leadership, with the balance to be used for staff training on collaborative leadership

If you would like to make a contribution to leverage this matching challenge, designate "leadership development" on your check.



A Word from the Pastor

Happy New Year! Can you believe it? It's a brand new year with all the promise of new beginnings. In fact The New Year is always portrayed on 42nd Street in New York City as a baby in diapers. Happy New Year! It's 2012—the beginning of good news as we embrace, dance and kiss with loved ones. Hope and anticipation grow as the world waits for the midnight hour. The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ is quickly replaced by Happy New Year. Not bad—but is that all there is to Christmas?

At All Saints and throughout the world people have celebrated the greatest moment in human history: God interrupting our lives on Christmas Day with the birth of a baby that changed everything. But now you may be asking, “Is that all there is?” Remember how very busy we were, baking Christmas cookies, buying presents, decorating, sending holiday greetings, preparing for Christmas day; preparing the way for the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. And now? We are picking up wrapping paper, taking down the Christmas lights in freezing weather, asking, “When can we take the tree down?” Our minds are still spinning from all the activities of the season. The trees start showing up in alleys as the laughter and joy of the children is quickly replaced by what? Back to normal? Is that all there is?

So many walls still divide us, and yet in the rising of the morning “son” a nudge, a story, a baby, draw us closer to God, closer to one another. Sitting in the pews, we can almost hear the angels shouting as the church sings, “Holy, holy, holy.” As we pray we turn to one another proclaiming that God comes with good news for ordinary people like you and me. “Go in peace and serve the Lord” sends us out into the service entrance. Get out! Be sent! Go tell it everywhere that a new beginning is here that has no end. It is a new beginning with a promise far greater than the New Year.

So many have no place to rest their heads today. So many are lonely. So many are hungry. So many are crying, “I am thirsty.” So many are in need of new beginnings. The greatest moment in human history given to us in a baby changes everything. It nudges us to go forth with love and care for one another. It nudges us to share and care for all of creation. Man, now that's a new beginning! Is Christmas over? Is that all there is? No! It's just the beginning of good news for you and for me—and for everyone!

Pastor Antonio Machado
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Book Study

Wednesdays, February 1, 8 and 15, at 7 p.m. in the Lounge

The Art of Dying: Living Fully Into the Life to Come

By Rob Moll, published by Intervarsity Press.

Available at LifeWay Christian Store (formerly Northwestern Book Store) and Amazon.com. in paperback and Kindle editions.

Dr Marjorie Schaffer, Professor of Nursing at Bethel University, brings this gentle, insight-rich book to life as the focus of a four week study that takes the fear out of dying and replaces it with a thoughtful, practical vision of what dying and grieving in the Christian community can and should be like. A limited number of books will be available at cost in the church office after January 4. The forums on Sunday, January 15 (at 9:30 and 11 a.m.) will serve as an introduction to this three-week series.

Drop-In Bible Study Starts January 11

For a come-as-you-are, conversational Bible study, check out the new group that will be reading Mark, beginning on Wednesday, January 11, from 6-7 p.m. in the Lounge. This gospel-writing evangelist was brief and to the point. What did he want his readers to know? Using a simple read-and-respond format, Pastor Heather will lead participants through this revealing account of Jesus' life.

All Saints' Small Group Ministry

In the past four months, 13 small study-and-sharing groups have been meeting at various times and places. Feedback forms received indicate that many people have found them to be rewarding. After the holidays, some of these groups plan to continue meeting, and several are open to new participants joining. In addition, new small groups will be formed for those who are interested. Watch bulletin announcements and All Saints E-News messages (if you have signed up to receive them) for details about small groups from January onward. Also feel free to talk to one of us if you have questions, suggestions, or simply would like to indicate your interest in being part of a small group at All Saints.

Small Group Planning Team:
Tammy Jacobson, Anne Englert, Char Kerr
Pastor Heather Hammond, staff liaison

Mexico Mission Trip

March 30 - April 7

If you would like more information about the Mexico Mission Trip, plan to attend the meeting on Sunday, January 8, at 12:15 p.m. in the Loaves Room.

Since 1997, All Saints has taken intergenerational groups to Mexico to work and share God's love with the Mexican people. All Saints began going to Casa Hogar Elim orphanage in 2001. Trip participants spend time with the children, work on building improvements and also reach out to the nearby *colonias* with projects like solar lights or distributing food and personal care kits.

At the meeting, you will be able to talk to folks who have been to Casa Hogar many times. Young people are also welcome to come. More information and registration forms are available on the Outreach page of the All Saints website.

Spreading Generosity

The month of December is a wonderful month full of generosity. The Christmas spirit moves us in various displays of generosity. Love is abounding, gifts are exchanged, people display random acts of kindness and donations are made. Even though the season can be exhausting, we are often left with a "feel good feeling." The church usually experiences its biggest month in terms of giving. Fifteen percent of our budget is typically received in the month of December. Wouldn't it be nice to have that "feel good feeling" the whole year through and not just in December? Generosity is a vehicle for that "feel-good feeling." Generosity is the habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return. It is an aspect of character and comes from the actual practice of giving. Generosity is an attractive quality to aspire to and see cultivated in our children. It can extend into all aspects of our life with our time, our talents and our money. January is upon us with a whole new year to look forward to. What kind of generosity is stirring in your heart in 2012?

~Gary Larson
Mission Resource Team

Estimate of Giving

Your pledge to the ministry of All Saints not only makes a difference; it will make you feel good! If you have not already set aside a portion for God, it's not too late. Business Administrator Peter Eichten will be happy to help you make a pledge.





Outreach Ministry

Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:13b-18

A new year, new things but some face the same old struggles. Our Angel Tree program had a number of difficult family relationships

surface between the incarcerated dad and the mom who had the children. I talked with one grandma who hadn't seen her grandkids for about a year, even though they lived close and they were asking to get together. The mother was upset with the dad and the whole prison thing. It appeared she didn't want anything to do with that side of the family. I tried to call Mom—no answer. I sent a letter—no answer. I know God is about encouraging and about restoration, forgiveness and redemption. There is hope.

The grandma wanted to bring her grandkids to the Angel Tree Christmas party—not much chance, she said. I encouraged her to try. “Let the mom know about it and invite her, too. It will be a lot of fun for the kids. There will be games, prizes, bikes, dinner, Christmas carols. It will be fun for everyone. Even if the kids, can't come why don't you plan to come?” I said. I prayed with her, prayed that she and the mom would connect, that there would be a change of heart, that the kids would get the presents from their dad.

This article went to press before the party took place. Stay tuned for the rest of the story next month. God bless you all. Make sure to pray for and encourage those who struggle. Encourage each other in the wonderful ministry God has given us. Pray that some little children can enjoy their Christmas gifts and also know how much they are loved by the One who died upon a cross for all of our sins.

Thank You, All Saints

Through your great generosity, the Giving Market collected over \$5,000 in gifts to help provide for those in need throughout the world. You also provided 75 wonderful Christmas gifts for children of inmates on behalf of the parent in prison. It is amazing to see how fast those Angels go. Thank you for supporting so incredibly these two ministries at this special time of year.

A special blessing to you and your families!

George Rowley
Outreach Ministry Coordinator
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Thursday Morning Bible Study Resumes

After a break in December, the 10 a.m. Thursday study resumes on January 12. If you are free then, stop at All Saints and join the group in the Lounge. There will be plenty of coffee and sometimes sweets—and always good conversation and insight with the Bible study.

Stay for Coffee

The Caribou Coffee shop in Glen Lake will be hosting coffee on Sunday, January 15. Come to church, enjoy a cup of coffee and learn more about this “community partnership.”

Suppers Resume

After the wonders of Christmas, we can settle into a normal pace and return to our Fine Art of Faith Wednesday nights. We start serving suppers again on January 11. This is a change from what was printed in the Scribe issues mailed.

January 18 is the big Crossroads Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. We will still have the church supper—in the Undercroft! It will be a picnic! Join us starting at 5:30 p.m.

Have you enjoyed the fellowship and food on Wednesday nights during the fall? We're looking for individuals and groups to sign up to serve Wednesday night suppers. Donna Christensen can order the food through a restaurant supply company and preparation is easy. She can also help you with menu ideas if you need them. Contact Peter Eichten (952.934.3550x14 or peichten@allsaintsmtka.org) or Donna Christensen (djkriss53@hotmail.com) if you are called to help with this ministry of “fellowship through food.”

Financial Update

Through November 2011

Our income in November made up for the deficit we had in October. 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
Nov. 2011	\$73,391	\$77,169	\$3,778	\$19,785

You Choose the Way

There are so many ways to give to the All Saints Foundation and fulfill your planned giving goals. You can give cash, stocks, bonds, a bequest, life insurance, real estate or a charitable remainder trust. Any amount, as these gifts do add up, will support the All Saints Foundation mission of extending the work and mission of our Lord in the All Saints congregation, our community and wider world. If you want more information about choosing a way, please talk with any of the following All Saints Foundation board members:
Rick Johnson, Milo Lia, Steve Hagberg, Greg Hedding, Gordy Elliott, Michelle Stark, Bev Sether or Mark Bentrup.

Forum with Planning Consultant Open to All

Interested in finding out more about where All Saints is headed? You will want to be at the Sunday Forum on January 29. Planning consultant Rick Rouse will return to lead two identical sessions on "Opening Our Missional Imagination: Exploring God's Vision for Our Congregation's Future." Forums are at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Peace Moment

"Every act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace."
~Mother Teresa

"What if they gave a war and nobody came?"
~ saying from the 1960's

Magazines for You

Did you know that All Saints' Library receives several current magazines each month that are available for you to read and check out? Here is a description of them:

Sojourners – a monthly magazine with the subtitle "faith in action for social justice." It explores the intersection of faith, politics, and culture and publishes articles on issues such as peacemaking, economic justice, alleviating poverty, human rights, interfaith dialogue, creation care, and spirituality. The name is from the biblical metaphor "sojourners," which identifies God's people as pilgrims—fully present in the world but committed to a different order.

Gather – the magazine of Women of the ELCA (formerly called *Lutheran Woman Today*). It offers a mix of articles, theological reflections, devotions, prayer resources, and stories of comfort and challenge that lift up the mission of Women of the ELCA: to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Every issue of *Gather* includes a Bible study, and for September 2011 through May 2012, the theme is "To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark." The magazine is published 10 times a year with combined issues in January/February and July/August.

The Lutheran – a monthly publication by and for the people of the ELCA in all our diversity. This magazine connects us with the global Christian community and shares stories of God's people living their faith. It increases our awareness of Christ's presence in our lives and the world and challenges us to bring God's grace and care to all. It provides an open forum for Lutherans to discuss issues that matter to them.

The Little Lutheran – a 24-page picture book, intended for children age 6 and younger, that arrives 10 times a year. It contains stories, prayers, songs, Christian biographies, activities, rituals and more to help children become aware of God's presence and activity in and around them. The stories are meant to be read by or with children, so the text is simple or rhymed. The art is vivid, bold and engaging. The content is faith-based, to help nurture a child's spiritual awareness from a young age.

If you have suggestions of other magazines you would like to have in our church library, please talk with librarian Nancy Ludemann.

Experience a Poverty Simulation

Imagine you are the head of a family of five. Your challenge is to make it through a month in the city living on a very limited budget. You will need to find housing, daycare, transportation and health insurance. In addition, you will need to pay for household expenses, food, clothing and entertainment. You will do this by visiting each station listed on your checklist without running out of money.

This free interactive poverty simulation will be conducted on **Thursday, January 12, from 6-8 p.m. (meal at 5:15 p.m.)** by the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches. It is called “Face the Facts: Understanding the Working Poor” and will take place at 1001 East Lake St. in Minneapolis. The session will be a chance to process together the pressures that affect so many of the working poor and homeless in our area and discover what our faithful response might be. Participants learn the roles self-worth, chemical dependency, racism, the economy, and domestic violence play in poverty and what is being done to break the cycle.

A supper will be provided (at no charge) from the nearby Midtown Global Market. If you can, come between 5:15 and 6 p.m. to eat before the activity. Your RSVP will help for estimating numbers for food and chairs. Register online at <http://familyof5.eventbrite.com/> or through the Minneapolis Area Synod website: <http://www.mpls-synod.org/events/seminarystreets>.

If anyone would like to go as a group from All Saints, contact Anne Englert (952.935.4662). Anne can also tell you about the initiative from our synod that organized this event, called Seminary of the Streets (see right).



What is Seminary of the Streets?

- A connecting point for members of urban and suburban Lutheran churches in the Twin Cities—going from stranger to neighbor
- Discussion and experiential learning so we can wonder together: “How does this topic translate to my context?”
- A new GPS, re-orienting us to what God is up to in our lives and through the communities of which we are a part

It is a joint venture between Minneapolis Area Synod leaders, Faith in the City, and the people in the pews. Its objective is to create awareness and provide a series of educational, service and relational opportunities for you—members of the congregations in the Minneapolis Area Synod.

This year’s theme is “Building Community” and includes worshipping in churches throughout our synod, learning in a classroom setting, and exploring neighborhoods around the Twin Cities. Sessions are held monthly, free of charge, and will broaden your perspectives, deepen your faith, and help you discover what your gifts are.

For more information, visit <http://www.mpls-synod.org/events/seminarystreets>.

Parents Night Out



Saturday, January 14,
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 Kristine Clemens (952.934.3550x17 or kclemens@allsaintsmtka.org).

Honest Doubts

January 25, 7 p.m. in the Lounge

Uncertainty and doubt need not be the enemy of faith; it can be a vehicle to growth. This shame-free hour of conversation with Pastor Heather invites honest dialogue about spiritual matters that puzzle and perplex.

Scribe Deadline

The deadline for the February *Scribe* is 10 a.m., Thursday, January 12. This is to accommodate a staff vacation. Schedule will return to normal the following month.



After a four-week hiatus, Sunday forums will resume on the third Sunday in January. Come at either 9:30 or 11 a.m. to the Loaves Room and join others in reflecting on ways to live out our faith in our daily lives. All adults and senior high youth are welcome.

January 15

Lasting Conversations: Creating a Family Dialogue about End-of-life Issues

Sooner or later, every family has to let go of a loved one. Not all families are able to have rich, meaningful conversation before that time comes. Mom cannot speak, and her children are not sure what her wishes are. Perhaps Dad is emotionally exhausted or too depressed to be able to think about making choices, and the children disagree, making an already difficult time even more stressful. It doesn't have to be that way. Learn to initiate lasting conversations within your family about life's biggest journey.

ASLC member Dr. Marge Schaffer

leads a life-giving, positive discussion about how family members can learn to share their hopes and needs without fear.

January 22 - TBA

January 29

Opening Our Missional

Imagination: Exploring God's

Vision for Our Congregation's

Future

ASLC's strategic planning consultant, Rick Rouse, will lead this forum, after participating in a weekend retreat with leaders in our congregation.

February 5

Jerusalem: Walking and Serving in the Holy but Most Troubled Land

Hear from an American woman who spent three years living and serving amidst the ancient and living stones of the Holy Land. Marcia Holman and her husband, the Rev. Mark Holman, served as ELCA Global Mission staff in Jerusalem from 2007-2010. Mark was pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in the Old City, and Marcia worked in the area of community development. She will speak about their incredible experiences and the ELCA mission priorities in Jerusalem.

Donations for Youth and FamilyBook Sale

Youth and Family Ministries is collecting books, DVDs and CDs for our annual book sale. Donations can be dropped off in the designated bin in Fellowship Hall. The book sale runs from February 26 until March 11. Contact Kristine Clemens (952.934.3550x17 or kclemens@allsaintsmtka.org) with any questions.

Soup Supper Volunteers

February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Soup Suppers are a Lenten Wednesday tradition at All Saints, and this year's first is on February 29. We need volunteers to help out in the kitchen on Wednesday evenings as well as to donate bars, cookies or another kind of dessert. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex the beginning of February. Contact Kristine Clemens (952.934.3550x17 or kclemens@allsaintsmtka.org) with any questions.

Youth and Family Bunco Night

Sunday, January 8, 6-7:30 p.m.

All youth and families are invited to come and play Bunco. See the article in the Youth and Family section on page 11.

OWLS Brunch

The OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints) will have brunch on Sunday, January 15, at 11 a.m. at Spasso restaurant, located at Hwy. 101 and Minnetonka Blvd. We will meet there. Please sign up soon at the Welcome Center so that we can arrange space for our group.

Thanks From Martha Circle

Martha Circle wishes to thank the congregation for their contributions, support and patronage of our Country Store and Bake Sale on Sunday, December 4.

Martha Circle members very much appreciate all of you and know that the recipients of warm quilts will appreciate you too!

We are very proud of our circle members and grateful for all their hard work that made this event such a success. A special thanks to Bill and Dorothy Turner for their many, many contributions in memory of daughters Janice and Judy. Without them this sale would not have been the success it was.

Thanks to everyone's efforts the Country Store and Bake Sale raised \$1,750.

That's a lot of warm quilts!

~Judy and Jackie
Martha Circle Leaders

Ministerials

September 15 through December 10, 2011



Baptisms

Vaughn Steven Glassbrenner, son of Steven and
Cinnamon Glassbrenner

Brady Paul Cepek, son of Eric and Lisa Cepek

Preston Jeffery Gilbertson, son of Todd Smith and Calsi Gilbertson

Collins Kathleen Bergenheier, daughter of Harmon and Brianna
Bergenheier

Funerals

Charles G. Mykleby

Sadie Alma Saville

Faith and Global Policy

A majority of Americans professing a belief in God favor cooperative international efforts to combat climate change, environmental degradation, and the spread of nuclear weapons, according to a new public opinion poll conducted jointly by the University of Maryland's Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) and its Program on International Policy Attitudes (PIPA). The nearly 1,500 Americans surveyed include large numbers of Catholics and Evangelicals.

The study, *Faith and Global Policy Challenges: How Spiritual Values Shape Views on Poverty, Nuclear Risks, and Environmental Degradation*, also finds that a majority of "believers" consider addressing global poverty a "spiritual obligation," and think that the United States should work cooperatively with other nations to reduce it.

"This research challenges common political stereotypes that pigeonhole religious Americans as liberal or conservative on environmental and nuclear proliferation issues," says University of Maryland Public Policy professor and study co-author John Steinbruner, who directs CISSM. "These findings demonstrate the public's strong moral impulse to address global policy challenges—an impulse that if applied properly could break the current impasse on these issues," Steinbruner adds.

To read the complete study report: <http://www.worldpublicopinion.org/pipa/articles/brunitedstatescanadara/700.php?nid=&id=&pnt=700&lb=>

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.

All Saints Preschool and Child Care



Happy New Year! We are excited to begin a new year of loving care and education. January brings our very special Dad's Nights to our half-day preschool program and the much awaited Beach Week to our full-time program. The children will also learn all about winter through science, math, art and physical activities.

Registration is now open for the fall of 2012 for the half-day preschool program. We provide a high-quality educational experience that prepares children for kindergarten and beyond. There are two, three, or four half-day options. Morning

classes meet from 9-11:30 a.m. and afternoon classes from 12:30-3 p.m. There are a number of before- and after-school extended care options, as well as Spanish and Chinese language-exposure classes. For more information, please contact Carla Nelson (952.934.3552 or cnelson@allsaintsmtka.org). For information about openings in our full-time program, please contact Heather Charmoli (952.934.4156 or hcharmoli@allsaintsmtka.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10 a.m. Worship	ASLC office closed Preschool and Child Care closed 7:30 a.m. Saints Men Breakfast (offsite) 7 p.m. Centering Prayer	9 a.m. Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Quilting 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Executive Committee 7 p.m. Reach Out 7:30 p.m. Men's A.A.	1 p.m. Wednesday Quilters 6:30 p.m. WOW Wednesday 6:40 p.m. Crossroads Guides 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 7 p.m., Finance Committee 7 p.m. Alpha Band		7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Mexico Trip Meeting 5 p.m. Youth Choir 6 p.m. Youth and Family Bunko 7 p.m. Advocates for Peace	6 p.m. ASLC Council 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Centering Prayer	9 a.m. Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Quilting 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Executive Committee 7 p.m. Adult Growth Team 7 p.m. Forum Planning Team 7 p.m. Reach Out 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 6:40 p.m. Crossroads Guides 6:45 p.m. 6th Grade Faith Adventure 7 p.m. Crossroads 7 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. New Voice 7:30 p.m. Saints Chorale	7:15 a.m. Prayer Group 10 a.m. Bible Study 10 a.m. February Scribe deadline 6:30 p.m. Befriender's Training 7 p.m. Alpha Band 7 p.m. Carillion Choir	7 p.m. Senior High Overnight	7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting 5:30 p.m. Parents Night Out
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:15, 9:30 and 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 and 11 a.m. Forum 5 p.m. Youth Choir 6 p.m. Senior High F.I.R.E.	7 p.m. Centering Prayer	9 a.m. Prayer Group 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Quilting 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Reach Out 7:30 p.m. Men's A.A.	1 p.m. Wednesday Quilters 5:30 p.m. Church Picnic 5:45 p.m. Crossroads Potluck 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. Pack Lutheran World Relief Kits 7 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. New Voice 7:30 p.m. Saints Chorale	7:15 a.m. Prayer Group 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Befriender's Training 7 p.m. Foundation Quarterly Board 7 p.m. Alpha Band 7 p.m. Carillion Choir		7 a.m. Sat. Prayer 8 a.m. Men's Ministry Group Meeting
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29	30	31				
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Plant Memorials

Thank you to all who ordered memorial plants and flowers for Christmas. When you order a memorial plant to beautify the sanctuary, you are welcome to take your plant home during the next week or so. Remaining plants

are kept there until they begin to fade. Then pot, plant and dirt are recycled for future use. New plants will be grown in the pots, and both dirt and plants will be composted to provide soil for future flowers.

Crossroads Announcements!

Wednesdays, January 4 and 11 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship

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

Crossroads Parent & Youth Potluck Dinner with Speaker

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



It's time again for our annual Crossroads family night at All Saints. All Crossroads youth and parents should meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. We will enjoy a meal together so please bring dish to share. This can be an appetizer, salad, casserole, dessert, etc. After dinner we will 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. (at the latest). Full Crossroads families are invited to come also. This is a Crossroads requirement.

8th Grade Servant Night to Feed My Starving Children

Wednesday, January 25, 5:30-8 p.m.

All 8th grade Crossroads youth, Guides and Junior Guides will meet at All Saints to head to Feed My Starving Children together in your small groups. Please bring a donation to benefit Feed My Starving Children.

9th Grade Crossroads groups packaged shoe boxes at Operation Christmas Child in Mendota Heights. Great Job!





**Sunday, January 8,
6-7:30 p.m.**

All youth and families are invited to come and play bunco at All Saints. Don't know how to play? That's okay—it's quick and easy to learn.

Prizes will be awarded! Don't miss this night of fun and fellowship.

Please bring a snack or dessert to share.

Senior High F.I.R.E. Youth in grades 9-12 and 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.

Senior High All Nighter

Friday, January 13 at 7 p.m. 'til Saturday, January 14 at 7 a.m.

Back by popular demand is the senior high all nighter. The night will consist of many fun activities; Mall of America scavenger hunt, laser tag and other fun at Grand Slam, late night worship, games, and all sorts of fun. More information coming.

This is open to all 9th-12th grade youth and friends.



World Vision's



**HOUR
FAMINE**

February 24-25

Take a stand against world hunger and related causes by participating in this year's 30-Hour Famine. See Kristine today to pick up your 30 hour famine packet and begin raising money to end hunger in this world. The event will start on Friday, February 24 at 12 noon when you eat a good lunch at home, school or work. Then you will be on a juice fast for the remaining 30 hours. Come to the church at 4 p.m. for a weekend filled with activities and service projects to raise our awareness of hunger. We will end the fast with communion at 6 p.m. followed by a good dinner. The 30-Hour famine is open to everyone age 13 and above.



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Happy New Year from the All Saints Staff

Thank you for your faithful support of All Saints
and our efforts throughout the year.

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one:
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

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