

## All Saints E Note

March 24, 2021



Dear Friends,

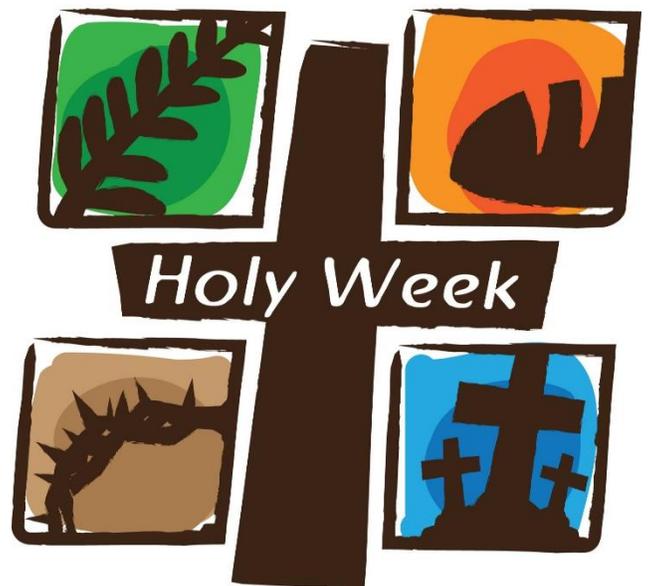
What are we in for as we begin Holy Week this Sunday? Here are some short answers:

### **Palm Sunday**

On Sunday, March 28, Christians throughout the world begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday. This day begins with Jesus' glorious entry into Jerusalem and ending with his crucifixion and death on Good Friday. Palm Sunday, remembers Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, as crowds gathered around him, waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" which means, "Save us."

### **Maundy Thursday**

The term "Maundy" comes from the Latin "mandatum;" it is from a verb that means "to give" or "to order" — command. After Jesus and the disciples finished the Last Supper and walked toward Gethsemane, Jesus taught them a new commandment — "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). On the first Maundy Thursday, after they had celebrated the Passover, Jesus gave the disciples his body and blood together with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of their sins. Called Holy Communion or the Eucharist, Lutherans believe this to be one of two sacraments — gifts from God. After celebrating Holy Communion it is customary to "strip the altar," which symbolizes the abandonment of Jesus by his disciples and the stripping of Jesus by the soldiers before his crucifixion. It represents the humiliation of Jesus and the consequences of sin as a preparation for the celebration of new life. At All Saints we read Psalm 22 while everything is removed from the altar followed by the entrance of the crown of thorns.



### **Good Friday**

This service often focuses on the seven last words of Jesus. These are the phrases spoken by Christ during the time of his crucifixion. Recorded in the Gospels, they reveal the divinity of Jesus as well as his humanity.

## Lent Schedule

March 24                      Worship at 11:00 am & 6:30 pm                      "Things of God – Sponge"

## Holy week Schedule

Sunday, March 28              Palm Sunday                      Worship at 8:00 & 9:30 am

Thursday, April 1              Maundy Thursday              6:30 pm Worship for Congregation  
7:30 pm First Communion **class of 2020** Worship  
(First Communion Class of 2021 will celebrate on various other dates)

Friday, April 2                      Good Friday                      Worship at 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 4                      Easter                                  Worship at 7:00, 8:00 & 9:30 am



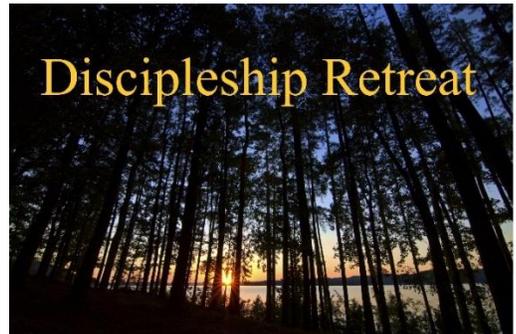
March is Food Shelf month. Please consider bringing a donation to fill our food shelf boxes in the narthex.

## Confirmation Sunday

On April 11 there will be one worship service for the congregation at 8:00 am. Other services that morning will be for Confirmation only.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 30 – May 2**  
**Mount Carmel Bible Camp**  
**Alexandria, Minnesota**  
**Cost per person \$160**  
**Includes two nights lodging**  
**Five meals**  
**\$50 deposit reserves your spot**  
**Deadline for signing up March 28**

## Discipleship Retreat



## Vacation Bible School

VBS is June 7-10, 2021

9:00-11:30 a.m.

*Registration Deadline is May 23, 2021*

*Forms are available at the Welcome Center or at [www.allsaintsny.org](http://www.allsaintsny.org)*

VBS is for students Age 3-Grade 6 (entering fall 2021).

Our theme is "Rocky Railway - Jesus Power Pulls us Through"

We'll have music, Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

All are invited to VBS at All Saints so tell your friends & neighbors!

Cost is \$18 per child with a \$36 family max. Transportation is available.



## Digital Sign Campaign

### HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGN?

You probably know that our church sign at the edge of the parking lot had been falling apart for a long time, and last spring "bit the dust." It was temporarily replaced with banners.

### WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The church council unanimously approved a "targeted giving opportunity" to purchase a sign that will enable us to share All Saints mission and ministry news, uplifting messages (God bless truckers, first responders, etc.), and community information. About 6.6 million vehicles pass our church each year - just imagine the potential impact!

### HOW WILL WE DO IT?

The cost of this sign is \$55,000 - however, giving has already begun and **we have received HALF of the goal amount!** In the church entry, there is a large picture puzzle with half of the pieces in place. The other pieces are on the wall in random order. Every time gifts add up to \$700, another puzzle piece goes in place, and when we reach the final goal, we will be able to **"SEE THE SIGN!"**

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Any amount you are able to give will help us reach our goal. There will be a place on the All Saints website where you can donate to the sign project. [www.allsaintsny.org](http://www.allsaintsny.org)

If you write a check, please make it out to All Saints, and designate it for the **Sign Fund**. If you give cash, please write **Sign Fund** on your envelope.

This is a wonderful opportunity for All Saints to welcome, invite, share, and reach out beyond our walls - thank you for your generosity, because we are All Saints, All the Time!

