September 15, 2021

All Saints E-Note

Dear Friends,

It was great to be back together last Sunday as we make our way back to pre-pandemic numbers of: 400 worshiping on Sunday, 100 children in Sunday School and a positive balance in the Mission and Ministry Fund.

Sunday School returns this Sunday; WOW, Confirmation, Children and Adult Choir come back tonight (Weds.) and our Coffee Hour Bible Study returns at 8:30 am this Tuesday, September 21 (along with Jean Toenges' cinnamon rolls), and our Senior High gathering with Pastor Matt returns on Weds., September 29 at 6 pm.

Our Sunday and weekday ministries are clawing their way back, and we would like to offer even more online ministry opportunities during the week. So thank you for generously giving to our Mission and Ministry Fund so we can return to a positive balance and faithfully serve and support our ministries on site and in the community.

Thanks to the All Saints' Servants who helped make a difference this past Sunday.

We are on the way to being better than normal!

Thanks for your partnership,
Pastor Eric

National Youth Gathering Registration

The largest group All Saints ever sent to a National Youth Gathering was 35 youth. I think we can break that record this coming year as the gathering is in our backyard—US Bank Stadium. Your child will not want to miss this life-changing opportunity. ***Registration is due on September 22nd along with your $150.00 non-refundable deposit.*** Pastor Matt will be hosting an open informational meeting at 9:45 am on Sunday September 19th if you want to come ask him a question or pick up/drop off your registration form in person.

Coffee Hour Bible Study *Begins September 21, 2021*

This bible study meets one Tuesday a month at 8:30 am for coffee and rolls and study led by Pastor Eric. This is a great opportunity to become more fluent in the language of scripture, grow as a disciple and enjoy good eats and conversation. Bring your Bible. Rolls and coffee provided. Contact Pastor Eric with any questions: eaune@allsaintsnya.org

Senior High Gathering (formerly Sacred Blend)
Attention high schoolers! Join Pastor Matt at DQ at 6pm on September 29th. Invite your friends, all are welcome!

Fall Family Outing
Saturday October 16 through Sunday October 17th is the All Saints Fall Family Fun retreat. Join us for an overnight retreat of rest, learning, and fun for the whole family at beautiful Mount Carmel in Alexandria. The staff at Mount Carmel are organizing activities for all ages so there will be lots to do no matter how big or small your little ones are. The price is $129 per adult (17+), $55 for children (3-16), and free for children under 3. This price includes all three meals (lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday) and lodging. There is a sign up sheet in the welcome area or you can email Pastor Matt (mschroeder@allsaintsnya.org). The staff at Mount Carmel is personalizing our itinerary to our group size and ages joining us so please sign up ASAP! Please reach out to Pastor Matt with any questions.

Trunk or Treat - October 25 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Here is a fun and safe way to trick or treat. Bring your costumed children to the church parking lot where they can stop at decorated cars and pick up a treat or prize. This event is open to the public, invite your friends.

Trunk or Treat Vehicle Participants
We need participants to help by decorating the trunk of your car or back end of trucks or SUVs which we will park at the west end of the parking lot. We ask that you bring candy or prizes to hand out to the kids who come around. We are also going to ask congregation members to donate candy or prizes. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Center for more detailed information.
New this year we will be inside the building too. You can decorate a "trunk" space in the church and hand out candy there (space limited).

Sign up at the Welcome Center or email dgray@allsaintsnya.org to reserve a space either in the parking lot or inside.

Congregation: If you don't want to decorate a vehicle perhaps you would like to help by donating candy or small prizes to hand out. There is tub outside the workroom.

New Member's Received Sunday, October 31
We will receive new members at All Saints on Sunday, October 31. We will have new member orientation at Pastor Eric and Judy's on Monday, October 18 at 7 pm.
If you are interested or have questions about becoming a new member of All Saints please contact Darcy Gray, Pastor Eric or Pastor Matt.

"Being Present: A Soul's Journey" an adult forum led by Tim Sauer
Sunday, November 7 & 14 9:00 – 9:50 am
Have you ever wondered about: a) How do we know that we have a soul? b) Why are we here? C) What can I do/be to make more of my life each and every day?
Using stories, comfortable discussion groups and spirited conversations, we will discover together new ways to be more present in our daily lives.

Calling All Saints Adults 19 years and Older-National Youth Gathering Volunteers

Greetings from the ELCA Youth Gathering! We are so excited to be in your backyard next summer with thousands of youth and adult leaders from across the church. We wanted to reach out and share an opportunity for All Saints Lutheran Church to be involved with the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis from July 24-28, 2022.

Local volunteers serve in a wide variety of roles, and there are jobs for people of all ages, abilities and schedules. This cycle, we will utilize some of our local volunteers to serve as hotel hospitality, checking our participants in and being their Gathering point person at their assigned hotel. Applications for local volunteers are currently open and will close when we have reached capacity.

A few key details about Local Volunteers:

- Local volunteers must be at least 19 years old or out of high school for one year by the time of the Gathering.
- The Gathering will provide local volunteers meals while serving.
- If contacted to serve as Hotel Hospitality, you'll be required to stay at your assigned hotel property from July 23-28, 2022 (provided by the Gathering).
- Local volunteers will have access to the evening Mass Gathering sessions and closing worship. (These are fantastic experiences)

To learn more and apply here is the link: https://www.elca.org/Gathering/Volunteer

If you have any questions regarding serving as a local volunteer, please reach out to our awesome local volunteer co-managers, Kari Osmek and Sue Megrund (lv.elcayg@gmail.com) or the Gathering office (gathering@elca.org).