

October 20, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have a crisis situation. As has been reported through every media outlet across the country there will not be enough Christmas presents available for Christmas. If you are not shopping right now, and I mean right now for Christmas presents—there will be no Christmas for you, your children and your grandchildren—it could be the worst Christmas on record when it comes to presents. In fact it may already be too late.

So goes our battle between contentment and wants.

The Apostle Paul knows what to do. He shared his life experience with the Philippians and Timothy:

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Christ who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12-13) and in

1 Timothy 6:6-8 There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

I firmly believe as Paul says that we learn to be content and I can only learn to be content through Jesus Christ who gives me the strength to do so.

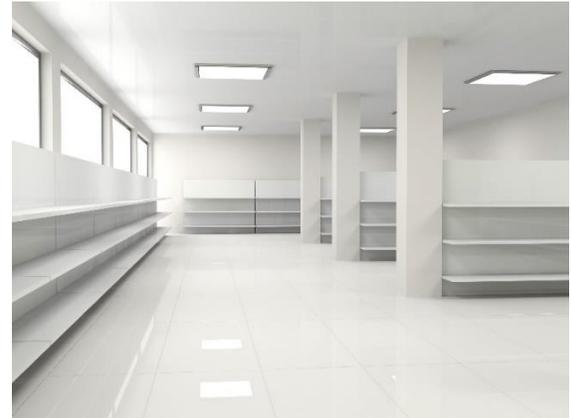
I do have enough food and shelter and clothing, therefore I will pray to be content and I will depend on Jesus Christ who will give me the strength to do so right after I order my underwater camera, which according to the salesperson at the sporting goods store, will no longer be available the day after tomorrow.

So goes the struggle,

Pastor Eric

Generous Offerings Needed

We do trust and are content in the promise that God, through you, will provide for All Saints' ministries. With virtual worship and fewer folks in worship the cash offerings we receive in the offering plates on Sunday morning are down considerably. In part, this has led to a \$14,000 deficit in our Mission and Ministry Fund. As we come to the last Sundays in October and have two more months until the end of the year we know you will help us to wipe out this deficit and get us back on track. Last Sunday we had much better attendance and an increase in our cash offering. Thanks for every gift you give.



National Youth Gathering Registration

The largest group All Saints ever sent to a National Youth Gathering was 35 youth. 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 now along with your \$150.00 non-refundable deposit. Contact Pastor Matt for more info mschroeder@allsaintsny.org**

All Saints Quilting group will now be the Crafter's Group

The Crafters meet Tuesdays, November 2, 16, & 30 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Bring your own craft and a lunch for yourself. If you can't stay all day, that's just fine. Come when you and want and leave when you need to.

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. Popcorn, hot chocolate, games and mazes will be happening in the church building too.



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 or you can also find it on our website's homepage www.allsaintsny.org

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@allsaintsny.org to reserve a space either in the parking lot or inside.

Congregation: If you don't want to decorate a vehicle you can help by donating candy or small prizes to hand out. There is tub outside the offices for donations.

College and Military Care Packages

Our 6th and 7th grade Confirmation students will assemble care packages on Wednesday, Oct. 27 to go to our college students and active military. Your donations are appreciated: money to help pay postage, items to go in the packages such as: candy, gum, ramen noodles, popcorn and other microwave foods, pens, pencils, highlighters, trial size health and beauty, anything else you think a college student or active military person would enjoy. Please bring items in or make your monetary donations by October 24. Items can go in the box outside the offices. Monetary donations, labeled "care packages", can be placed in the offering plate or in Darcy's office.

If you have a college student or an active military person in your family, please leave a note on Darcy's desk or email their address to Darcy dgray@allsaintsny.org . Because we pre-purchase mailing boxes from the post office, we will be unable to send packages to addresses received after October 24.



Annual Men's Pancake Breakfast

The All Saints' Men's annual pancake breakfast is Sunday, October 31. Serving will be from 8:30 -11:30 am. We'll have pancakes, sausage, ham, juice and coffee. A free will offering will be taken. Men please sign up at the Welcome Center to help.

Game Dinner

Delicious food awaits you on Tuesday, November 2 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at our annual game dinner. Sign up at the Welcome Center and let us know if you have a favorite dish to share. All are invited and you do not have to be a hunter or bring wild game to enjoy the evening.



“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. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Farewell Celebration

We will gather together on November 21st to surround Eric, Judy, and the rest of the Aune family with love and gratitude as we give thanks for 40 years of ordained ministry. At 8:00, 9:00, & 10:15 am, Bishop Ann Svennungsen of the Minneapolis Area Synod will be with us in worship for a Blessing of Godspeed to Pastor Eric. Join us for donuts and coffee before each worship service and a catered lunch from Hillcrest at 11:00 am. Pastor Eric’s last worship service will be December 24th so there will be plenty of time to wish him well in his retirement. We hope you will help us thank Pastor Eric and the Aune family for 36 years of faithful service to All Saints Lutheran Church.



To make reservations for the lunch, please go to www.allsaintsnya.org or fill out the reservation cards we have at church.