

SAINTS ALIVE

Ash Wednesday

March 1st

Meal at 6:00 pm

Worship @6:30 pm

Lenten Services

Wednesdays

Meals at 6:00 pm

Worship at 6:30 pm



Funeral Arrangements

Our church leadership has decided that it's time for us to once again host funeral luncheons here at All Saints. Since we have not hosted these gatherings for several years, we need to rebuild our roster of folks willing and able to assist.

We hope to set up 3 or 4 "teams" of people who will rotate as help is needed. One of these teams will consist of folks who are not available during the work week, but could help with an occasional Saturday gathering. Even if you were previously on our list, please let us know, as we need to make sure you are still available.

If you can help with this important part of the ministry of All Saints, please contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Worship

Sundays @ 9:00am

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 1

Meal @ 6:00 & Service @6:30 pm

Men's Luncheon

Thursday, March 2 @ noon
Old World Pizza
5660 Bishop Av, Inver Grove Heights

Easter Lily Online Site Closes

Thursday, March 2

Lenten Service-Wednesday

Meal @ 6:00 pm & Service @ 6:30 pm

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Sheep Dog's Log

About ten years ago I did something that was totally out of character (being someone who shy's away from large crowds and noisy venues) I got rush tickets to Brandi Carlile. Now, if you haven't heard of her I wouldn't be surprised. In some ways her trajectory has been like Bonnie Rait, slow and steady. The concert was like church. The venue was the Fitzgerald Theatre and the music was acoustic. It was just Brandi on the stage with her guitar. It was amazing.

This year Brandi not only performed at the Grammy's, she won a Grammy, and it wasn't her first. It is her passion for lyrics of integrity that spurn her to work hard and dive deep into the human heart.

Which brings me to the book of the month for your consideration.

Broken Horses by Brandi Carlile.

<https://www.audible.com/pd/Broken-Horses-Audiobook/0593340108>

It's a book that is better listened to than read because she sings the songs about her life as she shares her story. This is one of several autobiographies that I have read over the years and I'd have to say, it's likely on my top ten autobiography list.

Since participating in her concert I have also shifted my music listening more toward Americana, which I would say is where bluegrass meets the blues with a dash of gospel, folk, and country.



My hygge music playlist includes Gregory Alan Isakov, Agnes Obel, Fleet Foxes, Andy Grammar, Sarah Jarosz, Nickel Creek, Henry Jamison (the song is 'Real Peach'), and Watchhouse (formerly known as Mandolin Orange). Take a listen and let me know what you think.

Please take some time and read this entire newsletter as we have so many good things going on in and around our community. This congregation is reaching out to help in so many ways on behalf of Jesus Christ.

Also, we are changing our membership platform over the next month or two. Please be patient with us as we make this move.

We decided to do this for several reasons:

- 1) You will be in charge of your own information and photo.
- 2) It is user friendly.
- 3) You'll have access to a directory right on your phone or screen.
- 4) It's less expensive.

As we enter in to Lent, please join us for Wednesday night soup 6-6:30 with worship to follow at 6:30p.m. Worship on Sunday is at 9:00a.m. If you have not been attending in person, please come back and join us. It is good to be in community to give God thanks and praise.

With deep gratitude,



From the Garden

WITH PASTOR TANNER

Saints and Siblings in Christ,

As I write to you we are in the midst of the Great Ash Wednesday Blizzard of 2023 (as I'm sure it will come to be called).

Usually the inevitable snowstorms we get this time of year grate on me as I (impatiently) wait for the new life and new growth of spring. But this year, I'm finding myself plenty enough occupied that a snow delay to the garden planning isn't the worst thing I could think of.

In our work together as a congregation, one of my greatest joys is the myriad of things that you all do for the community around us. After all, it is possible that as you read this there are families staying in the church finding food, clothes, and a warm and safe place to spend a bitter cold night. I want to thank you all again for your willingness to host the Cold Weather Shelter here at All Saints – it is a beautiful addition to our work together.

Of course, over the next five weeks of Lent, many of our community partnerships will be on full display. As we gather for worship on Sundays and Wednesdays in this season, I am excited that we will again highlight some of our partners, and collect needed items for their continued work. I am grateful for the outstanding show of support this practice has seen over the past several years, and I hope that you and your families will participate. I would especially encourage you to involve our youngest members – kids, grandchildren, nieces and nephews – in the gathering of items. Talk to them about these organizations and the work they do. And then, go visit them! Volunteer for a Saturday meal or afternoon clothing drive. Show up. Do good. Be kind. It's what we do! Please take a look at the lists of items that we're gathering this month in this newsletter, online, and in the announcements, and let me know if you have any questions.

This Lent we are gathering around the story of Jonah with a series called – Unfinished: Out of the Depths. As we walk the journey of Lent, I hope you will dwell with us in Jonah's tale. A story of call and (failed) response. Of success and failure. And especially of the deep, deep, radical, foolish, incredible love of God for all people – including you and me.

I look forward to studying this story together, and to the work that God calls us to in this time and place.

Peace,
Pastor Tanner

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Juice Sunday

March 5

ASLC Apparel order closes

Monday, March 6

Men's Lunch

Thursday, March 3rd
12pm at All Saints

Quilters Schedule

Monday every week @
8:30-12:00

Tuesdays (1st & 3rd each
month) 6:30-8:00pm

Youth Sing

Sunday March 12th @ 9:00

MORE Forum

Sunday March 12th
following worship

OWLS

Wednesday, March 15
11:30

Andiamo in Valley Creek
Mall in Woodbury

Fill the Little Free Food Pantry

Sunday March 19th

Men's Group

Thursday, March 21 @
5:30 @ The Quarry (same
building as Fireside)
Hastings

Mission and Outreach

Our Lenten Community partner on March 1st is the MORE agency in St. Paul who works to support refugees and immigrants. We are gathering personal/household items to assemble into tubs which will be distributed to these families. The flyer shows items requested. They are available at Target, Walmart or the Dollar Store. Any brand works. Focus on the ounces/price for a suitable product. Fragrance free is preferred if available. A sample tub is in the narthex.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Personal/Household Items Tub			APPROXIMATE COST
Any brand works - The recommended amount/cost is helpful Unscented is great if available			\$110
SHAMPOO  <p>\$4.99 28 oz.</p>	BAR SOAP OR BODY WASH  <p>\$5.29 OR \$3.99</p>	BODY LOTION  <p>\$4.69</p>	TOOTHPASTE & BRUSHES  <p>\$3.79 \$3.99</p>
FEMINE HYGIENE PRODUCTS  <p>\$4.99</p>	DEODORANT (TWIN PACK)  <p>\$5.79</p>	LIP BALM  <p>\$3.19</p>	TOILET PAPER (6 ROLLS)  <p>\$5.99</p>
LAUNDRY DETERGENT  <p>\$9.49 140 oz.</p>	DISH SOAP & SPONGES  <p>\$3.99 \$2.89</p>	HAND SANITIZER  <p>\$2.99</p>	HOUSEHOLD CLEANER  <p>\$2.29</p>
SOCKS / MEN & WOMEN 1 PACKAGE EACH  <p>\$11.99 \$10.99</p>	KITCHEN TRASH BAGS  <p>\$5.99</p>	FACEMASKS  <p>\$6.99</p>	STORAGE CONTAINER/TUB  <p>\$10.29 66 QT</p>

MORE



Providing refugees and immigrants with education and support, helping them achieve economic and social independence today and for generations to come.

www.more-empowerment.org

UNFINISHED

OUT OF THE DEPTHS

We are excited to welcome you to the season of Lent here at All Saints as we explore the theme: Jonah with a series called – Unfinished: Out of the Depths. As we walk the journey of Lent, I hope you will dwell with us in Jonah's tale. A story of call and (failed) response. Of success and failure. And especially of the deep, deep, radical, foolish, incredible love of God for all people – including you and me. I hope that you can join us for a meal at 6:00 followed by worship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning on March 1st with Ash Wednesday. In addition, we will again be collecting needed items and donations for our community partners as we walk the walk of faith. A schedule and needed items are below. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tanner. Thank you for your generosity and partnership!



March 1st – Ash Wednesday and collecting items for MORE

March 5-8th – Union Gospel Mission

Please bring in new or gently used:

- Bath Towels
- Twin Sheets
- Pillow Cases
- Men's Underwear, any size
- Men's jeans/pants, especially waist 30, 32, 34

March 12th-15th – Hastings Veterans Home

- Men's clothing (new with tags) ,body wash, room air freshener, poligrip-red box , mouthwash (alcohol free)
- batteries (9v, AAA, Aa, c d), stamps, surge protectors with long chords, alarm clocks (large numbers), electric razors, flip flops/shower shoes

March 19th-22nd - Homeless Kits

- toothbrushes, t paste, small water bottles, granola bar and/or cheese and crackers, bandaids, pair of socks, comb, packet of kleenex, a \$5 McDonalds gift card

March 26th-29th - Friends in Need Food Shelf

- Toiletry Drive: toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, bar soap, and dish soap



In addition, March is FoodShare Month here in Minnesota, which means that any money donated to our partners at Friends In Need Food Shelf can be partially matched to go even farther to help people in need in our community. So, our Seeds of Faith students have a challenge for you: throughout March, all of the change gathered through our Noisy Offering will be donated to Friends In Need. Our goal is \$500 and we need your help to reach it! Dig out your change jars, check your cars, and pull up the couch cushions. Thank you for your support!



Vicar's Versus

BY VICAR ERICA

I've spent some time traveling the past two months, which is something I haven't really had the chance to do since I started seminary. I spent two and a half weeks in Tanzania in January and, as I'm writing this, I'm at a conference in Atlanta, GA. In this time of travel, I've also spent a lot of time with people who are from very different social locations than me. (A person's social location is made up of a combination of factors including gender, race, social class, age, ability, religion, sexual orientation, and geographic location.)

In Tanzania, some of these differences are very clear. Geographic location, race, and even social class differences seem obvious. However, even something that feels like it should be the same, like Christianity, can come across very differently. There are aspects of worship that many Lutheran churches in the US don't have, the style of the church building is different, and services can last over 3 hours!



I'm currently at the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Clergy and Lay Leadership Conference, whose mission is "to nurture, sustain, and mobilize the African American faith community in collaboration with civic, corporate, and philanthropic leaders to address critical needs of human rights and social justice within local, national, and global communities." Even though the majority of those attending the conference are American, there are still many notable differences in our social locations. Again, even in our expressions Christianity, things can feel different. I haven't been to many Lutheran churches in Minnesota where people in the congregation shout out during the sermon. (Maybe you can change that next time I'm preaching!)

During these last two months, one thing I've constantly been reminded of is this: despite all of our differences, especially in the different ways we express our faith, we are all still deeply connected with one another. God has made a diverse creation, and God is still creating diversity. And this is something to be celebrated! In that beauty of diversity, in the many different ways we worship God all around the world, let us be reminded that God is present with each and every one of us. Our expressions of Christianity may look and feel different, but our God is still the same.

Praise the Lord Jesus. In Swahili, Bwana Yesu Asifiwe.



SEEDS of Faith

We will be singing and/or playing in church the second Sunday of the month. March 12th will be our next date and we will be singing "A place in the choir." It is fun, fast and filled with many actions, please have your youth listen to it often. Our last musical date will be Easter Sunday.

I am inviting you all to Ash and Lenten Wednesday service and meals. Meals will be served at 6:00 and service starts at 6:30. I will be doing a children's sermon throughout lent on Wednesdays. I would love to have all of my little people in church for support.

I am in the works for a family centered Holy Hootenany this July. Mark your calendars for Sunday July 16th beginning at 3:00 pm. We will be having a water bouncy house, food vendors, craft vendors, bubbles and the **TEDDY BEAR BAND** will be playing from 4-4:45. Invite your friends and family.

How can you help? I am looking for some families to volunteer to create and make a float for the Strawberry Festival in June in Cottage Grove to help promote our church and our HOLY HOOTENANY.

MORE

Grab your coffee and donuts and join us **Sunday, March 12th** after worship in the sanctuary to welcome: Cathy Rucci, Executive Director and Moo Ra Paw, Associate Director. These wonderful people will teach us more about MORE.

Vacation Bible School

When: June 18th-22nd

Time: Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00

Summer Camp

When: July 30th-August 4th

Where: Luther Crest Alexandria MN

Who:

3rd-6th grade Leapers

- \$734 by 2/14

6th-9th grade Witnesses

- \$734 by 2/14

9th-12th grade Blazers

- FREE by 2/14



Family and All People Camp (all ages)

Adult-\$250

Child over 2-\$60

No family will pay more than \$800 by 2/14

*Please know that we at All Saints Lutheran Church have scholarships available as does Luther Crest. All camp prices increase after 2/14

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Holiday Fair Crafters

March 8th at 6:30 pm at ASLC

We would love to have more willing hands to help us with our projects. No experience necessary; just a joyful heart.

Any questions call
Val 651-768-7935 or
Penny 612-860-8047.

~All Saints Out and About~

"When wearing my ASLC hoodie around the area and in such places as Cub, Menards, Target and Wallgreens, it is most usual that I receive a comment on most outings about the slogan on the hoodie

This morning at the Hastings Legion Club for breakfast I received three different positive comments. All were from men in their 70's or 80's.

The comment that stimulates this note was " yes it's about time we all get back to the basics. It will cure the worlds problems. As I was helping Don Winberg with coat and walker getting pointed toward the door, I overhear the conversation switching at that table to the All Saints Slogan.

Yes, I did get a warm fuzzy feeling!"~Shared by a beloved member

**Have you ordered your
swag, yet?**



Noteworthy Music

BY KAREN PIPER, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Here's what to expect for our Lenten music:

1. We will be using the third liturgy from the ELW hymnal for Lent. We are familiar with it and it's easy to sing.
2. The Sanctuary Choir will sing favorites, including, but not limited to:
 - Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
 - You Are Mine
 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
 - Lamb of God.
3. The Bell Choir will play the following, but subject to change:
 - Everlasting Arms
 - Wade in the Water
 - Down by the Riverside
 - Will the Circle be Unbroken?

SWEATSHIRT SALE!

We are ordering ASLC sweatshirts!
There are five hoodie options (blue, gray, purple, forrest green and pink) three crew neck options (Green, denim blue, and gray) and one black youth option to choose from as well as a wide range of sizes available.



Please note that there are price differences between styles and colors.

If you have any difficulty ordering, email office@allsaintscg.org for help!
Ordering will close on March 6th.

More colors available at:

<https://www.customink.com/g/mkr0-00cq-2cmm?>

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