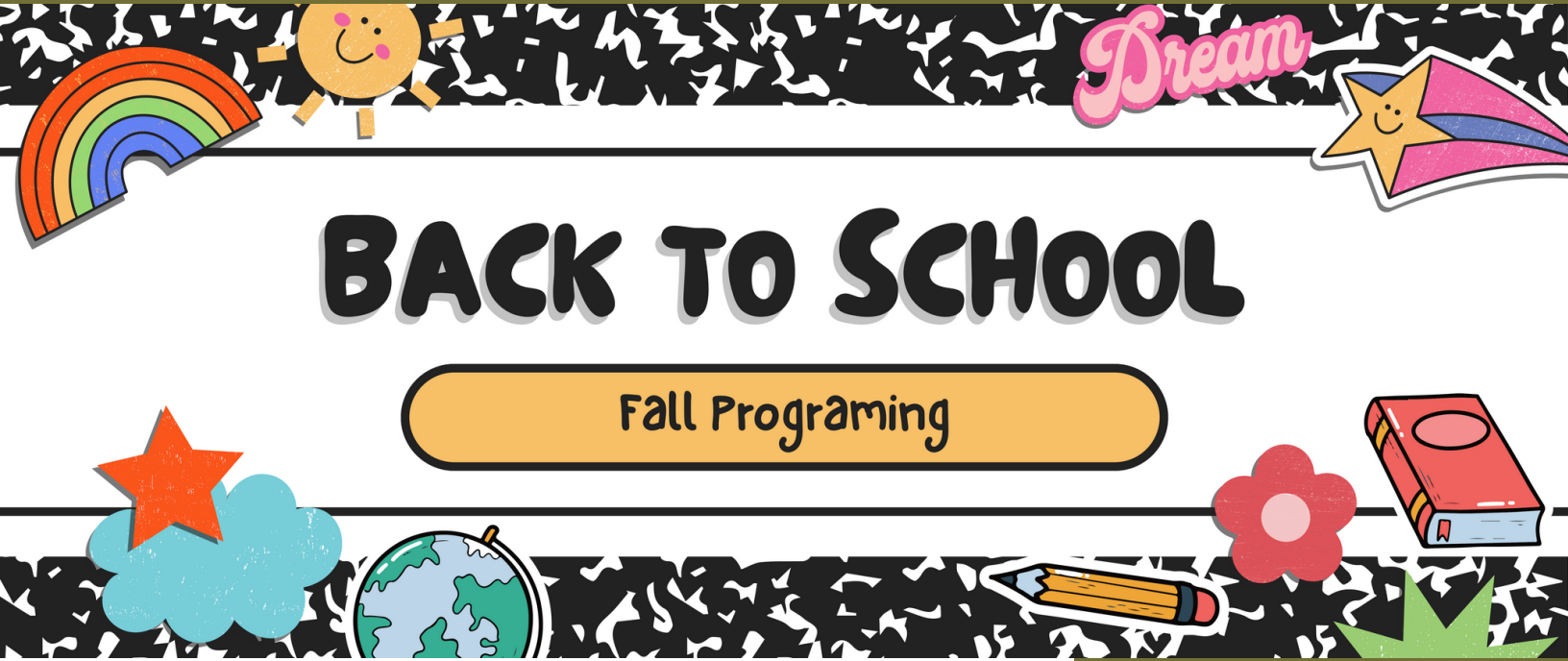


SAINTS ALIVE



Dream

BACK TO SCHOOL

Fall Programing

Updates!

Property Updates

We have thoroughly cleaned Resurrection Hall, floors to ceiling. Thank you, Krechs and Haapoja family for your help with the lift and all the cleaning.

Over the summer we had a parishioner do a ton of research around SOLAR. Currently, non-profits are able to capture the 30% instant rebate through the incentives passed by our government systems. We may also be able to receive an additional 10% this fall.

We have received five bids with variations on the schematics. These range from 100% coverage to 88%. The cost is down from where it started when we looked at this two years ago. The ballpark is between 80K - 50K with the rebate.

At this point in time, XCel is looking for solar power to be returned to the grid. This may be the right time for All Saints to consider a solar grid on the south facing side of the A-framed portion of the building. It is likely this will pay for itself within three years.

We will keep researching bids and doing our best to keep you informed about where we're at concerning solar.

If you are interested in reading any or all of the bids, please let the office know.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays @ 9:00am
In-Person and Virtual on
Facebook Live & YouTube

Upcoming Events

Worship

Sundays at 9:00 am

All Saints Seeds of Faith

Sunday, September 17th at
10:15 am

Men's Luncheon

Thursday, September 7th at
12pm.

OWLS Lunch

Wednesday, September 20th at
Hastings Social Club at 11:30.
am



Sheep Dog's Log

"JUST GOOD THINGS COMING" - PASTOR
JULES

That was on a t-shirt of a person with a hitch in her giddy-up and a big smile on her face. Just Good Things Coming.

I feel that way for the Church Universal and our little part of the working Kin-dom that we care for and nurture.

What's up?

On page 7, you'll see a re-printed document on how to be in healthy relationships using Brené Brown's B.R.A.V.I.N.G. acronym. This is a tool that I use at Luther Seminary as I teach Christian Public Leadership as an Adjunct Professor. The student feedback has been extremely positive. And, their final paper uses BRAVING as a model for their course learning.

I use BRAVING all the time and recommend it for families that are struggling with various issues. It's simply a good tool to be reminded of from time to time. Oh, and we also use it as a measure for all of our staff evaluations. Marinate in it for a bit, I bet you'll find that it is simple and profound at the same time.

You'll also read a variety of updates on the Call Committee, Education opportunities, and upcoming events.

A final request: please be patient with our office staff. We have run into all sorts of issues with moving our ICON CMO over to 360. These are the platforms for membership. Pastor Tanner recommended that we move to 360 and we have been working on this project all summer.

With deep gratitude,

Call Committee Update

Good Things Are Coming!

Bishop Patricia Lull met with the Call Committee on Sunday, August 20, 2023. During this orientation they were charged with several tasks.

To pray.

To allow the Holy Spirit to work.

To develop a Mission Site Profile.

To create a tableau of interview questions.

To edit the current Associate Pastor job description. (This will be available to the congregation once completed.)

To keep the 'Vault' - see B.R.A.V.I.N.G.

To grow together as a team.

Interviews will begin as early as mid-September.

Yes: Good Things Are Coming!

Stewardship

Good Things Are Coming!

All Saints, in partnership with the St. Paul Area Synod, has joined in the endorsed program titled, "Stewardship For All Seasons." We are being coached to celebrate stewardship. Stewardship means to care for and to nurture. Stewardship is how we live, how we give, and how we express our gratitude for all that God has given to us. From trees to frogs to dogs. From financial blessings to creative service on behalf of Christ. Good Things Are Coming!

Look for more information to come from our SFAS crew: [Lesley Erickson](#), [Faith Anderson](#), Janette McCalvy, and Pastor Jules.

It's been a looooong time since we had a stewardship team. We're looking forward to sharing stories about what God has done in and through the people and staff of All Saints.



Vicar's Verses

WITH VICAR ERICA

As we start thinking about a new school year, there's the inevitable thoughts of "how can it already be that time of the year!", "How can another year have come and gone!", and "How are those kids already going into that grade, they can't be that old!" I've been seeing pictures of my friends' kids getting ready to go off to preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school, and I can't imagine that those little babies are already old enough to be going to school!

Where has the time gone? Summer's almost over, Fall is approaching. (My wishful thinking, perhaps, is that the fall weather will come sooner!) These yearly cycles are just one of the ways that we mark time. Like with the New Year, it's easy to beat ourselves up about what we could have or should have done by now. It's especially easy to compare our families to others we see around us, thinking we've perhaps missed the mark.

The years come and go, time continues to spin on, but God is always there for us as a sure foundation that we can continue to return to in times of uncertainty or distress. Even in times when we feel like everything is moving so quickly, may we remember that God can always be our safe, steady, and sure place of returning.

Psalm 90:1-2 "1Lord, through all the generations you have been our home! 2Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God."

From the Columbarium Committee

When you begin your end-of-life planning, consider purchasing a niche from All Saints Lutheran Church. Please notice both beautiful granite columbariums located on our church campus.

We welcome All Saints members (\$1,000), family of our members (\$1,500), as well as community members (\$2,000) to purchase a niche at All Saints. Brochures are available from the office. Engraving is not included in the price of a niche. Memorial pavers are currently not available as our supplier is out of stock. We will keep you posted on availability. Talk to a committee member if you are interested.

You can get more information and assistance from our committee members; Les Beaudoin, Pat Dahn, Diane Fredrickson or Paul Johnson. Niche applications can be done either on paper or electronically at <https://www.allsaintscg.org/columbarium>. The password is BeKind.



Morning Quilters

Meeting every Monday morning from 8:30am to noon. Free and we have great coffee served at 10 am!

No experience necessary, just bring your smile! Come and go as you are and as your schedule allows. Contact **Barb at 651-459-4950.**

Evening Quilters

Meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 - 8:30pm. No experience necessary. Contact **Jana at 651-458-3634 or 651-336-0311**

Holiday Crafters

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of September at 6:30pm.

Lefse

We are going to making lefse! We need potato peelers, rollers, flippers and helpers. No experience necessary! Sign up with Penny in the Narthex after services.





From Pastor Rebecca

Dear All Saints members, I was asked to write about what I do as your volunteer Visitation Pastor.

When I joined All Saints during COVID protocols, Pr. Jules asked what, as a retired pastor, I'd like to do to contribute. I said that I'd like to visit people and bring Communion. Regardless of 28 years as an ELCA pastor, a background check was done. Clearing that, I asked for a list of the homebound and who might appreciate receiving Communion. Then I collated the lists received as a spread sheet and met with our Holistic Pastoral Care Team. Together we added to or subtracted from names of those most in need of follow-up, many of whom were already being cared for. The sheets gave order to our care.

Since then, we meet about every second month to share needs and concerns in confidence as the number of carers and cared for changes.

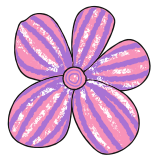
When I first started, Pr. Jules and Pr. Tanner suggested I keep my hours to around 10/week. However, in the past months and weeks with an increasing number of hospitalizations and Communion visits, that number has grown closer to 20 hours/week even as the rest of the Team continues to provide important grace-filled care and Communion.

While Pastor Jules and Sandy Schuck responds to most of the emergency calls, I have also been called to visit hospitals and care centers for folks in emergency situations. There is much in these situations that can only be confided to All Saints Pastors and/or Care Team.

One of my great joys is presiding at Norris Square's Communion service, preaching or singing loudly there and hearing the Gospel and playing in the band at All Saints. Then there's the gift of the Thursday morning Bible Study. Having been a professor of Hebrew and the Older Testament, getting to talk about these is a gift and that folks like to listen and contribute from their own wisdom, is a greater gift still.

Still, it feels awkward to write this, for as I look around there are employees and volunteers at All Saints who do so much more, working for Christ and our Church and the community to which God calls us. These are they who Show up, do Good and are Kind and I am so glad to share in mission with you.

-Rebecca



From the Church Council...

All are welcome to any- and all- council meetings during the open forum. The council meets 2nd Tuesday of each month (sans July)

From Zion...



Thank you Erv Schlorf, Rick Anderson and Glen Stenlund for helping All Saints out with their various "fix it" projects, it is greatly appreciated.

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Education

Good Things are Coming!



We have been hearing from teachers and students about the weight of stress in the classroom. Here's but one article that has a good summary of what many are feeling.

<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/education/2023/06/12/us-schools-still-face-big-problems-post-pandemic/70198186007/>

How can we help? What can we do to decrease anxiety for parents and students and teachers?

- Offer a safe place to land - our campus.
- Offer games that are not on a screen.
- Offer a craft zone for students to think with their imagination.
- Offer a space for students to meet with tutors - like retired teachers or other adults.
- Offer classes for parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and others to learn the WHY behind the screen overload and how it has affected their learning.

Do you want to be a part of this healing project? Let Leah or PJ know. Thanks.

Regarding LIFE LONG LEARNING

Sunday mornings will include our partners in missions and outreach ministry.

Keep an eye out for FB and other social media posts. We'll also have a schedule on our website: www.allsaintscg.org

Good Things Are Coming!



Noteworthy Music

BY KAREN PIPER

Music rehearsals start on **Wednesday, September 13th**, in the Sanctuary. The schedule is as before, at least for the time being:

5:30-6:15 Band Rehearsal
 6:30-7:15 Bell Rehearsal
 7:30-8:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

I have new Bell arrangements for piano and bells by Ann Laura Page, my favorite bells composer. Some of the songs and hymns include: *'Tis a Gift to Be Simple; Let Us Break Bread Together; For All the Saints; A Mighty Fortress and Let All Things Now Living.*

I am going to use favorites for the Sanctuary Choir, including Brethren, We Have Met to Worship; Here I am Lord; Celtic Communion; Great is Thy Faithfulness; Row Together to the Kingdom; Rise Up and See the King and Sing Noel to the Baby.

Please either join us or see me if you are interested in becoming a member of the All Saints Music Ministry!

God Bless,
Karen Pieper

It's beginning to look a lot like Lefse...

Are you ready to make lefse:

September Dates	Thursday	09/07	@ 5pm
	Friday	09/08	@ 8am
	Wednesday	09/13	@ 5pm
	Thursday	09/14	@ 8am
	Friday	09/22	@ 5pm
October Dates	Saturday	09/23	@ 8am
	Thursday	10/05	@ 5pm
	Friday	10/06	@ 8am

Please contact Penny if you are able to help. (612)860-8047

There will be **NO pre-orders** this year for customer or volunteers! We will have a volunteer lefse making day TBA

SEEDS *of* Faith

Our Wednesday evening gardening time has come to an end (for now). Please take a walk through the garden soon and harvest anything that looks good and yummy for you! If vegetables are not your thing, lay down in the middle of the giant sunflowers and look up to the beautiful blue sky. A huge thank you to Anna, Evie, Katie, Josie, Georgia who helped plant, tend, and harvest our wonderful youth garden.

I am excited to start our Seeds of Faith again this Fall. Seeds of Faith is available for children ages 3 years through the 5th grade, with additional programming for our confirmation and high school kiddos. I have wonderful news! This year we will be combining with Zion youth to offer Sunday morning programming. Seeds of faith will begin on Sunday September 17th with a service project of tying blankets. Our combined youth programming with Zion will kick off on Sunday October 1st.

The Sunday schedule will be:

10:15-Music

10:30-story

10:45-11:15-Craft and learning

11:15-ASLC youth will leave for home and Zion youth will return to their church service for childrens sermon and communion.

Please don't forget to sign-up for Seeds of Faith and encourage others to join our community. If you bring a friend, Ms. Leah has a prize for you!

We continue to have children's sermons on Sundays too, and a few highlights include letting Ms. Leah come in in swimming gear and performing tricks for surprises and bubbles. Please don't miss on these little snippets of Christ delivered in a friendly and fun way. New for the fall, during children's sermons, I will be sending the youth off with a snack during service. If there are any parents that are willing to supply an individual snack and juice pouch please let me know.



POINSETTIA AND HOLIDAY GREENS SALE

Store Opens September 22nd!

How to order:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. The store code is **291**
3. Shop away!
4. Pick up your Holiday Greens and Poisettias after worship on Sunday December 4th.

****Store Closes on October 23rd****

**Starts
Soon!!**



Our mission statement at All Saints Lutheran Church is meeting people where they are at and connecting them to the full life of Christ. Our greater community of youth need different support and opportunities post covid. We as a church can help our youth and families by offering support. On Wednesday evenings, we will be offering academic support in small group or individual, arts and crafts, card and board games, and time to play. Parents and grandparents can use this hour to run an errand or two or attend an adult education class. I am looking for math, reading, writing academic support, adults to supervise board and card games, indoor/outdoor games, people who are available to read books with or listen to children read to them. If you are interested in volunteering your time please send me an email.

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

STUDENT TUTORING HOUR

Supplement your child's success with our FREE services!



Our team of volunteers are dedicated, good with kids, and passionate about your child's success.

- Outdoor Play
- Games
- Quiet Time
- Crafts
- Homework Help
- Tutoring



CONTACT US AT OFFICE@ALLSAINTSCG.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our webpage @ allsaintscg.org or send me an email at childrensmin@allsaintscg.org to learn more and sign up. Our programming will begin on Sunday, September 17th and will take place right after worship. Please welcome Peg Sommers this Fall, who will be helping us with music for preschoolers-second grade. We are in major need of volunteers this year to help with a variety of tasks and events - teaching, photography, trunk-or-treat, haunted hallway, Bethlehem garage sale, the Christmas program, and preparing art projects for our youth. Many of these are one-time commitments or can be done from the comfort of your home. Please reach out to me if you are able to help in any way.

Please mark your calendars:

Trunk-or-treat~October 29th 2:00-4:00pm (this may be altered due to a Viking game)

Bethlehem Garage Sale (Dress rehearsal and Christmas Shopping for mom/dad)~**December 9th 10:00-2:00pm**

Christmas Program-December 10th 9:00 am

Christmas wrapping, caroling and card making for Norris Square~December 13th



-MS. LEAH



HOLY HOOTENANNY



Thank you to all those who participated and those who helped make Holy Hootenanny possible!



The

BRAVING INVENTORY



Boundaries | You respect my boundaries, and when you're not clear about what's okay and not okay, you ask. You're willing to say no.

Reliability | You do what you say you'll do. At work, this means staying aware of your competencies and limitations so you don't over promise and are able to deliver on commitments and balance competing priorities.

Accountability | You own your mistakes, apologize, and make amends.

Vault | You don't share information or experiences that are not yours to share. I need to know that my confidences are kept, and that you're not sharing with me any information about other people that should be confidential.

Integrity | You choose courage over comfort. You choose what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy. And you choose to practice your values rather than simply professing them.

Nonjudgment | I can ask for what I need, and you can ask for what you need. We can talk about how we feel without judgment.

Generosity | You extend the most generous interpretation possible to the intentions, words, and actions of others.

Zion, ELCA

Good Things Arrived!

This summer we welcomed Zion, ELCA from Cottage Grove to share our campus. They have been lovely to collaborate with regarding our building, staff, and future Sunday School programming.

The Sunday Schedule will be as follows:

9:00a.m. Worship!

10:15-10:30 Music

10:30-10:45 Lesson

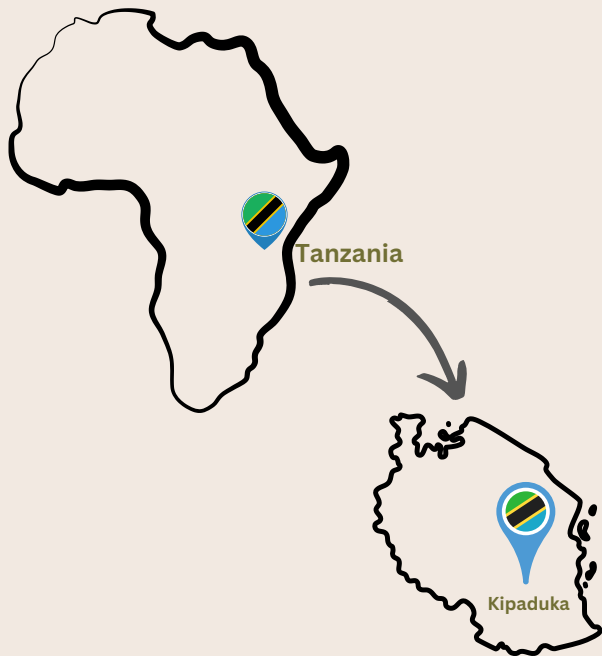
10:45-11:10 Craft

11:15 - Zion kiddos go to worship, All Saints kiddos go home.

Some of you may be wondering how this came about. Zion was hoping to partner with St. Luke but at the last minute there were too many restrictions imposed due to an onsite child care and logistics. Pastor Steve and Pastor Jules have been supporting one another over the years and have had a good collaboration on pastoral care coverage among other things. Pastor Steve and Cindy, the Office Manager, stopped over for a tour and felt immediately welcomed.

Pastor Jules approached the Congregational Council concerning their predicament. After much discussion, Zion was welcomed for a one year contract, approved by the All Saints Council, as they continue to discern their call to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for Zion.

Tanzanian Scholarships



Can You Help?
Accepting scholarship
donations through Oct. 1st
ANY amount is deeply
appreciated!!

This is our 19th year of partnering with our sister parish in Kipaduka, Tanzania for scholarship assistance. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are deeply grateful for the gift of education we help provide for their children.

Please consider donating. ANY amount is gladly accepted. Be sure to designate the money to "Tanzania Scholarship" whether you give online, write a check or go through a minimum distribution from an IRA account. If your gift is not clearly labeled, it may not find its way to scholarships.

The Mission and Outreach team offers our deepest thanks to you for your prayers and monetary gifts on behalf of our children in Kipaduka.

Questions?
Call Les Beaudoin (651-346-1088).



*Our scholarship recipients who attend Image Lutheran High School in TZ.
July 2023*



From the Immigration Task Force

Who is a "real" American?

By Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

My husband and I live in Skokie, Ill., a diverse community. Our neighbors to the west are an octogenarian Taiwanese Evangelical couple who regularly order meals from Kosher to Go. Our neighbors to the east are a Ukrainian and Russian multigenerational family. Our grocery stores have both kosher and halal departments. As I drive past the elementary school on my way to work, I see moms and dads in jeans along with women in saris or hijabs and men in thobes or yarmulkes. More than 90 languages are spoken in the homes of our school district. We pay our taxes, mow our (tiny) lawns, worship, raise our children and pretty much get along in our little village of Skokie.

Late one afternoon a few years ago I was finishing up yard work. I had been weeding and trimming all day. I was tired and grass-stained. Just one more pile of leaves needed to be swept up. I noticed a woman walking toward me so I hurried to get the sidewalk cleared. She stopped and told me that she had seen me working all day and thought I might be too tired to prepare supper. She had made a meal for me and my husband. It was during Ramadan—the month when Muslims fast from food and water during the day and engage in prayer and acts of charity. This was her act of charity and generosity. She smiled and walked away. I was stunned.

There has been an alarming rise in hate speech and violence against religious and ethnic minorities in this country. At the same time, we've seen an increased polarization among us, even in our dear church. There is a movement to define what it means to be a "real American." Some would define this as white, Christian and native born. When Lutheran immigrants first came to this country in the 18th and 19th centuries, they weren't considered real Americans. They didn't speak English or fit in with the Deist, Calvinist religious majority. They were "other" and therefore suspect. German Lutheran immigrants weren't considered white when they settled here. Neither were Irish, Italians or Poles. Catholics and Jews were considered an alien threat.

An element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic.

It's ironic that the Puritans fled religious persecution and that the First Amendment states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free expression thereof," yet an element in our country wants to legislate that the United States is a Christian nation where Christianity should be privileged and only Christians should hold office. This is Christian Nationalism, which is neither Christian nor patriotic. There is no doubt that the Founders were Christian and that a majority of Americans identify as Christian. That is different from declaring Christianity as the established religion of the United States. And, dear church, let's be clear, a Christian Nationalist does not define Lutherans as "Christian."

God knows I love my country. This beautiful, fragile, yet surprisingly resilient experiment in democracy and nationhood that's not predicated on shared ethnicity is unique among nations. My grandfather, father and uncles all served during World War I and World War II. I had the honor of placing a wreath on behalf of the ELCA at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. I won't have my patriotism questioned. Christian Nationalism is a perversion of the gospel and a threat to our democracy. It's precisely because I love my country that I warn against it.

Who is a "real American"? I say that my Muslim neighbor walking freely down the street in a hijab to offer a meal to her Christian neighbor during Ramadan is a real American. Motivated by her Muslim faith she acted as neighbor to me. She is not less American because she is Muslim. Because she is an American, she can be her authentic self and participate in building our community and country. What binds us together is not ethnicity but shared participation in our civic life springing out of our cultural heritages and working for the common good.