

NEWS FROM THE SAINTS

NOVEMBER 2023

ALL SAINTS

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A WORD FROM FATHER RICK

Happy November All Saints

November is the month we talk about Stewardship. Before we talk about this word, let's talk about two other words. In the Greek New Testament are the words, "*diakonos*," and "*doulos*." *Diakonos* is the word from which we get the word for deacon; it means servant. *Doulos* is a term used for the word slave. The New Testament writers use these words to emphasize the authority of Jesus. He is our Lord. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6 that by Christ's death we have been "bought with a price". We should therefore Glorify God because he owns us.

The Heidelberg Catechism begins by asking, "What is your only comfort in life and in death?" The answer in part states, "that I am not my own, but belong – in body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ." Jesus, our faithful brother in the flesh, is also our Lord and Savior; by his life and death and resurrection, he has freed us from bondage to sin and death giving us new life! One day we shall be ushered into his Glorious Kingdom to live with Him in eternal bliss.

In the meantime, we live by faith as we wait for Him. This leads us to the Greek word "oikonomos," which means steward. A concise definition of the word, from the Westminster Dictionary, is "Stewardship is the responsibility given to humans in creation for managing the resources of the earth. In the Church, Christian stewardship involves the whole of life since all life comes from God and is to be lived for God's glory."

It's a scary thought that God left us "in charge." In a sense He did! By his grace we participate or share in the rule of his kingdom in this age, particularly as it relates to the local church. Our Great Commission is to make disciples and prepare them to live in God's

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kingdom – beginning now. This involves preaching the gospel, administering the sacraments, and teaching so that we all are equipped to reach out to the world and minister within to our own.

Every Christian is a steward. I want to encourage you to find your place and do your part. When we become members of All Saints we promise three things: to give of our Time, our Talents, and our Treasure. In whatever ways we give, we bathe our giving in Prayer. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest. Pray that He would make us Fruitful and keep us Faithful. Blessings,

Fr Rick

SUNDAY SCHOOL



It's hard to get up early on a Sunday morning and head to church by 9 am. However, if you haven't attended Sunday School this season, think about doing so. The main topic of this year's Sunday School is "*What Happens to Us When We Die?*" led by Father Rick. The emphasis of what he would like us to learn, is what the Bible has to say regarding death. Spoiler: It may not be what you think!

We have had three missionary presentations. The first was by missionaries from the Anglican Frontier Mission. AFM partners with members of the worldwide Anglican Communion and other Christians who live near or among unreached peoples. The missionaries head to remote places most of us have never heard of and disciple believers from Muslims, Hindu, Buddhist, animistic, and secular backgrounds. Stories shared of church plantings and growth and obstacles overcome were riveting and inspiring.

Chuck and Jan Laggan from Samaritan Ministries of Hot Springs Men's Rescue Mission shared the wonderful work they are doing in providing shelter, food, clothing and education at no cost to any homeless men. Their story of how God has provided the finances, the building and the workers to build and operate their facility debt-free was truly amazing.

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Sunday School attendees were also treated to a presentation from Steve and Debbie Buckner of the LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. LAMB is a Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry. LAMB operates an elementary school for children in one of the most violent and poverty stricken areas of Tegucigalpa, a large youth outreach program, multiple community programs, and a residential home (the Buckner's home) outside the city for over 70 children who came from situations of abuse and neglect. They shared pictures and heart-warming stories. LAMB and the Buckner's have truly made a life-saving difference in so many children's lives, not only educationally but spiritually.

Mixed in between, have been teachings by Deacon Ted and Dr. Brandon Meeks. Both classes have been well worth getting up for. Hope to see you in Sunday School!

VERGER INSTALLATION – NOVEMBER 12, 2023



What is a verger you ask? Wikipedia defines a verger as: "A **verger** (or **virger**, so called after the staff of the office, or wandsman in British English, though archaic) is a person, usually a layperson, who assists in the ordering of religious services, particularly in Anglican churches. During the service itself, a verger's main duty is ceremonially to precede the religious participants as they move about the church; they do not typically take any speaking part in the service itself. It could be argued that a verger's main pride during a service lies in their inconspicuousness; vergers often play a very prominent role "behind the scenes"—helping to plan the logistical details of service and discreetly shepherding the clergy through it".

Merry Lou Neiswander served as our very first verger. When the discussion of installing a verger at All Saints came up several years ago, many were skeptical as to why our little church needed one. It did not take long after Merry Lou took the position, for those minds to be changed into thinking: "*How did we ever get along without a verger?*" She was wonderful and her passing has meant a great loss not only to her family and friends, but also to the office of the verger.

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All Saints is blessed that after much prayerful thought, Justin Pierce has agreed to be our new vergier. It is a decision he did not make lightly. There is a tremendous amount of studying and preparation involved. Justin said that if and when he decided to commit to being the vergier, he would consider it a vow almost equivalent to a marriage vow. That's how serious a commitment the role is. We hope that the church will be packed on November 12 for the official installation of our vergier!

ALL SAINTS DINING IN OR OUT

All Saints Dining In or Out is officially underway. Theresa Keyser has taken up the duties of organizing and notifying all the participants. The calendar for the Dining In or Out runs from October 15 through January 20, 2024. It is located on the counter and on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with your church family and share a meal. If you did not sign up either to Dine In or Out, or as a sub, but you would like to be a sub, please contact Theresa.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT ALL SAINTS

A tradition at All Saints is to have some sort of potluck at Thanksgiving. We have many parishioners who do not have family close. All Saints is blessed to have a church family to spend time with and be thankful for all the blessings we have. If you are planning on joining us for Thanksgiving, please see OJ.

HELP US HONOR CRISTI'S 5-YEAR ANNIVERSARY WITH ALL SAINTS – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

It's hard to imagine our service without our wonderful organist. Those of us who have been with All Saints before Cristi, can attest to what it was like with canned music piped in. It was horrible! We had a few subs before God sent us Cristi, but no one compares to her. She is not only a talented musician, but she is a wonderful person. Please help us after service to honor our Sister in Christ. We will have cake and ice cream!

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GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!

As noted in last month's newsletter, due to our growing congregation, we are going to highlight each month a couple of members to help us get to know one another. This month's highlighted members are Nancy Burleson, who lives in Wisconsin now but is still a wonderful friend and considered family of All Saints, and Reuben and Myra McGilvary.

Nancy Burleson – All Saints Anglican (the little church that has my heart)



I grew up in the small Wisconsin city of Neenah, 12 miles away from where I now live. Both of my parents had strong Anglican roots. My paternal great grandparents were members of St Mary's Collegiate Church of Youghal, Ireland. I visited their grave in the church graveyard in 2012. St Mary's is the oldest Irish church, and has been holding continuous worship since the 1200's.

Four generations on my mother's side attended St. Luke's Episcopal in Racine. Mom and Dad were married there in October 1943, just before he left to serve in the Pacific during WWII. In 1951, our family moved from Racine to Neenah, where we were members of St Thomas Episcopal in Menasha.

My early education along with my love for the liturgy led me to All Saints. Initially I became intrigued watching the construction progress whenever I would drive by on Balearic Road. By the time I was ready to start visiting churches, the new church building was open and holding services.

I was enthusiastically welcomed at the door with one of OJ's bear hugs! And to my relief, Dottie graciously invited me to sit with her (one of my biggest worries was to ever sit in the wrong pew - yes, we are creatures of habit!). Fr. Rick's sermon was both relevant and inspiring. I knew right away that this is where I belonged.

Some months later, Karen Johnson came with me to visit. After the service, with a few tears in her eyes, she simply said, "I'm home." Boy, I knew that feeling well! In January 2020, I was so blessed to make that amazing journey to Israel with our group of twelve. Soon after we returned, the world suddenly changed. Covid, along with all the new restrictions and unknowns. I realized that if I were to become ill, I would be putting a

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burden on my distant family. So, with mixed feelings, I made the decision to move. The hardest part was leaving my All Saints family.

Marjorie asked me to write about what I believe makes All Saints special. It is small, but mighty. Humble and kind. Nurturing. Inclusive. The Holy Spirit is alive and thriving, both within and beyond the physical walls. And what I feel every church should strive to be.

Don't ever stop what you are doing. Keep loving the Lord and loving each other, and keep the magic going. I miss you guys, but I have a happy heart knowing you are there across the miles. I learned so much from you, and our trip to Israel brought everything to life. You have blessed and inspired me!

Reuben and Myra McGilvary



After retirement in Texas from long-term careers, we moved to Hot Springs Village in the Spring of 2020. The beauty of the Village, nestled in the Zig-Zag Mountains of the Ouachita National Forrest, was a welcomed relief from the stark contrast of the flat, windy, high-plains of the Texas Panhandle.

We started attending ASAC in February 2022 upon the outreach and encouragement of Virginia Smith to visit.

We both immediately fell in love with the genuine openness and friendliness of its members. We formally joined the church a few months later.

We recently celebrated our thirty-fourth anniversary, and we both enjoy the benefits of a large, blended family consisting of six children, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, keeping us busy in traveling often to New Mexico, Texas, or Missouri in order to support their individual scholastic or athletic endeavors or in hosting the bulk of them at our home to enjoy the benefits of the lake and all that “Camp MaMa and PaPa” has to offer.

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FILLY FEED



It's that time of the year again. For several years now, All Saints women have gathered items to fill Filly Feed Bags. The Filly Feed is a special dinner imagined and started by the chaplains at the Oaklawn Racetrack (Rich and Robi Heffington). The recipients of the Filly Feed Bags are the women who work at the racetracks. These women move from race track to race track as the season unfolds and need to travel light. Their work is hard and entails long

hours. The Filly Feed Christmas Dinner is one of the highlights of their year. We are one of several churches from Hot Springs Village that are asked to fill the pretty 14" high gift bags. We have offered to fill 20 bags this year. Items suggested but not limited to are toiletries, scarves and hats, jewelry, stationary, cards, books, journals, bookmarks, gift cards. Start collecting items now. We will have a fun gathering sometime in December to fill the bags. For questions or more information, see Deacon Sami Jo.



ANGEL TREE

Margaret Buford has graciously agreed to head up our participation in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program this year. The Salvation Army collects the necessary information to determine qualification for participation in the program and details on each Angel. This year we will be receiving the names of 17 Angels sometime in mid-November. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide a Merry Christmas for a child. Thank you, Margaret!



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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

All Wednesdays	
8:00 am	Men's Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies
9:00 am	Ladies Prayer followed by breakfast at Caddies



November 5	Pot Luck Sunday
November 12	Installation of Verger
November 19	Celebrate Cristi
November 23	Thanksgiving
November 26	Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday of the Pentecost)

November Birthdays	November Anniversaries
11/2 Blair Oram	11/7 Justin and Cathy Pierce
11/7 Martha Nichols	
11/10 Cristi Wilson	
11/11 Vicki Liles	
11/13 Roy Lanio	
11/13 Marc Nichols	
11/17 Father Rick	
11/18 Joel Bailey	
11/23 Tina Mongrain	
11/29 John Boykin	
11/29 Sherri Stuckey	

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