



ALL SAINTS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

August 2026



PREPARING FOR FALL

August for me often feels like the start of fall. School supplies reappear in stores, football training camp begins, church staffs begin making final plans for the coming season, and certain stores which shall remain nameless already have Halloween supplies on display! Summer is sometimes a time to take a break from certain commitments and find time for personal relaxation and renewal.

As fall draws near, though, we're invited to reprioritize our common life. Community is more critical than ever for our own wellbeing and the health of our society. It's very clear that digital forms of community, even if they still offer some value, cannot replace vibrant personal gatherings where we support and honor one another and our neighbors.

There are still ways to gather together this August. You're invited to join us for worship. Come for a final Summer Study session on Sunday, August 16 following worship that day. Join with others for the Intergenerational Potluck on Wednesday, August 19. The Moms and Dads groups are continuing this summer into the fall.

You can support Sunday mornings this month and in the coming year as a coffee host, usher, worship assistant, or as a youth and family ministry assistant. Look for these and other serving opportunities on the Volunteer page on our website where you can sign up to help.

In the coming weeks, we'll have more to share about groups and other ministries where you can connect more deeply with others at All Saints and make an impact. Some of those opportunities are listed under the Connect tab on our page for adults. Expect some small group discussion and learning opportunities beginning in late September/early October.

If you're interested in venturing out with others from All Saints for plays, concerts, dinners or coffee this year, stay tuned or talk to me if you're interested in helping to shape some experiences.

Community will be a key theme and emphasis this fall and throughout the year. Help us build and grow a vibrant community at All Saints starting this fall!

*Be well,
Pastor Jon*

AUGUST CALENDAR

2nd	Summer Story Workshop, 11am
5th	Knitting, Quilting, & Crafting Group, 1pm
9th	Open Choir, 9am
9th	Summer Story Workshop, 11am
9th	Saints on Bikes, 1pm
10th	Visit with Pastor Jennifer, 4:30pm
11th	Moms Group, 7pm
16th	Summer Study – Liberalism, 11am
16th	Visit with Pastor Jennifer, 11:45am
18th	Beautiful Souls Grief Support Group, 10am
19th	Knitting, Quilting, & Crafting Group, 1pm
19th	Caring for Creation Buckthorn Removal, 4–6pm
19th	Intergenerational Potluck, 5:30pm
23rd	Summer Story Workshop, 11am
30th	Summer Story Workshop, 11am

For up to date info, visit AllSaintsMtka.org/events.

REGISTER NOW FOR SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMMING

Registration is now open for school year 2026–2027. We have opportunities for kids and youth of all ages.

- Kids Connection (age 3 – 5th grade) - AllSaintsMtka.org/kids
- Crossroads (6th – 8th grade) - AllSaintsMtka.org/youth
- F.L.O.W (Future Leader of the World) High School Leadership Training (9th – 12th grade) - AllSaintsMtka.org/youth

Mark your calendars!

- First day of Kids Connection: Kickoff Sunday, September 13
- First day of Crossroads: Wednesday, September 16

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total contributions for our previous fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) were \$627,041 compared to \$612,214 budgeted. After expenditures, our net total of revenue over expenses was \$9,399 at the end of the fiscal year. Thank you for your offerings and special gifts!



INTERGENERATIONAL POTLUCK

LAKEVIEW PAVILION
LAKE MINNEWASHTA PARK,
CHANHASSEN



WEDNESDAY
GAMES AT 5:30
DINNER AT 6



FUN AT CAMP

STEPPING INTO GOD'S LIVING STORY

For families, summers are jam packed with spending time with friends and family, vacations, sports, and camps. The last two weeks of June we shared in some of the summer camp fun with several families in our community.



The week of June 15-18, we welcomed 25 kids from the community and 32 kids from All Saints Child Care in our week of day camp with Water's Edge Ministries.



Fun at Camp • Moms Group



The following week, 8 kids and youth from All Saints went to Shores of Saint Andrews for overnight camp. Both of the camps had a theme of Living Stories at the Water's Edge, where campers heard stories of different ways God used water or met people by the water. It is always a blessing seeing kids go throughout the week and leave with some of the biggest smiles. We are looking forward to camp again in 2027!



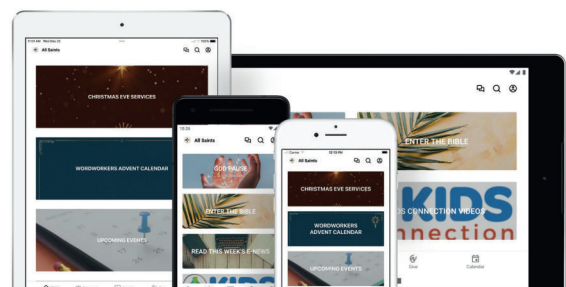
MOMS GROUP

In June and July, a handful of moms have been meeting at Bear Cave Brewing to discuss Rachel Held Evan's book *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. Moms of all ages have enjoyed coming together for engaging conversations about the book, their lives, and families. Whether they have been reading the book or not, any moms are invited to join us for the next moms book club on August 11.



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Available in App Stores





FAMILY EVENTS

Summer isn't complete without some bubbles and ice cream, or a bonfire. Many joined us for our Day Camp kickoff on June 14th. We had a potluck with the hot dogs and a wonderful spread of shared food. Everyone got a glimpse of what our camp week was going to look like with roasting s'mores and singing songs around the bonfire.



On July 15th, 30 kids from a dozen families joined us for our annual Bubble Dance Party & Ice Cream Social. They enjoyed making bubbles, eating ice cream, and dancing in the sanctuary!



These events provided a great way to connect with each other on hot summer days! If you missed our June and July events, make sure to join us August 19 for our church wide potluck at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park.

Summer Maintenance



SUMMER MAINTENANCE

As part of our ongoing care for what we've been given to steward, we've had a number of maintenance projects on our property. Last fall we discovered roof leaks in the garage that we share with the Scouts. Doug Larson took lead on a project to repair the roof, which was completed mid-June.



Then at the end of June, we had our parking lot seal-coated and restriped. This helps the asphalt resist drying out and cracking more, so that the lot can have a longer service life before replacement is needed.





Our August Wellness focus is
Emotional Wellness

EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

AUGUST WELLNESS FOCUS

Our wellness focus for August is Emotional Wellness. Emotional wellbeing isn't about always feeling happy or avoiding negative emotions, but rather, it is about adapting to stress, recovering from setbacks, and maintaining meaningful relationships. Check out the Emotional Wellness page for resources.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Kickoff Sunday is September 13. Kids Connection begins that Sunday, with Crossroads Confirmation starting September 16. Keep an eye out for more details about that and other summer events in the weekly E-News.

PEACE MOMENT

"Barbecue may not be the road to world peace, but it's a start."

— Anthony Bourdain

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