



# ALL SAINTS

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026

## SUMMER

While some of our programs and ministries are put on pause for the summer, we don't have a true offseason at All Saints. You'll find new ways to stay engaged in studies, social gatherings, new groups meeting, serving opportunities and more. You can read about some of those in this newsletter and in coming weeks in our e-news.

We'll kick off June with Pastor Jennifer's installation. Pastor Jen Collins from the Minneapolis Area Synod will be preaching and presiding at the installation. Come and share in this formal acknowledgement of her new call here at All Saints and our ministry together.

## SUNDAY STUDIES

Join me this summer to explore some current topics that weave the insights of faith into our understanding of the world and society around us. Come to learn and share in conversation. We'll meet on Sundays following worship down in the Lounge.

### Conspiracy – June 14

What is your favorite conspiracy theory? Do you have family or friends that are adamant about one? Do modern conspiracy theories hold any truth, or do they represent something else? You're invited to read this 2022 article from the Journal of Lutheran Ethics on conspiracy theories, why people are attracted to them, and how we're called to respond as Christians. Although you're encouraged to read the article in advance, you can still join us for the conversation. A limited number of printed copies will be available.

### Utopia – July 26

Wave a magic wand and what would the world look like to you? We'll explore religious visions (and some secular ones) for an ideal society (including Christian Nationalism). We'll reflect on the benefits and dangers of holding aspirational ideas, and why there's both wisdom and grounding in faith to remain realistic about the human condition.

### Liberalism – August (date TBD)

We'll explore the classical liberalism movement (not the modern political label) which the United States and many democracies are founded upon. Learn about both the negative and positive ways that Christian faith provided grounding for this movement historically. We'll talk about why things like liberal arts educations, open inquiry, humility, and the pursuit of the common good still matter, even as this movement has been losing momentum globally.

Your presence and participation help to make this faith community thrive and is itself a gift to others as they navigate life and seek out community, hope and inspiration!

*Be well,  
Pastor Jon*

## JUNE EVENTS

- 7th Pastor Jennifer's Installation, 10am
- 7th Visit with Pastor Jennifer, 11:30am
- 9th Moms Group, 7pm
- 14th Sunday Study - Conspiracy, 11am
- 14th Visit with Pastor Jennifer, 11:30am
- 14th Saints on Bikes, 1pm
- 14th Day Camp Kickoff Bonfire and Potluck, 5-7pm
- 15th Day Camp, 9am-2pm
- 16th Day Camp, 9am-2pm
- 17th Day Camp, 9am-2pm
- 17th Visit with Pastor Jennifer, 2-3pm
- 18th Day Camp, 9am-2pm
- 21st Summer Story Workshop, 11am
- 28th Summer Story Workshop, 11am
- 28th Saints on Bikes, 1pm

## JULY EVENTS

- 7th Moms Group, 7pm
- 12th Summer Story Workshop, 11am
- 15th Bubble Dance Party and Ice Cream Social, 5-7pm
- 19th Summer Story Workshop, 11am
- 26th Sunday Study - Utopia, 11am

For up to date info, visit [AllSaintsMtka.org/events](http://AllSaintsMtka.org/events).



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JENNIFER

I was ordained into Word and Sacrament ministry on May 14 at Oak Knoll Lutheran Church, which is where I completed my internship. Pastor Jon, along with Liz Hasty and Jacob Wagner representing the call committee, presented me with the red stole I am wearing, which is a gift from All Saints Lutheran Church. Thank you so much for this beautiful stole! I was delighted to see several folks from All Saints at my ordination. Mother Teresa said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

As I looked out into the congregation at my ordination, I was filled with awe at just how many people have come alongside me, some briefly and others for ages. I thank God for ways they have impacted my life and ministry. And I look forward to the ministry we will share in the weeks and months ahead here at All Saints.

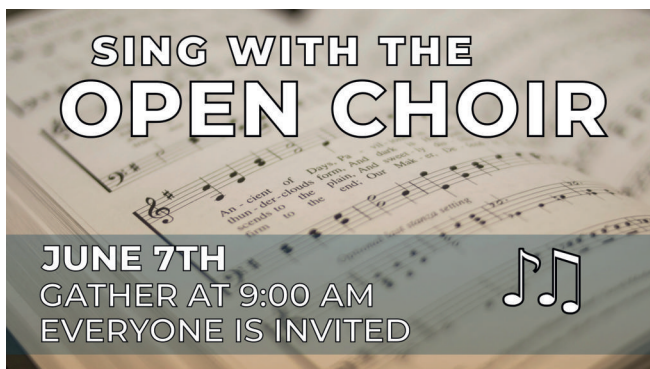
— Pastor Jennifer





**DAY CAMP KICKOFF  
POTLUCK AND BONFIRE**  
Sunday, June 14 • 5-7pm

Help us kick off summer and our day camp week by having a potluck and bonfire with staff from Water's Edge Ministries at church on Sunday, June 14 from 5-7pm. Whether you are signed up for camp that week or not, you are invited to join us for a potluck dinner and smores over the bonfire. Day Campers get a chance to meet the camp staff before their week starts and others have a chance to get a glimpse into what camp is like. Additionally, there will be lots of time for community, food, and fun! All are welcome.



**YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED  
ON JUNE 7**

Come and sing with the Open Choir on June 7th for Pastor Jennifer's installation. Everyone is welcome to sing that morning. No need to sign up, simply show up at 9am for a brief rehearsal before the service. Contact Music Director Meg Redmond with any questions.



**SUMMER STORY  
WORKSHOP**

Do you have a story that you've always wanted to write? This summer, the WordWorkers writing group is having an 8-session story workshop led by Aaron Achartz. Come with an idea for a story you've always wanted to write or just with a ready imagination. Over the course of the summer, we will brainstorm, plan, write, and edit our stories together. By the end of August, you will complete a short story or novelette of 5-12 thousand words. You'll have a story ready to take home and share with a beta reader or friend!

This workshop is for writers of all experience levels and will focus on fiction. Sessions are Sundays after the service beginning on June 21. There will be breaks on July 5, July 26, and one Sunday in August. You are encouraged to register at the Welcome Center so we can prepare materials, but everyone is welcome. Even if you can't make it every week, please come when you can! You're also invited to join the WordWorkers group on the All Saints App. Connect with other writers to get the feedback and encouragement you need!



Scan QR to register!

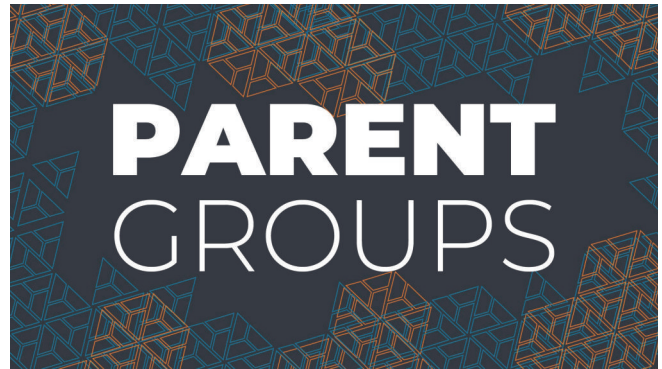


## MEET WITH PASTOR JENNIFER

Pastor Jennifer wants to get to know you. What's your story and who are you the rest of the week when you aren't at church? What do you care deeply about? How has ASLC impacted your faith? How does faith shape your life?

Sign up at the Welcome Center for one of the preplanned meetings. There are still spots available Sunday, June 7 at 11:30am and Wednesday, June 17 at 2pm.

Unable to make one of those? Contact Pastor Jennifer to set up a time to get together. Plan to meet for roughly 60-75 minutes. Families are encouraged to participate – set up a time for Pr. Jennifer to visit with you at a local park, McDonalds, or whatever place fits your family.



## PARENT GROUP MEETINGS

Every month, a group of moms get together to talk about everything from parenting to faith. Throughout the summer they are starting a new book study. The book they will be talking about is the Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans. The moms' group will be meeting offsite during the summer on June 9, July 7 and August 11 at 7pm. Even if you don't read the book, there is plenty of opportunity for engaging discussion with other moms. Contact Chelsea for more information on the moms group.

There is also a dads group that meets once a month. For the summer months, the dads will be having a handful of mixers at nearby breweries. Look to the e-news for details in the coming weeks.



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## CARING FOR CREATION

### Our Planet and Its People

Want something to do in your own neighborhood? Adopt a drain:

1. Sign up online [mn.adopt-a-drain.org](http://mn.adopt-a-drain.org) if you want. It's not required.
2. Keep 1 or more storm drains in your neighborhood clean & clear to protect our lakes and rivers.
3. Nearly 29,000 drains have been adopted in MN. Feel proud!

Want something to do at church? Use our new and improved Recycle and Trash bins. Blue bins are for recycling. Black bins are for trash. Recycle clean aluminum, glass, paper, and plastics #1, 2, & 5. Please don't put trash in the recycle bins.



Have you wondered what happened to all those beautiful lilies from Easter Sunday? Well, they have been planted. A few of us have spent a few hours over a few days to tidy up the gardens. Steve Suppan was the ring leader and it turns out we had a soprano, an alto, a tenor, and a bass, though the only singing we did was in our own heads.



## BUBBLE DANCE PARTY AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, July 15 • 5-7pm

No matter how young or old you are, there are two things that make for a great summer day: Bubbles and Ice Cream. Our bubble dance party and ice cream social has been a favorite activity for families for the last few years, so we are bringing it back again! Join us for a night of bubbles big and small, ice cream and connections with other families in our community! All are welcome so invite friends, family, and neighbors to the fun! Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy, we'll provide the dessert!

## FISCAL YEAR END GIVING

Thank you for supporting the ministry of All Saints. Your financial support each month inspires our ministry and builds momentum throughout the church. Our fiscal year ends June 30, so you are encouraged to check where you're at with your planned giving to this point in the year.

Giving this fiscal year has been strong. We are anticipating finishing the year with a positive net income. This will allow us to refill our reserves and prepare for unexpected expenses and large maintenance projects in the future. Thank you so much for all you do!



Our June Wellness focus is  
**Social Wellness**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST

The All Church Potluck out at Lake Minnewashta will be coming up in August. Keep an eye out for more details about that and other summer events in the weekly E-News.

## PEACE MOMENT

"Peace will come soon to stay, and so come as to be worth keeping in future time."

— *Abraham Lincoln*

## SOCIAL WELLNESS

### JUNE WELLNESS FOCUS

Minnesotans might be better than anyone else at celebrating and enjoying summer! The fact that winter lasts half the year around here really inspires us to make the most of those 12 weeks between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Opportunities for cabin weekends, outdoor sports, walks around the lakes, art fairs, and concerts abound for many. Summer is a great time to focus on social wellness—this month, look for posts about letting people in, enjoying informal gatherings, finding time for social connection, and play.

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