



For All The Saints

...Begin 2010

New Beginnings

The new church year just began with the arrival of the season of Advent. Soon the calendar year will also be renewed. This is a season of new beginnings — new resolve. Perhaps this will be the season when the people of All Saints begin to live even more fully into the *Core Value* of our parish that expresses our commitment to be engaged in **Lifelong Christian Formation**.

As you anticipate these new beginnings and the resolutions that might lead to spiritual renewal in your life, consider the offerings you find in this issue of *For All the Saints*. They just might lead to a fuller understanding of God's promise in the book of Revelation: "**Behold, I am making all things new.**"

May this season of new beginnings be the beginning of a new and wonderful period in the spiritual lives of all of us!

Happy New Year!

The Rev. Thomas P. O'Dell

Presiding Bishop Visits All Saints

Sunday, February 21st, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, will visit All Saints. Presiding Bishop Schori will preside and preach at the 10:30am service and offer a forum for parishioners during Christian Formation at 9:45am. The Presiding Bishop will be in Omaha for a meeting of the Executive Council.

The Presiding Bishop's latest article in the December issue of "EpiscopalLife" is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and recommended as a wonderful read.

Epiphany for Adults!

January 10

What Happened at Diocesan Council??

Each year, the Diocese of Nebraska gathers together—lay people and clergy—to worship, re-connect, celebrate our ministries, and attend to important diocesan business. Last November, a delegation from All Saints traveled to North Platte to participate in this important gathering and to represent the parish on a diocesan level. On January 10th, join those members who made the journey and learn more about what they experienced. We will discuss some of the legislation that came before the convention, reflect upon the bishop's annual address, and hear general reflections about the weekend. We will meet in the Activity Room in the undercroft at 9:45 am.

January 17, 24, 31

How Kids Pray

As children grow, their spiritual lives develop alongside their intellectual lives. Phases of development that we see in education—communication, the ability to reason, reading and writing—often correspond to changes in how kids experience God and the church. In this offering we will learn about the spiritual lives of children and pick up tips about how to most clearly and creatively communicate with our children about their developing faith. The Rev. Elizabeth Easton will lead this offering at 9:45 am in the Library.

January 17, 24, 31

Those Episkopols

Have you ever wondered: "Why do Episcopalians read their prayers?" "Does God like all that ritual?" "Can you believe anything you want and be an Episcopalian?"

These questions and more are addressed in the book, "Those Episkopols," by Episcopal priest, Dennis R. Maynard.

This offering will be a discussion of this book led by the Rev. Thomas O'Dell. The class will meet in the

Activity Room at 9:45am. Books are available in the narthex for \$10 each.

February 7

All Saints' Annual Meeting

All parishioners are invited to attend All Saint's Annual Meeting at 9:45 am on Feb. 7th in the sanctuary. The Body of Christ comes together for fellowship, brief presentations and a chance to rejoice together in God's accomplishment through His people here at All Saints.

February 14

Beyond Politics: *The public's need for health & wellbeing*

Please join Dr. Molly O'Dell and other public health professionals for a forum on healthcare reform. This is a topic that is on everyone's mind because of the enormous importance to our wellbeing. If it is occasionally forgotten, we are reminded by the news, the internet, billboards and our mail. Come and join in this discussion with fellow parishioners at 9:45 am in the Activity Room.

W.O.W!

Have you checked out what's happening at

Worship On Wednesdays?

W.O.W! resumes on Wednesday, January 13th. Each Wednesday evening we gather for Holy Eucharist from 6-6:30pm in the Activity Room of the undercroft. Our very special guest preachers in January are:

January 13th Kimberly Fretz

Interplay: PreK & Primary Tri-Faith Program

January 20th Heidi & Jeff Wilke *God's Blessings in Overcoming Adversity (surviving sexual assault)*

January 27th Mark Johnson

Reflections on Working with Youth

Immediately after the Eucharist, you are welcome to join us for a homecooked meal. Cost is \$5 per person, \$2 for children and a family is \$15. Childcare will be provided in the nursery beginning January 20th.

Lets Get Ready for Spaghetti !!!

The date has been set, so mark your calendars now for what's sure to be the Italian culinary event of 2010. Our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be held January 31, 2010...and back by popular demand for a third year, you may also enjoy the fine Italian wine and cuisine of John Benker at the Pasta Patron Party.

These events provide a significant portion of the funds used by the Outreach Committee to support All Saints' initiatives to fight Hunger, provide Housing, support Education, answer the call for Community Response, and continue the wonderful work progressing in our Foreign Missions to the Sudan and Latin America.

There are many opportunities for your involvement. Plans are just now getting underway to assure the events of 2010 will be the most successful ever.

We are looking for creative ideas and energy that will take this event to the next level. We'll need the usual muscle on the day of the event, and most importantly YOUR GENEROSITY in purchasing Dinner tickets and Silent Auction items.

We welcome donations of certificates or baskets from businesses, individuals, families for our silent auction.

We are currently looking specifically for donations of unique items of every kind and nature...travel packages, tickets to sporting, entertainment, or cultural events, hand or homemade items, gift certificates, jewelry, antiques, or anything else you might share...or even buy back.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the Silent Auction, please contact Barb Kaiser at 496-9569 or Scott Olander at 571-8078.

Our Success is YOUR success in sharing Christ's love through assisting others in need.

2010 Youth Events

All Saints Youth are having a great time this year and we invite new youth to always feel welcome to join in the activities. There are many offerings listed below and hopefully there is something that interests everyone. The wonderful part about participating in youth events and classes at All Saints is the way teens learn to support each other and embrace each person's individuality while combining our strengths in Christian Community. If you have questions about any of the events please contact Linda Rafael, Youth Ministries Director at lindar@allsaintsomaha.com.

Tweens (5th & 6th Grade)

Friday, March 12th - Sat., March 13th - Tween Retreat
Wednesday, April 28th 6-7:30pm - Tween Meeting

Middle School (7th & 8th Grade)

Wednesday, January 20 - Rite-13 - 6 pm - RC
Sunday, January 24 - Rock Climbing at UNO - 2-4pm
Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday service
and meal after - 5pm service
Friday, Feb 26-Saturday, Feb. 27
- Retreat at Camp Kitaki
Sunday, March 7 - Scavenger Hunt
for Omaha Food Bank - 2-4pm
Wednesday, March 17, - Rite 13 - 6pm - RC
Saturday, April 17th - Trip to the Zoo - time TBD
Wednesday, April 21st - Rite-13 - 6pm - RC

High School (9th-12th Grade)

Friday, January 15-18- Ski Trip to Winter Park, CO
Wednesday, February 3 - J2A - 6pm - Retreat Center
Sunday, February 21 - Swimming at CoCo Key - 2-4pm
Wednesday, March 3 - J2A - 6pm at Retreat Center
Sunday, March 14, - Go-Carts in Council Bluffs - 2-4pm
Wednesday, April 7th - J2A - 6pm at Retreat Center
Sunday, April 25th - Flag Football at Memorial Park
- 2-4pm

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