



## St. Augustine Episcopal Church

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Hello St. Augustine's family;

Have you ever wondered why I sometimes sign my name with a + after it? Other Episcopal priests do it as well.

It does not really mean 'priest.' Many of us like to explain it that way. It has a different meaning, that is connected to 'blessing.' The + should be used with a signature, therefore meaning, "with my blessing." If I write a letter and sign it with my name followed by +, it means I am sending the message with my blessing.

### **Change in Nov. 2 All Souls' Day plans**

As I (MM) reviewed the plans I had made for All Souls' Day, I realized it would be almost impossible to do all I intended within the limited time frame.

That is the day that Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe will be installed as the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The actual service begins at 10 a.m. (Central time); but there will be some pre-events and preludes that begin at 9:30 a.m. The event will be live-streamed so that everyone who wants to, is able to watch.

I intend to show the service via live-stream in the Guild Hall. I had also planned to hold mass with reading of the names at 9 a.m., but that was a bit of a time crunch.

So...my revised plan is to cancel the 9 a.m. mass. As communion is being offered to the folks attending the bishop's installation in person, I will consecrate our host and wine and distribute it to our folks at the same time.

The names of our dearly departed will be read at some point during the service; and again, on Sunday. Our "watch party" will begin at 9:30 a.m. on November 2. There will be British-style brunch snacks to munch on, and of course, coffee. Please sign up in the Guild Hall, to give us an idea of how many people to expect.

Faithfully,

*Meredyth*

### **Veteran's Dinner**

The Veteran's Day dinner will be held on November 9 at St. Augustine's. The program begins at 4 p.m. and dinner will follow.

Our guest speaker is Craig Lau (retired, Army). Dinner will be catered. There is no charge to attend. Donations are accepted and funds raised will be sent to Disabled American Veterans for accessibility remodeling of veterans' homes.

Please RSVP by November 1 by emailing [staugvetdinner@gmail.com](mailto:staugvetdinner@gmail.com), or call the church at 715-420-0066. If you wish to include veteran's names in the roll call, please do so by November 1 via the above email or phone number.

If you wish to share pictures of your veteran(s), please bring them to church on or before Friday, November 8, as we will be setting up and decorating at 10:00 am.

Please see the signup sheets in the Guild Hall for ways you can help with this special evening! We will meet again on October 6 after church to finalize plans, so feel free to join us.

### **Planning ahead**

Some folks are trying to figure out their calendars for the remainder of the year. So here is information on a couple of things already on our calendar.

**Saturday, October 12: Pet Blessing.** Meet at 10 a.m., outside, near the columbarium. If the weather is less than delightful, the blessing will take place in the Guild Hall.

**Saturday, November 2: All Souls' Day.** We will begin our “watch party” at 9:30 a.m., in the Guild Hall. We will watch the live-streamed consecration/installation of Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe online together. Brunch style snacks will be served. Communion will be distributed in the Guild Hall concurrently with the communion offered to in-person attendees of the installation. Those planning to join the “watch party” are asked to sign up in the Guild Hall prior to the event.

**Sunday, November 10: Ecumenical Music Festival.** This annual event will be held at 3 p.m. at Nativity Catholic Church. The festival will feature music by groups and individuals from area churches, and general community participants. Free will donations, and proceeds from a chili supper will benefit NAMI, Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence, and The Boys and Girls Club. Members of St. Augustine’s have been asked to contribute baked goods. There will be a signup sheet available by Nov. 1.

**Wednesday, November 27: Thanksgiving Eve.** Service details not yet available.

**Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve.** Hymn sing at 6:30 p.m., followed by Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day.** Service, 9 a.m.

## Poverty Simulation

We are all very generous when it comes to helping people. But sometimes we miss the mark on exactly what their needs are. Much background, or overarching factors affect individuals. These may be situations we don't understand because we are not familiar with them.

You'll have an opportunity to get a better understanding of the challenges of the poor during a Poverty Simulation on Friday, October 11 at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7937 Highway 51, Minocqua.

Caritas -Minocqua (the outreach program at St. Mathias Episcopal Church) and Ascension Lutheran are hosting the event.

The session will promote poverty awareness; increase understanding of what it is like to live in poverty; inspire local change to help battle poverty and transform perspectives of people in and out of poverty.

Check in begins at 12:30 p.m.; the program begins at 1 p.m., including a simulation, round table discussion and planning for the future.

Register online at <http://www.stmatthiasminocqua.com/caritas.html>

**SUNDAY:** Worship 9 a.m.

The Meeting ID: 812 8610 0297. Passcode: 94205

**To connect through video:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84626513503?pwd=TTVoVWxmbExJMGZVUnhCYWNCSnhxQT09>

**To connect by telephone:** 1-312-626-6799.

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## Office Hours

Office hours are generally 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.