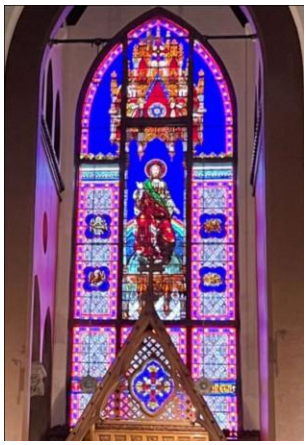


All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI
www.allsaintsmemorial.org

E-Messenger October 1, 2026

Come and worship

Rejoice in fellowship

Love and serve the Lord.

Dear All Saints' Family,

Threads

When I first saw the above photo a few days ago, I was immediately taken by the novelty of this scene - a lively, colorful quilt draped on the steps of the State Capitol Mall in Minnesota. The picture was taken Tuesday, September 22. Turns out more than 150 people worked for six months on this quilt, sewing together 12,500 quilt squares. Each square represents a Minnesota resident taken by ICE in the last year and a half. The quilt is about nine by 33 feet. The quilt is called "Minnesota Stolen Neighbors."

The making of quilts can draw people together and the finished quilt can be a powerful image of remembrance, solidarity, and community. I think of the quilt

Charlotte stitched several years ago, using neck ties that came from this congregation. She sewed the ties into squares that became a stunning, larger tapestry of squares. Ordinary neck ties were woven together reflecting this community, past and present.

There are many talented artists in this congregation who knit, crochet, make lace, quilt, sew, and of late, weave. Their handiwork is a common thread.

Our faith is a common thread that weaves us together as family, sends us out to serve, and guides us. I share with you a profound poem about "a thread" written by William Stafford. It is a poem that invites reflection.

The Way It Is
There's a thread you follow. It goes among

things that change. But it doesn't change.
People wonder about what you are pursuing.
You have to explain about the thread.
But it is hard for others to see.
While you hold it you can't get lost.
Tragedies happen; people get hurt
or die; and you suffer and get old.
Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.
You don't ever let go of the thread.
William Stafford (1914-1993)

Finding Hope at the Intersection of Creation Care and Social Justice, Oct. 3 Conference, 8:30-Noon

This Saturday (October 3, 8:30-noon), All Saints' will be hosting a Diocesan Conference. It promises to be a thoughtful and mind-stretching event with invited speakers from afar and locally:

~ Dr. Andrew Thompson, Center for Religion and the Environment, The University of the South: Sewanee, TN
~ April Brown, past Director of the Providence Racial and Environmental Justice Committee
~ Mario Montiero, Canopy Crew Team Lead, Garden Time
~ Jenn Recinos, Board President of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

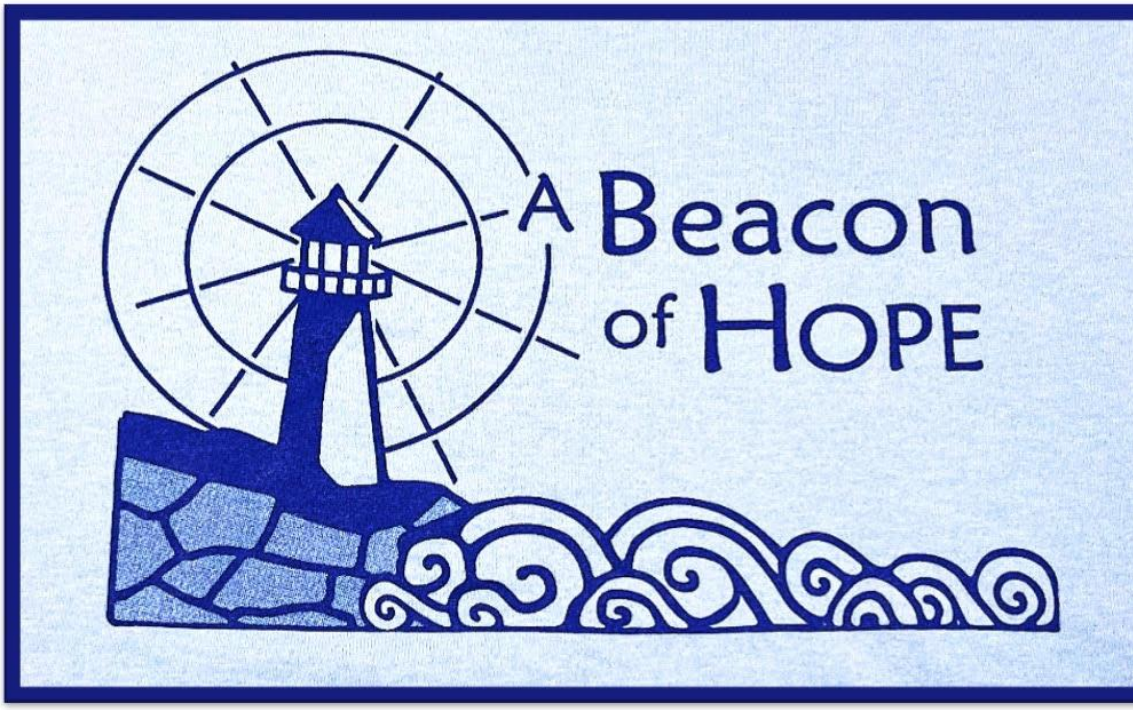
The Conference is free. Register here or let Becky or Rev. Julie know that you are coming so that we know how many chairs to set-up and how much food to order.

Sunday October 4, Blessing of the Animals

Bring your beloved pet (or a photo) to church!

Peace,
Julie

All are invited to our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am in-person, on Zoom, or Facebook.
Here is the Zoom link
The Service program may be found here.



Outreach Ministry

Next Meeting: October 4th

Monthly Food Collection: We collect food monthly and distribute the donated food to Better Lives RI and Crossroads Family Center. We invite you to contribute any prepackaged food items or canned goods with flip tops. Food cards from various grocery stores are welcome as well. Thank you for your generosity!

Healing Service with Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 pm

Easy access to Church Connect for the Church Directory and on-line giving

Ministries, Sunday, October 4th

First reading: Isaiah, Mary Jane Smith
Psalm 25:1-8 Mary Jane Smith
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 Chimmy Amaechina
Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32
Prayers of the People: Barbara Badio
Acolytes: Musa, Kodii, Angel, and Divine
Chalice: Musa
Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia
Coffee Hour: Sylvia and Barbara

UPCOMING

October 3: Diocesan Creation Care Conference at All Saints' 8:30-12:00
~ Finding Hope, Creation Care and Social Justice
October 4: Blessing of Animals; bring your beloved pet (or a photo) to church!
October 4: Outreach meeting following the Service.
October 7: Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, noon in the church

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Ruby, Derek, Victor, Gloria, Mary, Lady Johnet, Kathy, Glenna, Gabby, Kojo, Peter, Rosetta, and Bill. We pray for Samuel K., Charles Caranda, William Donahower, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie

Sirleaf, James, Elizabeth Pacek, John Dunning, Togba Treah, Sandy, Carol, and Abioseh Thomas.

We pray with love and thanksgiving for friends and loved ones departed especially Aaron Z. Goll and Victoria Williams. May their rest this day be in the Paradise of God.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays next week especially Emma Marshall.

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