

News from the Journey . . .

March, 2008



All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, Wisconsin

"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

Pastor's Letter . . .

What Will Jesus Say Now?

In John 20 Jesus appeared to his disciples on the first Easter. You might recall the followers of Jesus were "hiding out" in fear. The last time they were in the upper room they made bold statements. Peter led the way! He would do "whatever it would take" to follow Jesus and be faithful. The other disciples agreed.

Well, what the disciples said, never took. On Good Friday, all but one disciple were nowhere to be seen. Jesus died for our sins and on Easter was raised for our new life and beginning. When the Lord appeared to the disciples, what would Jesus say now?

Note first what he *didn't* say. He didn't say: "You blew it: you cowards: you failures: you losers: you faithless ones. We might say that, but not Jesus. What will Jesus say now? In this text, he says it *twice*.

"Jesus said to them again. 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.'"
John 20:21

This is God's gift to you this Easter!

- Pastor Rick

All Saints' Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 16:	8:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Classic Palm Sunday Worship Service New Song Palm Sunday Worship Service
Maundy Thursday – March 20:	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion (Special offering for St. Mark Lutheran Church's PromiseKids after-school program.)
Good Friday – March 21:	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Tenebrae Service and Cantata, "Light in the Darkness" by Patrick Liebergen, featuring All Saints' Adult Choir and special guest musicians.
The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday – March 23:	8:00 a.m. 8:30-10:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship Service Light Breakfast served by Youth Classic Easter Worship Service New Song Easter Worship Service



“Building The Body of Christ” Through Children’s Learning

**Meet All Saints’ Children’s Learning
Coordinator Kathryn Olszewski**

Earlier this year, Kathryn Olszewski was welcomed to All Saints’ staff as the new Children’s Learning Coordinator and was invited to introduce herself:

“I am excited to lead children’s ministry. It is a great privilege to touch children and teach them about God’s love for them. This love is something that will make a difference in their entire life. We have the opportunity to help children build their relationship with God so that they may rely on God through the good and the bad times in their lives. In the meantime, we, also, happen to have boatloads of fun.

“My family treasures our membership at All Saints. We have many friends and appreciate how it feels like a family, not a club. My husband, Dan, and I have two children. Chris is in fifth grade and Athena is in second grade.

“I started teaching Sunday School in seventh grade and have served many positions in children’s ministry throughout my life. Many of you may recognize me as the Vacation Bible School director. VBS is an experience that gets better every time I do it.

“My dream for All Saints’ Children’s Ministry is to be a welcoming program that continues to grow. Our Sunday School program should be one that offers solid Biblical teaching while utilizing a variety of teaching methods. Each child is special and learns in a different way. We should, also, strive to offer additional programs that offer special experiences for our children and an opportunity to invite others.

“Please pray that God blesses All Saints with children and gives us the wisdom on how best to serve them.”

Children’s Ministry



**Join the
Tree-Top
Bible Blast!**

June 16, 17 & 18

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Ages 3 years-Grade 4

Registration begins April 13.

Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School is just the place for cool crafts, fun songs, zany games, and a jungle of friends.

Sunday School will teach about Jesus’ death and resurrection during the month of March. Easter Sunday, March 23, there will be no Sunday School.

First Communion Class

First Communion instruction, “Taste and See”, is on two Wednesdays, April 16 and 23, at 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. It is for fourth and fifth grade youth and parent(s). Sign-up is needed, so please call All Saints at 276-PRAY or sign-up in the lobby. Youth will receive their first communion on Sunday, April 30, at New Song 10:45 worship.

TAKE YOUR BIKE TO CHURCH

Spring is just around the corner. Are you ready to get outside and start riding your bike again?



The Spokes of Life Biking Small Group is sponsoring a bike tune-up at All Saints’ building on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. All bike riders are welcome! Caleb Johnson will help people get their bikes ready for the spring riding season. Tune-up will be tire check and adjustment, brake check and adjustment, chain lube, and recommended service in the near future!

The Spokes of Life Biking Small Group welcomes all bikers, but they are, also, looking for people to ride with them during the spring and summer season. Come and find out more about the Biking Small Group. Refreshments will be provided.

Welcome to All Saints . . .



Sunday Morning:

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship
10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

Christian Education for all ages – 9:40 a.m. Sundays

Faith Under Fire

In the Easter Season (through mid-May), the theme is *"Faith Under Fire"*. How can faith power us in life and how can we grow in our spiritual life even in challenges? It is fitting to use 1 and 2 Peter in the Bible. Peter should know what it was like to have fallen and risen again by Christ's forgiveness and power. He lived the life God intended and finished well. Sunday themes are:

Mar. 30: *"Faith Under Fire?"*. 1 Peter 1:3-9

Apr. 6: *"Faith Under Valued. It Is a Precious Gift."*
1 Peter 1:17-23

Apr. 13: *"Faith Under Fire. Suffering"*. 1 Peter 2:19-25

Apr. 20: *"Faith Under Fed? How to Taste, See, and Grow Strong."* 1 Peter 2:2-10

Sunday Morning Alive!

Adult Learning and Discovery
Sundays – 9:40 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

You are invited for lively discussion and life-long learning about our faith journey in Christ. The current topic is a Bible Study called *"The Divine Drama!"*. Here's what is up ahead:

Mar. 16 *"Divine Drama!"* Unity and Chaos.

Mar. 23 Easter Breakfast served by Youth.

Mar. 30 *"Divine Drama!"* A People – A Mission.

Apr. 6 *"Divine Drama!"* Compassion and Covenants.

Apr. 13 *"Divine Drama!"* Wilderness and Wantonness.

Apr. 20 *"Divine Drama!"* Kings and Kingdoms.

Apr. 27 *"Divine Drama!"* From Kingdom to Captivity.