

News from the Journey...

April, 2008

All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, Wisconsin



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"



Small Group Rally

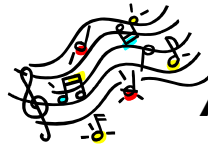


Sunday, April 20 - 12:00 noon
Fellowship Hall

Food! Music! Door Prizes!

Have you wondered what all this small group talk is about?

Plan now to come and learn more about All Saints' Small Group Ministry!



Music Appreciation Sunday

"We Are One"

May 18 - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Come Celebrate All Saints' Music Ministry!
featuring
All Saints' Adult Choir
All Saints Ringers
Joyful Noise
New Song Group
Congregational Singing



Cornerstone:

An Update
on Building Plans and Progress

All Saint's building expansion is steadily progressing.

The Fitchburg Planning Commission accepted the architecture design plans and issued a Conditional Use Permit to All Saints on April 1. We are on track for a congregational vote to approve building expansion funding in late May or early June. If the congregation approves the funding, groundbreaking can begin in mid-June.

Thanks be to God for all of your prayers and generous gifts to the Building Fund. Please continue to pray for Jesus to walk with us through this exciting time.

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



Vacation Bible School
June 16, 17 & 18
5:30-8:00 p.m.

All kids between the ages of 3 and grade 4 are invited to swing on in! We will listen to great stories, make cool crafts, sing fun songs, play zany games, and make a jungle of friends. Registration forms are available in the lobby or on the education page at www.allsaints-madison.org. Invite a friend!



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## News and Notes

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Spokes of Life Small Group: Thank you to those who assisted with *“Bring Your Bike to Church Night”* on April 3. A special thanks to mechanics: Caleb Johnson and Charlie Vojnovich. The Spokes of Life Biking Small Group has its first ride Saturday, April 26, 9:00-11:00 a.m., and will depart from the church parking lot. All are welcome. We share a brief devotion and ride in the area.

Lawn Mowers: All Saints is seeking volunteers to mow the church lawn. The time commitment for the mowing team is approximately 2-3 hours every 3-4 weeks from May 1-October 31, as needed. For more info, contact Dan Rohrer, 221-3855.

St. Mark’s Meals: All Saints periodically helps serve the free Friday noon Madison Community Meals at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St. All Saints will next serve on Friday, May 2. Servers are needed between 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Have a green thumb? Do you want to grow fresh vegetables or flowers? If you are interested in a garden plot, contact Jon Borgen, 835-5674, for more info. Children are encouraged to learn about gardening.

The **Barnabas Boys Small Group** has two projects this spring: **Gifts for troops overseas:** As an outreach to U.S. troops overseas, in particular Iraq and Afghanistan, the Barnabas Boys Small Group, assisted by others, is collecting items for gift boxes. Instruction sheets and collection boxes are in the fellowship hall. For more info, contact facilitator Dick Hoefs, 442-8932, or one of the Barnabas Boys. Dick, also, asks that you keep this project in your prayers . . . and a **Garage Sale:** Barnabas Boys Small Group is taking the lead in a garage sale fundraiser May 16 and 17, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monies collected will support outreach like Lutheran Campus Ministry, Care Net, and church building projects to be determined. The small group is asking mission partners and friends to collect items to sell and assist in pricing and selling during the event. For more info, contact Jon Borgen, 835-5674.

Newsletter articles are due the first Monday of each month to Georgia in the church office. Articles are subject to editing due to space availability.

In Our Prayers . . .

We rejoice with the family of Chris Carollo-Zeuner at the safe arrival last month of friend Dan Montgomery, from service duty in Iraq . . .

We pray for continuing guidance for our Synod Staff, Bishop Bruce Burnside, and the upcoming Synod Assembly May 2-3 in Madison. (Caroll Borgen and Carol Eisele are voting members from All Saints) . . .

Prayers of healing, peace, and support of the community for Andrew (A.J.) Quartaro, infant son of Andy and Heather Quartaro; Pinky Crawmer and thanksgiving for her husband, Bud; Pastor Rich; and Dorothy Skovsted . . .

Remember service personnel for a soon and safe homecoming: David Budinger (nephew of Roger and Paula Budinger), Bill Graff (future son-in-law of Patti Rielly), John Gunderson (brother of Joan Stoikes), Nathan Hoefs (grandson of Dick Hoefs), Jeff Kriesel (son of Gary and Roxie Kriesel), Ryan Oimoen (grandson of Bruce and Mary Cruger), and Dennis Walton, (nephew of Patrick and Cherie Godar) . . .

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## Children’s Ministry

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The Sunday School children are studying Paul and the early Christian church in April and May. The last day of classes is May 18 and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day is June 1.

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Pastor's Letter . . .

Faith Under Fire

Faith does come under fire. When it comes under fire it can cause doubt, uncertainty, fear, and self-blame.

Faith under fire can come from *within*. It is our doubt, misgivings and baggage. It can, also, come from *without*. This was the situation with I Peter. Others were harassing believers because of their faith in Jesus. They were feeling the pressure. They, also, wondered if something was wrong with them! Third, faith under fire can come from *below*. Yes, the devil wants to pull us away from all that is good and gracious. The evil one is at work to steal our joy and faith.

Faith under fire comes from within, without, and below. But, it doesn't come from *above*. That is where the comfort and strength comes from for us! Read what Peter told his friends:

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:24-25

- Pastor Rich

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**Thank You . . .**  
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Thank you for your prayers and intercessions for our decision and upcoming surgery for my prostate cancer. The surgery is scheduled for April 29 at UW Hospital. We are blessed with such facilities right here in Madison and have a favorable prognosis. As always, we take things one day at a time in God's grace. God is faithful and we rejoice in this promise even in uncertainty.

I will need to take medical leave in this time. From April 28-May 15 (earlier I hope!), I will be out of the office and we have two on-call provisions.

First, in case of a funeral, Pastors Jim and Cathy Stanley-Erickson, Arbor Covenant Church, will be on-call (church – 271-1955; home – 226-8683). Some of you have met them during our Ash Wednesday worship times. They are wonderful colleagues.

Second, in case of a hospital call, former council member Gary Kriesel (276-8832) is available. As a back-up, Karen Julesburg, current council member, is, also, available (271-1701). We are blessed, also, with chaplains at the Madison hospitals. In case of an emergency, please call the church office and contact Georgia. She is here Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-noon/1:00-4:00 p.m. When she is not on-site, you may call our Council President Jason Kunding (223-0839). He has the above information as well.

Please continue to pray for our family in the surgery and, also, the recovery process.

I look especially forward to being back at All Saints and worship on May 18. It is a festive time with Music Appreciation Sunday that day! We, also, have a full group for Divine Drama that I look forward to teaching at Sunday Morning Alive!

Thank you again.

Pastor Rich and Janet

Welcome to All Saints . . .



Sunday Morning:

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

Christian Education— 9:40 a.m. Sundays

Upcoming Worship Themes:

- April 20:** *“Faith Under Fed? How to Taste, See, and Grow Strong.”* 1 Peter 2:2-10. Reception of New Mission Partners.
- April 27:** *“Faith Under Scrutiny: Faith Has Its Reasons.”* 1 Peter 3:13-22. First Communion for fourth graders.
- May 4:** *“Faith Under Fire? Dealing with Worry and Evil.”* 1 Peter 5:6-11.
- May 11:** *“The Fire of Faith. Do You Have the Spirit.”* Acts 2:1-21. Pentecost Sunday & Mothers Day.

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:

- April 20:** *“Divine Drama!”* Kings and Kingdoms.
- April 27:** *“Divine Drama!”* From Kingdom to Captivity.
- May 4:** *“Divine Drama!”* Thus Saith the Lord.
- May 11:** *“Divine Drama!”* A New Exodus – A New People.
- May 18:** *“Divine Drama!”* Between Testaments.