

News from the Journey . . .

May, 2008



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, Wisconsin



Cornerstone:

An Update on Building Plans and Progress

The building expansion efforts are on schedule toward a late June groundbreaking. Currently, cost estimates are being obtained on building mechanicals. For those of you on a Building Design Team, our contractor will request your input when necessary for the project.

Also of note, the City of Fitchburg will be repaving Chapel Valley Road this summer. Despite the repaving, construction and remodeling, we will have use of the church building during construction.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for a congregational meeting to approve funding for the project.

The Congregational Council and Building Committee would like to thank you for your prayers and financial stewardship to the Building Fund Appeal. An amazing response to the Building Fund was noted in March and April when contributions to the Building Fund were 200% greater than January and February Building Fund contributions.



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, and congregational singing! The grade 3-5 Sunday School class will end the year by sharing a performance using boomwhackers on May 18 at the 10:45 service.



RAINFOREST ADVENTURE



Vacation Bible School
June 16, 17 & 18
5:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Ages 3 – Grade 4

Register your children and their friends
for a canopy full of fun!

Children will learn how Christians share, give,
and grow through storytelling, games, crafts,
songs, and science experiments.

Find the registration form in the lobby or at
www.allsaints-madison.org.

Join the Tree Top Bible Blast!



VBS School Kit Mission Project

Help the children at VBS collect school supplies for school kits to be given to Lutheran World Relief to send to places in the world hit by war, poverty, and natural disasters. Items will be collected June 1-22 in the lobby. Supplies needed are 150-200 page spiral notebooks, blunt scissors, 30 cm rulers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, unsharpened #2 pencils, construction paper, and boxes of 16 or 24 crayons. All items must be new.

Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Sunday

June 1 – 9:40 a.m.

A big thanks goes out to all of All Saints' Sunday School teachers. They have been a dedicated and loving group. Please join us between services on June 1 to show our appreciation. There will be a special time of fellowship with a dessert buffet.

Stepping Out In Faith . . .

Senior High Youth Summer Mission Experiences

Three of All Saints' senior high youth are planning to stretch their spiritual muscles this summer by stepping out to join Spoke Folk and Youth Encounter – Global Work Crew for various kinds of mission work.

Heather Ahnen, Bryna Godar, and Holly Godar were invited to share a bit about their upcoming experiences. Check-out their display in All Saints' lobby for opportunities to sign-up to pray for them on different days of their journey and/or to contribute financially to their trips.

Heather says . . .



This summer, I am participating in a bike-riding, singing ministry called SpokeFolk. I will be traveling throughout northern Wisconsin (June 18-29) on my bike with a group of other young people. We will start in Tomahawk, WI, and travel from church to church in different towns. At each church we will perform skits, puppet shows, singing, and we will have devotions. I have been looking forward to this trip since I learned about it a couple years ago while attending a weekend retreat called Construction Zone. I am excited about getting to know new people, traveling to different churches, and basically expanding my personal boundaries. My family and other adults at church have supported my decision to participate in SpokeFolk. I appreciate any support you can provide and, especially, your prayers.

Bryna says . . .



This summer, I will be singing and biking with a group called SpokeFolk. SpokeFolk plans trips in different areas of the U.S. each summer. I will be participating in the Ohio trip (July 2-13). After flying to Columbus on July 2, I will get a ride to First English Lutheran Church in Crestline. We will spend four days there, learning songs, writing skits, and getting to know each other. From there we will bike around the state to different churches and perform. I am very excited as I have been planning on doing this for a long time. Several people in our church have participated in Spokefolk in the past. Ever since I heard about it in about 2001, I've just been waiting until I'm old enough. The congregation, my family and especially Pastor Rich have encouraged me greatly throughout the process. I am very excited about this faith journey and any support you can provide, especially prayer, would be greatly appreciated.

Holly says . . .



This summer (June 24-July 18) I will travel to Tanzania with a group of high school students from around the country. This is through an organization called Youth Encounter, and we will be working at a school called Bomolang'ombe secondary school doing mostly finish work. I have wanted to go on one of these trips for quite a few years now, and I am very excited to finally be able to participate. For me, my experiences with Feed My Starving Children and loading box cars, as well as my mission trip down to Mississippi, have really made me realize how much I love service work. I am very excited to take this leap in my faith, and I can't wait to share my experience when I get back.

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
(Sunday Classes are on summer break May 25-Sept. 7)
Vacation Bible School-June 16-18, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Worship Themes:

- May 18:** Music Appreciation Sunday. *“We Are One.”*
- May 25:** *“Fire Under Faith: How Does a Christian Deal with the Government.”* 1 Peter 2:13-17.
- June 1:** *“Faith Under Fire: Goodness and Knowledge.”*
2 Peter 1:3-11. (8:30) Youth Service. (10:45)
Teacher Appreciation Reception (9:40)
- June 8:** *“Fire Under Faith: Self-Control and Toughness.”* 2 Peter 1:3-11.

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:

- May 18:** *“Divine Drama!”* Between Testaments.
- May 25:** Memorial Day weekend – Fellowship Time
- June 1:** *“Divine Drama!”* The Messianic Age.
- June 8:** *“Divine Drama!”* The Messianic Kingdom Has Come!
- June 15:** *“Divine Drama!”* The Messianic Age Today.
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Newsletter articles are due the first Monday of the month to Georgia in the church office. The June/July issue is a combined issue, with a due date of Monday, June 2. Articles are subject to editing due to space availability.

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## News and Notes

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Synod Council Members: All Saints' mission partner Jim Greenwald was elected as a lay member of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Council at its Synod Assembly May 2-3 in Madison. Bob Gorsuch continues as the Synod's treasurer.

With Thankfulness . . .

"Dear All Saints' Congregation: Thank you so much for the kind thoughtfulness and support you have shown. It is appreciated and means so much. Sincerely, Pinky and Bud Crawmer"

"Dear Mission Partners and Friends of All Saints: Please accept our deep appreciation for your prayers, intercessions, cards, and words of encouragement during my recent surgery on April 29 and recovery. You have been and are a blessing in Christ's name. A friend shared a passage from Hebrews 12:1-2a: 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us . . . also lay aside every weight and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus . . .' In Christ, Pastor Rich and Janet"

The newly formed Craft Small Group will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Chapel Valley Apartments Community Room, 5771 Chapel Valley Rd, Fitchburg. For more info, contact Joan Stoikes, 274-6621.

The Spokes of Life Biking Small Group has several upcoming rides planned: Saturday, May 17: 9:00 a.m. – Capital City Trail, Lake Farm Park, meet in church parking lot. Saturday, May 31: 9:00 a.m. – Capital City Trail, Arboretum, meet in church lot. Saturday, June 14: 9:00 a.m. – Glacial Drumlin Trail, Cottage Grove. A bike trail pass is needed. All are welcome.

Financial Stewardship Update . . . Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to All Saints! For more info, contact Congregational Council President, Jason Kundinger, 223-0839.

General Fund

March, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	80,776.00	73,022.00
Avg. Mo.	29,925.00	24,341.00
Avg. Wk.	6,731.00	5,892.00

Building Fund

March, 2008	8,629.00
Year to Date	17,151.00

In Our Prayers . . .

We rejoice at the baptism on April 27 of Olivia Lee Hayes, infant daughter of Sean and Lee Hayes . . .

God's blessings to Logan Beal, Morgan Espich, Benjamin Pasley, and Brady Traeder, who received their first communion April 27 . . .

We rejoice at the birth of Isaac Zoll, son of Tracie and Dean Zoll, on April 27 . . . and at the birth of Jackson Fassl, son of Angie and Josh Fassl (grandson of Jack and Diane Jensen and great-grandchild of Roger and Darleen Symdon), on May 1 . . .

Prayers of healing, peace, and support of the community for Andrew (A.J.) Quartaro, son of Andy and Heather Quartaro; Elfriede Colucci, Pinky Crawmer and thanksgiving for her husband, Bud; Pastor Rich; Willis and Helen Martinson (parents of Sue Martinson-Zyhowski), and Dorothy Skovsted . . .

Remember service personnel for a soon and safe homecoming: Jennifer Anderson (mission partner), 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 (mission partner), Ryan Oimoen (grandson of Bruce and Mary Cruger), and Dennis Walton (nephew of Patrick and Cherie Godar) . . .

Welcome New Mission Partners! On April 20, All Saints welcomed the following new mission partners: Mike and Megan Lawless, Katherine and Jane, 3321 Heatherdell Ln., Madison, 53713; Dave and Mona Queoff, Erik, Steven, Kirsten, Christopher, and Elizabeth, 5792 Auburn Dr., Fitchburg, 53711; Angela Troia, 2890 Cimarron Trl., Madison, 53719; and John and Nicki Troia, 2898 Glacier Valley, Fitchburg, 53711.

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