

News from the Journey . . .

June/July, 2008



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, Wisconsin

All Saints Is Growing Locally . . . Sharing Globally!



Cornerstone: An Update on Building Plans and Progress

First, thank you for your prayers and financial support for the building project. We have been blessed and the time is drawing near for **ground-breaking**, scheduled for **Sunday, June 29, 9:45 a.m.!** Worship services will be held during construction. Please watch for announcements regarding construction news and parking updates.

Much behind the scenes work has been done by Jerry Sieling, Building Chair, and Jon Warren, Vice-Chair, planning, estimates, and of course, paperwork! Council has done their homework to secure solid financing. Giving of our finances, in any kind of economic climate, is an act of faith and thanks. God has and will provide. We can step-out in faith in our giving and our participation.

If you have not had an opportunity to fill-out a faith promise for the Building Fund, please do so! It is a wonderful opportunity to be involved at the "ground floor" of this exciting time in reaching out by expanding opportunities and space. There will be an opportunity to do so at worship on June 29. I will be highlighting this and our theme: *"Raising the Roof of Faith"*, and am privileged to do so!

Summer Youth Mission Trips

Three All Saints' youth are strengthening their spiritual muscles this summer as they plan mission trips through the biking ministry,



SpokeFolk, and Youth Encounter's Global Work Crew, Side by Side. Please remember all three in your prayers as they share the Good News in creative ways: Heather

Ahnen (SpokeFolk, northern Wisconsin, June 18-29) Bryna Godar (SpokeFolk, Ohio, July 2-13), and Holly Godar (Global Work Crew, Side by Side, in Tanzania, June 24-July 18).



VBS School Kit Mission Project

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



Barnabas Boys Continue Gift Box Project

The Barnabas Boys Small Group thanks all who have given items for gift boxes for U.S. service personnel stationed overseas and plan to continue the project.

A blessing of the first shipment was Memorial Day weekend. The first boxes are being sent to mission partner relatives/friends serving in Iraq and then to those in Afghanistan.

There is a table in the fellowship hall with info on suggested items. Barnabas Boys' facilitator Dick Hoefs said the emphasis is on items for hot weather needs.

Dick, also, said the Barnabas Boys *"hope to send a box or two each month until there is no continuing need in Iraq and Afghanistan (such as the troops come home)."* For more info, contact Dick Hoefs, 442-8932.

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**News and Notes**  
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“Rainforest Adventure” is the theme of All Saints’ Vacation Bible School, June 16, 17, and 18, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m., for kids ages 3-grade 4. Children will learn how Christians share, give, and grow through storytelling, games, crafts, songs, and science experiments.

Spokes of Life Small Group: The Spokes of Life Biking Small Group has several rides planned. All are welcome. Upcoming rides are: Sunday, June 29: 1:00 p.m. – Capital City Trail loop, meet in church parking lot; Saturday, July 12: 9:00 a.m. – Badger State Trail; Sunday, July 27: 1:00 p.m. – State Capitol, Dane County Farmer’s Market, meet in church parking lot; and Saturday, August 9: 9:00 a.m. – Military Ridge Trail. For more info, contact Joan Stoikes, 274-6621.

The newly formed Crafts Small Group meets 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, or Robin Cherwinka, 832-6388.

The Barnabas Boys Small Group gave \$236 from their recent garage sale to the Sunday School program.

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**Thank You . . .**  
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Bud Crawmer, husband of Pinky Crawmer, wrote this note: *“A huge thank you to all the people at All Saints for the support all have shown.”*

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Prayer Joys and Concerns

Thanks be to God for the Sunday morning kids teaching staff at All Saints! They help parents, sponsors, and grandparents model the Christian faith with life-long learning . . .

Prayers for safe travel and thanksgiving as Pastors Jim and Cathy Stanley-Erickson of Arbor Covenant Church travel to China later this month to welcome their new daughter, Wan Yi Ling, born July 25, 2007 . . .

We rejoice with those celebrating wedding anniversaries: Clifford and Dorothy Skovsted (60 years, June 19) and Pat and Cherie Godar (25 years, June 11) . . .

God’s peace and power to grieving families: The family of Pinky Crawmer. Pinky was a mission partner at All Saints and services were May 21 . . . The family of Helen Tholo, Stillwater, MN. Helen was a long-time mission partner at All Saints from the days when we met at Leopold School. She was at a care center near her son. Services were May 3 . . . The family of Art Meyer (father of Barbara Mardones), who passed away May 20 . . . The family of Todd Podach (brother of Dawn Gramse). Services were held June 5 . . .

Prayers for those hospitalized or recently home: Andrew Quartaro (infant son of Andy and Heather Quartaro, mission partners) (home), Willis Martinson (father of mission partner Sue Martinson-Zyhowski) (home), and Isaac Zoll, born April 27 (infant son of Tracie and Dean Zoll . . .

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 (mission partner), Ryan Oimoen (grandson of Bruce and Mary Cruger), and Dennis Walton (nephew of Patrick and Cherie Godar) . . .

Newsletter articles are due the first Monday of the month to Georgia in the church office. The June/July issue is a combined issue, and the due date for the next newsletter is August 4. Articles are subject to editing due to space availability.

Welcome to All Saints . . .



Sunday Morning:

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship

10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

(Sunday School resumes September 7.)

Upcoming Worship Themes:

- June 22:** *"Fire Under Faith: Godliness and Love."*
2 Peter 1:3-11.
- June 29:** *"Faith and Science: Friend or Foe?"* Psalm 19.
- July 6:** *"Faith and Science: Friend or Foe? Science: Thinking God's Thoughts After Him"* Psalm 65:9-13.
- July 13:** *"Faith and Science: Friend or Foe? Is Evolution a Solution?"* Genesis 1.
- July 20:** *"Faith and Science: Friend or Foe? Global Warming and Congregational Warming."*
Psalm 119:129-136

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. This summer the theme will be *"Ice Tea and Issues"*:

June 29: Groundbreaking for new addition!

July 6, 13, and 20: *"Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality."* Our synod is studying a draft document on this and it will be a time to pray, discuss, and send in your responses to our churchwide leadership. Booklets will be available each session.

August 10, 17, and 24: *"Science and Faith: Friends or Foes?"*: Join the discussion on an overview of the relationship between science and faith, their respective roles and what is being taught or not taught in the classroom of public schools.

These will be informal discussions that give a change of pace and focus on issues we have not studied in the rest of the year. Discussion is in the fellowship hall, unless otherwise noted.

Pastor's Letter . . .

Spiritual Stimulus Check

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name.” Psalm 103:1

Soon, many will receive an economic stimulus check in the mail. Some will save, spend, or do a combination of both with it. But how do you do a *spiritual stimulus check*? It is the work of the heart. It is hidden but bears fruit.

One spiritual stimulus check is *gratitude*. This was the mindset of the Psalm writer: “forget not his benefits”. When one remembers God’s constant blessings there *is* spiritual stimulus. Gratefulness blossoms. We give up an entitlement mindset. We see and taste all that God has provided: entitled or not!

My messages over summer will be on ways to build a “fire under our faith”. The texts will be from the short and sweet books of 1 and 2 Peter. There are characteristics such as self-control, patience, and loving deeds that “fire-up” our faith. We are given a spiritual stimulus package!

Oh yes, and what about those economic stimulus checks? We plan to pray and reflect on what we would like to tithe (10% offering in thanks) those checks towards. It can be a blessing to us to be a blessing to another! How about you?

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” Psalm 103:2

– Pastor Rich

Opportunities to Serve and Share

An Opportunity to Serve All Saints’ Youth Is Available! We are seeking individuals who are interested in working with our middle school youth at All Saints. We have an awesome group of middle school age youth who are in need of a teacher for Sunday mornings during the time between services. This can easily be a shared position with others – creative scheduling opportunities available to you! You will not stand alone – support is available for help with curriculum questions and building a positive classroom environment as you go along.

We are, also, seeking individuals who are interested in taking the lead (with parental support) with our middle school youth in fellowship activities (i.e., organizing and chaperoning Youth Quake, planning and carrying out service and social events, joining youth at the boxcar loading in October, etc. . . .). Again, this can be a shared position.

Contact Pastor Rich (276-PRAY) for more info. Pray over the possibilities – the challenges and rewards await you!

St. Mark’s Meals: On August 1, All Saints will serve the free Friday noon at the Madison Community Meals site at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St. Servers and helpers are needed between 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Broccoli Project: All Saints’ Middle School Youth are growing broccoli at the Whalen Road community garden. The broccoli will be given to St. Mark’s Food Pantry as it is harvested.

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

April, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	108,225.00	100,968.00
Avg. Mo.	27,056.00	25,242.00
Avg. Wk.	6,764.00	5,892.00

Building Fund

April, 2008	9,413.00
Year to Date	26,564.00