

# News from the Journey . . .

August, 2008



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

All Saints Lutheran Church, Fitchburg, Wisconsin

## Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 7

- 8:30 a.m. Classic Worship at All Saints' building
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School begins! (Sunday Morning Alive will resume September 14)
- 10:45 a.m. New Song Worship at McKee Farms Park shelter
- 12:00 noon Meal at the Park

This fall meet some . . .



**Sunday School starts  
Sunday, September 7 at 9:40 a.m.  
(Ages 3 Years through Grade 8)**

This fall the children will discover what it means to be a hero of the Bible. They will meet Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, and more. Sometimes they will see how the Bible heroes have human weaknesses just like us.

See what God's great power can do!

Turn Page for Adult Learning Opportunities

## Blessing of the Backpacks



All students should bring their backpacks to church Sunday, August 31. The students and their backpacks will be blessed during both the 8:30 and 10:45 worship services. We pray they all have a safe and fulfilling year!



## Raising the Roof of Faith!

### Blueprints: Building Update

We give thanks to God for phase one groundbreaking on June 29! The day went very well with good crowds and wonderful weather. As of this issue, footings, foundation, slab, plumbing, and various connections are set. The parking lot has been "peeled off"!! The roof line will be in place soon. We, also, thank God for a safe building site. Please remember the foreman, Homer, and, also, Building Chair, Jerry Sieling, in your prayers. They are doing fine work!

All Saints' parking lot will remain an unfinished piece of art, for now! You may find some spaces in it or on Chapel Valley Road. Our neighbors, Odyssey Veterinary Care, Natural Path Health Center, Ann Stanger, M.D., and Emdat, have graciously agreed to use of their lot on Sunday mornings. Please thank them if you see them.

## Pastor's Letter . . .

### Extreme Home Makeover is Fall Theme

Do you have time, space, and resources for what matters most in life? A little fine tuning may not work at all. What is needed is an extreme home makeover!

This fall our theme will explore the promises of stewardship. God provides, guides, and decides. We will explore the care of our relationships and resources: two precious gifts from the greatest giver . . . God!

Fall Kick-Off is September 7. The New Song 10:45 worship will be at McKee Farms Park picnic shelter 1/4 mile south of the church building. A meal will follow. Sunday Morning Alive will begin on September 14. A great fall Sunday School for kids learning time is set and our caring teachers will be blessed on September 7.

We are all in the process of building homes whether we are students, parents, or seniors. We need a good foundation. We have many choices. We need to know the Master Builder. God's plans are to love and bless the world. We have the privilege of being a blessing to others. So, when you are doing your home makeover, don't just count your blessings, share them!

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."* Matthew 7:22

*- Pastor Rick*

## News and Notes



### Crossways Bible Study Workshop:

This October is a unique opportunity for spiritual growth and digging into God's Word! Crossways International Bible Study author and teacher, Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt, will

lead a three-day Living Word Workshop October 15-17 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Central Campus, Whitney Way and Raymond Road, Madison, co-hosted by All Saints. As a bonus, there will be a special Saturday morning workshop, *"The Bible's Big Story"*, on Saturday, October 18. For more info, brochures are available at All Saints or call 276-PRAY.

### New Mission Partner (Member) Orientation

**in October!** A new mission partner session will be Saturday, October 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m., fellowship hall. Free childcare and a light breakfast will be provided. Topics will be *"Listening for God"*, *"My Spiritual Gifts"*, and *"What's the Next Step?"* New mission partners will be received on Sunday, October 12.

**Sign-Up Now! 7th Grade Confirmation** begins with a youth-parent meeting Wednesday, September 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m., fellowship hall. Watch for signs in case of construction!

**Adult Choir** rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the choir, you are welcome! The Adult Choir sings at 8:30 classic worship.

**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

June, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	154,789.00	147,546.00
Avg. Mo.	25,798.00	24,591.00
Avg. Wk.	6,192.00	5,892.00

### Building Fund

June, 2008	5,272.00
Year to Date	57,029.00

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**Reflections on All Saints . . .**  
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(Worship and Music Director Melissa Hinz accepted a part-time choir director position at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Madison, as of August 1. Melissa shares the following reflection.)

“When we came to All Saints five years ago, I knew it was where God wanted our family to be. He made it perfectly clear, and had prepared the way long before I even realized the possibility. I go back again and again to the reading in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord." That is the way our God works. He has a plan for us – set even before time began. What must we do as followers of Christ? We must seek the Lord, listen and follow.

“I have spent much time in prayer over this decision and I believe that God is now calling me on to another place where I can continue to grow and learn and serve him with all that I am. I am doing my best to seek him, listen for his call and to follow, knowing that following him is not always easy. It is not as if I am being asked to sacrifice my life, or any part of my physical body, but I am having to leave a church family that I care for deeply.

“Our family is grateful for having been a part of the All Saints’ family. You have given us encouragement, friendship, and inspiration. You have helped us grow as people and followers of Christ. You have cared for us, and we have been blessed to know you and to share this time with all of you.

“Greg, Emma, Nicholas and I will keep you in our prayers and we ask that you do the same for us. We pray God's continued blessings on the many ministries at All Saints, that you may continue to be led by the Spirit and share the message of God's grace and love.

“In the reading from Jeremiah that I mentioned above, God does not just say that he has plans for us, but he goes on to say this: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

“God promises a hope and a future and we are trusting in his guidance, in his care, in his grace, and in his plan. May you all continue to seek the Lord and discover the amazing plan he has for you.

“Your Sister in Christ, Melissa Hinz”

**Prayer Joys and Concerns**

We rejoice at the baptism of Helena Madeleine Crennell, infant daughter Peter and Dagmar Crennell, on June 22 . . .

God's blessings to mission partner Dick Hoefs as he celebrated his 80th birthday July 21. Dick's grandson, Nathan Hoefs (serviceman), was also, married on July 19 in Illinois . . .

Thanks be to God for the new life given to mission partners Ben and Melanie Webster at the birth of Owen on June 18 . . . and prayers of thanksgiving as Pastors Jim and Cathy Stanley-Erickson of Arbor Covenant Church traveled to China earlier this summer to welcome their new daughter, Kajsa Ling . . .

We rejoice at the wedding of Scott Roeder and Sonia Dominguez, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Gilman, IL, on July 19 . . .

Resurrection comfort and peace to Don and Carol Bishop. Carol's father, Elmer Jorgenson, passed away July 26 . . .

Please pray for a safe homecoming and a steady sense of community and God's presence for our service personnel near and far. They are Jennifer Anderson (stateside), 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), Ryan Oimoen (grandson of Bruce and Mary Cruger), and Dennis Walton (nephew of Patrick and Cherie Godar) . . .

Also . . . we give thanks to God that Jeff Kriesel has returned home from duty and is residing in Fitchburg again! Welcome back, Jeff!

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**Welcome to All Saints . . .**



**Sunday Morning:**

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship

10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

(Sunday School resumes September 7 at 9:40 a.m.)

**Upcoming Worship Themes:**

- Aug. 17:** *“Faith and Asking: Faith Steps Up.”*  
Matthew 14:22-33
- Aug. 24:** *“Faith and Confession Faith: Faith Speaks Forth.”* Matthew 16:13-20
- Aug. 31:** *“When Bad Things Happen to Decent People.”*  
Psalm 26
- Sept. 7:** *“Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life: Building a Solid Home: Foundation”*  
Matthew 7:24-27
- Sept. 14:** *“Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life: Dealing with Anger and Resentment.”*  
Matthew 18:21-35

**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 is *“Iced Tea and Issues”*:

**August 17 and 24:** *“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 31: Fellowship Time**

**Coming in September:** *“Margin: Finding Time for What Matters Most In Life”*

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**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.