

News From the Journey

September, 2008

Pastor's Letter . . .



Walk With Jesus

Each day is a walk with Jesus! Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day in which we walk with Jesus! Some days it feels like Christ is right with us. Other days, we may wonder! We believe in God's promise that regardless of how we feel, Jesus is here. Jesus walks with us each day!

In the weeks ahead, All Saints will pray and consider the stewardship of our finances. Each mission partner is asked to pray and consider your use of money and possessions as part of our walk with Jesus. This makes sense. It makes sense because Jesus often talked about money and possessions with his first disciples. If money was part of Jesus' first walk on earth, it should be part of our walk with Christ today.

For three Sundays, we will read a worship folder insert and have conversations at worship from mission partners and council members. Its focus is "how we cultivate a climate of generosity in our life, homes, and All Saints". Then, on Sunday, October 5, each mission partner at All Saints will have opportunity to complete a faith promise for 2009. It will include both general and building funds. As one or our mission partners put it in his temple talk this summer: "This is not an obligation, but an opportunity for spiritual growth!" On the faith promise card, each of us will be invited to make a faith promise for the coming year. It is a faith promise to All Saints' mission and ministry, but more important, it can be a plan for how we walk with Jesus and his promises to us. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in your giving!

- Pastor Rick



Fall Kick-Off Issue

Turn the page to read more about walking (or bike riding) with Jesus!

Check out **new** small group and learning opportunities!



Raising the Roof of Faith!

Blueprints: Building Update
By Jerry Sieling, Building Chair

Work planned for September will include: Plumbing work will continue in areas where possible. Electrical work will continue with the supply lines being run from the east end to the west end. Heating and venting installation work will begin. They will provide cut sheets for the stove hoods (to match black stoves). The remaining concrete work (kitchen island and hall ramp) will be put in place to be safe to use the four existing classrooms. A temporary door will be installed at the west end of the existing building for security and safety. The roofing subcontractor has been installing felt, ice barrier, and shingles.

Growing Faith by Sharing Faith . . .



Two of All Saints' mission partners, Heather Ahnen and Bryna Godar rode on 12-day biking/musical ministry mission trips this summer with SpokeFolk through northern Wisconsin and Ohio, respectively.

Bryna Godar went to Tanzania on a mission trip with Youth Encounter's Global Work Crew, Side by Side. She will give a presentation on her trip at Sunday Morning Alive on October 26.

On each of the tours youth bike during the day and share an evening concert and worship service with a host congregation. SpokeFolk is passionate about sharing and living the Gospel through biking, music, and community. As they pedal, God works on riders' hearts and helps people remember the excitement for ministry God has given them.

Heather and Bryna express appreciation to All Saints' mission partners for the prayer and financial sponsorship for their trips and share some highlights, which follow:

Bryna Godar reflects:

This summer I went on a 12-day biking trip in Ohio with a group called SpokeFolk. We put together a musical program praising God and then went on tour, biking from church to church performing. The journey, however, was about so much more than the singing and the biking: it was about relationships.

Twenty-three of us came together from all over the country to form an incredible support network of Christians. There was a reason for each of us to be there and if even one person had not come, the tour would have been completely different. During the week and half, we all became extremely close, closer even than some people who have known each other for years.

It was such a fulfilling experience to be surrounded by Christians my age, all there for me if I tripped or fell. And even though tour is over, they are still there for me and will be forever.

Heather Ahnen reflects:

The whole trip for me was a highlight, even though the biking wore you out physically, I loved every moment I was there. One of the best parts for me was getting close to all of the other participants on the tour. It was amazing to talk to people close to my age that had strong Christian faiths. Those people helped further my own faith everyday on the tour. Going on SpokeFolk this summer was the most wonderful and unique experience of my life. :)

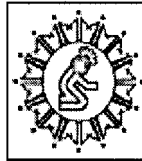
The amazing thing about SpokeFolk is how all its components come together to help every participant grow in their faith and as a person. A whole day spent biking wears you down physically and emotionally. But it also allows you the chance to talk with someone for uninterrupted hours while encouraging each other up every hill and laughing in delight as you fly down the other side.

Once you get to the church, you have to unload everything and set up the sound system, further exhausting your body. But you keep going. For the performance, you have to be energetic and alive even though there is no energy left. But somehow, the adrenaline from the day and the profound presence of God makes it easy.

By the time we get to devotions, you are completely exhausted. You are broken down and you have no ability to resist God. He helps you fall apart, and then he picks you up and puts you together again as a better person, more willing to serve, and welcome him into your life.

For awhile before SpokeFolk, I was starting to play tug-of-war with God, yearning for "control", the result being I felt even more out of control. During tour, I was able to surrender my life again to God, laying everything at his feet. Now that I have let go, it gives me the feeling of control, because I don't need to worry, I know God is taking care of me.

New This Fall . . .



Crossways Bible Study Workshops . . . Coming Soon!

MOPS Group Coming in Early November

All Saints' is starting a new small group in early November called Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). MOPS is a non-denominational Christian organization set-up to help mothers of preschoolers develop spiritually and to teach parenting and leadership skills.

Ronda Beggs, one of the group's organizers says, "This is an exciting opportunity to reach out not only to mothers at All Saints, but also within our community to share our experiences in mothering, knowledge, and love of Christ. For those of you who are familiar with MOPS, you know the support and friendship that it can provide to mothers of preschoolers, a time to recharge our batteries so that we can be better mothers and build support for each other, while our children are being well cared for in a MOPPETS preschool setting."

Mothers who are interested can contact Ronda Beggs, 298-9406, Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408, for more information.

Check-out a pair of workshops that "Work the Word!" coming October 15-18. The workshops will be taught by Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt, founder of Crossways International, and author of "The Divine Drama" class offered earlier this year as part of Sunday Morning Alive.

Co-hosted by All Saints and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches, "The Living Word Workshop" will be at Good Shepherd-Central Campus, 5701 Raymond Road, the week of October 15-17. A special Saturday workshop, "The Bible's Big Story", will be October 18, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m., is especially helpful for teachers and other learning staff.

Crossways "Living Word Workshop" offers eye-opening new insights into Scripture and new tools for sharing faith. The workshop focus is on Biblical literacy. It will equip you with proven methods that help people understand the full sweep of the Bible storyline and see how Jesus, the Living Word of God, emerges so vibrantly against the backdrop of the Old Testament.

There is a discounted registration fee for All Saints and Good Shepherd's mission partners, plus a supply fee. Registration forms are available on the lobby table, or you can call Crossways at 800-257-7308 or on-line at www.crossways.org. If you would like to attend and can't afford the fee, please talk with Pastor Rich as there are scholarships available.



Sunday School

Sunday School is off to a wonderful start. September 14 and 21 we are studying Jonah. Here is a man who preached God's message to one of the largest cities in the world, a city that was known for its evil. That's hero material, but Jonah was, also, very human. Jonah was at first very afraid and he tried to run away from God but in the end he realized following God's direction is always the right choice.

In the lobby you may pick up this year's Sunday School brochure. The brochure includes the teachers' names and numbers, this year's calendar, our fall lesson plan, and the program's goals.

Bonus! A special Saturday workshop on October 18, 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – "The Bible's Big Story" – will be led by Dr. Wendt and is especially helpful for teachers and other learning staff. To register for this workshop there are forms on the lobby table or contact Good Shepherd Lutheran at 271-6633. There are, also, scholarships available for this workshop.

Sign-Up Now! 7th Grade Confirmation begins with a youth-parent meeting Wednesday, September 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m., fellowship hall. Regular classes will resume the following Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. Watch for signs in case of construction!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“ . . . So it's only polite to send him a thank-you prayer.”
from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Words of Thanks . . .

All Saints received this note from former Worship and Music Director, Melissa Hinz, and her family:

Greg, Emma, Nic and I all would like to say thank you. We have been so blessed by being a part of All Saints for the last five years. You have watched Emma and Nic grow and encouraged Greg and me on our faith journeys. The love, support and generosity you shared as we prepared to leave was overwhelming and a true testament to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit alive and moving in you. The stained glass window will always serve as a reminder of the time we had together at All Saints, working as the Body of Christ to spread the Gospel. We pray God's richest blessings on each of you and the congregation as a whole as you continue to know, follow and share Jesus Christ!

*Yours in Christ,
Melissa, Greg, Emma and Nic Hinz*

Barnabas Boys Small Group Troop Box Project: Barnabas Boys said the first two shipments of boxes to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan went great and plan to continue the project! The boxes were received with much gratitude by the troops. If you would like to submit a name, please give Name, Unit Number, APO address, etc. to: Steve Timm: 274-0399; Sean Hayes: 770-4337; Steve Schmidt: 274-2692; or Pastor Rich: 276-7729. Thanks for your support and prayers in this project. Please continue to keep our service personnel in your prayers.

Walking With Jesus . . . By the Numbers!

58/9%/40% **58 Children** attended All Saints' Rainforest Adventure Vacation Bible School in June – a **9%** increase over 2007 – and **40%** of the kids were guests! Thanks to all who made this an awesome experience!

55 Lutheran World Relief School Kits were assembled with items collected as part of All Saints' 2008 Vacation Bible School. These kits will be assembled this fall and loaded by All Saints' confirmation students at the LWR boxcar loading October.

Note: Lutheran World Relief (LWR) boxcar loading and confirmation service project, is Saturday, October 18. The group will meet at the church building at 8:30 a.m. to work a shift loading boxcars at the Wisconsin Southern Railroad (UP) freight yards at 1890 E. Johnson Street near the intersection of Johnson/Fordem Avenues in Madison, returning at noon. Goods such as quilts and health and school kits are being collected from congregations in southern Wisconsin. Other mission partners are welcome to help with this service project.

50+ boxes of broccoli, onions, collards, and beets were tended to and harvested by 12 All Saints' Middle School youth (and parents) from a garden at the corner of Whalen Road and Seminole Highway this summer. The produce was given to St. Mark Lutheran Church's Food Pantry for distribution each week.

Thank you to Kirsten Scott for coordinating this special service project.

All Saints collects non-perishable food items for St. Mark's Food Pantry the second and third Sundays of each month.

40+ families participated in St. Mark Lutheran Church's **PromiseKids Program**, held after school and during the summer. On Maundy Thursday there was a special offering totaling \$1,192 sponsored by the Women's Breakfast Small Group to support the PromiseKids program. Program Director Julia Weaver expresses the program's appreciation for All Saints' support.

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## News and Notes

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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.

Baptismal Class: If you are expecting or recently had a baby, you are invited to a time to visit with Pastor Rich on Sunday, October 5, at 9:40 a.m., about planning your child’s baptism at All Saints. (Sponsors are welcome, too!) RSVP by calling All Saints, 276-PRAY.

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is responding in the aftermath of recent tropical storms and hurricanes, as well as responding to needs in other parts of the world affected by natural disasters. If you would like to help, check out LDR’s website: www.ldr.org.

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

August, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	197,869.19	206,220.00
Avg. Mo.	24,733.65	24,591.00
Avg. Wk.	5,653.41	5,892.00

Building Fund

August, 2008	3,682.00
Year to Date	66,390.00

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## Senior High Youth Caving Event

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Senior High Youth Caving Event: Senior High Youth will welcome incoming 9th graders and reconnect as a group on Sunday, September 14, on a day trip to Popp’s Cave, located near Richland Center. The group will leave about 8:00 a.m. and return late afternoon. In addition to a great hike, there will be cave exploration and a worship service together inside the cave! Pat Godar is an experienced guide and will lead this adventure. For more info, contact Cherie or Pat Godar, 255-5905.

Prayer Joys and Concerns

We give thanks for the favorable weather and safe worksite of our building. At the end of August, the rough-ins were done, sub-roofing completed, and some shingling completed, as well as interior framing done . . . Please remember the foreman, Homer, and, also, Building Chair, Jerry Sieling, in your prayers . . .

Praise God for the baptismal promise given to Isaac Luke Zoll, infant son of Dean and Tracie Zoll, on August 24 at All Saints

God’s peace and power to the Campus Ministry Centers and Lutheran Campus Center, UW-Madison, University and Mills St. Campus pastors are Brent Christianson and Laurie Fox Petrov . . .

Resurrection comfort and peace to the family of Jean Heim who passed away August 5. Services were held August 12 . . .

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) . . .

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.

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 Dennis Ahnen.....Custodian

Welcome to All Saints . . .



Sunday Morning:

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship
9:40 a.m. Christian Education
10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

Upcoming Worship Themes:

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| Sept. 14 | Extreme Makeover: Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life.
Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Sept. 21 | Walk With Jesus. Matthew 20:1-16 |
| Sept. 28 | Walk With Jesus. Five Top Reasons to Share (and Five of the Not So Top Reasons). 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 |
| Oct. 5 | Walk With Jesus. Five More Reasons to Share (and Five Not So Top Reasons). 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 |
| Oct. 12 & 19 | A Prescription for Hurried Lives.
Psalm 23 |

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.

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| Sept. 14 | Margin: Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life. All Stressed Out and Nowhere to Go. |
| Sept. 21 | The 10 10 80 Principle. Margins With Money. |
| Sept. 28 | Fellowship Time |
| Oct. 5 | Preparing for Baptism Class |
| Oct. 12 | Margin: Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life. Recharging Your Batteries. Part 1 of 2. |
| Oct. 19 | Margin: Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life. Recharging Your Batteries. Part 2 of 2. |