

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

October, 2008

Pastor's Letter . . .

Thank You!

Thank you for your prayers and consideration in financial stewardship at All Saints! I am grateful for mission partners who have prayerfully considered how God is leading them to share of financial resources for the upcoming year.

Giving is never easy. In times of prosperity or uncertainty, it is always a faith issue. We think of the other things we might do or spend funds on in our world. I think it has always been a challenge to give, be it the 21st century or when our relatives were farming or milling.



But giving moves us to God and God's abundance. As one of our mission partners said in a temple talk on Commitment Sunday, "God provides. The Lord works in mysterious ways." Another mission partner remarked, "Giving is not just a matter of what we give but, also, how much we decide to keep."

Thank you for your giving to our ministry near and far. Thank you for your giving to the new building, a tool in our mission to know, follow, and share Jesus. It is exciting to see things take shape!

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8

- Pastor Rick

To Know . . .

All Saints' second grade children will receive Bibles from the congregation on October 19 at 10:45 a.m. New Song worship. What a great time to reflect on the importance of God's Word and rejoice in the guidance and comfort it gives us. Bibles will be presented to Ryan Christensen, Christopher Queoff, Tristan Schoohs, Mackenzie Traeder, Kyllan Wunder, and Ava Zyhowski. May God bless their discovery of his Word.

Follow . . .

All Saints Sunday, November 2, there will be a reading of the names of loved ones who have gone before us as we give thanks for their life and gifts from God. You may provide the name of a loved one to be read by filling out the forms available in the lobby or included in worship folders on October 19 and 26 or calling the church office, 276-PRAY, before noon Tuesday, October 28.

All Saints' Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be Wednesday, November 26, at 7:00 p.m. A pie social and fellowship time will follow the service.

and Share Jesus . . .

St. Mark's Meals: All Saints will next serve at St. Mark Lutheran Church's Madison Community Meals' site at 605 Spruce St. on Friday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Helpers are welcome.



Raising the Roof of Faith!

Blueprints: Building Update By Jerry Sieling, Building Chair

Safe building progress continues! New sidewalks, curbing and plumbing pipes were completed in late September. Inside work continues with plumbing and electrical approval and sprinkler system set-up. Framing and drywall will (or has) begun on the interior. Exterior painting is underway.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School:

The first three weeks of October the children are studying Daniel. They have engaged in activities ranging from:



- using pompoms to cheer for God's way,
- reenacting the scene when Daniel's friends were in the fiery furnace (you can ask the children about a new way to use your orange, yellow and red tablecloths),
- games using balloons, blindfolds and even cupcakes,
- to relating the Bible story to their life.

After the study of Daniel the children will explore the lives of Nehemiah, Esther, and Job.

Advent Workshop:

Due to the fun we had last year at this intergenerational event, we are going to have an Advent Workshop again. Join us on Sunday, November 23, at 9:40 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is welcome to pause and consider how they will prepare their hearts for Jesus' birth during the Advent season.

This is a casual event suitable for even the youngest of children. Take this opportunity to meet up with new and old friends. (No Sunday School will be held on November 23.)

Children's Christmas Program:

All Saints' children will present a Christmas program on December 14 at the 10:45 a.m. New Song worship service.

Prayer Joys and Concerns

We ask God's protection and boldness for our brothers and sisters in the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India. There has been persecution and loss of life from extremist elements . . .

We rejoice at the 50th wedding anniversary of Darrell and Delores Reynolds on October 25 . . .

Thanksgiving for the new life in the sacrament of baptism for Ann Patricia Lawless, daughter of Mike and Megan Lawless, sister of Jane and Kate, on Sunday, October 5. Ann was born on September 8 . . .

We pray for the wise guiding, cooperation, and patience for our elected and appointed leaders in dealing with severe financial issues for our country this month . . .

Prayers of healing, strength, and shepherding for those hospitalized and recovering: mission partner Nicki Troia (knee replacement), Ken Johnson (father of Pastor Rich – double hip surgery), four-year-old Nolan (relative of mission partners Barbara and Marian Larson – battling cancer), and Michael Wickland (nephew of mission partners Jon and Bev Warren) . . .

We give thanks for the progress and safe worksite of our building . . . Please remember Building Chair, Jerry Sieling, and the project foreman, Homer, and the workers in your prayers . . .

Prayers of healing, help, and hope for residents in disaster areas. We pray safe passage for All Saints' mission partner, Bill May and Darren, as they work to assist those affected in Texas in Hurricane Ike's aftermath . . .

Please pray for a safe homecoming and a steady sense of God's presence for our service personnel near and far. They are Jennifer Anderson (state-side), David Budinger (nephew of Roger and Paula Budinger), 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 Bill Graff (future son-in-law of Patti Rielly) has returned home from duty overseas! Welcome back, Bill!

New This Fall . . .

News and Notes

Saturday, October 18, 8:30 a.m., **Lutheran World Relief** supplies boxcar loading, Madison UP freight yards. All Saints and confirmation youth will load relief supplies: health kits, school kits, quilts, and soap, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at All Saints' building to leave at 8:30 a.m. Thank you to mission partner Julie Pophal for coordinating this in our synod.

Check out our churchwide body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (**ELCA**) website for national and global ministries, as well as current issues. The website is: www.elca.org.

Watch for "**The Divine Drama**", part two, coming to Sunday Morning Alive in February! All Saints and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are co-hosting "**The Living Word Workshop**", with Biblical scholar Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt, Crossways founder and "**The Divine Drama**" author, October 15-18.

Congregational Budget Hearing on All Saints' 2009 Budget will be Sunday, November 16, 9:45 a.m. The Annual Congregational Budget Meeting to vote on the 2009 Budget will be on Sunday, December 7, 9:45 a.m.

Faith Promise Cards: If you were away on Commitment Sunday and would like to fill-out a faith promise card for the 2009 General Ministry and Building Fund stewardship emphasis, cards are available in the lobby or call the church office, 276-PRAY, and a card will be mailed.

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.

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

September, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	220,205.32	229,788.00
Avg. Mo.	24,467.26	25,532.00
Avg. Wk.	5,646.29	5,892.00

Building Fund

September, 2008	4,515.00
Year to Date	70,905.00

Hear About the Church at Work Overseas: Holly Godar will report on her work this summer in Tanzania as part of Youth Encounter's Global Work Team during Sunday Morning Alive, 9:40 a.m., October 26. Julie Pophal will tell about her trip last fall with a delegation from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to our companion synod, the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India at 9:40 a.m. November 2.

MOPS: There is exciting news with the Small Group Ministry. A new group, Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS), has formed. The three leaders, Ronda Beggs, Loriann Wunder and Holly Barnish are planning programs. The group will meet on the second Monday of each month, beginning November 10, 9:15 a.m. Childcare will be provided. MOPS is an international non-denominational organization that helps mothers with parenting and spiritual growth.

Movie Small Group: Are you interested in a Movie Small Group? This could include watching a movie together around a theme such as the Bible in movies, or any other theme such as forgiveness, followed by a discussion. For more Info, contact Gary Kriesel, 276-8832, or Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408.

Barnabas Boys Small Group Troop Box Project: Another shipment of packages will be sent to U.S. troops serving in Iraq on the occasion of All Saints Day. Their goal is to collect items for ten boxes by November 1. The emphasis will be on items for female service personnel. A list of items is with the display in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH STAFF

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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:

- Oct. 19** A Prescription for Hurried Lives. Psalm 23
- Oct. 26** How to Like Your Job: Most of the Time. John 8:31-36
- Nov. 2** Leaving a Legacy. 1 John 3:1-3
- Nov. 9** *Discovering Your Talents.* Matthew 25:14-30
- Nov. 16** *Delighting in Your Talents.* Matthew 25:14-30

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.

- Oct. 19** **Margin: Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life.** Recharging Your Batteries.
- Oct. 26** **Tanzania Mission Trip.** Holly Godar will report on her Global Work Team mission trip to Tanzania this summer.
- Nov. 2** **India Mission Trip.** Mission partner Julie Pophal will share experiences of her 2007 trip to India.
- Nov. 9** **Margin: Finding Time for What Matters Most in Life.** Living Within Your Harvest.
- Nov. 16** **2009 Budget Hearing**



All Saints' College Students' Addresses

In this electronic age of texting, IM, e-mails, and cell phones, there is still something special about finding a letter from home tucked among all of the credit card and magazine offers when checking the campus mailboxes.

Please keep the young people in your prayers as they pursue their higher education.

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All Saints' Small Group Ministry

Please consider bringing small groups into your life by reaching out to one of All Saints' small groups. You are always welcome to visit any of the small groups to see how they work and to learn more. Small groups are involved in a variety of service projects.



"So that's your small group."

If you have any general questions regarding small groups listed below, please call one of the facilitators listed, the Small Groups Coordinator, Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408, or the church office, 276-7729. If you have a suggestion for another small group, contact Small Groups Coordinator Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408.

Barnabas Boys Men's Small Group: facilitator: Dick Hoefs, 442-8932

Crafts Small Group: co-facilitators: Robin Cherwinka, 832-6388, and Joan Stoikes, 274-6621

Drama Small Group: facilitator: Gary Kriesel, 276-8832

Habitat for Humanity Small Group: facilitator: Jerry Sieling, 721-9408

Lydia Small Group: co-facilitators: Carol Borgen, 835-5674, and Carol Eisele, 271-7931

Marriage Takes Three Small Group: co-facilitators: Steve and Debra Sander, 274-8642

McKee Park Apts. Small Group: co-facilitators: Jon and Carol Borgen, 835-5674

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Small Group: co-facilitators: Ronda Beggs, 298-9406; Loriann Wunder, 848-8727; and Holly Barnish, 845-1419

Spokes of Life Small Group: co-facilitators: Brian and Joan Stoikes, 274-6621

Women's Breakfast Small Group: facilitator: Becky Baumbach, 274-7217

Please keep All Saints' small group ministry in your prayers as we "know, follow, and share Jesus".