

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

November, 2008



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26 - 7:00 p.m.

(Pie Reception Afterwards)



A special offering of money will be received at the Thanksgiving Eve service for the Madison Area Lutheran Council, a local group that supports the Dane County jail chaplaincy.



Journey Through Advent ...



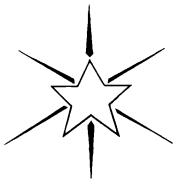
The Giving Tree

Share the holiday with others through Lutheran Social Services' Operation Christmas. Watch for details when the tree appears beginning November 30!

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 7, 1:30 p.m.

Caroling in the neighborhood, followed by Gingerbread House Building (depending on church building construction).



Children's Christmas Program

"Jesus - Our True Light"

Sunday, December 14 - 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to All Saints' annual Children's Christmas Program on December 14 at the 10:45 a.m. New Song worship service. The Sunday School children will don costumes and bring to life the story of the birth of Jesus. Come celebrate the gift of Jesus - our true Light. (Practice for the program will take place December 7 and 14 during the normal Sunday School time.)

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## News and Notes

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MOPS: A new small group at All Saints, Mothers Of Preschoolers (MOPS), held its first meeting on Monday, November 10. The group will meet the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m., with childcare provided beginning at 9:15 a.m. The three leaders, Ronda Beggs, Loriann Wunder and Holly Barnish, are planning programs. MOPS is an international non-denominational organization that helps mothers with parenting and spiritual growth. For more info, contact Ronda Beggs, 320-9406, or rondabeggs@sbcglobal.net

Thank you to mission partner, Julie Pophal, who coordinated the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) boxcar loading for Madison Area Lutheran Council (MALC) this fall. Dozens of congregations sent health kits, soap, school kits, quilts, and layettes. Two boxcars were loaded. All Saints had 13 confirmation youth and adults helping unload cars and trucks on October 18 . . . Thank you to Amy Lehman, Dan Olszewski, and Eric Zerbe for driving. (Cars, not the train!) All Saints' Sunday School kids sent four big boxes of supplies!

Watch for **"The Divine Drama"**, part two, coming to Sunday Morning Alive on February 1!

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.

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

Prayer Joys and Concerns

We give thanks for the baptism of Maya Elisabeth Lensert, infant daughter of Chad and Deanne Lensert and sister of Davis, on October 12 . . .

Resurrection comfort and peace to the family of Donald Kullerstrand, who passed away November 1. Funeral services were held at All Saints on November 6 . . .

Blessings to Dick Hoefs as his family grew October 22 when his daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Brendan Connelly (and grandson Emerson), "legally gave birth" to Joselyn, Josel, and Jose. . .

We give thanks for our Synod staff and Bishop Bruce Burnside, who serve with us and 151 congregations in south-central Wisconsin. We especially remember Bishop Burnside's mother in northern Wisconsin, who suffered burns from an accident . . .

We pray for our newly elected leaders and the wisdom and cooperation of leaders and citizens for the next steps in our nation . . .

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 . . .

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) . . .

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

October, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	241,344.32	255,320.00
Avg. Mo.	24,134.43	25,532.00
Avg. Wk.	5,612.66	5,892.00

Building Fund

October, 2008	17,164.00
Year to Date	88,069.00

Pastor's Letter . . .

A RAFT of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving to God and others is a way to develop a culture of generosity in our homes and congregations. After all, no one wants to create a culture of greed and apathy in a home or congregation do they? As we walk towards Thanksgiving and All Saints' Thanksgiving Eve service, here is a way to give thanks and build-up our families. It is a RAFT to keep us afloat!

R. Respect. Marriage counselors often begin here. We must honor one another in our differences, uniqueness, and recall we are children of God. Without this there is no foundation.

A. Affirmation. Appreciation for what our family has, not what it doesn't have, is important to be shared, verbalized, and celebrated.

F. Faith. A relationship with God in Jesus gives us freedom that comes in forgiveness and the power to serve.

T. Thanks. Begin and end the day in gratitude to God. List five things or verbalize them to others.

I hope you will worship at All Saints on Thanksgiving Eve or, if you're traveling, with family or friends. Take the RAFT with you as we grow a culture of generosity.

- Pastor Rick



Raising the Roof of Faith!

Blueprints: Building Update By Jerry Sieling, Building Chair

Building progress continues! The new driveway was a welcome sight for worshippers on All Saints Sunday! The exterior of the building has been painted. The new doors are in place and the present entrance has a new coat of paint. Painting continues on the interior.

Thanks to all who have assisted on projects! Watch for opportunities to help out with the landscaping and seeding projects.

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**Children's Ministry**  
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We give thanks: During this month of Thanksgiving we wish to thank all of our dedicated Sunday School staff.

Advent Workshop Canceled: Due to the uncertainty of the construction schedule for All Saints' old and new fellowship halls we have decided to cancel the Advent Workshop on November 23. We will have normal Sunday School and Kids Praise that day.

Thanksgiving Weekend, November 30, there will be no Sunday School classes.



The Giving Tree

On Sunday, November 30, the Giving Tree will be set-up in the lobby. The tree will be filled with stars identifying particular needs and wishes of people served by Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in the Madison area as part of LSS's Operation Christmas. Everyone is invited to take a star off of the tree and provide the requested item. This is a great opportunity to share God's bounty and blessings at Christmas time.

The Giving Tree program is coordinated by several of All Saints' small groups. We look forward to partnering with Lutheran Social Services in this long-standing tradition that helps to spread the joy of Christmas to those with special needs. Specific details of the program will be provided when the tree is up. Watch for the stars to appear!

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:

- Nov. 16:** Delighting in Your Talents. Matthew 25:14-30
- Nov. 23:** How to Be Thankful. Psalm 95:1-7
- Nov. 26:** The Singing Trees. Psalm 65
- Nov. 30:** Defeating Discouragement. Isaiah 64:1-6
- Dec. 7:** Defeating Discouragement. Comfort Food or Comfort Words? Isaiah 40:1-11
- Dec. 14:** Defeating Discouragement. Remembering the Story. Isaiah 64:1-4, 8-11

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.

- Nov. 9:** Margin: “Enhancing Your Physical Energy.”
- Nov. 16:** Congregational Budget Hearing/Fellowship Time.
- Nov. 23:** Margin: “Living Within Your Harvest.”
- Nov. 30:** Fellowship Time. No Sunday School.
- Dec. 7:** Annual Congregational Budget Meeting to Approve 2009 Budget.
- Dec. 14:** Preparation for Christmas Program
- Dec. 21:** Margin: “The Sovereignty of God.”
- Dec. 28:** Fellowship Time. No Sunday School.