

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

# News From the Journey

January, 2009

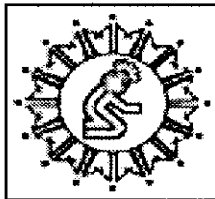


## 3rd Annual All Saints' Coffeehouse

Friday, February 13 – 7:00 p.m.  
All Saints' Fellowship Hall

**What's the Coffeehouse all about?** It's about getting together as a community – inviting friends – sharing our gifts (as performers) – appreciating the gifts of others – sipping tea and coffee and enjoying a few sweets as well! All in our new digs! This is a Senior High Youth-sponsored event. A voluntary contribution will be accepted at the door and proceeds will go towards funding the Care Package Ministry the Senior High Youth do each December for All Saints' mission partners away at college.

**Calling all talents!** Do you have the evening of Friday, February 13, open and free? Great! Do you have a talent (hidden or otherwise) that you'd like to share with others? Even greater! Consider preparing something for the 3rd Annual All Saints' Coffeehouse between now and then. We have had almost everything imaginable over the past couple of years – poetry reading (both silly and serious), vocal music offerings (solos and small groups), instrumental pieces, skits . . . you name it! It's great fun in a coffeehouse atmosphere. Contact Cherie Godar, 255-5905, or [cgodar@tds.net](mailto:cgodar@tds.net) with a description of your performance piece and estimated length. That's all there is to it! There will also be a sign-up in the lobby.



Coming Sunday, February 1, 9:40 a.m. . . .

## The Divine Drama Bible Study!

You are invited to a life-changing Bible Study called "The Divine Drama!" The study will be on Sundays, starting February 1, 9:40 a.m., fellowship hall.

If you've always wanted to read the Bible, find out why you are here, and read the Bible intelligently, this is for you! There is a sign-up and material cost for this 15-week session. Pastor Rich and the Divine Drama team will be leading sessions. Check-out the lobby display for more details.

*"The Word works, but we must work the Word."*

**Pastor's Letter . . .**

**A Bestseller . . . Since the 1500s**

The Bible is an annual bestseller. We have more translations and versions (how about the *Fly Fisherman's Bible!*) than Martin Luther could imagine. One writer noted that 40,000 English-language Bibles are sold each *day!*

Even though the Bible is a bestseller, why do so many copies remain unread? I don't think it's a time issue. We have time for sports (I like to watch basketball, too!), exercise, re-runs, or time-wasters. It's a deeper reason.



I think it is because of the One we meet in the Bible's pages. We are in the very presence of God. The Word is God-breathed. It is honest about our shortcomings and sin but clear about hope. Maybe that's the reason we put it off. If we push the Word of God away, we push away God's amazing grace.

The winter theme is "*Mark of Hope*". It's centered around the New Testament Gospel of Mark. We will take one chapter each Sunday. There are take-home questions and copies of Mark's Gospel for you to use. It is "*The Message*", a translation by Eugene Peterson. They are available in the lobby at the church building.

Without the Word of God, I drift, I flail, and fail. With the Word of God, my hope is restored, bondage broken, and I hear the voice of Jesus. What a gift and privilege. It is the book of faith. I invite you to read and be blessed!

*- Pastor Rick*

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**Welcome!**  
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**We welcome Dr. Sherri Hansen** as our Interim Choir Director beginning January 5. She will be with us 5 hrs./wk. as we gather resumes and begin interviews for the permanent part-time position.

Sherri has a medical practice and, also, a love for music. She is music director for Lutheran Campus Ministry, Madison. Sherri visited All Saints and assisted leading worship with the Campus Ministry band last February.

**Prayer Joys and Concerns . . .**

We rejoice with the family of Jason and Carleen Oakley at the birth of a daughter, Noelle, on December 29 . . .

Thanks be to God for the baptismal beginning of Owen Dane Webster, December 24, at candlelight worship. Owen's grandfather, Rev. John Mason, Jr., from Washington, baptized him . . .

God's peace and comfort to the family of Julie and Dave Zugenbuehler, at the death of Julie's father, Ted Heinz, Dubuque, IA, December 5 . . .

We give thanks for our council leadership and those completing their terms this winter: Jon Borgen, Terry Miller, and Dan Owens, treasurer . . .

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**News and Notes**  
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**Raising the Roof  
 of Faith!**

**Building Update**

Building progress has fellowship hall, kitchen, lobby, restrooms, nursery, and various closets completed. Work on the current fellowship hall, classrooms, and extra sanctuary seating began January 5 . . .

**Bible Fun and Games!** Children love to create games! They have an imagination that as adults we often find amazing. Our Sunday School children will be creating their very own Bible games on March 1 and 8. On March 15 everyone in the congregation is invited to join the children in the fellowship hall to play the games.

**All Saints' Annual Meeting**, Sunday, January 18, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., sanctuary. Election of Congregational Council officers and Synod Assembly delegates, and a thanksgiving time as we review ministry in the past year. Following the annual meeting, support the youth by enjoying a delicious **spaghetti dinner**. Proceeds from the dinner will help fund youth attendance at Christian youth retreats this spring.

**Kitchen Angels:** A new small group is being formed called the Kitchen Angels. Their mission is to make sure that the kitchen is a well-organized, well-stocked, clean and fun place to work. Meeting times will be set after their first organizational meeting. For more information, contact Betty Race, 845-2154, or brace8246@charter.net or Small Group Coordinator Jeanie Sieling at 271-9408 or jeanie.sieling@fitchburg.wi.us.

**Pastor Rich will be out-of-town** January 22-30 and Pastor David Brandfass will be on-call in case of emergency. Pastor David serves West Middleton Lutheran Church and may be reached at (office) 833-5815, ext. 15, or (home) 231-9669. You may, also, contact Council Chairperson Jason Kunding at 223-0839.

**For Weather Updates** that may affect All Saints' worship schedule will be placed on the church's answering machine, 276-7729.

**Financial Stewardship Update . . .** Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to All Saints! For more info, contact Congregational Council President, Jason Kunding, 223-0839.

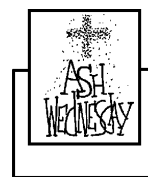
<u>General Fund</u>		
December, 2008	2008 Actual	2008 Budget
Year to Date	291,493.80	305,947.00
Avg. Mo.	24,291.15	25,495.58
Avg. Wk.	5,605.65	5,883.60

<u>Building Fund</u>	
December, 2008	10,777.00
Year to Date	104,481.00

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**Coming in February . . .**  
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**St. Mark's Meals:** On February 13, All Saints will help serve the free Friday noon Madison Community Meals site at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St. Servers and helpers are needed from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**Ministry Huddle**, Saturday, February 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. We invite all mission partners, small group facilitators, council, and staff to a ministry huddle on where we are at in our mission and some next steps forward. A light breakfast will be served. A particular focus will be on youth and family ministry in the future years.



**Ash Wednesday** marks the first step of the Lenten journey to the cross. Ash Wednesday worship is February 25, 7:00 p.m. Mid-week worship will continue at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 4.

**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.

**CHURCH STAFF**

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 Accompanists.....Ingrid Kunding, lead pianist;  
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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:

- Jan. 18:** *"Hope Comes in Forgiveness."* Mark 2:1-12
- Jan. 25:** *"Hope Comes Healing Our Past."* Mark 3:1-6
- Feb. 1:** *"Hope in a Crisis."* Mark 4:35-41
- Feb. 8:** *"Hope in Addiction."* Mark 5:1-20
- Feb. 15:** *"How Do We Steward Our Bread."* Mark 6:30-44
- Feb. 22:** *"Counterfeit Hope."* Mark 7:1-7

## 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. A Bible Study written by Dr. Harry Wendt called *"The Divine Drama!"* will begin February 1. Here's what is up ahead:

- Jan. 25** Fellowship Time
- Feb. 1** *"Divine Drama!"* Some Biblical Basics.  
Unit 17
- Feb. 8** *"Divine Drama!"* Our Baptismal Exodus.  
Unit 18
- Feb. 15** *"Divine Drama!"* Blessed Be the God . . .  
Unit 19
- Feb. 22** *"Divine Drama!"* Jesus, the Messiah.  
Unit 20