

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

February, 2009

Pastor's Letter . . .



Lord, Teach Us To Pray

*"He was praying in a certain place,
and after he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him,
'Lord, teach us to pray,
as John taught his disciples'."
(Luke 11:1)*

What an odd request! These men had grown-up in synagogue, learned their prayers and yet they ask Jesus to teach them to pray. What was unique about what Jesus taught? The Lord's Prayer is a gold mine of promise when we pray, reflect and see how it contrasted to traditional prayers of the day.

The Lenten Wednesday theme is "*Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer.*" Prayer brings hope because it brings us into the presence of the Creator, Savior and Guide of Life, Jesus.

Ash Wednesday, February 25, is the portico to Lent. Worship will be at 7:00 p.m. with the mark of ashes and Holy Communion.

Each Wednesday, beginning March 4, there will be a Lenten light meal at 5:30 p.m. in new fellowship hall, and worship at 6:30 p.m. in our sanctuary. A Lenten drama will be part of Wednesday worship by our Drama Small Group, coached by Gary Kriesel. All are welcome!

May God's Word bring you his mark of hope this coming Lent.

- Pastor Rick

Coming Events . . .



**3rd Annual All Saints'
Coffeehouse**

**Friday, February 13 – 7:00 p.m.
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! This is a Senior High Youth-sponsored event. Proceeds will go towards the Care Package Ministry the Senior High Youth do each December for All Saints' mission partners away at college.

**Collect Fun and Laughter
As You**



**To Bible Games
March 15 – 9:40 a.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Join the Sunday School children as they share Bible games they have designed in class. Everyone is invited!

Children will create the games on March 1 and 8 in class.

Prayer Joys and Concerns . . .

Thanks be to God for the baptismal beginning on February 8 for Gloria Jean Outhouse-Sieling and Robert William Outhouse-Sieling, children of Brian Outhouse and Renae Sieling and grandchildren of All Saints' mission partners Jerry and Jeanie Sieling . . .

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 . . .

God's blessings to Mary Krieger, who will be celebrating her 100th birthday March 15 . . .

Children's Ministry

Get Ready For a Rockin' Time at...



Vacation Bible School

June 16, 17 and 18
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday School: In February we continue to learn about Jesus from the book of Mark. We discover how Jesus cares for us and how we can take our everyday worries and fears to him. This month the children enjoy a variety of activities, such as:

- A game called "mule pack" where children experience how worries can be heavy
- Creating their very own storm with a bed sheet
- Using boats they have made to act out the story of Jesus calming the storm
- Visiting with Theo, the dog puppet, to see what he does in a storm

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.

News and Notes

Ministry Huddle, February 21: Congregational Ministry Huddle for all mission partners! Be part of a time to pray and plan the future at All Saints with a focus on youth and family ministry. The Congregational Ministry Huddle is Saturday, February 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. This is for all mission partners, friends, team leaders, staff, small groups facilitators and especially junior and senior high youth. A light breakfast will be provided. Chris Carollo-Zeuner will provide childcare in the new nursery. What ideas and hopes do you have for the future?

Congregational Council members elected at the January 18 Annual Congregational Meeting were Jason Kundinger, Sara Storkson, and Sue Zyhowski. Council members whose terms continue are Ellen Healey and Karen Julesberg. The Congregational Council officers are Jason Kundinger (president), Karen Julesberg (vice president), and Ellen Healey (secretary). Dan Rohrer is treasurer. Caroll Borgen and Kirsten Scott were chosen as South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly voting members. The Nominating Committee members elected were Jon Borgen and Terry Miller.



Mark of Hope Books: The current worship theme is "Mark of Hope". Books by Eugene Peterson, "The Message of Hope" that include the Gospel of Mark, are available in the lobby for you to take home to read a chapter a week to follow the message theme.

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 Kundinger, 223-0839.

General Fund

January, 2009	2009 Actual	2009 Budget*
Year to Date	18,398.00	32,349.17
Avg. Wk.	4,599.50	7,465.19

*This includes estimated building payment of \$8,000.

Building Fund

January, 2009	4,707.00
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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:

- Feb. 15** Mark of Hope: *"How Do We Steward Our Bread?"* Mark 6:30-44
- Feb. 22** Mark of Hope: *"Counterfeit Hope."* Mark 7:1-7
- Mar. 1** Mark of Hope: *"Hope Follows."* Mark 8:34-38
- Mar. 8** Mark of Hope: *"Do I Have Enough Faith?"*
Mark 9:14-29
- Mar. 15** Mark of Hope: *"Bringing Hope to Children."*
Mark 10:13-22

Sunday Morning Alive!

Adult Learning and Discovery
Sundays – 9:40 a.m. – New Fellowship Hall

You are invited for lively discussion and life-long learning about our faith journey in Christ. Currently there is a Bible Study written by Dr. Harry Wendt called *"The Divine Drama!"* Here's what is up ahead:

- Feb. 15** *"Divine Drama!"* Blessed Be the God . . .
Unit 19
- Feb. 22** *"Divine Drama!"* Jesus, the Messiah.
Unit 20
- Mar. 1** *"Divine Drama!"* The Holy Spirit. Unit 21
Acts 2 & Acts 10
- Mar. 8** *"Divine Drama!"* God's Grace, Human
Response. Unit 22
- Mar. 15** Congregational Sunday School event.
(*"Divine Drama!"* – When the End Comes.
Unit 23)



Raising the Roof of Faith!

Building Update

Come and see! The building process is nearing its finishing stages . . . come and check out the progress . . . and it still has that "new building smell"! Thanks to all who have helped in getting the building ready for use! Watch the March newsletter for updates.

Kitchen Shower

March 1-15



The Kitchen Angels is a newly-formed small group at All Saints, whose mission is to make sure that the kitchen is a well-organized, well-stocked, clean, and fun place to work.

In order to carry out that mission, they are holding a Kitchen Shower. Whenever there is a shower there are always raindrops. Watch for the raindrops!

From March 1 until March 15 there will be an opportunity to make a donation to help stock the kitchen with some much needed items. There will be a "Kitchen Giving Tree" in the lobby so you can select items that you would like to contribute.

For more information, contact Betty Race, 845-2154, of the Kitchen Angels or Small Groups Coordinator Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408.

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Words of Thanks . . .

Spaghetti Dinner: Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth Spaghetti Dinner following the congregational annual meeting in January by attending and donating food. We collected \$380 to support youth attending retreats this spring.

The Barnabas Boys Small Group has been collecting items for shipment to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The group thanks all who have given items for the care packages. They would, also, like to acknowledge and thank Steve Carpenter, special promotions manager at Star Cinema, Fitchburg, for a donation from Star Cinema to cover the cost of postage for shipping recent packages.

One of the shipments was sent to Lt. Col. Erica Nelson, who is serving at Camp Bucca, Iraq, who wrote in a recent note:

"Thank you so much for your very generous gift of care packages for the soldiers here at Camp Bucca, Iraq. It was very generous of you to send the packages, and I can assure you that the items will be put to good use. I distributed them to the soldiers in my unit and they were very appreciative.

"Our mission at Camp Bucca is to run the largest theater internment facility (TIF) in the world. We have approximately 13,000 security detainees. It is an interesting and challenging mission that is evolving as we prepare to turn over a lot of operations to the government of Iraq . . .

"I am originally from Baraboo, WI, so it was nice to hear from Fitchburg! Although it is difficult to be so far from home . . . the words of encouragement and support we receive from our fellow Americans help keep our spirits high."

New Mission Partner Class

New Mission Partner (Member) Class in March!

A new mission partner session will be coming up on Saturday, March 14, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, new fellowship hall, that will focus on the mission and ministry of All Saints, core beliefs, and ways to grow spiritually for you and your family. Free childcare will be provided. Sign-up in the lobby or call 276-PRAY.