

News From the Journey

March, 2009



Lord, Teach Us To Pray. Praying the Lord's Prayer.

Lenten Drama: Can You Hear Me Now?

Midweek Wednesday services are at 6:30 p.m. A light meal is served in the new fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. Throughout the five Lenten Wednesdays, we will witness a drama about a family, a crisis, and a faith struggle that involves prayer, healing, and moving ahead. Thank you to our Drama Small Group, directed by Gary Kriesel, and crew: Dennis Ahnen, Jennifer Anderson, Amanda Blackwood, Phil Haglin, Lee Hayes, Nick Kluer, Roxie Kriesel, Jason Kundinger, Sara Rem, Heather Slawny, Beth Sommerfeldt, LaJean Wilson, and Lorian Wunder.

- 5:30 p.m. Light Soup and Sandwich Meal, New Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship, sanctuary
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal, sanctuary

See inside for Holy Week Schedule and Good Friday Cantata, "At the Ninth Hour".

Advance To Bible Games

March 15 – 9:40 a.m.
New Fellowship Hall



Come play Bible games created by our Sunday School children! You will find . . . bean bag tosses, memory matching games, "Who Followed God's Word?", "Are You Smarter Than a Church Student?", and Bible word association games. The young and young-at-heart are encouraged to come!

Coming Events . . .

Save the Date!
Sunday, May 3

All Saints'
Building Project
Dedication

Watch for details!



Vacation Bible School
June 16, 17 & 18
5:30-8:00 p.m.

Rock'n songs, games, crafts, story-telling and much more!

This dock rocks as we learn how God is always with us!

Ages 3 years through grade 5.

Registration starts March 27. Forms and more information can be found at www.allsaints-madison.org.

Pastor's Letter . . .

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

"Lord, teach us to pray!" It was a basic and rather surprising request from the disciples. Didn't they already know how to pray? Jesus taught them the Lord's Prayer, a radical way to address God, and also, teeming with promises.

I urge you to memorize the Lord's Prayer this Lent. I, also, urge you to pray it at mealtime each day, slowly. Let the words pour over your heart. I remember Martin Luther's notes on the first petition (or part). It is not just for individuals but for us (Our Father), who live in community. On Lenten Wednesdays we will reflect on a part of it:

Our Father, who art in heaven.

What does this mean? *"Here God encourages us to believe that he is truly our Father and we are his children. We, therefore, are to pray to him with complete confidence just as children speak to their loving father."* (Martin Luther's Small Catechism)

- Pastor Rick

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

The Sunday School children continue to learn about Jesus' ministry and that he came to save us. In the next few weeks they will . . .

- Act out a courtroom scene
- Play the light speed name game
- Pretend to travel through the night to see Jesus
- Make donkeys to ride on Palm Sunday

All visitors are welcome to join in on the fun and learning.

There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter, April 12.

First Communion Classes

All third and fourth grade children and their parents are invited to attend first communion classes on Wednesdays, April 22 and 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m. First communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3, at the 10:45 a.m. New Song worship service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby in April or call 276-PRAY.

All Saints' Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday – April 5:	8:30 a.m.	Classic Palm Sunday Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	New Song Palm Sunday Worship Service
Maundy Thursday – April 9:	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Good Friday – April 10:	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Cantata, "At the Ninth Hour" featuring All Saints' Adult Choir
The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday – April 12:	8:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship Service
	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Light Refreshments
	9:30 a.m.	Classic Easter Worship Service
	10:45 a.m.	New Song Easter Worship Service

News and Notes . . .

On the Building . . .

The new fellowship hall divider wall was installed last month and is in use!

A "punch list" construction check was done on February 16. Final details, such as sprinkler system, alarms, and phone lines are being worked on this month.

Thank you to friends and mission partners of All Saints who helped tear-up sanctuary and classroom carpet (saving tear-up costs of over \$1,000) last month. Sunday School classrooms are now carpeted. The music room is open and will have sheet music, folders, and other equipment all in one place!

On Building Our Ministry . . .

The First Annual All Saints' **Ministry Huddle** on February 21 surfaced the need to pray and consider junior and senior high ministry and future staffing. Council is studying options.

Interviews are being held to fill the part-time worship and music director/adult choir director position. In the meantime, Dr. Sherri Hansen, interim adult choir director, has, also, worked with New Song. The interim position goes through April 13.

The Blues Mass worship format will be used March 15, 22, and 29 at the Sunday 10:45 a.m. New Song worship service.

Bishop Bruce Burnside, our South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Bishop, will be preaching at All Saints Sunday, March 22. He will, also, be at Sunday Morning Alive for Q and A at 9:40 a.m., new fellowship hall. Come and see the big picture of our ministry as a congregation of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Watch for a financial update by mail this month. These are difficult times and we want to steward well and wisely our financial resources. Thank you for your prayers and generosity in difficult times.

Newsletter articles are due the first Monday of the month to Georgia in the church office. Items are subject to editing due to space availability.

Small Group Ministry

All Saints' Small Group Ministry is growing. Two new small groups have been added:

Kitchen Angels is a group whose mission is to make sure that the new kitchen is well-organized, well-stocked, a clean, and fun place to work. They meet the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen. For more info, contact Betty Race, 845-2154.

Traveling Life's Highways Together Small Group is a Biblically-based book study small group. (The group's name is still under consideration.) They have chosen Luther's Catechism for their first study. They will meet Sundays, March 15 and 29 and April 19, 5:00-6:30 p.m., at All Saints. For more info, contact Roger Damrow, 288-9245.

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

February, 2009	2009 Actual	2009 Budget*
Year to Date	42,626.76	64,698.34
Month	24,228.76	32,349.17
Avg. Wk. YTD	5328.35	7,465.19

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

Building Fund

February, 2009: 5,867.00 • Year to Date: 10,574.00

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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:

- Mar. 15** Mark of Hope: *"Bringing Hope to Children."*
Mark 10:13-22
- Mar. 22** Mark of Hope: *"What Three Questions Would You Ask Jesus?"* Mark 12:13-17
- Mar. 29** Mark of Hope: *"Hope in the End Times."*
Mark 13:9-13
- Apr. 5** Mark of Hope: *"Stealing or Sharing Hope With Others?"* Mark 11:15-18

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:

- Mar. 15** Congregational Sunday School event.
(*"Divine Drama!"* – When the End Comes.
Unit 23)
- Mar. 22** Bishop Bruce Burnside Q & A
- Mar. 29** The Lord's Supper. Unit 24.
- Apr. 5** Preparing for the Banquet. Unit 25.
- Apr. 12** Easter Sunday – Light Refreshments
- Apr. 19** Kingdoms in Conflict. Unit 26.