

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

May, 2009



Vacation Bible School

June 16, 17, & 18 – 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Ages 3 years – Grade 5

Register your children and their friends for a rock'n good time!
Children will learn how God is always with us, is powerful, and keeps his promises.
Visit the swamp for storytelling, games, crafts, songs, and loads of fun.

NEW→→ This year we have a special program for children ages 3 and 4. They may be picked-up at 7:00 (for a shorter evening) or stay with us until 8:00.

Find the registration forms in the lobby or at www.allsaints-madison.org.
Contact Kathryn Olszewski at 833-8560 or katholsz@aol.com with any questions.

VBS Health Kit Mission Project

Help the children at VBS collect personal care supplies for health kits. These kits will be given to Lutheran World Relief to send to places in the world hit by war, poverty, and natural disasters. Items will be collected June 1-21 in the fellowship hall. Items needed are hand towels (dark colored), wash clothes (dark), 4.5 oz. bars of soap in wrapper, adult-size tooth brushes (in packaging), sturdy combs, metal nail files, and 1/2" or 3/4" band-aids. All items must be new. Cash donations are accepted.

Pastor's Letter . . .



What Me, Worry?

Janet and I have a new neighbor. She is not gainfully employed. She has no car, fancy clothes, ipod, or a cell phone. She lives a remarkably simple life. Yet, she is content and worry-free.

Yes, three weeks ago, a Robin (I'll call them Rob and Robin) made a nest outside our garage window in a small bush. She sings, warms her eggs, and watches. She feeds on worms, grubs, and other things in my lawn. It brings to mind Jesus' teaching on worry and God's provision.

“Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?”
Matthew 6:26-27

- Pastor Rick

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**Words of Thanks . . .**  
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Sunday School Teacher's Appreciation Day

May 17: A big thanks goes out to all of our Sunday School teachers. They have been a dedicated and loving group. Please join us at our May 17 services and fellowship time as we show our appreciation to the Sunday School staff:

Preschool: Holly Barnish, Tracy Schoohs, and Tracy Traeder and assistants: Holly Godar, Caitlyn Slawny, Deanna Simonson, and Maria Lee; Kindergarten and Grade 1: Beth Zerbe and Jennifer Anderson and assistants: Brittany Zerbe and Katie Zerbe; Grades 2-3: Rebecca Haglund and assistant: Heather Ahnen; Grades 4-5: Julia Miller and Heidi Kimble and assistant: Bryna Godar; Middle School: Isaac Lee, Kirsten Scott, and Caleb Johnson; and Music: Kids Praise – Janet Johnson, director, and Megan Ahnen, assistant; and Preschool Music – Lee Hayes, leader. Kathryn Olszewski is Children's Ministry Coordinator.

God's blessings to Barbara Mardones, mission partner, as she and husband, Mario, move to New Glarus, WI. Barbara has been a mission partner for several years and sang in the Adult Choir. Thank you! . . .

Thank You to Leigh Luedtke (Mothers of Preschoolers) Small Group member for donating her talents in designing and painting the mural in the new nursery space . . .

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. One of the recipients, Jason Hessling, sent a thank you note and a Bible that had flown on a recent mission inscribed, *“Thank you for your prayers and support that makes our mission a success.”*

The note read: *“I just wanted to write and thank you for all your support and the awesome care packages. They were a great Easter surprise and we will be carrying a lot of your gifts out on our Easter missions.*

“All is good here, we are working hard and fighting to win hearts and minds. It's a . . . (mission) that takes time and patience. Travel is difficult but . . . (we) keep pushing out to visit our guys . . . We often get stuck at some pretty austere places but it gives us time with the troops and that is why we are here. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, for we are always in need of God's protection and grace. Centurion Faith – Matthew 8:5-13.”

Prayer Joys and Concerns . . .

God's peace, power and presence to our fourth and fifth graders celebrating First Communion on May 3, Dedication Sunday. They are Cailin Ahnen, Alexander Bernhardt, Katie Carda, Bailey Christensen, Nicholas Kimble, Zachary Podach, Kirsten Queoff, and Danielle Slawny . . .

God's consolation and resurrection promise to the families of Kevin and Loriann Wunder at the death of Kevin's mother in Illinois, and to Sam and Kathleen Espich, at the loss of Sam's uncle, Ted, in Indiana . . .

Thanks be to God for a joyous dedication of our new building and remodeling on May 3. May we continue to Raise the Roof of Faith so we may be a safe and joyous place in Christ . . .

Small Group Ministry

Money, Emotions and God: Where does God fit into your economic puzzle? Come to the mini-workshop by the Barnabas Boys Small Group about "A Christian Approach to the Economic Situation" on Sunday, May 31, between services at 9:40 a.m., fellowship hall. There will be a panel discussion including Connie Kilmark, well known financial counselor, who is frequently interviewed by national media concerning personal finance. Other panel members include All Saints' mission partners who will share their stories.

Midwife Kit Project: The MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Small Group is collecting new or gently used items or donations of money for midwife kits for use to assist in the birth of babies in remote locations. After the kits are assembled, they will be taken to the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Synod Assembly June 6-7. Global Health Ministries will then send them to areas where they are needed so midwives and new mothers may know we care in Christ's name and that they can welcome the babies into a safer world. For more information, contact Loriann Wunder, 848-8727.

News & Notes

The Last Day of Sunday School is May 17. Sunday School will resume on Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 13.

Staff Support meets this month to continue interviews with candidates for the part-time worship and music, adult choir director position.

Congregational Council is in the process of writing a position description and exploring options for a youth and family intern for All Saints. Watch for details in future newsletters and Town Hall meetings for this important ministry.

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

General and Building Fund

| April, 2009 | 2009 Actual | 2009 Budget* | |
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| Year to Date | 127,571.49 | 129,396.68 | 98.5% |
| Month | 30,649.50 | 32,349.17 | 94.7% |

Building Fund

April, 2009: 5,003.50 • Year to Date: 24,987.50

*Beginning April 1, the monthly mortgage payment increased to 8,200.00.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

- Pastor Richard A. Johnson.....Phone: 276-7729
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- Interim Choir Director.....Dr. Sherri Hansen
- Kids Praise Director.....Janet Johnson
- Accompanists.....Ingrid Kunding, lead pianist;
Erin Egan, Janet Johnson, Nancy Pokorney
-H.S. Youth Sponsors
- Kathryn Olszewski.....Children's Ministry Coordinator
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- Chris Carollo-Zeuner.....Childcare Staff Person
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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
(Sunday School resumes September 13)
10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

Upcoming Worship Themes:

- May 17 *"Four Ways To Corner Worry and Conflict."*
Philippians 4:1-3.
- May 24 *"Stressbusting Psalms for Worry. Part 1."*
Psalm 23.
- May 31 *"Stressbusting Psalms for Worry. Part 2."*
Psalm 46.
- June 7 Pastor Rich at Synod Assembly.

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. Current topics are:

- May 17 *"The Divine Drama!"* Bible Study –
"Therefore, Beloved Brothers and Sisters".
- May 24 Fellowship Time
- May 31 *"A Christian Approach to the Economic Situation"* workshop sponsored by the Barnabas Boys Small Group
- June 7 Fellowship Time