

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

June, 2009



Vacation Bible School

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

Ages 3 – Grade 5

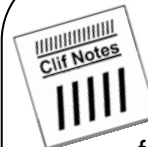
Register your children and their friends
for a rock'n good time!

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 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.



To Know . . .

"Clif Notes" are
faith issues that will
be looked at during worship
and Sunday Morning Alive.
Read the Pastor's Letter on
the next page and the back
cover for upcoming topics!

Follow . . .

Learn more about one of All
Saints' Small Groups, the
Women's Breakfast Small
Group, on the next page. For
information on other small
group opportunities, contact
Small Groups Coordinator
Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408.

and Share Jesus . . .



Help the children at VBS collect
personal care supplies for Luth-
eran World Relief health kits to
distribute to areas hit by war,
poverty, and natural disasters.
Items will be collected through
June 21 in the fellowship hall.

Pastor's Letter . . .



Clif Notes

Years ago I was blessed to have conversations with a gentleman named Clif. I got to know him when I was canvassing Fitchburg in the mid-1990's as a mission developer. Clif actually kicked me off his property and didn't want anything to do with my All Saints' material. Later, he mended that fence and we became friends.

Clif and I would go out to local restaurants and talk about faith issues. To put it mildly, he had a lot of issues with faith! He was an atheist or agnostic. He went back and forth.

Clif was a bright man. He was a member of the Mensa Society and a good businessperson. Our conversations covered the Bible (Do you actually believe God speaks to you in that thing?) to Creation (Come on, seven days and what about evolution?) to what's so special about Jesus and are not all religions the same?

My sermon series in July is going to be "Clif Notes". That is, topics that Clif and I talked about over coffee or the daily special at Lum's on Broadway in Madison. Listed on the back page are some of the upcoming topics.

During Sunday Morning Alive, we can discuss, informally, some of the topics in-depth. It is summer time to be sure! But let's continue to worship the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength, and yes, minds!

- Pastor Rich

Small Group Ministry – A Look at a Small Group . . .

Women's Breakfast Small Group: Women who enjoy a discussion on spiritual growth and early morning fits best in their schedule are welcome to visit the Wednesday Morning Small Group! This small group meets at Ancora Coffee Shop on Research Park Dr. in Fitchburg, the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:15 a.m. for fellowship, start the book discussion at 7:30, and is done at 8:30.

The discussions center around a book on personal spiritual growth written by Christian authors with a Bible base. Among the group's favorite books have been those by Joyce Rupp, "The Cup of Our Life" and our current book, "Open the Door".

Between each small group meeting, members read segments of the book, reflect, meditate, or

journal on their own and then the group discussion time is a sharing of insights we gained and sections that were meaningful to us. Service projects include St. Mark Lutheran Church's Creative Arts Ministry and PromiseKids.

The focus of this small group is to support each other in their personal journeys to develop a closer relationship with God and more fully realize his presence with us each day. All are welcome. For more info, please contact Becky Baumbach, 239-0221.

Thank you to Ms. Connie Kilmark, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Monona, for being part of the Barnabas Boys Small Group panel discussion on "God, Emotions, and Money" on May 31. The panel included Holly Barrish, Jim Greenwald, Dick Hoefs, and Pastor Rich.

Prayer Joys and Concerns . . .

Thanks be to God for the teachers and staff involved in our kids' learning ministry. A special time of appreciation was held in fellowship hall on May 17 . . .

God's blessings to graduating senior mission partners: Holly Godar (West High School) and Isaac Lee (West High School). They will be graduating June 13. We pray the Holy Spirit's guiding as they prepare to attend college: Holly at Luther College, Decorah, IA, and Isaac, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Also graduating are Ryan Blair and Nicole Foss . . .

God's guidance, discernment, and joy on the Synod Assembly and decisions made. The theme was "And God said it was . . . good!" We walk together in Christ with 149 other congregations in this part of Wisconsin and share Christ's message in word and deed . . .

We pray encouragement and opportunities for men and women seeking employment in these difficult times. We pray for our elected representatives as they seek to balance the State budget . . .

Job Transition Program

Under the sponsorship of several Dane County Lutheran churches, the first Madison Area Job Transition Program is being launched. The formation of the Job Transition Program is in response to the growing unemployment in the Madison area. Sessions are open to all those seeking employment and are free to all attendees.

The Madison Area Job Transition Program will focus on key skills essential to finding new work, provide opportunities for attendees to network with each other, and offer support to those going through a job transition. Upcoming topics will be posted on the planned website.

The initial sessions will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the first and third Saturdays of each month. For more information, contact Job Transition Leader Bob Shimmel, 831-6910, or Pastor Brent Campbell, 271-6633.

News & Notes

Synod Assembly, June 6-7, voting members from All Saints were Pastor Rich and Jon and Caroll Borgen. Watch for an update in July.

We are grateful for two mission partners who serve on our Synod Council. They are Bob Gorsuch, Treasurer, and Jim Greenwald. Caroll Borgen serves on the Synod Stewardship Team.

Ministry items for reimbursement need to come from budget, council approval, or staff and need to be signed by staff. This will assist our bookkeeper and treasurer in tracking budget expenses and "speedy delivery" to individuals in need of reimbursement.

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

May, 2009	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	
Year to Date	169,109.65	161,745.85	105%
Month	45,533.16	32,349.17	141%

Building Fund

May, 2009: 19,560.50 • Year to Date: 44,548.00

Budgeted monthly mortgage payments: 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.

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- Pastor Richard A. Johnson.....Phone: 276-7729
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- Kids Praise Director.....Janet Johnson
- Accompanists.....Ingrid Kunding, lead pianist;
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- Chris Carollo-Zeuner.....Childcare Staff Person
(Sundays, 8:30-11:45 a.m.)
- Dennis Ahnen.....Custodian



Upcoming Message Topics

8:30 a.m. Classic Worship • 10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

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Sunday Morning Alive Themes

9:40 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

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| Sunday, June 28 | <i>"I have a friend who thinks all religions are the same . . ."</i> John 3:16-17 |
| Sunday, July 5 | <i>"I have a friend who thinks the Bible is bunk . . ."</i> 2 Timothy 3:14-17 |
| Sunday, July 12 | <i>"I have a friend who thinks you can't believe in evolution and be a Christian . . ."</i> Genesis 1 |
| Sunday, July 19 | <i>"I have a friend who is spiritual but doesn't believe in organized religion."</i> Psalm 23 |
| Sunday, July 26 | <i>"Hungry for Bread . . . and Meaning."</i> John 6:1-21 |