

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

August, 2009

*A Day to Celebrate Community
Kick-Off Sunday,
September 13*



Gather for Worship!

8:30 a.m. – Classic Worship
10:45 a.m. – New Song Worship
(Childcare provided for both services.)

Sunday School Starts – 9:40-10:30 a.m.

- Come walk through the Red Sea (really!)
- Begin to explore the journey of the Israelites
- Join our hands-on program
- Open for ages 3 to grade 8

Potluck Lunch - Noon

Bring a dish to pass and join in the fun!
A-H - Entrees
I-Q – Desserts
R-Z – Salads, beans & chips

Entertainment

Kickball for all ages!
Games
Music

Can you lend a helping hand?

We are looking for a few people to help with

- Potluck lunch: set the tables, put out the food and make the coffee and lemonade
- Clean-up: Clean the tables and dishes
- Games: Organize a couple of games for the younger children
- Kickball: Help lay out the field and get the equipment

To Know . . .

**The
Bible's
Big Story**
Our Story

Coming October 24!
See inside for details!

To Follow . . .



62 Steps!

Sunday Morning Alive
takes a new step – **62
Steps!** – this fall. See
back page for details!

and Share Jesus . . .

Amazing Grace,

the Farmers' Market, and a
"God Moment". See "*Walk-
ing Partners and Amazing
Grace*" on the next page!

Walking Together in Community



Walking Partners . . . and Amazing Grace

What do “Amazing Grace”, the Farmers’ Market, and a “God Moment” have in common?

In July, Martin Hansdak, Dumka, India, visited the area and All Saints from the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India (NELC), our companion synod – walking partners in connecting Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.

All Saints’ Grau family – Bonnie, Bruce, Maddie, and Collin – had the pleasure of hosting Martin for two days . . . and for Bonnie one of the God moments that Pastor Rich often speaks about happened at the Farmer’s Market. Bonnie shares some reflections on this time with a walking partner:

“As Martin said the trip to south-central Wisconsin was a once in a lifetime experience for him as it may have been for our family as well. Martin is a quiet, soft-spoken young man but one who is inquisitive and eager to see and do new things. He asked many questions and wanted to get a sense of American life.

“Martin was able to attend his first baseball game as we went to see the Mallards play. He seemed to enjoy the game and the between-inning activities, but it was an unusually chilly night and the chill in the air was something Martin was not used to. We, also, took Martin to the Farmers’ Market and the Memorial Union. While on the Square we observed Paddle and Portage, which was quite a sight to see with all the canoes being carried on top of people’s heads.

“As we roamed the Farmers’ Market, a God moment happened . . . Music was playing ‘Amazing Grace’ and I began to sing along and I noticed Martin singing too.

“‘Amazing Grace’ is truly a universal hymn known and loved by Christians all over the world. I was touched to have the opportunity to share my faith with Martin if even in the simple act of sharing the love of a song.

“Back at home we had a traditional American cookout with other All Saints’ mission partners joining us to meet and visit with Martin. All Saints is certainly a welcoming community.

“Not all was fun and games for Martin during his visit. Bruce did put him to work by having Martin help with the planting of a Viburnum bush. We named the plant Martin, in honor of our guest and to be a reminder of our time spent with this young man.”

While here Martin, also, helped serve the Friday Madison Community Meals noon meal at St. Mark’s and visited All Saints’ church building, where he noticed in amazement that Bibles and songbooks were in each of the chairs, something he does not see at his home church . . . and a songbook from All Saints with “Amazing Grace” traveled back with him to India.

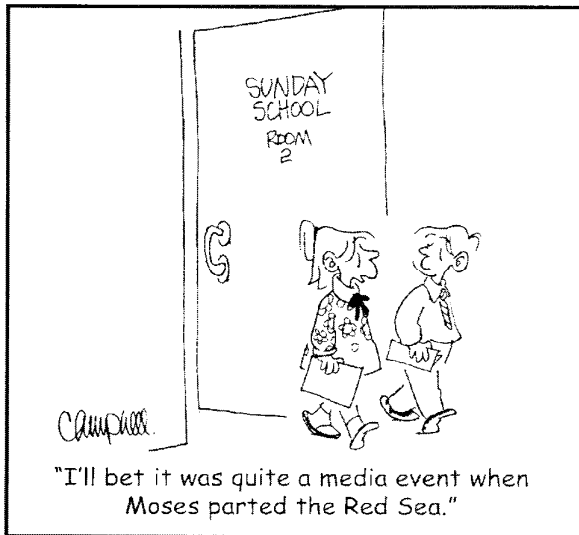
From Madison, Martin flew to New Orleans to attend the ELCA’s National Youth Gathering.

Small Groups Ministry

MOPS’ Fall Kick-Off: All Saints’ Mothers of Preschoolers Small Group (MOPS) is gearing up for an exciting year! The kick-off meeting will be Monday, September 14, 9:15 a.m., and will feature guest speaker Jo Gilmour, a “Love and Logic” facilitator, who will present an overview of the program and will offer simple strategies to use with preschoolers. Some of the moms will share their positive experiences with this program. For more info, contact Ronda Beggs, 320-9406, or rondabeggs@sbcglobal.net.

Wanted: Childcare provider for nursery during MOPS’ meetings, second Monday morning of the month. For more info, contact Jeanie Sieling, 271-9408.

Life Together Small Group will resume their meeting schedule on Sunday, September 13, 5:00 p.m. The group is studying Luther’s Large Catechism. New members are welcome! For more info, contact Roger Damrow, 288-9245.



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## Children's Ministry

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Sunday School Registration: Remember to fill out a registration form for your children. We want to have everyone's emergency information before the fun starts. Forms may be found in All Saints' green lobby or at www.allsaints-madison.org.

How can you spend 2 hours a month and . . . expand God's kingdom, shape the future, bring hope and love to children, and answer God's call? Teach Sunday School!

Join one of our teaching teams and share God's love:

- Classes are taught by teams of teachers so you don't need to teach every Sunday.
- We have easy to follow lessons which tell you exactly what to do and say.
- All class materials are purchased and prepared for you.
- Preschool through Middle School classes are available.

"The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good." Luke 6:45a

For more info, contact Kathryn Olszewski at 833-8560 or katholsz@aol.com to join our team.

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**Newsletter articles** for the September issue are due Monday, August 24, to Georgia in the church office because of Fall Kick-Off. The first Monday of the month due date resumes in October. Items are subject to editing due to space availability.

## Pastor's Letter . . .

### Transitions

August is a month of transitions! School is not far off. One more weekend get-away is possible and students are packing-up to go back to college. Transition means "a passing from one condition, form, stage, or activity to another."

We are a community that walks together in transitions. The true leader is Christ, as he leads us on the way. The theme in the coming year is "*Community – Walking Together*", "*Community – Better Together*" and in the spring, "*Community – Serving Together*". Most Sundays, the themes at worship and kids learning will connect with the Exodus journey in the Old Testament.

I invite you, and your kids or grandkids or kids you sponsored at baptism to bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, September 6, for a time of blessing at the kids' lesson. Adults, you are welcome to bring your backpacks or briefcases – whatever represents part of your fall journey as you serve or learn in God's world. I hope to see you as we begin the fall transition in faith!

*- Pastor Rich*

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The Bible's Big Story – And Ours!

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Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt, author of "*Crossways!*" and "*The Divine Drama*" Bible studies will host a half-day workshop – "*The Bible's Big Story – And Ours!*" – this fall. The workshop is Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall.

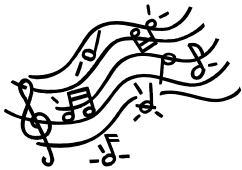
**The Bible's Big Story**  
**Our Story**

"*The Bible's Big Story – And Ours!*" is a Biblical overview using a colorful, image-packed timeline. The overview not only examines what happened in the Biblical narrative, but where we fit into its on-going story today.

The half-day registration fee (including a special couple's rate) includes a workbook and light refreshments. To sign-up or for more info, call All Saints' office or Pastor Rich at 276-7729.



## Worship & Music Ministry



### Welcome, Dr. Sherri Hansen!

On July 26 Dr. Sherri Hansen was installed and welcomed as All Saints' Worship and Music Director and Adult Choir Director.

In this month's newsletter, Sherri was invited to introduce herself and shares part of her faith journey through music:

*"I am very happy and excited to be your new Music Director. I have had a wonderful time working with the Adult Choir and New Song and very much look forward to continuing to be part of this wonderful community.*

*"I am originally from Michigan. I studied classical piano and composition through high school, but found my way to medical school where I trained to become a psychiatrist. I came to Madison in 1996 to work at UW, but left to go into private practice in 2000 where I now work 3/4 time.*

*"I've continued to be active in music ministry ever since my training, but in recent years, have been called to do it more actively. I have been the part-time music director of the UW-Madison Lutheran Campus Center for the past three years and, also, have played/sang/led in several worship bands.*

*"I, also, have been drawn to Benedictine spirituality and am currently a candidate to become an oblate (associate) of Holy Wisdom Monastery. I am, also, an avid knitter and yogini, and, also, enjoy reading and taking my wonderful cocker spaniel and Jack Russell terrier to the dog park.*

*"Which musical style do I like best? I have to honestly say that I like music that helps others to worship and connect with our great God . . . God who has created a diverse humanity with a multitude of ways to express themselves through praise and worship."*

### Calling All Musicians, Singers, and Techies

There are numerous opportunities to participate in music ensembles at All Saints. All are recruiting new members and we are in the process of rebuilding the handbell choir for the Advent season. For more info, please talk to Sherri Hansen.

**Adult Choir** meets weekly for rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m. and sings generally the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at the 8:30 a.m. Classic worship service. Rehearsals begin September 2.

**New Song** worship team leads worship at the 10:45 a.m. contemporary service. Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:15-8:30 p.m. and will begin September 3. All singers and musicians are welcome, but we are particularly recruiting for bass and acoustic guitar players.

**Joyful Noise** musical ensemble that includes strings, winds, and brass plays at 8:30 a.m. Classic Worship service throughout the year and is led by Nancy Pokorney.

**Handbells:** Plans are to rebuild the handbell choir that will begin rehearsing this fall to participate in Advent at the 8:30 a.m. Classic Worship service. Please let Sherri Hansen know if you are interested.

**Sound Tech Team:** Plans are to create a sound team to monitor sound during the 10:45 a.m. New Song service. This is a great opportunity for "gear heads" including high school students to become involved in this crucial role at New Song.

**Kids Praise** (kindergarten-2nd graders) practices on Sunday during the first 15 minutes of Sunday School, 9:40-9:55 a.m. in the sanctuary and sing at the 10:45 a.m. service monthly. Janet Johnson leads Kids Praise. Preschool music is part of the regular Sunday classes with special activities throughout the year.

## Prayer Joys and Concerns . . .

God's guiding spirit as the ELCA convenes in Minneapolis August 17-23. There are 1,045 voting members from 65 synods . . .

Thanks be to God for the baptismal beginning on July 12 for Lauren Frances Schleeper, infant daughter of Mike and Suzy Schleeper, and sister of Andrea and Michael . . .

God's safety and peace to our service men and women here and overseas . . .

Healing comfort and strength for those recently hospitalized or home/recovering, Roger Budinger, Kay Klein, Mary Krieger, Kathleen Meyer, and Delores Reynolds . . .

We pray for patience and resilience for those in-between jobs and for the work of the Madison Area Jobs Transition Program and leader Bob Shimmel . . .

## News & Notes

**Congregational Council** is considering a number of items this summer. Two are: staffing of a part-time Middle School/High School youth and family person and participation in a Synod initiative: *Missional Discovery Journey*. The latter seeks to ask and respond to "Where is God leading us and what does it mean to be missional in our context and take next steps?". Current council members are Jason Kunding, President; Karen Julesberg, Vice President; Ellen Healey, Recording Secretary; Sara Storkson, Sue Martinson-Zyhowski, Pastor Rich, and Dan Rohrer, Treasurer.

**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

| July, 2009   | 2009 Actual | 2009 Budget |      |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|------|
| Year to Date | 240,711.67  | 226,444.19  | 106% |
| Month        | 44,728.01   | 32,349.17   | 138% |

**Music Picnic:** Jeff and Robin Cherwinka will host a potluck picnic gathering at their home Sunday, August 23, 4:00-8:00 p.m., for all involved with All Saints' music ministry. Please RSVP to Sherri Hansen, 234-8570 or sherrihansen@tds.com.

## Thank You . . .

**Thank you** to those who assisted on work days in July! We will have two more opportunities to spruce-up the property – weeding, trimming, and cleaning – Saturdays, August 15 and 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A special thanks to Jerry Sieling and Sandy Mischke for their help last month.

**Mission partner Betty Race expresses:** "Thank you everyone for your love and prayers throughout these difficult times", following the death of her son, Terry Race, earlier this summer.

## Job Transition Program

**In-Between Jobs?** The Madison Area Job Transition program is sponsored by ELCA congregations in the Madison area and meets at 9:00 a.m. the first and third Saturdays of each month at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raymond Road and Whitney Way, Madison. Resources, speakers, and break-out sessions on networking resume writing, and interviewing are topics discussed. For more info, contact Bob Shimmel at: madisonareajobtransition@gmail.com

**A New Building Use: Kindermusik** classes for children, newborn-7 years old, is using All Saints' building several days and evenings this summer. For info on fall programs, call 850-4854 or check-out [www.kindermusik.com](http://www.kindermusik.com).

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Sunday Morning Alive! Has a New Name:

## 62 Steps!



The fall theme is *“Community”* and walking together. Sunday Morning Alive is open to all adults for learning discovery on Sunday mornings at 9:45-10:30 a.m. in new fellowship hall. It is a mere **62 Steps** from the sanctuary to new fellowship hall – hence the name, **62 Steps!**

The first step beginning Sunday, September 20, is from author and personal money management expert, Dave Ramsey and Financial Peace University. The video discussion is *“The Great Misunderstanding – Unleashing the Power of Generous Giving”*. In this three-part series, we will explore what a “good steward” really is – what Scripture says about money – the true meaning of ownership – the importance of generous giving, and how giving changes very part of your life. Hope to see you at **62 Steps!**

Topics coming in October, 2009:



Sunday, October 11: *“How We Got Our Bible”*

Sunday, October 18: *“How We Got Our Bible and How to Read Your Bible for All Its Worth – Example Luke 15.”*

Sunday, October 25: Special guest presenter, Rev. Dr. Harry Wendt, author of Divine Drama and President of Crossways International, an ELCA learning partner. Dr. Wendt will be focusing on the Exodus as part of our discussion.