

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

News From the Journey

April 15, 2010

Mark your calendar . . .

Sunday, April 25
10:45 a.m. New Song Worship

A Day of Celebration!

First Communion Sunday . . .

Fourth and fifth grade children, who have completed communion instruction will receive their first communion. They will, also, help usher, read, and greet at this service.



Prayers and Temple Talk . . .

Prayers and a temple talk update by a council member about the youth and family staff position.

and a Touch of *Jazz!*



The Lutheran Campus Center Jazz Band will lead worship with their unique blend of New Orleans jazz during the 10:45 a.m. New Song service on April 25.

Come and celebrate
with the first communicants April 25!

To Know . . .

Is This The Time?

Come to 62 Steps, 9:45 a.m., Sunday, to discover what the Book of Revelation really says.

(see back cover)

Follow . . .

A New Short-term Small Group

Wednesday evenings in April, 7:00 p.m., this new group will discuss John Ortberg's book, *"Faith and Doubt"*.

(see inside)

and Share Jesus . . .

Volunteer at VBS.
Serve a Meal.
Give Blood.
Help at a Free Health Clinic.

Look inside the newsletter to learn more about these upcoming opportunities!

Pastor's Letter . . .



Catch Anything?

I especially enjoy one of the resurrection accounts of Jesus recorded in John 21:5. Jesus shouted out to the disciples who had been fishing on the Sea of Galilee: “*Catch anything?*” Now, that may be a good news or bad news question. Any fisher knows that!

The disciples *did not* have a good night of fishing. The answer was a short and snappy – “No.” (vs. 5b) Jesus yelled to them: “Cast the net to the right side of the boat and you will find some.” (vs.6) The next thing the disciples knew was they were hauling in a huge catch. Two miracles: the catch of fish and the fact the net didn’t break!



Easter is a new season. Instead of looking at what we lack, let’s consider what we have in the way of resources, gifts, skills and abilities. We are not called to be stewards of what we *don’t have* are we?

Easter tells us God is at work right now. Can you see? Can you get on board where God is working in the world? God has not left. The Book of Revelation, for example, is not so much about being “left behind” but rather “right behind”, following Jesus when it is uphill. There is a new heaven and a new earth on the way.

Christ is alive! He *is* risen. Catch anything? Prepare to be surprised as we serve this Easter!

“That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’”

John 21:7

- Pastor Rich

Music Ministry Notes

A huge thanks to everyone who made Easter and Holy Week worship so wonderful and special. Special thanks to Joyful Noise, the Handbell Choir, New Song, the Adult Choir, sound and projection people, readers, and our wonderful pianists. CD copies of the Good Friday cantata, “*The Lenten Sketches*”, are available if anyone would like to have one. A big thank you to Jim Sewell for producing them.

Even as the school year starts to wind down, there is always space for new folks in all of the music ensembles. If you are interested, speak to Worship and Music Director Sherri Hansen, 234-8570 or sherrihansen@tds.com.

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**Children's Ministry**  
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Dive into God's Word!
Vacation Bible School

June 22-24
5:30-8:00 p.m.
Age 3 years through Grade 5

Register now. Forms can be found in the church lobby or at www.allsaints-madison.org. Invite friends to join in the fun!

Adults – jump on board and join the fun! Volunteer to lead crafts, games, storytelling, video theater, or a group of children. Spreading the Word



of God doesn't get more fun than this. Sign-up at church or contact Kathryn Olszewski at 833-8560 or katholsz@aol.com.

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**Sunday School:** All Saints' Sunday School children are learning more about Jesus' disciples and followers. Saul's amazing transformation into a Christian and Peter's powerful prayers will be explored through prayer puppets, fun with flashlights, experiments, and much, much more.

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**Mark These Dates
On Your Calendar**

- Sunday, May 16:** Confirmation Sunday
- Sunday, May 23:** Pentecost Sunday and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday

**All Saints
Kitchen Angels'
Cookbook**



If you'd like to make some mouth-watering meals, you can find recipes in the soon-to-be-published All Saints Kitchen Angels Cookbook. There are nearly 50 contributors and over 200 excellent recipes.

**All Saints Kitchen Angels
Cookbook Advance Sales
Through April 30, 2010**

More information and costs will be available in the Sunday worship folders and at a table in the fellowship hall that will be set up on



Sundays, April 18 and 25, to accept advance orders and payment. You can, also, mail a check (payable to All Saints Lutheran Church) for

your book order to Nicki Troia, 2898 Glacier Valley Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711.

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**Small Group Ministries**  
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Thank you to Gary Kriesel, writer and director, of the Lenten Drama, "*Out of Bounds*". It was shared by the Drama Small Group on five Wednesdays in the Lenten Season. Thank you to the cast: Cailin Ahnen, Dennis Ahnen, Amanda Blackwood, Collin Grau, Lee Hayes, Jason Kunding, Maria Lee, Julie Pophal, Vincent Quartaro, Sara Rem, Karen Saari, Will Simonson, Heather Slawny, Angela Troia, Loriann Wunder, and Rebekah Zerbe. The stage design was by Roxie Kriesel.

A New Opportunity to Experience a Small Group: A new short-term small group to discuss the book "*Faith and Doubt*" by John Ortberg, a best-selling author who describes grappling with the faith-shaking storms in life will meet at All Saints' building on Wednesdays, April 14, 21, and 28, at 7:00 p.m. The book will be available at the session. All are welcome. For more info, contact facilitator Roger Damrow, (home) 288-9245 or (cell) 262-903-1931.



Mark Your Calendars!

St. Mark's Meals: All Saints helps serve the free Friday noon Madison Community Meals at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 605 Spruce St., periodically during the year. All Saints will next serve the meal on Friday, April 23. Servers and helpers are needed between 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, June 16
12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

All Saints Youth are sponsoring an **American Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wednesday, June 16, 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.

Watch the worship folders and May newsletter for more details. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID are required at check-in. (16-year-olds need parental consent.) For more info or volunteer to help, contact Kirsten Scott, 848-1337.



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Touched Twice Free Medical Clinic: There is something for everyone to help out with at the Touched Twice Free Medical Clinic on Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at Calvary Gospel Church, 5301 Commercial Ave., Madison. The clinic offers a variety of free services from medical, dental, optical and chiropractic care to counseling, haircuts, clothing, and a hot mail.

Volunteers are needed in various capacities. For more info on the clinic or helping, contact All Saints' mission partner, Dr. Jim Greenwald, 273-0296, who has been involved in organizing volunteers for this event in the past, or check-out their website: www.TouchedTwiceMadison.org.

Missional Discovery Journey Update

Hello, my name is Jason Kunding. I have been a mission partner at All Saints since 2005. My involvement has been with Youth Ministry, Youth Education, Drama Small Group, and Church Council to name a few. I am, also, on the Mission Discovery Journey (MDJ) Team.

All Saints' team consists of Roger Damrow, Angela Troia, Pastor Rich, and me. We meet monthly with the rest of the teams in our synod.

Each meeting features a speaker teaching us about their missional specialty and a new prayer technique. I felt called to be a part of the MDJ because I recognize this as an opportunity to grow All Saints outside in our community. I look forward to involving the congregation in the future. Your team continues to ask for your prayers.

Thank You for Sharing . . .



"Thank you so much!"
read the handwritten note from John Nunes, president of **Lutheran World**

Relief (LWR), at the close of a letter thanking All Saints' mission partners and friends' for giving \$8,508.00 in response to relief needs following the Haiti earthquake.

LWR has made a long-term commitment of 3-5 years to the people of Haiti. LWR is able to stay with these communities long after the media and other organizations leave, extending your love and compassion, improving lives, and strengthening futures. You can follow LWR's work in over 35 countries around the world at their website: www.lwr.org.

On the second and third Sundays of the month, All Saints' collects non-perishable food for **St. Mark's Lutheran Church's Food Pantry**, which this note: "What a blessing it is when one of you appears at the delivery door of our food pantry! Your generous donations so often arrive when resources are low. With your help, we've been able to serve many grateful families! I thank God each time I think of you!"

Prayers of Joy and Concern . . .

We give thanks to God for new mission partners (listed in this issue) who officially travel together in faith to serve together. They were received on March 28 . . .

Blessings and continued guidance in serving for brothers and sisters in Christ in our companion synod, the Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India (NELC). The NELC has approximately 85,000 members. The Santals, one of India's tribal peoples, form the majority. They are often challenged by the successive ravaging of cyclones, flood, drought, and famine.

News and Notes . . .

Thank you friends and mission partners for your offerings on Lenten Wednesdays. The offerings were split between All Saints' General Fund and Lutheran Campus Center, Madison. Approximately \$1,640.00 will be sent to the local campus ministry.

We appreciate your prayers and regular offerings to the General and Building Funds at All Saints. March was a stronger month for both the General and Building Funds.

March spending plan is \$30,940.00 (rounded) and March offerings to General and Building were \$36,464.00 (rounded) (118% of budget). This helps due to January and February being under 80% of the spending plan.

If you are out of town, offerings may, also, be mailed in or dropped-off in the giving box in the lobby of All Saints' building during the week.

In-Between Jobs? The Madison Area Job Transition program is sponsored by Madison area ELCA congregations and meets at 9:00 a.m., the first and third Saturdays of the month at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison. For more info, contact Bob Shimmel at: madisonareajobtransition@gmail.com

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.



Welcome New Mission Partners!

Recently received as new mission partners:

Mike and Jennifer Barakat, Brooke and Samantha
7322 Blue Maple Trail
Madison, WI 53719

Jack and Sue Caldwell
5183 Hilltop Rd.
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Ruth Hopkins
2931 Chapel Valley Rd., #307
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Jacob Johnson
3550 Breckenridge Ct., #6
Fitchburg, WI 53713

Dennis and Rita Olin
100 Northlight Way
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Carolyn Paine
5440 Caddis Bend
Fitchburg, WI 53711

Doug and Kari Stampfli, Samuel
5204 Stoneman Dr.
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Childcare Staff Person.....Chris Carollo-Zeuner
(Sundays, 8:30-11:45 a.m.)
Custodian.....Dennis Ahnen

Upcoming Sunday Message Themes . . .

Sunday Morning: 8:30 a.m. Classic Worship • 10:45 a.m. New Song Worship
(childcare provided at both services)



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| April 18 | Serving Together – Revelation 5:11-14 |
| April 25 | Serving Together – Revelation 7:9-17 |
| May 2 | Serving Together – Revelation 21:1-6 |
| May 9 | Serving Together – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 |

62 Steps – Adult Discovery: Is This the Time?

Sunday Morning: 9:45-10:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hall

Have you heard about 2012 in the news? Has the Book of Revelation been more mystery than comfort to you? 62 Steps, adult discovery, will study the Book of Revelation beginning Sunday, April 18, 9:45-10:30 a.m., in fellowship hall. The series will run through May 30.

We will use a video discussion by Dr. Craig Koester, professor at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Bring your Bible, questions, and prepare to be surprised as we serve together! All are welcome!