

All Saints Lutheran Church • Fitchburg, WI

# News From the Journey

June 15, 2010

**It's not too late to invite a friend!  
Walk-ins are welcome!**

## Vacation Bible School

**June 22–24**

**5:30–8:00 p.m.**

**Ages 3 years to Grade 5**



Bring your children, friends, neighbors and grandchildren! Join us as we learn about how God's Word is comforting, sometimes surprising, and always life-changing.

All Saints will be awash with fun as we

- Experience unforgettable Bible adventures
- Race around at Ship Rec games
- Make amazing crafts
- Sing incredible songs
- Meet new friends

Registration forms are in the church lobby or at [www.allsaints-madison.org](http://www.allsaints-madison.org).

**Thank You,  
Service Personnel & Veterans  
Sunday, July 4**



We ask all service personnel and veterans to attend one of the two services that day – 8:30 Classic or 10:45 New Song – to give thanks to God for your service to our nation. Names will be listed in the worship folder and for the prayers of the community.



**All Saints Youth are  
sponsoring  
an American Red  
Cross**



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

**Walk-ins welcome!**

Pastor's Letter . . .



## One Day . . .



One day is twenty-four hours. Or to be more precise, one thousand four hundred and forty minutes. You can figure out how many seconds on your own. But no matter how we figure it, we can simply go one day . . . *at a time*.

The phrase *one day at a time* is used in various twelve-step recovery programs. I've seen it as a bumper sticker, too. But it originated with our Lord. In the Gospel of Matthew here was what Jesus says about worry and stress.

*“So do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.  
Today's trouble is enough for today.”*  
Matthew 6:34

This just isn't a “grin and bear it” approach to life. Rather, Jesus says, I will take care. I will provide. The God who takes care of the wren and sparrow will take care of you! It's a promise. God does not lie.

One day . . . at a time.

Not only will God provide one day at a time but our Lord delights in doing so! I would invite you to begin and end your day with the Lord's Prayer. One of its petitions is “give us this day, our daily bread.” That reminds us at the beginning and end of our day that God provides, *one day at a time*.

- Pastor Rick



## 62 Steps!



62 Steps is an opportunity of adult discovery and learning on a variety of topics for faith and life. 62 Steps is open to all and meets on Sunday, 9:45-10:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall. Here are the upcoming topics:

**Summer Stressbusters! – June 27 and July 4.** Too much stress happens to the best of us. How might we approach this in a new and different way this summer? Some narratives from Scripture can help.

**Synod Assembly Update – July 11.** This summer, June 5 and 6, was the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly. Check-out what transpired as voting members from our 149 congregations prayed, worshipped, learned, and voted on issues.

## Serving Together – Near and Far!

### Thank You . . .

#### 190 Midwife Kits

Thank you to the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Small Group for assembling and sharing 190 midwife kits for overseas mission. They were gathered as part of a synod offering at our South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly on June 5 and 6.

Global Health Ministries will send the kits to the areas where they are needed so that the midwives and new mothers may feel they are not alone, that someone cares, and that they can welcome the babies into a safer world. For more info on Global Health Ministries, visit their website: [www.ghm.org](http://www.ghm.org).

The MOPS Small Group resumes their meetings (open to any moms of preschoolers) on Monday, September 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at All Saints.

#### St. Mark's Meals

Thank you: All Saints has a group of dedicated volunteers, who serve the food for Madison Community Meals at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. The April volunteers were: Roger Damrow, Carol Eisele, Patty Franson, Carol Gorsuch, Jim and Shirley Greenwald, Denny Olin, Jeanie Sieling and Jerry Sieling, and Jan Whitehead.

Thanks to Denny Olin for organizing the Meals for Madison volunteers from All Saints.

All Saints will next serve the Friday noon Meal at St. Mark's on August 13. Helpers and servers are needed from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more info, please call Denny Olin, 277-8430.

Madison Meals serves 100 meals/week. Over 23 churches and organizations are involved. All Saints has been serving since 1995 with Madison Meals and it was a service ministry of our first small group.



**NEW!**

### Serving Seconds Sunday

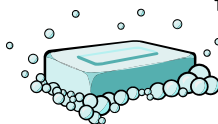
"Serving Seconds Sunday" lifts up a ministry All Saints is involved in for the community or world. It is an opportunity for you to pray and consider becoming involved, too. On the second Sunday of each month, a serving ministry will be featured. There are many!

Serving Seconds Sunday will have a brief temple talk on "How does this ministry serve people in our community?" and "How do you see God at work in this ministry?". There will be a worship folder insert with details about the serving ministry and inviting people to help.

For the most part, this will be "hands on" serving, and at other times, such as Lutheran World Relief, there may be a monetary offering.

Please continue to pray for our serving together so we can share Christ with our neighbor, whoever and wherever they are in the world!

On Sunday, June 13, mission partners shared about Madison Meals at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. For more info, please call Denny Olin, 277-8430.



### Bubbles of Love

Join the VBS children in collecting bath size (4.5 oz.) bars of soap (in the original wrapper) for Lutheran World Relief. Each bar helps people prevent diseases and brings dignity. We will be collecting through June 27.

~~~~~

## In Recognition of Serving Together

~~~~~

Among the ways All Saints serves together with organizations is through special offerings to church-wide groups like Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR), which was named in May as the 2010 "Member Organization of the Year" by the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Response. In addition to financial support, All Saints' mission partners volunteered to assist LDR in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.



This recognition is given by a coalition of non-profit organizations that respond to disasters and/or develop disaster preparedness and recovery programs.

The Rev. Kevin A. Massey, director of LDR and ELCA Domestic Disaster Response, accepted the award saying, "This award is in recognition of all Lutherans who love and serve their neighbors affected by disaster," said Massey. "It also recognizes the more than 20-year history of Lutherans helping serve in communities from Grand Forks, N.D., to New Orleans and in countless other places . . . We are all Lutheran Disaster Response because we all chip in and care for our neighbors when we see our neighbors experience any misfortune."

LDR is a collaborative ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. You can learn more about LDR at [www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org).

### Women's Breakfast Small Group Collects Books



The Women's Breakfast Small Group is collecting fiction and non-fiction items (e.g. books, CD's, DVD's) in

good condition for all ages for the Friends of the Fitchburg Library monthly book sale with proceeds going to support the Fitchburg library scheduled for completion in 2011. Donations of computer, medical, health, diet, and textbooks are useful if only printed within the last 5 years. They do not accept encyclopedias, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, Time-Life Books, or National Geographic magazines. A collection bin is in the fellowship hall.

## Prayers of Joy and Concern . . .

We celebrate God's grace with the family of Patrick Anthony Quartaro, son of Andrew and Heather Quartaro. Patrick was baptized on May 16 at All Saints . . .

God's healing power in the life of Ruth Hopkins (home), mission partner; Katie Lawless (chemotherapy), mission partner; Carol Skovsted (home from surgery), daughter of Cliff Skovsted and sister of Cherie Godar; and Jon Warren (rehab), mission partner . . .

We give thanks to God for our nation's freedom and the freedom to worship. God's peace on our service personnel and America's veterans as we approach the Fourth of July . . .

Wise guiding as our council seeks a part-time youth and family staff person this summer . . .

We rejoice with Mike and Megan Lawless at the birth of William Michael on May 13 in Madison . . .

Resurrection comfort and peace to Bill May, whose father-in-law, Louis Eisner, passed away June 3 at Bickford Cottage, Muscatine, IA. Funeral services were held June 7 in Muscatine. Bill created the triangle stained glass window in the sanctuary in memory of his wife, Lois Eisner May, who passed away June 4, 2003 . . .



### Save These Sunday Dates!

- June 27** Blessing of Congregational Council, 8:30 Classic (C) and 10:45 New Song (NS)
- July 4** Thanksgiving for Veterans and Service Personnel, C and NS
- August 29** Blessing of Kids' Backpacks for the new school year, C and NS

~~~~~

## News and Notes . . .

~~~~~

**Congregational Council** is gathering a Property Team at All Saints. Watch for opportunities to volunteer on various projects in summer and fall. We have a wonderful building and grounds and desire to keep it looking lively, clean, and inviting for all.

**Reception Honoring High School Graduates:** 2010 high school graduates Heather Ahnen (Madison Memorial), Bryna Godar (Madison West), and Brittany Zerbe (Oregon) will be honored at reception next Sunday, June 20, at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



~~~~~

## Thank You . . .

~~~~~

Thank you to . . . Jon Borgen for refinishing the two benches at the west (new) entrance of the church building . . . to Bill May for making and providing wine for communion at All Saints . . . to Sandy Mischke for planting and tending to the flowers around the signs and church building.

~~~~~

## Financial Stewardship Update

~~~~~

It's been said "stewardship is all we say and do after we confess we believe in Jesus . . ." One of those aspects is the stewardship of our finances. Thank you for your tithes and offerings. We desire to keep you updated on our finances each month. For the first five months (through May) offerings are at approximately 96% of our spending plan. We are able to keep "even" in that there is a staff vacancy and expenses such as utilities have been moderate. Other expenses are born later in the year (recall snowplowing!). At current trend a shortfall might be \$16,000.00 (overall budget is \$402,216.00).

~~~~~

**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.

~~~~~

## Service Team Opportunity

~~~~~

Service Teams assist at worship by serving as greeters, ushers, provide bread, set-up or serve Holy Communion, or fellowship helpers. If you are interested in learning more about this way to serve at All Saints, please contact Carol Eisele, 271-7931.

~~~~~

### CHURCH STAFF

~~~~~

Pastor Richard A. Johnson.....Phone: 276-7729  
 Home Phone: 278-0950  
 e-mail: [pastorrich@allsaints-madison.org](mailto:pastorrich@allsaints-madison.org)  
 Council Chair, Jason Kundering.....223-0839  
 Worship and Music Director..... Dr. Sherri Hansen  
 (Phone: 234-8570; E-mail: [sherrihansen@tds.com](mailto:sherrihansen@tds.com))  
 Kids Praise Director: Janet Johnson.....276-7729  
 Joyful Noise Director: Nancy Pokorney.....827-6426  
 Accompanists.....Ingrid Kundering, lead pianist;  
 Janet Johnson, Nancy Pokorney  
 .....H.S. Youth Sponsors  
 Children's Ministry Coordinator.....Kathryn Olszewski  
 (Phone: 833-8560; E-mail: [katholsz@aol.com](mailto:katholsz@aol.com))  
 Small Groups Coordinator.....Jeanie Sieling  
 (Phone: 271-9408; e-mail: [gsieling79@gmail.com](mailto:gsieling79@gmail.com))  
 Secretary, Georgia Wagaman .....Phone: 276-7729  
 e-mail: [georgia@allsaints-madison.org](mailto:georgia@allsaints-madison.org)  
 (Secretarial Hours: 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m./1:00-4:00 p.m., M-R)  
 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)



- |         |                                                                                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 20 | Serving Together – Luke 8:26-38                                                           |
| June 27 | Serving Together – Luke 9:51-62                                                           |
| July 4  | Serving Together – Honoring Service Personnel and Veterans –<br>Psalm 66:1-7              |
| July 11 | Serving Together – <i>“Who Is My Neighbor and Why Should<br/>I Care?”</i> – Luke 10:25-37 |
| July 18 | Serving Together – <i>“Worry In Our Homes”</i> – Luke 10:38-42                            |

**62 Steps (Adult Discovery Time) – Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall**  
(see inside for topics)

**Sunday Morning Children’s Learning Resumes  
on Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 12 – 9:40 a.m.**