

# All Saints Lutheran Church

## SUMMER 2023



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

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*Then Jacob  
awoke from his  
sleep and said,  
"Surely the Lord  
is in this place,  
and I did not  
know it."*

Genesis 28:16

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR KRISTIN

"Where did your imagination stop? And where might the Spirit be nudging you?"

Whether we were dwelling in scripture or in one another's stories during our Awaken Dane meetings, these were the questions we were always asked to contemplate. What was it about the story that got our attention, and maybe caused us to make connections with other things in our minds and hearts? And why is that particular part where our imagination stopped? How might the Spirit be nudging us in that noticing?

Those are great questions for us all to be asking – not just of scripture, but of all the stories we hear, the moments we experience. They help us to be more aware of what is happening in the moment, but also help us to make those important connections with God's presence in all of it and to sense what the Holy Spirit is stirring in us.

For the past nine months, I have been privileged to be a part of our All Saints Awaken Dane team. We have practiced dwelling in the Word, deep listening, and are just starting the process of some experiments to reach out to our neighbors.

This past week, we gathered for our last Awaken Dane meeting for this first year in the program. We'll take a break from meetings over the summer, but will continue to work on finding ways to connect with our neighbors and with what God is doing in our part of the world so that we can be a part of it! As the church, we are often most focused on what we can do FOR our neighbors, but through this process, we are encouraged to focus on simply being WITH our neighbors, coming alongside them, listening to them, and simply getting to know them. Some of the ideas that we are working on focus on our closest neighbors - including spending time with the residents at Sylvan Crossings, hosting a dessert bar in our neighboring apartment buildings, hosting a campfire/s'mores evening in our parking lot, and having an outdoor worship & picnic in the park!

We would love to have more All Saints folks on our team! Would you like to join us on this journey? Monthly meetings with the whole Awaken Dane community will resume in September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. This summer, our All Saints team will be working on some of the experiments listed above. Whether you'd like to join the team, or simply help with some of these events, we welcome your participation! Contact me ([pastor@allsaints-madison.org](mailto:pastor@allsaints-madison.org) / 608.616.0631) if you are interested.

Whether you are interested in joining us in this journey or would like to support our efforts from afar, we invite you to lift the Awaken Dane team in prayer:

*God, we give you thanks for the team at this church that has committed to seek the Spirit moving in their neighborhoods. We ask that you bless them with courage to try new things and with strength to continue trying when the way is not clear. May we all continue to love our neighbors as you instructed. Amen.*

Trusting in the Spirit,

*Pastor Kristin*



## SUMMER MUSIC... A NOTE FROM JOHN FRANCIS

This summer will be a time for more HYMN REQUESTS. If you have a particular favorite hymn you would like to have included in our worship service, please give the Hymn # or Praise Song title to John Francis. We will try to get it scheduled.

Special music opportunities. If you would like to play or sing a solo this summer – or be part of a small group, please let John Francis know so we can get it scheduled. Summer is also a time to pick up your musical instruments – that may be stored in the closet, in the storage room, garage or under your bed. Or, it may be time to find a used instrument and get yourself back into playing. Get it out. Dust it off. Build up your embouchure and let's get playing for fun – for worship music. Let's talk about it.

The music ensemble rehearsals are on a summer schedule. The last regular rehearsal will be Wednesday, June 7. The next regular rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 6. During the summer months, each group will meet on Wednesdays: June 28, July 19 and August 16. If you would like to get involved in one of these groups – let John Francis know. We welcome you.



## SOUTH-CENTRAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY OF WISCONSIN 2023



The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin's annual assembly was held May 20 at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Horeb under the theme of "Building, Rebuilding." Attendees from All Saints were: Pastor Kristin, Jennifer Barakat and Roger Damrow. Reflections from Jennifer: It was a beautiful day to hit the road early with Pastor Kristin and Roger Damrow and drive to the Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELC) in Mt. Horeb to attend the 2023 South-Central Synod

of WI Synod Assembly. ELC volunteers are always gracious hosts for facilitating large synod events (think LEAD), and this event was no exception. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with 300+ people from around our synod in the setting of streaming sunshine, uplifting music, and gifted speakers. Please review this recap of the day listed below and provided by the synod, and feel free to reach out to Pastor Kristin, Roger or myself if you have any questions.

Highlights of the day include: Peter B.H. Tan, the Executive VP and Chief Design Officer for Strang, Inc. Peter spoke to the Assembly about built environments and creating a sense of place. He described the process of co-creating spaces that become places where the community feels welcomed to gather and stay. He also invited assembly goers to think about conversational places they love to gather in and what draws people to linger. Our worship leaders were Sharon Irving and Quincy Cochran. Sharon and Quincy led the assembly through song, spoken word, and a Spirit-filled presence that added life and energy to our time together, including a stunning Thanksgiving for Baptism and a moving medley of tried and true worship hymns.

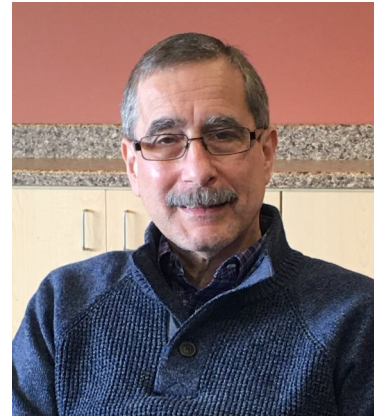


## ALL SAINTS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for attending the information sessions, reviewing the information we provided, asking questions, providing feedback, and completing the surveys about the capital campaign proposal. Your responses were the focus of the Council's discussions and decision making.

The survey responses and comments were compiled, and the Council reviewed the results with the James Company, which conducted the survey. Overall, 44 percent of our households responded to the survey. According to the James Company, this is a healthy response (the norm is 20-25 percent).

Of those who responded, 60 percent said they would support a capital campaign to help pay our \$737,000 mortgage and sustain our ongoing operating costs. Nine respondents were uncertain and five said they would not support a campaign.



The Church Council met on May 21, reviewed and discussed the survey results at length, and agreed unanimously to proceed with the capital campaign. The Council has decided to use the James Company to help run our campaign. We made this decision because of our very limited ability to staff the campaign internally, the Company's expertise and experience with All Saints, and their willingness to reduce their fees and extend our payment schedule.

Our Church Council continues to explore all options to assure our long-term financial stability, including selling some or all of our property. Of course, our overriding goal in achieving financial stability is to enable All Saints to stay true to our mission to know, follow, and share Jesus.

We will be in touch with more updates, including the next steps in the capital campaign. Please continue to pray for All Saints and our leadership as we discern God's path for All Saints. As always, thank you again for your support and generosity.

In hope,  
Bob Lavigna  
Council President

## SOCIAL JUSTICE QUARTERLY REPORT

Our team has been developing ideas for All Saints to get involved in aiding local organizations and local residents, especially seniors. We have been researching several areas which include Leopold School, Sylvan Crossings, Badger Prairie Needs Network, and hosting AA meetings at All Saints. We will be mindful of choosing something that the people of All Saints would like to do.

We have also discussed how to interface with seniors who live in our neighborhood. Our main focus is outreach, so we will be asking these groups what they are missing that we could provide. One of our ideas is to provide communion to these senior communities on a regular basis. More ideas to get involved with seniors are being developed.

We are also looking for ways to reach out to members of All Saints that need assistance. This includes those that are not able to attend services and those that need prayer.

We feel very energized about our focus and look forward to getting the rest of the congregation more involved in this important work.

Submitted by Roxie Kriesel

# Reaching into our community...



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## HELP SUPPORT THE GNPEP

There has been a number of deliveries to Arbor Covenant as a result of your generosity.

We continue to align our Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry donations to the focus item selected by Fitchburg's Memorial UCC Church. This is usually announced at the beginning of each month. In JUNE we are collecting tooth-paste.

If your household budget allows, in addition to the monthly GNPEP item, please consider adding a jar of Peanut Butter to your grocery list for our effort to support the St. Mark's Food Pantry. The kiddos will be hungry now that school is out for the summer!



## SUPPORT NEEDED FOR THE MAJM

Once again, ASLC members and friends have generously supported the Madison Area Jail Ministry through donations: 1) financial offerings at Wednesday Lenten services totaling \$1926.50 and 2) donated clothing and shoes remaining after the garage sale for those leaving jail. Our support provides current and former people incarcerated in jail and the chaplain/volunteers serving them with hope and encouragement. We are blessed as we fulfill God's calling for us to love and care for our neighbors.

Thank you, Karen Julesberg

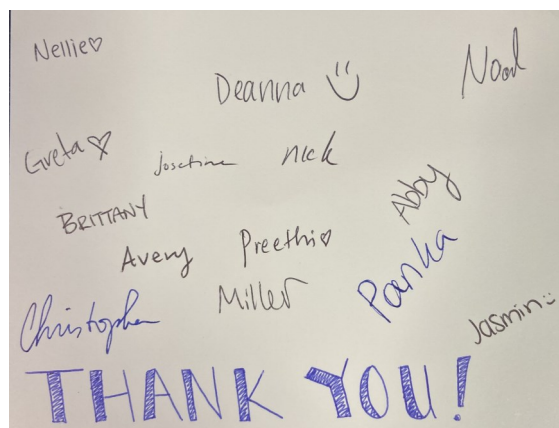
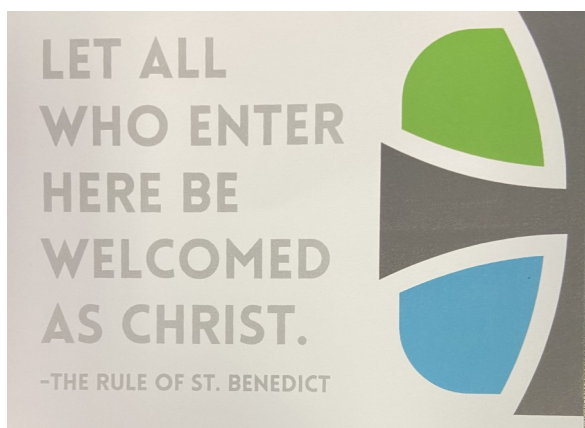


## THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

This year, All Saints members provided a meal for hungry college students a handful of times during 2022 and 2023. Lutheran Campus Ministry is a welcoming place for all college students to be part of a community of faith, worship, service and fellowship. On Thursday evenings during the school year, LCM hosts a worship, dinner and faith conversation gathering for students beginning at 5:30 p.m. Meals are delivered to LCM by the time the meeting begins. Dinners feed approximately 20 students! Thank you to everyone who participated for supporting this incredible outreach opportunity which supports up to 20 students each month.



If you are interested in leading or being a part of this ministry next year, please contact the church office.





# News & Notes...



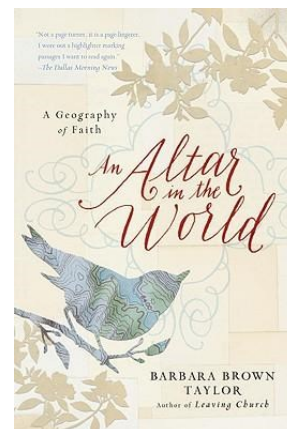
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## PUB THEOLOGY ON A BREAK - RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Pub Theology will be taking a break for the summer, but will resume in September. In the meantime, keep an eye on the weekly email for other opportunities to gather this summer!

## SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Join Pastor Kristin on Wednesdays, beginning June 21, for a 5-week summer book study focusing on Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. Knowing that everyone's schedules are different, Pastor Kristin is contemplating offering a couple of options for the book study. Would you rather be out and about during the day? Join the study at noon on Wednesdays. Coming on your lunch break? Bring your lunch! Or, perhaps evenings are better for you...come on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. To help Pastor Kristin know if there is interest in both time slots, please sign up on the table outside her office, and mark which of the times would work for you. You can also email her to let her know of your interest ([pastor@allsaints-madison.org](mailto:pastor@allsaints-madison.org)).



Here are a few words from the introduction to pique your interest:

*"I have no idea what you will see when you look at your life – but if you are tired of arguing about religion, tired of reading about spirituality, tired of talk-talk-talking about things that matter without doing a single thing that matters yourself, then the pages that follow are dedicated to you. My hope is that reading them will help you recognize...some of the altars in this world."*

You are invited to get the book on your own – whether that is a bookstore or the library, whether hard copy or audiobook. Whatever works best for you!

## HOLY COW! THURSDAY, JULY 6 - TOWER PARK, VERONA

Join Pastor Kristin for Worship in the Park on Thursday, July 6 at Tower Park (on Fairview Terrace) in Verona. Worship in the Park is a ministry of Good Shepherd Lutheran, alongside their Holy COW (Church On Wheels) food truck. The evening will include a pay-what-you-can meal from the food truck at 5:30 p.m. and a brief worship service at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and there is a playground for children. Pastor Kristin will be sharing the message and presiding over communion during the brief worship service. You are all invited to come, eat dinner, and share in worship, and enjoy a summer evening in the park. Worship in the Park will happen at Tower Park every Thursday in July. If you'd like to check it out before then, they will be at Western Hills Park (2499 Whitney Way) every Thursday in June.

## ALL SAINTS TO BE DROPOFF SITE FOR CSA



Beginning in Spring 2021, All Saints Lutheran Church has been a drop-off site for Small Family Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). We will continue this practice in 2023 with drop-offs beginning Wednesday, June 7. Small Family Farm supplies 300 members access to produce while preserving a sustainable farm ecosystem. Drop-offs will continue through November. Summer shares are still available as well as eggs

shares, coffee shares and flower shares. Final pickup time is 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

For more information about this CSA, please visit their website: [www.smallfamilycsa.com](http://www.smallfamilycsa.com) or contact the church office.

# News & Notes...



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## CONGRATULATIONS, 2023 SENIORS!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors. We wish them many blessings towards their future. Our 2023 seniors were honored during worship on Sunday, June 4. Please join us in congratulating them:

Charlie Barnish  
Kyle Barnish  
Micah Mitchell  
Gloria Outhouse-Sieling  
Lexi Quartaro



## FIRST QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Church finances again were center of attention this past quarter. We hired the James Company to help survey our members to determine if they would support a Capital Appeal, with the survey due May 7. We met with a group to discuss the potential sale of our garden space. They polled developers in the area to see if there would be interest in that space. It turned out that piece of property is really too small for developers to consider. If we need to sell, we may need to consider selling the church as is or to a developer perhaps with a potential to have space for the church incorporated into the design. Memorial funds were reviewed and money that was not designated for a specific purpose was transferred to the general fund as was some designated money that the givers agreed to the transfer. We continue to look for ways of increasing our income.

The bookkeeping of our 2022 finances was audited by two church members who are not involved with the daily finances and the books were found to be in order.

Holy Week and Easter services were very meaningful celebrations with many coming together. Attendance for Palm Sunday was 72 and 100 for our Easter service.

Deanna Simonson organized our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual rummage sale which netted the church about \$3000. Thanks to everyone who donated items and/or volunteered to help with the sale. Leftover clothes are being sent to Liberia by an organization in Madison. Leftover books were donated to the Friends of the Fitchburg Library for their bag sale. Other items were donated to a resale organization. The event was sponsored through a Thrivent Action Team which covered all costs.

2da Iglesia Pentecostal Jehova Rafa, the Hispanic church who rented from us since December has moved to their new building the end of April, so we no longer have rental income.

Church council meetings are now held on the third Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m.

Questions? Comments? A word of thanks and encouragement?

Contact your 2023 All Saints Council members:

Bob Lavigna, President [lavignas1@yahoo.com](mailto:lavignas1@yahoo.com)

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# In Thanksgiving...



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## GARAGE SALE - THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

Thanks to all who helped make our garage sale such a great success with almost \$3000 raised! But your donations to the sale did not stop doing good when the sale was over. Some clothes not sold were taken for the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Other clothes will be sent by another organization to Liberia. Books were taken to a resale book shop and those they didn't want went to the local library for their bag sale. All other items leftover were donated and picked up by a resale store. A big thank you to all who donated items and volunteered to help with the sale, especially Deanna Simonson for once again coordinating all of the moving parts!

## THANK YOU TO SPRING CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS!

A huge thank you to all who came out to help with our annual spring cleanup day on April 29! The team that was able to assemble accomplished a lot, both inside and out! Thanks for helping us make the church shine!

Save the Date for the ASLC Fall Clean-up Day: Saturday, September 23 (rain date, Sept 30).

## THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to and through All Saints.

The April 2023 Treasurer's Report:

Contributions:	April 2023	April 2022	YTD 2023	YTD 2022
Contributions-General Fund	\$23,176	\$17,183	\$76,143	\$72,015
Contributions-Building Fund	\$0	\$9,065	\$0	\$21,493
Other Income	\$3,762	\$346	\$8,332	\$3,682
Solar Fund Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Income vs. Expenses:</b>				
Total income	\$26,938	\$31,001	\$88,782	\$105,515
Total expense	\$27,160	\$39,951	\$121,289	\$118,397
Variance	<b>-\$222</b>	<b>-\$8,950</b>	<b>-\$32,507</b>	<b>-\$12,882</b>

General fund offerings for April were \$23,176 (111%) versus a budget of \$20,833. Year to date general fund offerings are \$76,143 (91%) versus a budget of \$83,332.

Total Church income for all funds in 2023 was \$88,782.

**Expenditures:** April expenditures were slightly over budget for the month at \$27,160 versus a budgeted amount of \$26,393. Year to date expenses are over budget at \$121,289 versus a budgeted amount of \$105,641. Items of note over budget year-to-date:

Snow removal: \$7,155

Gas & Electric: \$4,507

Insurance: \$4,027

Capital Appeal: \$4,750

**Balance Sheet Comments:** As of April 31, 2023, the checking account balance was \$13,260 and the savings account balance was \$25,603. The mortgage payable balance is \$737,631

# Reminders . . .



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## SIGN UP YOUR COLLEGE-AGE STUDENT FOR LCM!



Would your college student like to find a community of faith on their campus that would affirm and care for them and help them grow closer to God as they discern their future? Sign your student up for the Campus Connect Project! When you sign them up, Lutheran Campus Ministry will personally invite them to participate in an ELCA Campus Ministry that will care for them, walk with them, and equip them during their college years and beyond. . If you are interested in having your

student added to the contact list, please fill out the online webform (<https://www.luminelca.org/refer-a-student/>) or simply forward your student's name, school they will be attending along with the city and state, their home address and the year they will be in school to Heather (office@allsaints-madison.org) and she would be happy to forward that information.

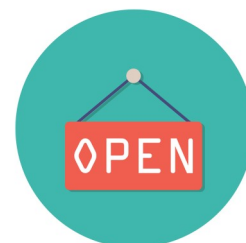
## ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR WEEDING!

The growing season is back, and this definitely includes the weeds. Any spare time you can share to weed flower beds and rock beds is greatly appreciated. We try very hard to not use harsh chemicals on the property as the grounds are enjoyed by so many people in the community. Therefore, the only natural predator the weeds have are our hands, hoes and spades. I challenge you to have fun with this seasonal task by adopting one of the rock or flower beds and keeping it tidy throughout the season. Many hands make light work, and the benefits are enjoyed by all!

## SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

This summer, the church office is open: Monday-Thursday, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

You can usually find Pastor Kristin in the office Monday-Thursday, but, as always, it is best to make an appointment if you want to make sure you catch her. Fridays are now her day off (Sabbath day). If you would like Pastor Kristin to come visit you at your home, just let her know. She is happy to do so! And remember – you can reach her anytime in the case of an emergency via her cell phone (608-616-0631).



## THINGS TO KNOW...

- **Newsletter** articles are always appreciated! The newsletter is a great place to share upcoming dates with the congregation. The next newsletter will be published in September 2023. Items are subject to editing due to space availability. Please contact the church office if you are interested in submitting an article.
- If you would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically through email rather than through mail, please send your email address to: office@allsaints-madison.org.
- Find us and follow or like us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**! This is a great way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and notes from Pastor Kristin. And if you are posting about something happening here, be sure to tag All Saints and use the hashtag #knowfollowsharejesus.
- You can find worship on our website (www.allsaints-madison.org), Facebook page and YouTube channel! And don't miss Pastor Kristin's Thoughtful Thursdays!
- Want to know what's happening across our synod in South-Central Wisconsin? Sign up on the synod website (<https://scsw-elca.org/news/>) to have the twice-monthly synod e-newsletter.
- **Congregation Council Meeting Approved Minutes** copies are available in the church office. If you wish to receive meeting notes via email, please contact the church office.

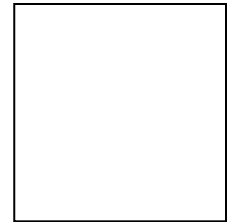




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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Save These Dates!

- June 7: Final day of music rehearsals  
3:00 New Song  
5:00 Handbells  
7:00 Choir  
\*Additional rehearsals July 19 & August 16
- June 21: Book study begins!  
2 sessions: 12:00 & 6:30 p.m.
- June 28: Music rehearsals  
3:00 New Song  
5:00 Handbells  
7:00 Choir
- July 6: Holy COW! event  
Tower Park, Verona  
5:30 p.m. Food trucks  
6:00 p.m. Worship
- Sept. 23: Fall cleanup day  
8:00 a.m. - noon

## Church Staff & Leadership

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