

Worship & Announcements for February 25, 2024

Called to Know Jesus...(Worship Info)

Sunday Worship, March 17, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. *"God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world."* (sundaysandseasons.com). The scriptures that shape our worship on Sunday are: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10 and John 12:20-33.

We share in the meal of Holy Communion each Sunday evening. If you are gathered in person, you will receive a piece of bread and an individual cup of wine or grape juice. If you are worshipping from home, you will want to have bread or crackers and wine or juice available in order to participate in the meal.

Large print bulletins are available on the welcome desk. Please take advantage of this resource during worship and return the binder to the welcome desk following worship. We hope by making this information available in another format that we are able to better serve those that struggle to read projection.

Sunday worship is livestreamed on [Facebook](#) at 9:30 a.m. You can also find worship on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Worship is uploaded to YouTube by 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. To make it as easy as possible, we will email the direct YouTube link once it is available each week.

Whether you are able to join us for worship in person or are gathering with us from home, we encourage you to continue your stewardship practices by sharing your gifts to help support God's mission through the ministry of All Saints. You can give your offering in a multitude of ways - placing your gift in the offering plate during worship, dropping it off in the office at other times during the week, mailing it to the church, or by visiting our website (secure.myvanco.com/YKQG/home) to give a one-time gift or set up automated giving. Thank you!

Join us for fellowship!

Each Sunday following worship you're invited for coffee, conversation, and sweet treats in our Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!



Prayer Labyrinth

During intergenerational Sunday School this month, we learned about the spiritual practice of walking a prayer labyrinth, using both a finger labyrinth and this walking labyrinth that is taped on the floor of the nursery. The labyrinth will remain available in the nursery throughout the season of Lent. You are invited to experience it whenever the building is open throughout this season. There are also finger labyrinths available in the nursery for you to take home and use if you would like.

Midweek Lenten Services, Wednesdays, 7 p.m. through March 20

Midweek services have begun! Each week, we will gather for midweek worship at 7 p.m. Our theme will be "Making a Way Out of No Way". The opening litany borrows from Isaiah 43:19 "I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." The stories for each week all find a thread of God making a way where no way seems to be, whether because it feels hopeless or because the person God chose tries to run away or because we feel we have nothing to offer. We are given many glimpses throughout scripture of God making a way out of what seems to be no way at all, of God creating a future for and with God's people, when truly all seemed lost. Through scripture, song, and meditation, we will be reminded of the many ways God moved the faithful out of spaces of uncertainty and despair and into spaces of joy and abundance. Join us as we seek to hear and be inspired by the ways God has acted in the past, and have our eyes opened to the ways God in Christ Jesus acts in the here and now.

2024 Lenten Calendar

Are you looking for a way to help focus your attention during this season of Lent? We have a Lenten calendar that includes a variety of activities - from scripture readings to prayer prompts to activities, all meant to help make this season more meaningful. You can pick up a copy of the calendar on the welcome desk at church.

Holy Week Worship

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday on March 24**. You are invited to join us outside the west doors prior to worship to process to the sanctuary with palms and song.

Maundy Thursday and **Good Friday** services will both be at 7:00 p.m. on March 28 and 29, respectively. All services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and uploaded to YouTube following worship.

Easter Worship

Easter Worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. Easter morning. Please join us for a light breakfast hosted by Kitchen Angels following worship that morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Flowers for Easter

The office is accepting flower orders for Easter! This year we will be ordering tulips, daffodils and lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Plants cost \$15 and may be taken home following Easter Worship. Please have your flower order and payment into the church office by **Sunday, March 17.**

Check out weekly devotions on our homepage!

We encourage you to visit our website for our weekly devotions. The devotions we share are from Faith Formation Journeys, an ELCA supported website with resources to help guide you through your journey in faith. Most weeks these devotions align with our scripture readings. Please visit their website (www.faithformationjourneys.org) for additional resources.

And don't forget - Pastor Kristin provides an online devotion most Thursdays, normally with a little tune with her ukulele. That devotion is available on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

What's happening at All Saints?

Check out our website to view our church calendar. Contact the church office to have events added to the calendar or reserve a room.

Called to Follow Jesus...(Serving at All Saints)

Music Ministry at All Saints

Whether you have been a part of music ministry groups or have just been thinking about it, you are welcome to join us Wednesdays. The schedules have shifted a bit for the Lenten season, so please note the schedule for the next few weeks below:

3/20 - 3:00 - New Song / 5:30 - Handbells / 7:35 - Choir

3/27 - EVERYONE at 6:45pm to run through the Easter Music together

4/3 – NO REHEARSALS

If you are not a part of the music ministry emails but would like to be, please contact John Francis at lymhants_2001@yahoo.com or call the church office (606-276-7729). New members are always welcome.

Worship Leadership & Volunteers

Each Sunday morning requires a dedicated team of volunteers to make worship possible. Thank you to those who continue to assist with worship each week! Each worship

service requires volunteers to usher (which includes greeting, handing out bulletins, passing offering plates and collecting Hand of Friendship books), read, run projection, set and clean up communion, serve communion and host fellowship.

All volunteers will be added to the online signup. Reminders are sent from that platform two days prior to your volunteer date. If you do not receive an email notification, please check the sign up for verification that your offer to assist has been recorded.

When signing up online, be sure to click the "Submit and Sign up" button at the bottom of the page. Reminders are sent from that platform two days prior to your volunteer date. If you do not receive an email notification, please check the sign up for verification that your offer to assist has been recorded.

Please contact Heather in the office (office@allsaints-madison.org / 276-7729) to volunteer.

Called to Share Jesus...(Reaching Out)



spiritual encouragement for those in jail

Will you donate during Lent to the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) so that men and women in jail can experience God's grace, love, and hope?

Around 2000 years ago, a man named Jesus stood up amid a congregation and proclaimed that his ministry was to "to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners" (Luke 4:18). Even while suffering on the cross, Jesus demonstrated love and concern to a fellow prisoner, and as a result, that condemned criminal experienced Christ's love in such a way that it changed his eternal destiny. Unfortunately, despite Christ's example to minister to prisoners, too many prefer to pass by on the other side of the street, as did the religious leaders in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Let us not be among those that pass by those in jail but rather financially support the Dane County Jail Chaplain whose presence brings God to the women and men there. Wednesday evening Lenten offerings are split between the ASLC General Fund and the MAJM. If you cannot be at the Wednesday Lenten services in person, you can donate to the Jail Ministry by going to the donation tab of the All Saints website or to the Donate button in these Thursday announcements. Thank you for your caring and generosity.



Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry Special Focus for March!

Thanks, All Saints Folks, for your kind gifts of bar soap during February. The March GNPEP focus item is toothpaste. Help our GNPEP neighbors with dental health by donating toothpaste. Any size, any brand, even those sample tubes from your hygienist would be appreciated.

God bless your generosity!

Thanks,
Karin Hanson

3rd Annual Garage Sale - May 17-18

All Saints is beginning to organize their third annual church garage sale, Friday, May 17 through Saturday, May 18. All items and proceeds will be donated to the church. Bring gently used items (clothing, books, videos, sporting goods, and home goods) and place them in the 1/2 classroom. If you have items that you would like to donate for our sale, you can drop them off in that room during church office hours now through the Thursday prior to the sale. We are not accepting donations of large electronics, mattresses or sleeper sofas. Donations of shopping bags are appreciated. Contact Deanna Simonson to volunteer!

Help us get the word out! Share this information with friends and neighbors, and watch for and share our social media posts. We appreciate your help making the sale a huge success!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a member of Thrivent? If so, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars to designate! 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars must be designated by March 30, 2024, and we invite you to remember All Saints when choosing how to designate your dollars. Thanks!

Staff & Leadership

Staff Update

As you may or may not be aware, our beloved secretary, Heather, has been working toward an accounting degree and graduated in December. You may have noticed that her hours have been shifting around a bit, and that has been to accommodate another part-time position she acquired with an accounting firm. As her hours have increased there, she has continued to make things work here, but she has reached the point where she needs to make the complete shift to her new career. While we will miss her terribly in the office, the good news is that she and her family will continue to be a part of the life of this congregation as members!

The position opening for a new administrative assistant has been posted on Indeed, so if you know someone who might be interested, please encourage them to apply through that posting. In the meantime, Heather has agreed to keep things going until someone new is hired to fill that position. We are beyond grateful for her service, dedication, and her heart for the people of this community!

Church Office Hours

Next week, Heather will be in the office on Tuesday. If you need assistance at another time, please email her to schedule an appointment. Please check the church calendar (<https://www.allsaints-madison.org/calendar.html>) or contact the church off

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 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).

All Saints 2024 Church Council

Questions? Comments? A word of thanks and encouragement?

Contact your 2024 All Saints Council members:

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