

# Blessed Thursday, All Saints!

## Called to Know Jesus...(Worship & Learning)

### **Sunday Worship, May 5, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.**

This Sunday is the 6th Sunday of Easter. *"This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit."* ([sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)) The scriptures that shape our worship are: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17.

We share in the meal of Holy Communion each Sunday morning. 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. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

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 clicking the button below to give a one-time gift or set up automated giving ([secure.myvanco.com/YKQG/home](http://secure.myvanco.com/YKQG/home)). 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!

### **Intergenerational Sunday School THIS SUNDAY, May 5, 10:45 a.m.**

You are invited to our last intergenerational Sunday School of the school year - a time of learning and connection for God's children of ALL ages, from 1 to 101 (and beyond!)! This class will focus on the celebration of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Not only will

we learn together, but we will also prepare for Pentecost Sunday worship (May 19) in creative ways. We hope you'll join us!

### **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. Looking ahead, we will be celebrating Christ the King and Advent one week earlier than the liturgical calendar. We will do our best to align devotions with this change. Please visit their website ([www.faithformationjourneys.org](http://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.

### **Prayer Labyrinth Update**

It appears that the prayer labyrinth that has been in the nursery during the season of Lent has been utilized quite a bit, so we decided to leave it up a bit longer. You are welcome to walk in whatever way is most meaningful to you, but the guided walks have been updated to include an Easter walk, as well as others for Guidance and Direction, Worry and Assurance, and Sickness and Healing. Happy walking!

### **What's happening at All Saints?**

Please visit our website to view our church calendar ([www.allsaints-madison.org/calendar.html](http://www.allsaints-madison.org/calendar.html)). 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. Music groups will meet for the next two Wednesdays in May with the schedule:

3:00 - New Song \*Will practice with choir at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15

5:00 - Handbells \*No rehearsal May 8

7:00 - Choir

Final rehearsal for all groups is Wednesday, May 15.

During the June, July and August, music groups will rehearse one day each month. Dates and times will be posted as they are chosen and listed in weekly announcements. Regular rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 4.

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](mailto: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. Please click on the button below to volunteer or contact Heather in the office ([office@allsaints-madison.org](mailto:office@allsaints-madison.org) / 276-7729).

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.

## **Called to Share Jesus...(Reaching Out)**



### **Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry Special Focus for May!**

The bucket in Fellowship Hall is filled with your gifts to the Pantry and there is a stack of toilet paper next to it. All these generous gifts will soon be delivered. God bless you for each item!

In May, please put bar soap on your shopping list for our neighbors in need. (Any type is fine, except Irish Spring.)

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!

Lastly, to make this successful, we need your help! Click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

## Staff & Leadership

### Church Office Hours

Office hours will be announced each week in the announcements. Next week church office hours are Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. These are the hours that Heather is in the office. Hours are also able to be viewed on our [website](#) under the 'Who We Are' tab at the top of the screen.

Normally, you can find Pastor Kristin in the office Monday-Thursday, but, even then, 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, 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 2023 All Saints Council members:

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