

Happy Thursday, All Saints!

With the significant rise in COVID cases in our area and hospitals stretched to their limits, the All Saints Council made the decision last week to follow the recommendations of the Wisconsin Council of Churches and our own synod bishop, Joy Mortensen-Wiebe, returning to worshipping ONLINE ONLY, through the end of January. While we know this is not ideal for everyone, it is the move that we feel is the best way to love our neighbors in this moment.

The All Saints council will continue to assess the situation and make decisions about moving forward at their regularly scheduled meetings (the next being January 20), or as needed. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to make these challenging decisions.

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Called to Know Jesus...(Worship Info)

Worship Sunday, January 16, 2022 - ONLINE ONLY - 9:00 a.m.

This Sunday, we continue to worship together online. *"The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see."* (sundaysandseasons.com) The scriptures that shape our worship tomorrow are: Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11.

We will be sharing in the meal of Holy Communion during worship, so you will want to have bread or crackers and/or wine or juice in order to participate in this meal. To create a worship space at home, you may also want to light a candle.

Online worship will include prompts for responses; therefore, we will not be providing an separate online bulletin until we return to in-person worship.

As always, you can find worship on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [YouTube channel](#). To make it as easy as possible, we will send the direct YouTube link once it is available each week.

As we worship together online, giving continues to be part of our worship. 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 - mailing it to the church, dropping it off during office hours (please see below about temporarily adjusted office hours) or by [HERE](#) or visit our website ([Online Giving - All Saints Lutheran Church - Fitchburg, WI](http://allsaints-madison.org) (allsaints-madison.org)) to give a one-time gift or set up automated giving. Thank you!

Zoom Coffee Hour Returns!

With the return to worship online only, our opportunity to connect and check in with one another

at Zoom coffee hour returns as well! Join the conversation shortly after the online worship premiere ends (between 9:45-10:00 a.m.) Here is the Zoom information:

Topic: All Saints Zoom Coffee Hour

Join Zoom

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81090471884?pwd=QjdxTUVweU9nMHdFdkZDL21CSG5iZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 9047 1884

Passcode: 256165

Or call in: +1 (312) 626 6799

Meeting ID: 810 9047 1884

Passcode: 256165

Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting POSTPONED

Because we have moved to online worship and will not be gathering in person on Sunday mornings, our budget hearing has been postponed to Sunday, February 13, and our annual meeting has been postponed to February 20. We hope that we will be able to gather in person for these meetings by that time, but will also prepare for those meetings to be online if necessary. Please watch for more information about the specifics of those meetings as those days get closer. Thank you!

The building is OPEN!

While we will not be gathering in person for worship, we are not closing the building for other smaller gatherings. Individual groups are encouraged to have conversations about their comfort levels with meeting in person. If groups do meet in person, masks and social distancing are required. And, as always, if you have been exposed to COVID or are not feeling well, please stay home and take care of yourself.

What's happening at All Saints?

Please visit our website to view our church calendar (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

All Saints music groups were set to return to their regular Rehearsals on Wednesday, January 12. However, with the move to online only worship, those rehearsals will be put on hold. Watch for emails from John Francis with more details. If you are not a part of his music ministry emails but would like to be, please contact him at lymhants_2001@yahoo.com or call the church office (606-276-7729).

Worship Leadership & Volunteers

With a return to online worship, we will once again be looking for members who are willing to

record scripture readings from home. Would you like to help? Contact Heather in the office (office@allsaints-madison.org / 276-7729) if you would like to be added to the volunteer list, or click sign up [HERE!](#)

Sunday School teachers needed!

We are still in need of teachers to lead our 2022 classes! Classes are held on the first Sunday of the month. Curriculum is provided. Teachers are needed for 4K-6th grade, middle school and high school. Please prayerfully consider teaching! The topic for February is LOVE. Click [HERE](#) sign up or contact Heather (hkquartaro@gmail.com) for more information.

There's still time to complete your Faith Promise Cards!

Thanks to the 39 households who have shared their faith promises in 2022! Faith Promises help us have a more complete estimate of what our overall giving will look like which allows for more accurate planning. If you have not completed your Faith Promise Card, we encourage you to do so! Please click [HERE](#) for a printable card.

Called to Share Jesus...(Reaching Out)

What Would Mary Need Today?



Before Christmas, 20 "Travel Bags" of toiletries were delivered to Arbor Covenant Church for distribution to guests. Special thanks to Nancy Pokorney who shared the idea with her generous neighbors!

The pantry will be open on New Year's Eve morning, so guests will be able to receive another 33 gift bags! The response to this has been absolutely amazing!! Thank you ALL for your overwhelming participation!!

Our project for January and February will be to collect disposable diapers for toddlers in sizes 4, 5, or 6. This idea aligns with the season of Epiphany's commemoration of the Magi because they may have made their visit to Jesus when He was older than a newborn. (Throughout these months, please place your donation under the coat rack in Fellowship Hall.)

Staff & Leadership

Church Office Hours

For the next several weeks, Heather will be working primarily from home. She will regularly be in the office Tuesdays 2:30-5:30 p.m. or by appointment. She will be checking voicemails and email regularly.

Pastor Kristin loves pop-in visitors, but if you want to make sure to catch her, it is always best to schedule an appointment, or at least call ahead to make sure she is in. Please note that she is off on Mondays, and while she works primarily from home on Fridays, she is still available by phone (608-616-0631) or appointment.

All Saints 2021 Church Council

Questions? Comments? A word of thanks and encouragement?

Contact your 2021 All Saints Council members:

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