

# Happy Thursday, All Saints!

## 2nd Annual Garage Sale - May 19-20

The 2nd Annual All Saints Garage Sale begins **TOMORROW!** The sale will take place Friday, May 19 through Saturday, May 20 with selling hours of 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. All items and proceeds will be donated to the church.

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

### Sunday Worship, May 21, 2023 - 9:30 a.m.

*"In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family."* ([sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com)) The scriptures for this day are: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; and John 17:1-11.

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.

Large print bulletins of the complete Sunday classic worship 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.

We continue to post our worship services on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. To make it as easy as possible, we will send the direct YouTube link to our email list 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 or 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](http://secure.myvanco.com/YKQG/home)) to give a one-time gift or set up automated giving. Thank you!

### Wear Red for Pentecost - Next Sunday, May 28

You are invited to wear red as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost NEXT Sunday, May 28!

### **What is Your Favorite Hymn?**

Sunday, June 11, we will share and sing more music than usual as we celebrate the gift of music in worship and use music to bring the message that Sunday. In preparation, you can help us out by providing your FAVORITE hymn or praise song. We will try to incorporate several of these 'requests' into the service. Please email requests to John Francis at [lymhants\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:lymhants_2001@yahoo.com). There will also be a basket and slips of paper for you to write down suggestions on the welcome desk this Sunday. Thanks for your participation!

### **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)**

### **Help us maintain our property!**

We are entering that time of year when we need some extra hands tending to things outside - feel free to stop by and pull weeds, trim, and generally clean things up outside whenever you have a little time! Every little bit helps keep All Saints looking beautiful for our congregation and neighbors. There is no official schedule - you are simply invited to come on your own for whatever time you have to offer, and do whatever you see needs to be done! For more information, please contact Jen Barakat ([jennifer.l.barakat@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.l.barakat@gmail.com)).

### **Music Ministry at All Saints**

Music rehearsals meet weekly to both provide musical offerings for our worship services. Our weekly Wednesday schedule is:

3:00 - New Song

5:00 - Handbells

7:00 - Choir

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.

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.

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

### **Proposed Plans for a Mortgage Reduction and Annual Stewardship Appeal**

Our mission is to know, follow and share Jesus. Our congregation and friends have generously shared financial resources, time and talents to help fulfill that mission. Yet, All Saints continues to face a severe financial challenge. Even with our best efforts to closely monitor and minimize our expenses, we are faced with a budget deficit. The proposed fall appeal would strive to reduce our mortgage debt and strengthen our congregation's financial footing for the future.

**Thank you to everyone who completed the survey!** The Capital Appeal Planning Team met with the James Company this week to receive results and will be discussing next steps in order to make a recommendation about whether to proceed with the Mortgage Reduction and Annual Stewardship Appeal. Once that decision is made, it will be determined whether that includes partnering with the James Company. All decisions will be shared with the congregation as soon as possible.

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

Thank you for your input and prayers as we face head-on our current financial challenge, that we may continue to fulfill our mission, walking together to serve in Christ's name.

### **Celebrate Santa Maria's 7th Anniversary**

Parroquia Santa María is celebrating its 7th anniversary this spring. All Saints has been invited to join them THIS Sunday, May 21 for worship, lunch, music, and fun! This time will begin with Spanish worship (with a bilingual bulletin) at 12:30PM.

### **The Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) thanks you!**

Below is a thank you note from the MAJM expressing their deep appreciation for the \$1926.50 donated by All Saints members and friends at Wednesday Lenten services.

Dear Friends at All Saints Lutheran,

Your support and generosity is steadfast. What an inspiration to all of us with the Madison Area Jail Ministry. We continue to grow our mission through your generosity. This year's focus is on jail residents' re-entry into the community and their continuing spiritual journey. With trained volunteers and staff, we are providing them with mentorship and spiritual support to continue their walk with the Lord. Thank you for being instrumental in the impact we make together.

Your friends at the Madison Area Jail Ministry

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

Dear All Saints Folks-

You have been so generous giving in the past few months and that is very much appreciated by guests of the Pantry!

I received word that there is a big need for children's toothbrushes at this time. Please consider picking one up when you are shopping and placing it in the GNPEP Fellowship Hall tub. Your small gift will make a difference in a child's smile.

Thanks,  
Karin Hanson

## Staff & Leadership

### Church Office Hours

The church office is open the following days and hours: Mondays & Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. - noon

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 2023 Church Council

Questions? Comments? A word of thanks and encouragement?

Contact your 2023 All Saints Council members:

Bob Lavigna - President

Tracy Schoohs - Vice President

Margie Rem – Secretary

Gary Kriesel

Amie Mitchell

Rita Olin

Deanna Simonson

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