All Saints Lutheran Church

December 2018

"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

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Upcoming Worship Times & Special Events

Special Music Sunday, Dec 16th

Come and enjoy a special selection of music at both services. Between services, crafts, food and fun will be available in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share and join this special holiday tradition!

Christmas Eve Worship

Family Worship
3:00 p.m.
Candlelight Worship
5:00p.m.

Combined Worship Services

There will be one service at 9:00 a.m.
on the following Sundays—
Sunday, December 23rd & December 30th.

A note from the Call Committee

This November the Call Committee met with Council to receive feedback on the initial draft of the MSP. After making some revisions based on their feedback we received approval from the Council and submitted the completed MSP to the Synod at the end of November.

This month we will meet with our Call Process Administrator to review the submission and make any final revisions before Synod approval. At that meeting we will also begin preparations for the interview process, which we hope to begin by late January.

Thank you again for your prayers and support getting to this significant milestone!

Financial Giving

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and stewardship. We received almost 50% of the 2019 faith promise cards back. This helps us plan and prioritize next year's budget. If you are interested in pledging for the 2019 calendar year, please return your card as soon as possible so it can be included in budgeting.

2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the sanctuary lobby for you to take home. If you would like to know about electronic fund transfer (EFT), please contact the church office at 276-7729 or email: office@allsaints-madison.org.

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Thank you, Congregation!

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to and through All Saints. The October 2018 Treasurer's Report:

	October 2018	October 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Contributions-General Fund	$14,167.65	$18,444.00	$147,528.02	$164,332.39
Contributions-Building Fund	$3,080.00	$4,687.00	$27,780.00	$55,978.00
Mortgage Paid	$5,361.55	$5,361.55	$48,253.95	$48,253.95
Total income	$24,696.74	$30,064.87	$280,666.55	$296,034.17
Total expense	$29,505.06	$33,032.15	$296,053.78	$295,957.84
Variance	($4,808.32)	($2,967.28)	($15,387.23)	$76.33

Items of Interest:

- The mortgage balance as of October 31, 2018 is $874,814.54.
- We are meeting all of our expenses and paying our bills on time.

All Saints' News & Notes. . .

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In Our Prayers

Prayers of healing for those in need… spiritually, emotionally and physically. We pray for Bill, Daron, Ellie, Hans and Renee. Give them the hope and courage they need each day. Comfort and strengthen them.

God's blessings on the baptism of Joseph Gregory, son of Shane Warren and great-grandson of Bev & Jon Warren at All Saints on Wednesday, November 28th.

We pray for resurrection comfort for the family and friends of Vonna (Sally) Buchholz. Sally passed away on November 24th at home. Funeral services were held in West Union, Iowa on November 30th.

Blessings on the Good Neighbor Personal Essentials Pantry (GNPEP) and the volunteers and guests that are served each Friday and the third Thursday of the month at Arbor Covenant Church.

Thanksgiving for the call committee and prayers for guidance and patience as they submit our ministry site profile.

Thanks to Santa Maria Misa for decorating the sanctuary for Reformation Sunday and the Advent season.

We pray to be an inviting and welcoming place at worship and other ministries, where guests can meet new friends and know, follow and share Christ.

Things to Know

- **Newsletter** articles are typically due the first Monday of the month to Heather in the church office at office@allsaints-madison.org. The January date is Monday, January 7th. Items are subject to editing due to space availability.
- 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.
- "Like' us on Facebook! This is a great way to see event photos and sign up for upcoming activities.
- **Congregation Council Meeting Approved Minutes** copies are available outside the church office. If you wish to receive meeting notes via email, please contact the church office.
- Want to know what's happening in our synod in South-Central Wisconsin? Contact Communications & Event Manager, Deacon Vicki Hanrahan at vickih@scsw-elca.org to have the weekly 'What Matters' newsletter delivered via email.

Adult Discussion Resumes!

A.D. meets on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall from 9:45-10:30 a.m. between first and second service. All are welcome! Upcoming topics include:

Dec. 16: Special Music Sunday—fellowship, food & holiday crafts

Dec. 23: Fellowship

Dec, 30: Fellowship

Jan. 6: Church budget presentation with Joan Stoikes, church treasurer

In Thanksgiving . . .

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New New Song Service

Dear Members of All-Saints! We are very pleased to announce that New Song is coming back to enrich the second Sunday service with contemporary worship music. Some of you may have heard our new group and had a chance to meet the new instrumentalists, Matt Brooks (guitar) and Kai Linsenmeyer (drums). However, if you didn't get a chance to do that or if you would like to know a bit more, let me introduce you to them. Here is what our new musicians say about themselves!

Matt Brooks: "I studied classical guitar at the University of North Texas, where I graduated with a BA in Music in 2014. After teaching private guitar/bass lessons and performing around the Dallas area for 2 1/2 years, I took a few positions as the showband guitarist aboard a number of cruise ships. Since then, I have moved back to my home state of Wisconsin where I now work full-time as a Digital Sheet Music Specialist at Musicnotes, as well as teaching and performing around the Madison area."

Kai Linsenmeyer: "I am a sophomore at UW-Madison, double majoring in Electrical Engineering and Jazz Studies. I play in the Afro Cuban ensemble at school, in addition to various pit orchestras and student groups. I am also a member of the Formula SAE racing team at UW-Madison, a club that designs and builds race cars. Other than playing the drums, I enjoy playing tennis and recording music."

New Members

We welcome the Vitale Family as new members of All Saints this month! Ross, Heather, Fiona, Dahlia and Finn have been attending All Saints since Heather was a MOPS member. Finn made his acting debut as Baby Jesus in the Children's Program and sisters Dahlia and Fiona were Mary and a sheep. Please join us in welcoming them!

Interested in becoming a member of All Saints? Please contact Pastor Naomi or the church office for more information and to receive a membership form.

College Care Kits

During Sunday School class time on December 2nd, high school students assembled care kit packages for our seven graduates. These care packages included snacks, candy, granola bars, kleenex and a note of encouragement to fuel them and let them know that their home church remembers them and is keeping them in prayer. Thank you to everyone that donated items, to the teachers and kids who assembled the kits and to Kirsten Scott who mailed the wrapped packages.

Madison Area Jail Ministry Thanks you!

On Sunday, September 23rd, All Saints participated in the synod-wide event, "Gods' Work. Our Hands." During that morning, members donated and wrote Christmas cards for the women and men in the Dane County Jail. MAJM President Paul Skidmore sent the following note: "These cards mean a lot to those who will be spending Christmas in the Dane County Jail. We appreciate the thought and caring that went into preparing them. Thanks and God bless you."

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Children's Program, Tree, Caroling & more!

All Saints was bustling with activity on Sunday, December 9th. All Saints came together to celebrate the gift of Jesus and share His light with others. The Children's Christmas Program didn't fail to impress, the tree was erected and 19 carolers brought holiday joy to three buildings. Whew! Much thanks to everyone who contributed and helped to make the morning a success.

Ladies Advent Tea

Thank you to all who came to the Ladies' Advent Tea on the afternoon of December 2nd! What a nice opportunity to slow down, enjoy one another's company, and prepare for our Lord's coming. Over twenty women and teens enjoyed way too many treats, warm beverages, and lively conversation. Thank you to Sue Martinson for coordinating the event and Helen Martinson, mother of Sue Martinson, for sharing readings from scripture and an Advent reflection from "Guideposts" magazine. We hope to see everyone again next year!

Special Music Sunday December 16th

During both services on Sunday, December 16th we will enjoy the musical gifts of our congregation! Each service will have special holiday music. Performances by the bell choir, All Saints Choir, New Song and more!

In between services, join us for cookies, holiday crafts and fellowship in Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share.

Hope to see everyone there!

You're Invited!

On Sunday, December 16th at 12:30 p.m., all are invited to join Santa Maria as they host a Lady of Guadalupe celebration. This celebration of the Virgin Mary will include a dance show with Hermanos Avila dancers from Mexico as well as a potluck following the service.

On Friday, December 21st, Santa Maria is hosting a traditional posada which includes 25 minutes of walking with prayers and a potluck. Please feel free to join in this event in Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

December Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th and Tuesday, January 1st due to the holidays.

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Annual meeting January 20th

NOTICE: Please mark your calendar to join us for the

All Saints Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20th.

To encourage attendance at this meeting we will host one combined worship service at 9:30 am with the Annual Meeting immediately following at 10:45 am. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the narthex during the meeting. Activities will be available for children (4K – 8th grade). Our high school students will attend the meeting with the adults.

In the Community. . .

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Reverse Advent Calendar for St. Mark's Pantry

Please remember to bring your food donations for St. Mark's Food Pantry to church on Sunday, December 16th. Thank you to all the families that participated on our Reverse Advent Calendar this Advent season. Please tag your donation boxes so we can get an accurate tally of how many families participated.

All food donations will be graciously accepted on Sunday. The second and third Sundays of each month are designated as "Food Pantry Days" at All Saints. Examples of items needed are: Canned tuna, noodles, noddle sauces, peanut butter, jelly, Spaghettios or other canned pastas, cereal bars, canned tomatoes including vegetables, fruits, beans etc, mac & cheese, rice, hamburger helper or other boxed dinners, cooking mixes (cookies, cakes, brownies).

If you have any questions or would like to get involved with the food pantry, please feel free to reach out to Dawn at 608-225-4249 or dpodach@hotmail.com.

St. Mark's Friday Meals

Every Friday people from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances eat a free noon meal in the basement of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Four times a year, All Saints provides the manpower to support this program. Volunteers help prepare and serve the meal in addition to providing assistance with clean-up.

Our 2019 service dates will be listed in the January newsletter. Please consider sharing your time with this much needed ministry to the community. Contact Denny Olin at denny.olin.100@gmail.com or call 277-8430 to sign up.

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

All Saints Mission Endowment Fund

All Saints Lutheran Church has a way for members to make a lasting impact on the congregation and community. The All Saints has an Mission Endowment Fund used to enhance mission outreach apart from the general operational budget of the congregation. *What is the different between the Memorial Fund and the Mission Endowment Fund?* The Memorial Fund is designed to use the entire amount of principal and any earnings for the benefit of All Saints. With the Mission Endowment Fund, the principal will be invested and the earnings will be used to fund mission outreach. All Saints Mission Endowment Fund is managed by a committee of three individuals elected by the congregation which reports to the All Saints Church Council. The Mission Endowment Fund's contributions are tax deductible like all contributions to the church. If you are doing estate planning, please consider a gift to the All Saints Endowment Fund.

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Save These Dates!

Dec. 16: Special Music Sunday
Both services
No Sunday School classes

Dec. 23: Combined service 9:00 am

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services
Family Service 3:00 pm
Candlelight Service 5:00 pm

Dec. 30: Combined service 9:00 am

Jan. 6: Sunday School begins!

Jan. 20: Combined service 9:30 am
Annual meeting 10:45 am
Sanctuary

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For a calendar of All Saints' activities, go to:
www.allsaints-madison.org