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A NOTE FROM PASTOR ROGER BLACK

I am glad to serve as your new bridge interim pastor, officially beginning the middle of March. I have served fourteen congregations as transition pastor during thirteen interims. I was pastor of four interim congregations from 1994 through 2000 and then have served ten more interims since the summer of 2006 when I concluded my work at my last regular parish, St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Antioch. This will be the second time serving as any kind of interim at All Saints, since I served All Saints in Wales during parts of 2010 and 2011.

Let me share with you a little bit about my background. I grew up as the middle son of three on a farm in central Illinois. I attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, graduating in 1974. In addition to receiving a wonderful liberal arts education I met and married my life partner, Pamela Johnson, whose parents lived in the suburban Chicago area at that time in Glen Ellyn. During my sophomore year of college through a number of situations of helping people I heard the call to pastoral ministry and, following graduation, attended Lutheran Seminary in St. Paul, graduating in 1978. We chose to come to what was at that time the Southern Wisconsin District of the American Lutheran Church because of the large number of colleges in the area, since Pam was going to enter a masters program. I began my ministry as an associate pastor at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Milwaukee (Brown Deer). During our time there (1978-1984) Pam completed a masters in special education at Cardinal Stritch. At the same time we began our family with the birth of Christy one month before graduation from seminary and the birth of Kari three years later.

After six years of youth and education ministry as an associate pastor in Milwaukee I took my own parish at West Koshkonong Lutheran Church in rural Stoughton, where I served from 1984 to 1994. Since my younger daughter, Kari, was still in high school and I was ready to move on, I began interim ministry to the south and north, serving in four sites (Edgerton, Beloit, La Crosse, and Viroqua). Also during that time I completed a Ph.D. degree in historical theology at Marquette, something I worked at from 1986 to 1996. I came to like interim ministry, but (cont'd page 2)



A NOTE FROM THE CALL COMMITTEE

February is a very active month. We prepared our Interview Packet, we held a Discussion group February 17th, and we went through a mock interview on the 19th of February. We also prepared the advanced packets that will be sent out to the potential Pastor Candidates. We are excited that we are rounding the corner to the actual interview process. Keep us in your prayers and keep All Saints in your prayers. Thanks be to God.



PASTOR ROGER BLACK (CONT'D FROM PAGE 1)

sought a permanent call, which I received to St. Stephen in Antioch in 2000. When in 2006 the Greater Milwaukee Synod invited me to do an interim as a way of going back to the place of my original ministry, I took the opportunity. In 2016 interim opportunities in that area started to lessen and I took an interim at Hope Lutheran in Milton, where I served from April 2017 through June 2018 from which I retired as a full-time interim pastor. During that time (in July 2017) we moved to our home in Windsor. Our move was in part because in June 2015 Pam retired from special education administration in Kenosha and started her own business as a coach, instructor, and writer in Trauma Sensitive Education. Since July I have been serving as visitation/bridge pastor at Bethel in Madison. When I begin my regular bridge pastor work at All Saints, I will most likely still do some visitation at Bethel, since they do not have a newly called lead pastor at this time.

My daughters, Christy and Kari, both are married, and each has three children. Christy and her husband Doug, Nora (12), Colin (9), and Ella (6) live in Wausau, Wisconsin where he is an orthopedic surgeon and she practices "social purpose" law, serves as CEO of an organization, while being a very busy wife and mother. Kari and her husband Andy, Julia (11), Brynn (9), and Cameron (6) live in Sun Prairie, WI where she is a clinical nurse specialist at University Hospital, and he serves as assistant engineer at Sun Prairie Utilities. We are also big Packer, Brewer, and Badger fans. I have actually been a Packer fan since before the Ice Bowl and a Brewer and Badger fan since shortly after our arrival in Milwaukee in 1978. I enjoy working out, jogging, and golfing as well as spectator sports of all types. Pam and I love going to the movies or watching movies at home. We also enjoy travel as often as we can and connecting with and spending time with long-time college and pastor friends who are stretched out across the country.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family. I am excited about the opportunity to serve All Saints as your bridge pastor.





All Saints' News & Notes. . .

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Congratulations to Nancy Pokorney, Steve Timm and Nicholas Quartaro on their election as voting members to the Synod Assembly meeting being held at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison in May.

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.

Prayers for St. Mark's Food Pantry and the volunteers, that they continue to provide support for the people in need of this ministry.

Thanksgiving for the call committee and prayers for guidance and patience as they begin the interview process.

Prayers for an All Saints Vacation Bible School team to shepherd this learning and outreach ministry in June.

We pray to be an inviting and welcoming place at worship and other ministries and continue to 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 March date is Monday, March 4th. 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 (A.D.)

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:

Feb. 24: Fellowship

March 3: Coffee and Q&A with Council

March 10: Fellowship

Church Directory

The church directory is in the process of being updated. Please contact the church office with any address, phone or email changes. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our directory a functional



In Thanksgiving . . .



2019 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

We would like to acknowledge and thank our 2019 Congregational Council members for their commitment and service. Members are:

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Additional thanks to our outgoing council members, Jeff Cherwinka and Matt Gramse, who faithfully served on council the many years. We appreciate your faithful service and leadership!

ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 20TH

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20th. We had one combined service at 9:30 am and held the meeting immediately following the service in the sanctuary. We will be meeting more as we continue through the call process and will be using this format as opportunities arise. During the meeting council members and synod assembly attendees were elected and the 2019 budget was approved.

Didn't make it to the meeting? Annual meeting reports can be found on the desk outside the sanctuary or contact the church office to have a copy emailed.

THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

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

	December 2018	December 2017	YTD 2018	YTD 2017
Contributions-General Fund	\$18,284.99	\$28,994.61	\$180,564.31	\$212,432.04
Contributions-Building Fund	\$3,969.00	\$7,953.00	\$34,390.00	\$71,336.00
Mortgage Paid	\$5,361.55	\$5,361.55	\$58,977.05	\$58,977.05
Total income	\$30,977.77	\$44,011.88	\$337,285.85	\$377,765.00
Total expense	\$30,460.06	\$34,066.90	\$354,614.96	\$361,051.57
Variance	\$517.71	\$9,944.98	(\$17,329.11)	\$16,713.43

Items of Interest:

- The mortgage balance as of December 31, 2018 is \$870,097.69.

Volunteer Opportunities . . .



WANTED: VOLUNTEER LEADERS FOR 2019 VBS

Over the years, All Saints Vacation Bible School has provided a lively, engaging and joyous opportunity for our elementary school-aged children. This program serves as an important link between our church and the community.

In order to provide another high quality, successful program in 2019, we need members of our faith community to join us in not only running the program, but the planning and organization. This includes promoting the program, recruiting volunteers and managing registration and payments. The dates for VBS 2019 are Tuesday through Thursday, June 18-20 from 5:30-8:00 pm.



We would love to hear from you and hope that you will prayerfully consider accepting a role with this outreach ministry as part of the leadership team. For more information, or to offer your help, please contact the church office.

LENTEN POTLUCKS HELP NEEDED

The Lenten season is quickly approaching! All Saints has hosted a potluck meal prior to the Lenten service each Wednesday night. Various groups within the congregation take turns hosting this event. This year we have the following groups hosting:

- March 13: Kitchen Angels
- March 20: Council
- March 27:
- April 3: Confirmation
- April 10: Sunday School teachers and families

We are looking for a group to host our Lenten meal on March 27th as well as individuals to assist with hosting duties. Hosting involves setup, bringing a main dish, overseeing the potluck and cleanup. Please visit the sign-up board located outside the church off to sign up.

CRAFTY INDIVIDUAL NEEDED!

Many times throughout the year the church needs to display posters for announcing upcoming events, posting sign-up lists for pot lucks & service days, sharing synod events, etc. We are looking for people who can create eye-catching posters for these events if given the 'who', 'what', 'how' and 'by when'. Upcoming events to advertise include the Lenten worship services, spring service projects, Vacation Bible School, property needs and Adult Discussion events.

In addition to creating posters, we are also looking for someone to create and install new bulletin board displays in the hallway and Sunday School classrooms that reflect the church season. This can be done on your own time!



Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer. We need you!



JANUARY

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting Date: January 21, 2019

New Members: Logan Boese and Gary Kriesel.

Election of Officers: We have a new Council President, Jon Warren. The other officers did not change and are Kervin Soko – Vice President; Joan Stoikes – Treasurer; and Ron Miller – Secretary. We thank retiring president, Jeff Cherwinka for his two years of diligent work, wonderful leadership, and positive disposition in dealing with all issues at the church.

Continuing Members: Tracy Schoohs and Deanna Simonson.

Retiring Member: Matt Gramse has completed the maximum amount of time he can serve and we will miss his thoughtful insights and ability to draw on an All Saints historical perspective.

Personnel Committee: We'd like to add people to the Personnel Committee so we will be looking for new members.

Santa Maria Congregation in Partnership with All Saints: The council is considering areas in the church where All Saints members could team up with Santa Maria members. Mentioned areas so far are a Liturgical Committee, the Property Team, the Kitchen Angels. There will be more to come on this so stayed tuned.

Donation: A member of the congregation has provided the means for the purchase of a new lawn mower. We can't thank you enough.

Upcoming Lenten Services: Gary Kriesel is preparing a drama for five Wednesday services during Lent (all but Ash Wednesday – March 6th). We always look forward to Gary's talent in providing us with thoughtful drama.

Ron Miller, Council Secretary

March

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN WORSHIP

The Lenten season will quickly be upon us! All Saints will be celebrating the Lenten season during Wednesday night worship and presentation of the drama, "Forgiveness", written and directed by Gary Kriesel. A potluck will precede the service each week.

Ash Wednesday worship

March 6th—7:00 p.m.

Midweek Lenten services

Wednesdays, March 13th - April 10th

Potluck—5:30-6:20 pm

Worship & drama—6:30—7:10 pm

In the Community. . .



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. Three 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.



2019 serving dates

- * April 5th
- * July 12th
- * October 4th

Helpers are needed for all, or part of, the shift from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and consider sharing your time with this ministry to the community. Please contact Denny Olin at: denny.olin.100@gmail.com or call 277-8430 to sign up. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

GOOD NEIGHBORS ESSENTIALS PANTRY COLLECTION

We are a member of the PEPartnership Alliance providing personal & household supplies to families in need. We provide, on a limited basis, the supplies not available through food stamps.



Over the next three months, Rowan Luedke will be collecting specific items as he works toward his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. This month, Rowan will be collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for the pantry as well as assisting in the pantry during open hours. Please help us support Rowan as well as this ministry by helping them stock up on this much needed item! All Saints' donation bin is located next to the west doors near Fellowship Hall. For more information: go to www.GNPEP.org or contact Robin Cherwinka (member partner & pantry coordinator) at 608-832-6388 or cherwinka@tds.net.

MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin (LCFS) is pleased to offer **The Life of Your Marriage: A Marriage/Pre-Marriage Seminar** in an interactive format to Madison and the surrounding communities. Our goal is to help couples get a scope of what a successful, loving marriage needs to thrive and how to work at it. Whether you are married already or planning your wedding, come for some perspective and tools on topics like essential elements of a great marriage and what a wife needs/what husband needs, how to communicate, listen and keep it positive!!!

Location: The Church at Christ Memorial, 2833 Raritan Rd. Madison, WI 53711

Date: Saturday March 9th AND Saturday March 23th, 2019

Time: 9:30- 12:30

Fee: \$75

To Register: Call Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of WI
(800) 291-4513



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Save These Dates!

March 6: Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 pm

March 13: Potluck & Lenten worship
Potluck begins at 5:30 pm
Worship begins at 6:30 pm

**Continues Wednesdays thru April 10th*

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