



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

LENT 2022

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*Restore in us,
O God,
the splendor
of your love;
renew your
image in
our hearts,
and all our
sins remove.*

Restore in Us, O God
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UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES AND DATES TO REMEMBER



Sunday, February 27

We return to our two worship format!
Classic: 8:30 a.m. & New Song: 10:45 a.m.



Wednesday, March 2

Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School, March 6

Classes for everyone!

9:45 -10:30 a.m.

4K-6th grade - craft room

Confirmation - middle school room

High School - high school room

Adult study - Fellowship Hall



Wednesdays, beginning March 9

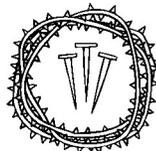
*Join us as we journey through the season of Lent
with thought-provoking monologues.*

Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Thursday, April 14

Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 p.m.



Friday, April 15

Good Friday Worship
7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday Worship

*Please join us as we celebrate
the resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus!*

Sunday, April 17

Services at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR KRISTIN

I am not normally one for New Year's resolutions. I find that I am typically good at keeping them up for a few weeks, but they don't often stick for me. This year, however, I set a goal for myself. Not a resolution, as such, but a goal...to walk 1,000 miles during this calendar year. For those of you not wanting to do the math, that works out to just under 2.75 miles a day on average.

The first couple of weeks of the year were not so promising. I started to think about how many miles behind I was already, but knew that I would be able to catch up – if I didn't wait too long. As I got back into walking and getting some exercise, it was easier to make myself do it every day. And now, less than two months in, I look forward to that time each day rather than dreading it. And as of the writing of this article, I am more than 15 days AHEAD of my pace!



It wasn't just the new year that brought on this goal. It was a growing awareness that I had let my well-being slip down on my list of priorities, and an acknowledgement that I needed to do something to change that.

Lent provides an opportunity for all of us to do a bit of self-assessment, too. And it also provides great opportunities for us to reprioritize our spiritual well-being. It is a chance for us to recenter, refocus, and return to our loving and gracious God. That can happen in a variety of ways. Maybe you will give something up as a way to reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us all. Maybe you will read a special devotional book during this season, taking a little extra time out of your day to "exercise" your faith. Maybe you will join us in person or online for our Wednesday evening worship services, where we will hear from Biblical characters who will share their experiences with Jesus.

All of us can likely use a little extra time of tending to our lives of faith. And what better time to do so than as we prepare to once again hear the story of Christ's death and resurrection?

I look forward to walking this with you, and to hearing the big and small ways that you are tending to your faith these days. (And if you'd like to join me for an actual walk, that would be great, too!)

God's peace and joy,

Pastor Kristin

MUSIC MINISTRY... A NOTE FROM JOHN FRANCIS



We are moving into the season of Lent, and with it we have opportunity to share some creative elements with music. Our three music ensembles: Choir, New Song Praise, and Handbells will be preparing for Easter Sunday while sharing selections for Sunday morning worship. Our Wednesday rehearsal schedule has been adjusted slightly for our Wednesday evening 7:00 Worship services. Consider joining in for this very special time of the church year.

Wednesday rehearsals during Lent:

NEW SONG meets in the Sanctuary from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

HANDBELLS meet in the Music Room from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

CHOIR meets in Sanctuary from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLE will meet periodically.

If you would like to offer a solo piece - singing or instrumental that we can use in March, please let John Francis know. We have so much talent at All Saints, and your music can bring something special into worship.



A NOTE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Spring is on the way! The days are getting a bit longer and not so bitterly cold. It has been a long winter. At All Saints, we were forced back onto online services due to the evolving covid pandemic. Which, thankfully, seems to be subsiding. We are once again able to gather together for services in our beautiful church building.

When I think of spring, I think of hope and renewal. Thoughts of spring remind me of the cyclical changes in our world. The sun warms the earth. The grass turns green, trees bud, and flowers bloom. The birds sing their cheerful songs, and everything smells fresh again. Neighbors reappear from their houses.

At All Saints, we are again emerging from the quiet of winter. We have returned to in-person services and look forward to increased activity in our building. We have gathered a group from All Saints to begin to work alongside church council on strategic planning. Our synod will help guide us through this process as we discern God's next steps for All Saints. We look forward to having involvement of our entire congregation in this endeavor. It is a time for renewal at All Saints.

We had our congregational meeting a bit late this year. We were able to hold our meeting both in-person and on zoom. We re-elected Joan Stoikes, Bob Lavigna, and myself to council for additional 2 year terms on church council. Rita Olin has graciously agreed to join us and was also elected. We thank Kervin Soko for his 6 years of service on church council. Carol Eisele, Chris Mitchell, and Owen Mitchell will represent All Saints at the Synod assembly this May. Our nominating committee for next year is Roxie Kreisel, Carol Eisele, and Mike Barakat.

At our annual meeting, we passed our church budget. This budget has been trimmed down as much as possible. Even with these budget cuts, we continue to run at a deficit. We will need to use some of our savings to pay our bills. To address this continual shortfall, Bob Lavigna is leading a financial stability task force. This group will look for ways to strengthen our financial situation to allow for long term financial stability at All Saints. Please contact any member of church council or Pastor Kristin if you would like to share your knowledge, creativity, and ideas with this group. Long term financial stability will allow All Saints to more intently focus on our mission to Know, Follow and Share Jesus.

YOU'RE INVITED! SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH 6

During Sunday School on March 6, our time together will focus on the season of Lent. We will revisit what Lent is, have time for reflection and sharing, read scripture and have fun together. I have been told by my 12-year-old that everyone already knows about Lent. What else can they learn? I reminded him that each year, Lent provides a fresh opportunity for self reflection because, though God's love never changes, we do! This is a time to remember the sacrifices of Christ and the hope of what is yet to come. And this is something we revisit each year... as children of God, young and old! Though our time together is short, I hope everyone will leave with tools to help them focus on the season and the message of the one true gift that brings us together, Jesus Christ.



Classes are available for all ages! We have classrooms for 4K-6th grade, 7th & 8th grade, high school and adults. Families are requested to RSVP for youth classes no later than Friday, March 4. Classes without sufficient RSVPs will be canceled. This month's Sunday School News & Notes will be emailed Saturday, March 5 and provide updates on classrooms as well as ideas that allow you to teach and learn about the Lenten season at home! You are also invited to join us for midweek Lenten worship each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. beginning on March 9. May you embrace the joy of Lent!



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Ministry Updates...

SPRING GARDEN KICK-OFF DATE

The Spring Garden Kick Off date is tentatively set for Saturday, April 30. We can always use extra hands to help distribute marsh hay, take donations & make sure payment is made for the hay, bring things out of the garage, etc. Contact Sue Martinson if you're interested.

Fun facts:

- All 72 plots are now "no till," and all are full.
- We have 2 gardeners on the waiting list.
- Gardeners have been busy this winter creating a Facebook page--unaffiliated with the church--where they can share seedlings and connect.

JOIN THE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE!



As most of you know, we are again projecting a substantial budget deficit for this year. This is despite the Church Council's hard work to minimize expenses, including installing the solar panels, maintaining our staff members' salaries only at current levels and limiting the hours of some employees. But there is only so much we can do under the current circumstances. Clearly, a continuing structural deficit is not what we want and is unsustainable over the long term. All Council members realize we need to take steps to address the deficit.

However, it's important not to overreact. We are staying afloat and have important assets – in addition to the faith and hope that always sustain us. We have financial reserves plus our valuable real estate. We are also in better shape financially than many other congregations and organizations. COVID-19 has wreaked financial havoc on many organizations, including churches. According to a January Wisconsin State Journal article, "An untold number of congregations across the country have struggled to stay afloat financially and minister to their flocks during the pandemic." We are grateful that All Saints is not one of these churches – and we are committed to ensuring we do not become one of these.

To do this, we are creating a working group to make recommendations to ensure our long-term financial stability. We are asking members of our congregation to prayerfully consider joining this effort. We are calling this a working group because it is not intended to be a permanent committee. We may recommend that we form a permanent committee but that's not this group. We know there will be questions about the scope of what the group will consider, when and where it will meet, for how long, how often and so on. As for the scope, we want to consider all options to both increase revenue and decrease costs. Everything consistent with our mission and beliefs should be on the table. As for the logistics of the working group, we'll figure it out.

Please consider sharing your time and talent with us. Let Bob Lavigna, the Pastor or Council President Deanna Simonson – or anyone else on the Council – know that you're interested and we'll follow up with you. Thank you for prayerfully considering participating in this critically important endeavor.

GOOD NEIGHBORS PERSONAL ESSENTIALS PANTRY

If Mary, the mother of "little" Jesus were living today, she would definitely smile at the collection of disposable diapers stacked in our Fellowship Hall! The final count is not yet in and delivery to the pantry will be towards the end of February, so if you would like to contribute, you still have a bit of time. Please consider larger sizes 4, 5, or 6. An immense thank you to all who have already made this project a huge success!!



As for future monthly focus items, please "stay tuned," because we will join Memorial UCC's collections as they are announced.

News & Notes...



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HELP SUPPORT LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY



Lutheran Campus Ministry is a welcoming place for all college students to be part of a community of faith, worship, service and fellowship. On Thursday evenings this year, LCM resumed hosting a worship, dinner and faith conversation gathering for students beginning at 5:30 p.m. In the past, they relied on their staff resources to provide dinner, but due to COVID they need our assistance. All Saints has been assisting with this need by creating a meal. Meals are delivered to LCM by the time the meeting begins. These individually, prepackaged dinners feed approximately 20 students! Our next donation date is Thursday, February 24. Each month a team of volunteers coordinates a main meal, sides, and a dessert as well as delivery to Lutheran Campus Ministry. This is a fun and easy way to support our young adults in the community!

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Deanna Simonson.

FOURTH QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council meetings were heavy with budget discussions this past quarter. Replenishing our Building Fund was a major topic as it is insufficient to cover the mortgage for the entire next year. The bank assured us, as long as we are able to make our monthly mortgage payments they will renew our mortgage when it comes due in 2024. Due to our tight budget the council recommended we keep current wages for all staff in 2022 and we do not have a paid nursery assistant, at least until that need increases. Iglesia Ebenezer joined and moved to an Evangelical Free Church in the middle of January, therefore we no longer have any rental income. The council believes the budget they approved to present to the congregation is as lean as it can be.

There was also much discussion monthly about COVID guidelines and what changes were necessary. In-person services came and went during this period. The Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting were scheduled and rescheduled due to changes in COVID restrictions. It was decided to hold those meetings in-person and on-line, following 9:00 worship services in February. We will return to two in-person (and streamed) services on February 27.

Sean Hemstad, Peter Cleven, Renee Sieling, Amie Mitchell, Allan Tereba, Isabelle (Izzy) Schoohs and Ron Miller have agreed to serve on the Strategic Planning Team. Darren and Mary Lee, Sonja Markiewicz, and Carol Borgen have all agreed to be Prayer Team Warriors for the strategic planning process. We are awaiting to hear back from the Synod about our next steps.

Even with Sunday School classes just once a month, we are struggling to find teachers. Council feels strongly that offering Sunday School is important. There are not a lot of people attending classes, but we do have a few regular families for whom Sunday School is their main connection with All Saints. There are no easy answers to this challenge, but the overwhelming feeling was that Sunday School remains an important piece of what we want to do at All Saints.

Questions? Comments? A word of thanks and encouragement?

Contact your 2022 All Saints Council members:

Deanna Simonson, President
Bob Lavigna, Vice President
Margie Rem, Secretary
Gary Kriesel
Rita Olin

Tracy Schoohs
Joan Stoikes
Ron Miller
Michelle Slawny, Appointed Treasurer
Pastor Kristin Woelk pastor@allsaints-madison.org

In Thanksgiving . . .



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COMPASSION & CARING - MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY



We are blessed as children of God and as such, He calls us to reach out to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Like us, those in the Dane County Jail need the comfort and peace and salvation only found in the Lord. Through church services, Bible Studies, prayers, counseling provided by the chaplain, Christ comes to the residents of the jail and lives are transformed.

All Saints members have generously supported the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) during Lent since 2012 to ensure that the spiritual needs of those in jail are met. There are plans this year to add a part-time chaplain because of the significant need. Since there are no public funds provided for chaplains, our financial giving to MAJM is necessary if chaplains are to going to be available to those in jail. Chaplains also minister to jail staff.

Beginning in March, there will be details provided on how you can give. Would you pray for the Jail Ministry and consider the ways in which God is asking you to support those in jail, the chaplains, and the jail staff? Thank you.

THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to and through All Saints.

The January 2022 Treasurer's Report:

Contributions:	January 2022	January 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021
Contributions-General Fund	\$12,228	\$13,071	\$12,228	\$13,071
Contributions-Building Fund	\$2,175	\$1,810	\$2,175	\$1,810
Other Income	\$3,026	\$1,190	\$3,026	\$1,190
Solar Fund Contributions	\$0	\$13,200	\$0	\$13,200
Income vs. Expenses:				
Total income	\$18,268	\$16,071*	\$18,268	\$16,071*
Total expense	\$26,721	\$25,114	\$26,721	\$25,114
Variance	-\$8,453	-\$9,043	-\$8,453	-\$9,043

*Solar Fund Income received in 2021 has been removed from the Total Income amount for that year.

General fund offerings for January were \$12,228 (64%) versus a budget of \$19,167. Year to date general fund offerings are \$12,228 (64%) versus a budget of \$19,167.

Mortgage fund offerings for January were \$2,175 (87%) versus a budget of \$2,500. Year to date Mortgage fund offerings are \$2,175 (87%) versus a budget of \$2,500.

Total Church income for all funds in 2022 is \$18,268.

Expenditures: January General Fund expenditures were near budget for the month at \$26,577 versus a budgeted amount of \$26,549. Year to date General Fund expenses are near budget at \$26,577 versus a budgeted amount of \$26,549.

Balance Sheet Comments: As of January 31, 2022, the checking account balance was \$4,590 and the savings account balance was \$85,449. The savings account for the mortgage has a balance of \$33,345. The mortgage payable balance is \$778,451.

Things to Know . . .



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HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER!

The office is accepting flower orders for Easter! This year we will be ordering tulips, daffodils and lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Plants cost \$14 and may be taken home following Easter Worship or donated to fill the All Saints flower beds. Please have your flower order and payment in to the church office by Monday, March 21.



As in years past, our Wednesday offerings will be split between All Saints and the Madison Area Jail Ministry.

For Easter, All Saints is offering an additional option to our traditional flower purchase. With rising food prices, many families are continuing to struggle. Please consider making a special donation to St. Mark's Food Pantry. Whether you purchase plants to decorate the sanctuary or make a special donation to the food pantry, you are blessed! Thank you for your generosity to our congregation and to others!

EASTER MORNING BRUNCH HOSTED BY KITCHEN ANGELS

Please join us between services on Easter Sunday for fellowship and a light brunch hosted by the All Saints Kitchen Angels. Brunch will be available from 9:30-11:00 a.m. A selection of bagels and fresh fruit will be available with juice and coffee.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Kristin is on vacation Monday, February 21 through Monday, February 28. Pastor Nick Uphal from Advent Lutheran will be covering any pastoral emergencies.



For the next several weeks, Heather will be working from home. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. through Thursday, March 10 or by appointment. Regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) will resume on Monday, March 13.

THINGS TO KNOW...

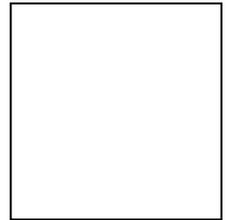
- **Newsletter** articles are always appreciated! The newsletter is a great place to share upcoming dates with the congregation. The next newsletter will be published in May 2022. Items are subject to editing due to space availability. Please contact the church office if you are interested in submitting an article.
- 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.
- Find us and follow or like us on **Facebook** and **Instagram**! This is a great way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and notes from Pastor Kristin. And if you are posting about something happening here, be sure to tag All Saints and use the hashtag #knowfollowsharejesus.
- You can find worship on our website (www.allsaints-madison.org), Facebook page and YouTube channel! And don't miss Pastor Kristin's Feel Good Fridays every Friday at noon!
- Want to know what's happening across our synod in South-Central Wisconsin? Sign up on the synod website (<https://scsw-elca.org/news/>) to have the weekly 'What Matters' newsletter delivered via email.
- **Congregation Council Meeting Approved Minutes** copies are available in the church office. If you wish to receive meeting notes via email, please contact the church office.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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12:00-1:00 p.m.
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7:00 p.m.
- March 6: Sunday School for all ages!
9:45-10:30 a.m.
- March 9: Lenten Worship
7:00 p.m.
** Continues each Wednesday during Lent*
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7:00 p.m.
- April 15: Good Friday Worship
7:00 p.m.
- April 17: Easter Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Church Staff & Leadership

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