



“To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus”

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“Lent is a call to weep for what we could have been and are not. Lent is the grace to grieve for what we should have done and did not. Lent is the opportunity to change what we ought to change but have not. Lent is not about penance. Lent is about becoming, doing and changing whatever it is that is blocking the fullness of life in us right now. Lent is a summons to live anew.”

Sister Joan
Chittister, OSB

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT



Midweek Lenten Worship

Begins Wednesday, March 4

Potluck 5:30-6:10 p.m.

Lenten worship 6:30-7:10 p.m.

As we journey through the season of Lent—this time set aside to focus on repentance and returning to God—we will gather on Wednesday evenings to share a potluck supper and worship. The Lenten season leads us to Maundy Thursday worship, Good Friday worship, and finally moves us into our joyful celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Easter Sunday. We look forward to seeing you!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP TIMES

Palm Sunday Worship

April 5 - 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship

With Holy Communion

April 9 -7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship

April 10 -7:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES



Sunday, April 12

Classic Worship

8:30 a.m.

New Song Worship

10:45 a.m.

*Kitchen Angels will host a light breakfast
in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:45 a.m.*



A NOTE FROM PASTOR KRISTIN...

"What are you giving up for Lent?" It is one of those questions that is frequently floating around as Lent begins. Probably the most common answers are things like chocolate, soda, sweets of any kind, etc. The past few years, I have noticed more and more people giving up things like screen time or Facebook for Lent. I myself have given up playing any games on my phone the past couple of years during Lent, which can sometimes be a nice distraction while waiting, but can also quickly suck time away and make me less aware of what is going on around me. A fast from that does me good! A few years ago, a friend of mine decided to give up speeding for Lent. It was an interesting experiment for him, as he needed to restructure his day to make sure he was never running late and trying to make up time in the car. He experienced more peaceful days and less stressful driving, but I'm fairly certain that he did not continue that "fast" from speeding once Lent was over that year – or any time since.

Sometimes our Lenten fasts from sweets, technology, or speeding can become a source of pride. "I haven't had chocolate for 40 days!" When someone offers us a dessert, instead of "no thank you," we let them know, "I gave that up for Lent." And, sometimes, I think our Lenten fasts become something we are proud of – self-control to brag about. So what does that have to do with Jesus?

The way I understand it, fasting during Lent is intended to offer us opportunities to ponder the sacrifice that Jesus made for every one of us. Our refraining from sweets or screen time (or the word that starts with an "a" or "h" and means "Praise the Lord!") doesn't compare to the sacrifice Jesus made for us, but hopefully when we make choices to avoid those things, it also causes us to pause and reflect.

But even when our fasting works like it is intended to, it may miss the mark a bit. Isaiah gives us a different picture of what our fasting should be. It isn't just about us and our personal relationship with Jesus. Isaiah's words encourage us to look beyond ourselves to the world around us. In Eugene Peterson's *The Message*, he translates it like this: "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I'm interested in seeing you do is this: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families..."

How would the next six weeks of Lent (and the weeks beyond) look if our Lenten fasts took the shape that Isaiah encourages? My guess is that we would experience God in even more powerful ways than we would turning down a piece of chocolate cake. Whether your Lenten journey involves giving something up - or maybe taking something on - I pray that we all draw closer to Jesus as we move toward the cross.

In God's grace, *Pastor Kristin*

A NOTE FROM OUR WORSHIP & MUSIC DIRECTOR

It's Good to Be Here!

Steve and I appreciate your warm welcome and help in becoming familiar with the area as we readjust to the Wisconsin winters. Thank you for your recommendations.

I am becoming familiar with the past and present of the All Saints music ministry and am excited to offer opportunities to engage our many talents: beginning a daytime choir for those who would like to share songs with nearby retirement communities; reviving the Handbell Choir; having our youth and adults play or sing solos - or as part of small ensembles. I welcome volunteers for the Choir, New Song and the suggested groups listed above. I will also follow up on suggestions you may share with me. It will take me a while to learn who is who, so your assistance will be appreciated.

There are so many ways we can contribute to the life of our church, and I look forward to working with you as we worship and praise God together here at All Saints.

John Francis

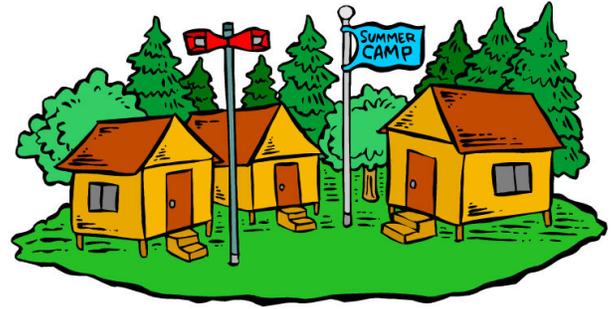
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You're Invited...



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

What do you do when the snow starts to melt and the days are getting longer? You think about summertime! Sunshine, long days, and SUMMER CAMP! Now is the time to start thinking about summer camp for your family as most camps early bird registration rates end in early March.



We are fortunate to have several wonderful Christian camping facilities within our beautiful state, including Lutherdale in Elkhorn (www.lutherdale.org), Crossways Camping Ministries in our great north woods (www.crosswayscamps.org), and Lake Waubesa Bible Camp right here in our own back yard (www.lwbc.com)!

Please consider treating your children and family to these unique camping experiences where kids get to explore nature and experience the wonders of God's creation first-hand. Scholarships are available through generous contributions from members of our congregation. Contact the All Saints church office at (608) 276-PRAY (7729) for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND RECITAL

You are invited to a free recital hosted by All Saints member Donald St. Pierre on Sunday, March 22nd beginning at 3:00 p.m. The recital will showcase his solo and accompaniment skills with the entire program dedicated to his original compositions.



Wendy Hill

The program will feature Wendy Hill (soprano) as well as familiar All Saints choir members Ilana Schroeder (viola) and Sean Hemstead (cello).

Donald St. Pierre relocated to Fitchburg from Philadelphia where he was a voice/opera coach at the Curtis Institute of Music. He has composed a collection of opera and classical pieces for piano and voice.

ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY GARDEN KICKOFF!

The seed catalogs have arrived! Time to begin planning for this year's growing season! Please attend the annual All Saints' Community Garden Kickoff Meeting on Saturday, March 28th beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. These meetings are a great way for gardeners to get to know each other and to talk about gardening techniques, opportunities, and etiquette. Coffee and snacks will be provided.



Interested in gardening? If you would like to garden with us but do not have a plot, please send a request to: allsaintsmadisongarden@gmail.com or contact Heather at our church office (267-7729) to receive an application.



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All Saints Updates...

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Council Meeting Highlights: February 20, 2020

Council "Strategic Planning" Outing

At the suggestion of Pastor Kristin, the council is tentatively planning an outing primarily to produce a strategic plan for All Saints. We are hoping to find somebody to facilitate us in this important work.

Help for Liberians

The special offering on Sunday, February 16th raised \$600 for Kervin's recommended organization which provides prosthetics for victims of the Liberian civil war.

Lenten Offering Designation

In the last few years, All Saints' Lenten offering has been designated for the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Karen Julesburg, our liaison to the MAJM, will give a Temple Talk on March 1 and Pastor John Mix (former chaplain for MAJM) will be preaching on March 8. Karen is also lining up someone to come speak as a part of AD during Lent.

Following the council plans around Lent and the MAJM, there was a discussion about how Santa Maria, without support from the synod until a pastor is assigned, is struggling to make ends meet. The council passed the motion to evenly split the Lenten offering between the MAJM and Santa Maria.

Personnel

Don St. Pierre has been hired to play with the choir, moving from a contractor to an employee. John Payne will be filling in for Kai Linsenmeyer as the New Song drummer as Kai is studying abroad this semester. We thank them for their contributions to the church!

ADULT DISCUSSION (AD) DURING LENT

During the season of Lent, our AD time will provide an opportunity to learn more about and better understand the work of the two recipients of our midweek Lenten offerings – the Madison Area Jail Ministry and Parroquia Santa Maria. Join us for the following discussions:



Sunday, March 1 – We will together take a look at the ELCA's Social Statement on The Church and Criminal Justice.

Sunday, March 8 – We will continue our discussion about the Criminal Justice social statement, and welcome input from Pastor John Mix, former MAJM chaplain, who will be preaching in worship this weekend.

Sunday, March 15 – Members of Santa Maria will be with us to share more about the unique aspects of their ministry to the Latino community in the Madison area.

Sunday, March 22 – Rachel Kincade and James Morgan will speak about their experiences with Madison Organizing in Strength, Equity and Solidarity (MOSES). There is no youth Sunday School this week due to Spring break, so all are welcome at this discussion.

Sunday, March 29 – 5th Sunday Stretch! This month we will be working together on a service project. Come ready to create and share together.

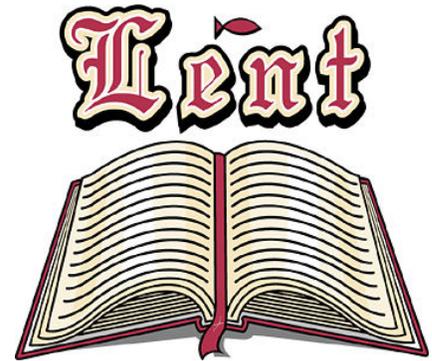
During Lent...



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MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a potluck dinner and worship. We'll begin our evenings with a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. – all are invited to come and bring a dish to pass. The Kitchen Angels have graciously offered to host the first one on March 4. The following weeks we are looking for volunteers to set-up and clean-up for the potluck. You can sign up for that in the narthex or by contacting the church office.



Following the potluck, we will gather in the sanctuary for worship at 6:30 p.m., which will include a Lenten drama and reflections. Offerings on these Wednesday evenings will be split between the Madison Area Jail Ministry and Parroquia Santa Maria. Read more about both of these recipients below:

Our Neighbors in the Dane County Jail

Who is your neighbor? Do you see the 800 women and men in the Dane County Jail as your neighbors? In the New Testament, Jesus says the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord our God. The second commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself." How can we at All Saints live out that command for our neighbors in jail? We may not be able to be physically present with them, but the Dane County Jail Chaplain is present physically, spiritually, and emotionally - representing us. Men and women in the jail experience Christian love through church services, Bible studies, prayer, support groups, and counseling.

Because there are no government funds to pay the salary and benefits of the Dane County Jail Chaplain, the main focus of the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) for over 50 years has been to raise the necessary funds to support that chaplain. Thus, the financial donations of All Saints as well as other area churches are critical if there is going to continue to be a jail chaplain.

Our Partner Congregation – Santa Maria

For almost 4 years, the people of Parroquia Santa Maria have partnered and shared space with us here at All Saints. They have a vibrant faith community that provides Spanish language worship at 12:30 p.m. each Sunday, in addition to further ministry in the Latino community.

As you may know, Pastor Gabriel Marcano resigned in November. Because of their unique situation as a Spanish-speaking mission congregation, they do not have an interim pastor, but have been blessed by supply pastors who are able to come a lead worship for them each week. Additionally, because they are not currently being served by a mission developer pastor, the grant funds they rely on to sustain the ministry are not currently available to them. Their weekly offerings are not always sufficient to pay their supply pastor, make their monthly partnership contribution and cover the other costs of doing ministry in this community.

Since 2012, All Saints members have generously supported the MAJM through the free-will offerings at our Wednesday Lenten Services (except Ash Wednesday). As we expand this offering to also include Santa Maria, we invite you to pray and consider how much you are able to give as we demonstrate our love for our neighbors through the Madison Area Jail Ministry and Parroquia Santa Maria.



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In Thanksgiving . . .

A THANK YOU FROM GNPEP...

Dear friends at All Saints Lutheran,

Those of us at GNPEP and our guests so appreciate what a faithful partner you have been since the very beginning of the mission almost eight years ago. Not only have you furnished generous financial support but All Saints volunteers have provided a firm foundation to supply the services and products that our guests need. From leadership roles, stocking shelves, running the computer, filling the orders or just showing constant respect for our guests, your gifts to this mission have been many and are so appreciated. Thank you for helping our guests maintain their dignity through chronic poverty, serious illness, job loss and dysfunctional relationships. You will never fully realize what a difference you make! You have helped to create a safe place and a welcoming community. Thank you again!



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LIMBS, USA!

On Sunday, February 16th, Kervin Soko shared information about USA LIMBS, an organization that is assisting Liberians with medical issues. Kervin was born and raised in Liberia. He will be going to Liberia with LIMBS to volunteer, speak out against youth violence and meet with government officials in the health sector to help sustain the LIMBS program in the future. All Saints members donated \$640 for Kervin to use toward his \$1,700 airfare cost. Thank you for your generosity! Donations will continue to be collected in the church office until his June 2020 departure.



THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to and through All Saints. The January 2020 Treasurer's Report:

	Jan. 2020	Jan. 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2019
Contributions-General Fund	\$18,187.49	\$16,272.94	\$18,187.49	\$16,272.94
Contributions-Building Fund	\$1,810.00	\$3,966.00	\$1,810.00	\$3,966.00
Other Income	\$2,350.29	\$1,361.96	\$2,350.29	\$1,361.96
Mortgage Paid	\$5,361.55	\$5,361.55	\$5,361.55	\$5,361.55
Total income	\$22,347.78	\$21,600.90	\$22,347.78	\$21,600.90
Total expense	\$28,804.06	\$25,529.11	\$28,804.06	\$25,529.11
Variance	(\$6,456.28)	(\$3,928.21)	(\$6,456.28)	(\$3,928.21)

*Mortgage is paid by the Building Fund. Mortgage balance as of 1/31/20 is \$839,237.54.

Comments:

Pianists salary was higher than anticipated due to five Sundays in December and Christmas services. The sprinkler system was repaired.

All Saints' News & Notes. . .



2020 ST. MARK'S MEAL SERVING DATES

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. **Please join us: July 24, August 14 and October 23.** 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. Contact Denny Olin at denny.olin.100@gmail.com or call 277-8430 to sign up.

WINTER WEATHER GUIDELINES

'Tis the season for unpredictable weather! To check on weather related cancellations, call the All Saints' office at (608) 276-7729 and listen to the recorded message or check the All Saints website at www.allsaints-madison.org for a notice of any schedule changes. Cancellations will also be posted to Facebook and Instagram!



IN OUR PRAYERS...

Prayers of healing for those in need... spiritually, emotionally and physically. We pray for Daron, Bob, Judy, Elaine and Gwennie. Give them the hope, comfort, strength, and courage they need each day.

Prayers for the people of Santa Maria as they continue to be the church during this time of transition between pastors.

Prayers of thankfulness for your continued financial support and sharing of your time and talents. May we continue to work together in our mission to know, follow and share Jesus and invite others to do the same.

THINGS TO KNOW...

- **Newsletter** articles are due the 15th of the month to Heather in the church office at office@allsaints-madison.org. The April submission deadline is Monday, March 16th. 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.
- 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](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/knowfollowsharejesus/).
- **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.
- For a **calendar of church events**, please visit: www.allsaints-madison.org.
- 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.



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Save These Dates!

- March 4: Lenten worship & potluck
Potluck 5:30 p.m.
Worship 6:30 p.m.
**Continues Wednesdays thru April 1st*
- March 14: LEAD Event
Good Shepherd Lutheran
Church 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.
- March 28: Garden Kick-off Event
9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
- April 5: Palm Sunday
- April 9: Maundy Thursday Worship
7:00 p.m.
- April 10: Good Friday Worship
7:00 p.m.
- April 12: Easter Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

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