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Thus says the Lord,
“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

Isaiah 43:18-19

A NOTE FROM PASTOR KRISTIN...

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17

All things are becoming new! We are returning to worship in our sanctuary this weekend, and all around us, the world is coming back to life – both in the trees and flowers around us AND as COVID protocols continue to loosen and life begins to return to some sense of normal. But even that “normal” is likely new – or at least feels new, as we take the lessons we have learned from the past year and put them into action, prioritizing our time and energy in new ways.

During a particularly difficult time in my life (long before COVID), the counselor I was seeing suggested that I might need some time to “cocoon” on my days off. Especially as an introvert, she saw that I needed some time to retreat and just be by myself to recharge. But she also assured me that I would know when I was ready to leave that cocoon and dive back into the world.

I like the image of a cocoon because of the implication of something beautiful coming out of it. But, as I was reminded by a meme on Facebook recently, “People talk about caterpillars becoming butterflies as though they just go into a cocoon, slap on wings, and are good to go. But caterpillars have to dissolve into a disgusting pile of goo to become butterflies. So, if you’re a mess wrapped up in blankets right now, keep going.”

We have all been forced to “cocoon” more than a bit over this past year. Some of us have had our wings on and have been ready to bust out of that cocoon for a while now, just waiting for COVID protocols to be loosened. Others may still feel like they need a little more time to cocoon. And most of us are probably somewhere between those extremes.

Butterflies are often used as a symbol of the Christian life—because we die to our old selves and rise to new and abundant life in Jesus Christ—just like a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. We are made new by Christ every day, every moment. And as we collectively break out of our cocoon as a faith community, we have a new opportunity to put into action the things we have learned together over the past year, and prioritize our collective time and energy in ways that best fit who we are and the mission of God into which we are called.

What does God have in mind for All Saints as we come out of the cocoon of COVID-19 and look to the future? I’m not sure yet, but I’m excited to walk with all of you as we figure it out together!

God’s peace & joy,
Pastor Kristin





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Voices . . .

A NOTE FROM DEANNA SIMONSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Greetings Partners of All Saints,

The prospect of our building reopening is an exciting event. Thank you to all that have spent hours planning how to do this safely to accommodate the ever-changing guidelines. To say that we have been through some troubling times is an understatement. Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to be All Saints and have found new ways to know, follow, and share Christ. Most recently, we have recently connected our Solar Panels and added new water line to our garden, as we help care for the earth and our community.



As we gradually adjust to our new and everchanging normal, I am left wondering “Now what?” and “Where do we go from here? “. It appears this is a natural period of renewal for us. I looked up the word renewal in the dictionary. Miriam Webster describes renewal as “an instance of resuming an activity or state after an interruption”. I found another, more poetic, definition of “shedding an outer covering and putting on the new”. I think both can describe where we are as individuals and as a church at this point.

This is a wonderful time for us to renew our connections and friendships with our church community. We can now reexamine our mission of knowing, following, and sharing Christ and what this means as we begin to navigate our different world. There is a sense of excitement and apprehension as we consider what is next in store for us as we use our gifts and talents in our church and community.

A NOTE FROM JOHN FRANCIS, WORSHIP & MUSIC



The Season of Pentecost is here. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the Holy Spirit blessing all disciples gathered and the beginning of the Christian Church. For me, this year, it comes like an awakening. Following the year we have all had, this is a time of opening up and welcoming the oneness we experience as a faith community in worship and mission. We have seen many creative ways to incorporate music into our adapted worship services over these past many months; but a return to congregational, choral and praise singing cannot be beat – in my opinion. As we move forward into Pentecost, we will be adding songs back into worship services. Those familiar hymns and praise songs will be sung once again... together – filling our sanctuary with glorious music. I will begin scheduling some rehearsals in preparation of the Choir singing again, the Handbells ringing again and the New Song Praise Team leading again. Watch for schedules. Perhaps this is a time for you to join one or more of our Music Ministry teams. We all have a voice with which to praise God.

From Apostle Peter’s sermon in Acts 2:17 “ ‘And in the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men will dream dreams.’” I believe we all have great visions and wonderful dreams for our future. May the Holy Spirit be with us and give us the courage to be the visionaries and dreamers for the weeks ahead.

Worship Updates



RETURNING TO WORSHIP IN OUR SANCTUARY ON MAY 23

After over 14 months – approximately 440 days – we will be returning to worship *in our sanctuary* on **Pentecost Sunday, May 23**. While we have found new and meaningful ways to gather for worship – online and outdoors – we are excited to be able to gather in our space once again! Please note that we will also continue to livestream worship on Facebook and post to YouTube, as we have been doing for outdoor worship.

As we have all learned over the past year, things can change quickly – and are doing just that as we come out of the pandemic, just like they did when this all started. Please know that we are keeping an eye on those things, and will make adjustments that we feel are best for our community as a whole.

For now, we will have **two identical services on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.** Masks and social distancing will be required, and while John will still be finding ways to make music a meaningful part of our worship, we will not have any congregational singing as part of worship for right now. In order to honor the social distancing requirement, we will have **a limit of 40 people per service**. With two services, we believe we will be able to include everyone who wishes to attend worship in person, but will make adjustments as necessary if we discover that is not the case. We need your help to make this all work, so we are asking everyone who is planning to attend worship to **RSVP each week** to guarantee that we have a place for you. As mentioned above, the two services will be identical, which will allow for some flexibility to attend whichever time slot is available. Links have been sent to our email list to sign up, but you can always call the church office with your RSVP as well.



Thanks for your continued support and flexibility as we take steps forward in returning to activity in our church building!

LOOKING FOR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

VOLUNTEER



With the return to in-person worship comes the need for volunteers to ensure the service runs smoothly. Volunteers are needed to open the building, provide hostess duties, greet, usher, read and run projection. We need six volunteers for each service each week. If you're excited to get back to church and willing to volunteer, please contact Heather in the church office. No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Thank you for your continued financial support during these ever-changing times. To follow COVID protocols, we will not be passing offering plates during worship. Donations will be joyfully accepted in the giving box as well as via mail or electronic deposit. Mail is checked daily. Deposits are made on the 15th and 30th of each month. Electronic deposits are able to be set up via our website (www.allsaints-madison.org), through your own bank.





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Ministry Updates...

A NOTE FROM HEATHER QUARTARO, FAMILY MINISTRY



Wow! What a year it's been. I think I speak for everyone when I say I am so ready for school to be over and a summer that feels closer to "normal". That said, there are some things that I hope stick with us in the coming year... time with family, living life with gratitude, and embracing the small moments. For me, one of those small moments was our monthly Sunday School class. Class was held via Zoom each month. Amazingly, we were able to maintain a solid core of young people. Instead of using with our traditional curriculum, each Sunday we focused on a topic... Love, Easter, taking Jesus everywhere we go. Thank you Deanna Simonson, Doug Stampfli and Pastor Kristin for teaching!

We are currently planning the Fall 2021 Sunday School program. If you also love "our" kids and want to teach them about the love and grace of Jesus, I invite you to join the Family Ministry Team. The name change is indicative of how we would like to support our kids going forward. The team will evaluate our current Sunday School needs but will also reach deeper into families... planning services and events that will grow the faith of not only the kids, but their families and offering them opportunities for deeper relationships at All Saints.

Our congregation has changed over the last 30 years! Though we have fond memories of the good 'ol days when the church was bursting at the seams with children, that is not what we look like today. All Saints still loves kids... that hasn't changed. What has changed is the pressure our families face. Families are pulled in many directions and other commitments prevent them from adhering to the traditional weekly church calendar. All Saints aspires to engage families in a way that is not only meaningful, but works with their lifestyle.

Next year's classes will undoubtedly look different than this year. Let's not forget the things we learned this year. We can do different things! Please prayerfully consider joining this team and being with others who yearn to support our families and make All Saints a place for families to know, follow and share Jesus. Please contact me to sign up (hkquartaro@gmail.com).

A NOTE FROM SUE MARTINSON, GARDEN COMMITTEE

The All Saints Community Garden is off to a cool, slow start, thanks to our weather. All 72 plots are filled, and we have 4 gardeners on the waiting list. This is the last spring the ground will be tilled, as the committee has decided to go all No Till in the future. That shift should improve soil quality and reduce the workload for volunteers.

In early May, the water system was replaced and expanded. The older system served us for years, but had sprung a leak. The new system uses PEX, which will extend its life and be easier to winterize. We are grateful to the Church Council for approving funds to cover the materials from Jim Sewell's memorial gifts. We were also able to utilize a generous donation of know-how and Bobcat trenching time from Jake Hollman, who does our winter plowing. One of our committee members, Riley, flew his mom in from Alaska to help us with the project--she's a retired civil engineer--and we had a couple more folks working the shovels to complete the job. We now have 3 spigots/hydrants that provide easy access to water in the garden. We still hook up to the church building via garden hose, but it works! While not completely done as of this writing, we expect the finishing touches & lawn to be mended shortly.



On a Biblical note, when I've been in the garden and hear our gardeners talking with their families--mostly in English, but also in Russian, Chinese, and something from the Mideast--I imagine that this the "music" of Pentecost. It makes me all the more grateful to work in the vineyard with my siblings from other places.



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News & Notes...

CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS!

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We wish them many blessings towards their future. Seniors will be honored during worship June 6. Please join us in congratulating:



Brooke Barakat

Micah Mitchell

Vincent Quartaro

Isabelle Schoohs

Peyton Traeder

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT COMPLETED!



The final part of the solar panel installation took place last week. The City of Fitchburg has performed their final inspection. Now we are just awaiting the official switch to solar power by MG&E and the project will be complete. We are so excited to enter this final stage! Thank you to everyone who donated to this project. It would not have been a success without the support of the congregation. Additional thanks to Chox LLC and Legacy Solar Energy Coop for partnering with All Saints to cover installation costs and the Solar For Good program who provided the grant which supplied the panels.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (FEBRUARY-APRIL)

A new lease agreement was prepared for Primera Iglesia who will continue to worship here and utilize space on Sunday and Tuesday evenings. They will be utilizing the office space that Santa Maria had used. Please say hello to Pastor Isaac if you see him.

The underground hose that carries water to the garden needed replacing. The council approved using some memorial money to cover those costs.

Air was leaking from the church's sprinkler system pipes so repairs were needed to assure the system runs well.

The Synod Executive Committee canceled the Synod Assembly that was scheduled for May. If they feel the need to have a 2021 assembly it will be held in the fall.

Our March income was almost a 1/3 over budget bringing our year to date income on budget. Our building fund is also on target. Our total income for all funds in 2021 is \$95,377, which includes \$21,563 received for the solar fund. General fund expenditures for the year continue to be under budget at \$80,919 versus a budgeted amount of \$82,167.

On April 2nd we were notified that our Payroll Protection Program loan has been forgiven. We will not have to pay back the \$16,800 we were loaned to help us pay a portion of our employee payroll while the church was closed.

In Thanksgiving . . .



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YOUR WEEDING IS WELCOME!

The All Saints grounds are looking better than ever these days, and that's many thanks to our volunteers who give their time for mowing lawns, transplanting flowers, building up flower beds and pruning trees. Your help is welcome (and needed!) to help maintain the beauty of our beloved property. You can assist by tackling those pesky weeds who insist on returning throughout the summer months. Any time you can give for weeding the rock beds in the parking lot, or any of the flower beds around the property, would be so helpful and greatly appreciated. As you can see from these photos, every bit of your help makes a tremendous difference!



THE MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY THANKS YOU!

Once again, the All Saints community has generously supported the Madison Area Jail Ministry throughout the Lenten season. Our giving this year of \$2854.82 truly reveals the caring of our congregation, especially given that we were not together in church. Our giving makes it possible for the Dane County Jail chaplains to continue to minister to those vulnerable men and women who are in need of hope and encouragement. The chaplains serve those in jail through church services, Bible studies, counseling and prayers. We know that God walks with the men and women in jail on their personal journeys, just as He walks daily with us.

~ Karen Julesberg



THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to and through All Saints, especially through these uncertain times. The April 2021 Treasurer's Report:

	April 2021	April 2020	YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Contributions-General Fund	\$15,973	\$19,375	\$74,333	\$66,792
Contributions-Building Fund	\$2,005	\$4,600	\$10,790	\$11,515
Other Income	\$1,684	\$1,442	\$8,352	8,343
Solar Fund Contributions	\$143		\$21,706	
Total income	\$19,804	\$42,216	\$115,181	\$103,739*
Total expense	\$29,585	\$22,609	\$110,915	\$109,802
Variance	(-\$9,781)	\$19,607	\$4,266	(-\$6,063)
Mortgage Paid	\$5,361.55	\$5,361.55	\$16,084	\$16,084

*Note that the Total Income for 2021 includes the Solar Fund contributions. Without these, the YTD variance is **-\$17,440**. Total Income for 2020 includes \$16,800 of PPP funds, without which the 2020 YTD variance would have been **-\$22,863**.

- The mortgage balance as of April 30, 2021 is \$804,362. Through April, year-to-date General Fund contributions are near budget, at \$74,333 (vs. \$76,668 budgeted). Year-to-date expenses are near budget at \$110,915 (vs. \$109,623 budgeted).
- Through April, year-to-date Building Fund contributions are near budget at \$10,790 (vs. \$10,000 budgeted). However, both are less than the actual year-to-date mortgage payments of \$16,084.
- Overall, so far our financials are looking better when compared to the same time last year. However, we are on pace to end the year with a shortfall, requiring use of our savings to cover regular expenses. As always, we are grateful for everyone's continued support.

Things to Know . . .



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THANKS, STEVE TIMM! CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE

Steve Timm has resigned as the All Saints custodian, effective May 21. We are grateful for his service over the past several years, and will miss his positive attitude and always cheery demeanor. Thank you, Steve! And God's blessings on your new endeavors!

That also means that we are looking for a new custodian. The information about the position is below. Please share it with anyone you know who might be interested in the position. Thanks so much!

Church Custodian

All Saints Lutheran Church in Fitchburg seeks a part-time (about 10 hours per week) custodian to take care of our church building. At All Saints, we seek to know, follow and share Jesus. We need a custodian who can help us achieve this mission, both as we welcome our congregation back to in-church services and as we move forward. The person we hire will be detailed-oriented and a self-starter who will follow our maintenance checklist and also identify anything else that needs to be done to maintain our building. Hours are flexible. You can find the full position description and application on our website: <https://www.allsaints-madison.org/available-job-positions.html>

EMBRACING BIRTHDAYS AT SYLVAN CROSSINGS

Do you like a party? If so, consider bringing monthly birthday parties to our neighbors at Sylvan Crossings Assisted Living Facility! The birthday party ministry was created by Karen Julesberg and began last June. Hosting a party involves dropping of ice cream and toppings for the residents and cards for those celebrating birthdays that month. Karen Julesberg commented, "It has been a joy to work with the All Saints volunteers who have so willingly stepped up to show their caring." Additional thanks to Jackie Lins (tackylins@charter.net) for assuming the coordinator role for this ministry in June.



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 August 2021. 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.
- Want to know what's happening in our synod in South-Central Wisconsin? Contact Website and Communications Manager, Rev. Jason Poole-Xiong at jasonx@scsw-elca.org 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.

ALL SAINTS TO BE DROPOFF SITE FOR CSA

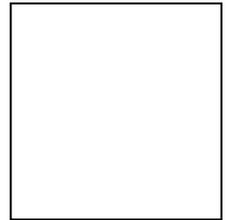
Beginning in June 2021, All Saints Lutheran Church has agreed to be a drop-off site for Small Family Farm CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Small Family Farm supplies 300 members access to produce while preserving a sustainable farm ecosystem. Produce will be dropped off on Wednesdays beginning June 2nd. Drop-offs will continue through November. Fall shares are still available as well as eggs shares, coffee shares and flower shares. Final pickup time is 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. For more information about this CSA, please visit their website: www.smallfamilycsa.com or contact the church office.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Synod-wide Worship, Sunday, June 6

What do you think of when you hear “all will be well”? On Sunday, June 6, we will gather for worship with our siblings in Christ from across southern Wisconsin as part of a synod-wide worship service focused on this theme. There are a couple of ways that you can participate in worship that Sunday. Worship will be available online for all who are interested in participating from home (or on vacation or from the middle of the lake - wherever you may find yourself on Sunday morning). We will also stream worship TO the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. that Sunday, so anyone who would like to come in person is welcome to gather at All Saints, where the worship service will be projected for all of us to worship together. If you plan to worship in person, you will need to RSVP. Wherever you are that morning, this is a wonderful opportunity to worship with others from across our synod as we celebrate that, in God – all will be well.

We will also be celebrating our high school graduates on this Sunday. We will begin worship with a blessing for them, before turning to the synod worship service. That blessing will be streamed for those of you who plan to worship from home.

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For a calendar of All Saints' activities, go to:
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