



"To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus"

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*Come to Jesus, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

**1 Peter 2:4-5, 9**

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR KRISTIN

*"I am the church.  
You are the church.  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus,  
all around the world,  
yes, we're the church together!"*



Did you sing that as you read it? If you learned it in Sunday School like I did, you might have! And you also may now have it stuck in your head for the rest of the day. Which is not necessarily a bad thing. It is a good reminder for us that we are all in this together!

Over the past couple of years, the pandemic forced us to experience "church" in a new way. Coming together for worship in person on a Sunday morning, exchanging hugs or handshakes and conversation, and sharing a cup of coffee in the fellowship hall weren't possible for a while. So we gathered for worship on Facebook and YouTube, maybe even still cozy in our jammies. Some of you learned how to record yourselves reading or singing to help lead online worship. We met via Zoom to study and plan together. New committees took form and we did some amazing things together – from Sunday School to solar panels. We were the church – together – even though we were apart.

And now, as the pandemic stretches on and we continue to find our footing at different places along this journey, we are once again learning how to be church together in this time and place. Some of us are back to worship in the sanctuary. Others continue to worship online, either from necessity or convenience. Others are connecting in different ways, and still others have gotten so out of the "habit" of coming to church that it is hard to get back to worship.

"I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together." Sometimes it is the simple words of a Sunday School song that we most need to hear. It is an important reminder for us in these days.

Church is not something of which we are consumers – where we come together to simply get what we want or need. Yes, hopefully that is also true. But that is not primarily what church is. It is who we ARE...together. All of us – each one an important part of the body of Christ and the embodiment of that through All Saints Lutheran Church. Gathering in the sanctuary or online for worship, praying from home, serving at church and in the community in order to share the love of Jesus with a hurting world.

I am the church. But I am not the church alone. You are the church. But you are not the church alone. We are the church together – all of us – called, gathered, enlightened and made holy by the Spirit. Each one gifted. Each one needed. And together, we can make an incredible difference in this world.

God's peace & joy,  
*Pastor Kristin*



## MUSIC MINISTRY... A NOTE FROM JOHN FRANCIS



Our Summer Schedule is just around the corner, here at All Saints. I expect many of you are making plans for it on your calendars. I invite you to consider offering special music for worship during the summer - solos, small groups, instrumentals... If you need some music ideas, I will be happy to assist. Let's put you on the schedule. Special music adds so much to our worship experiences, and we have so much talent here at All Saints. Youth who would like to play an instrumental solo or sing a song are encouraged to share your talents in worship. If you know others who might like to share their talents, let me know or have them contact me. They need not be current members of our Music Ministry Team to participate.

Wednesday rehearsals through Wednesday, June 1:

**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 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLE** will meet periodically.

The focus for the upcoming rehearsals will be music for Pentecost Sunday, June 5. Handbells and Choir will be participating at the 8:30 a.m. service on June 5. New Song will be leading worship on May 29 and June 5. Please plan to wear RED on this day.

Lastly, a reminder that our Summer Rehearsal Wednesdays for New Song, Handbells, Choir: June 22, July 27, August 17. Add them to your calendars. This can be a time for new and interested members to try these groups out.

*John Francis*

## FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY... A NOTE FROM BOB LAVIGNA

As we discussed at the annual budget meeting and reported in the last newsletter, All Saints has formed a working group to make recommendations to achieve long-term financial stability for our church. Bob Lavigna, our Council Vice President, has been organizing the group. Bob and Pastor Kristin will serve on the group, along with the following members of our congregation who have volunteered to serve. They are:

Roger Damrow  
Daemon Kelley  
Roxie Kriesel  
Lucy Mathiak  
Ben Schoohs  
Michelle Slawny



We are grateful for their willingness to be a part of this important initiative.

We are calling this a working group because we do not intend it to be a permanent committee. The group may make recommendations to form a permanent committee but that's not this group.

Pastor Kristin has been speaking with the Synod office to enlist support and help for our group. On May 4, she and Bob spoke with the Rev. Peter Beeson, Assistant to the Bishop for Generosity. He has agreed to help get us started by facilitating at least the working group's first meeting, which is scheduled for July 9.

We'll keep you informed. Please keep our group in your prayers.



## SYNOD ASSEMBLY, KALAHARI RESORT, MAY 6-7, 2022

Worship was led by Deacon Justin Rimbo. He is the hymn writer of "Born, Reborn" in the new All Creation Sings hymnal and the inspiration of the assembly theme. The worship service was moving and the music was moving. Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe acknowledged the injustices done to the Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Myaamia and Ochetchi Sakowij people and recognized that our assembly was being held on their land.

There were two plenary sessions where we elected a new Synod vice-president, secretary, treasurer as well as several other leadership positions.

In lieu of a traditional keynote speaker, this year's assembly featured leaders from around the synod to share their experiences of birthing and rebirthing ministries in a variety of contexts. They discussed questions about where God is calling us and what are the birthing pains that come from our work. These discussions were truly inspirational.

There were also two social sessions during the conference for attendees to meet each other in fellowship. Offerings from the Assembly were given to Parroquia Luterana Santa Maria Lutheran Church in Madison, WI.

Submitted by Roxie Kriesel

## THE TIME IS NOW!!!

I am so overjoyed each week as I witness members returning to worship. It's been so nice to see familiar faces back in the pews... people I have missed over the last couple of years. Likewise, it's been equally delightful to see new faces coming through our doors.

It took my family a while to return... COVID fears, new habits formed and, being honest, an apathetic attitude regarding my faith. Was I still walking in relationship with Christ? Yes... most days. Praying at dinner counts, right? Was I attending worship virtually? Sometimes, but we were no longer "attending" as a family. I was aware that small bits of anxiety and unsettlement had crept into my daily living. Some nights I didn't know what to do with myself. Most of the time this feeling was pushed aside by daily duties... dinner preparations, laundry, work and that was complimented by some time burners... Facebook, Instagram, Google searches. I knew something was missing, but found ways to ignore that feeling.



*Heather Quartaro*

Christmas Eve worship was my family's first time back to church. My entire family didn't attend due to COVID concerns, but I was so thankful to have most of my family back in the pews. It felt good. It felt familiar. It filled and settled my soul.

I have heard from many people how difficult it is to return to church. I can relate! Our lives are busy with sports, family and job obligations and, if I'm being honest, having my Sunday mornings off was a much-appreciated break. Along with that perk is the continuing fear of COVID. Change is hard and two years is a long time. That said, I was surprised at how joyful I felt being back in worship and how quickly weekly worship became part of our routine. That hour in worship was what my soul had been craving. I knew how important worshipping with others was to my faith and that has been affirmed. Attending in-person worship is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with others in our faith community and from that deepen our own faith and relationship with God. My entire family has now returned, some with masks, some fresh out of bed, and it's fabulous.

I share this because even I was surprised at what a positive change returning to in-person worship has been for my family. I invite you to attend just one Sunday worship and pay attention to how you feel the following week. People will notice and embrace your return because we've missed you and are happy to see you. I promise. We currently have two worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. I am equally excited about our council's decision to hold one combined worship service during the summer months beginning June 12. Two and a half months to worship together as one! I hope to see you there. We'll be looking for you.

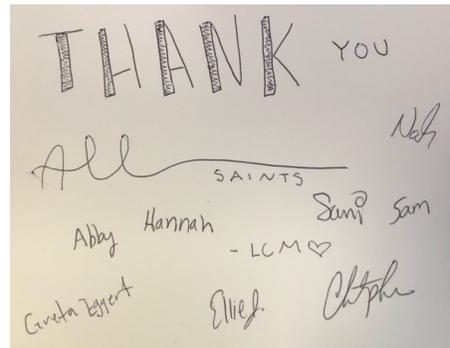


# Reaching into our community...

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## THANK YOU FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

This fall, we received a unique request for assistance from Lutheran Campus Ministries. Would our church like to prepare monthly meal for students? During the academic year, LCM hosts a Worship, Dinner and Faith Conversation gathering each week. Historically, LCM has employed people to prepare and serve these weekly meals to 15-20 hungry college students, but with COVID they no longer had the resources to support that program. All Saints was able to provide a monthly meal this fall and spring, bringing home cooked goodness to students. We were rewarded with a note of appreciation from the students each month and the joy of feeding their bodies, knowing that LCM was able to provide continued sustenance for their souls. Thank you to everyone who supported this ministry!



## THANK YOU FROM THE GNPEP



Since our last newsletter, you, the good folks of All Saints, have continued your most generous support of the pantry. 637 disposable diapers in sizes 4-6 and a case of wipes have/ will make toddlers in our city more comfortable. Your special Lenten monetary support was \$2,306.50 !!!!

The pantry staff was overwhelmed at Christmas and in early March when I unloaded my car with your donations. I am sure that when they received the Lenten check from our congregation, it brought smiles of gratitude.

Please read the note of thanks from GNPEP which expresses their appreciation of our support. Your gifts have made a great difference in the quality of life for so many people. God blesses others through you!

Thank you from those whose names we do not know, whose lives have been enriched by your giving.

Karin Hanson

A note from the GNPEP:

*All of us at the Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry are incredibly grateful for the wonderful support of All Saints over the last ten years. Please let your congregation know that without their generous gifts we would never have been able to become the strong, reliable source of essential personal and household hygiene products that our guests can count on when they are in need.*

*We all long for the coming time when guests and volunteers can again share in community over coffee and "goodies". Until then, know that your gifts have lifted a burden off the shoulders of women, men and children who are suffering from chronic poverty, health issues and dysfunctional families.*

*We so appreciate your kindness!*

*A GNPEP volunteer*



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# Reaching into our community...

## THANK YOU FROM THE MADISON AREA JAIL MINISTRY

THANK YOU for REMEMBERING

Hebrews 12:3a: *Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them.*

Your generous giving to the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) during Lent is sincerely appreciated and needed. Your caring spreads the love and light of God in the lives of the residents of the Dane County Jail through the work of the chaplains who are financially supported by MAJM. Thank you also for your prayers. Because of you, men and women in the jail grow in their faith and feel supported and less alone. You truly make a difference as God works in the lives of His children wherever they might be.

Thank you,  
Karen Julesberg



*Thanks to Jeanie Sieling for creating this beautiful parament for the chapel at the Dane County Jail, using leftover fabric from our cross and banner paraments. The parament was presented to Chaplain Todd during worship on Sunday, March 13.*

A note from the MAJM:

*Friends of All Saints Lutheran,*



*We are humbled by your support of the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM).*

*Through your generosity you are part of life-transforming stories like the prayer below and so many more: healing, redemption & freedom. Thank you so much.*

*In partnership, and in Christ,*

*Your MAJM friends*

Prayer of an incarcerated woman at the Dane County Jail:

*God, can you hear me?  
Do you see the tears in my eye?  
Or is it Satan in control?  
Will I believe all his lies?*

*Why do I love so much the things that are so bad?  
They're the only things that stop my feeling sad.  
Deep down I know which direction I need to go.  
So why is it so hard for me to follow?*

*Always trying to do it my way, to make it on my own  
The reality is I'm only reaping what I sow.  
So, it must be time for me to plan some new seed  
It's the only way I'll get what I truly need.*

*"Let go and let God"  
Is what I've heard people say.  
"Give it all to Him,  
Read the Word and pray."*

*But somehow, it's never that easy for me.  
My ears feel closed and my eyes can't see.  
I long for the day when I finally understand  
The meaning of my life and Your master plan.*

## LIVING ABUNDANTLY VIDEO SERIES

Jesus tells us that he has come that we might have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). But what does living abundantly look like? While it will always involve sharing the love and gifts of God with others, how exactly that plays out will likely look different for each person. The stewardship committee is working to give us insight about what that can look like through brief monthly videos devoted to illustrating how members of our faith community are using God's gifts to make the world a better place. These videos will be played before worship and posted to our website .

The first Living Abundantly video highlights the crisis in Ukraine. Yana Avedyan, the former pianist at All Saints, shares with us what she is doing to help people living in Ukraine. This is the first time she has been able to talk about what is happening in her home country, the impact it has had on her and her family, and what she is doing to assist Ukrainians.



The Stewardship Committee invites you to share a video of how you are doing God's work! Please contact Lucy Mathiak to be added to the schedule.

# In Thanksgiving . . .



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## THANK YOU TO SPRING CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS!

MANY THANKS to everyone who joined us for the spring clean-up event on Saturday, April 30th. The weather prevented us from tackling outdoor activities, but this was a blessing in disguise as we cleaned many of the interior spaces that had been neglected over the years.



Thank you to those who kicked off the morning by providing hot coffee and yummy treats, and to those who cleared cobwebs, cleaned sticky surfaces, washed windows, replaced light bulbs, cleaned wood surfaces, dusted baseboards, and so much more.

All Saints is truly blessed through the gifts of its generous volunteers. Thank you!!

## THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

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



The March 2022 Treasurer's Report:

<b>Contributions:</b>	<b>March 2022</b>	<b>March 2021</b>	<b>YTD 2022</b>	<b>YTD 2021</b>
Contributions-General Fund	\$23,866	\$26,300	\$54,202	\$58,360
Contributions- Mortgage (Building Fund)	\$8,707	\$2,680	\$12,428	\$8,785
Other Income	\$41	\$369	\$3,336	\$4,669
Solar Fund Contributions	\$0	\$950	\$0	\$21,563
<b>Income vs. Expenses:</b>				
Total income	\$36,532	\$32,474*	\$74,720	\$73,813*
Total expense	\$32,908	\$37,875	\$94,530	\$97,414
Variance	\$3,624	-\$5,401	-\$19,810	-\$23,601

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

General fund offerings for March were \$23,866 (125%) versus a budget of \$19,167. Year to date general fund offerings are \$54,202 (94%) versus a budget of \$57,501.

Mortgage fund offerings for March were \$8,707 (348%) versus a budget of \$2,500. Year to date Mortgage fund offerings are \$12,428 (166%) versus a budget of \$7,500.

Total Church income for all funds in 2022 is \$36,532.

**Expenditures:** March General Fund expenditures were above budget for the month at \$27,446 versus a budgeted amount of \$26,549. Year to date General Fund expenses are below budget at \$78,202, versus a budgeted amount of \$79,647.

This month, we received \$8,707 towards to \$5,361 mortgage payment. Year to date we have received \$12,428 for mortgage payments, versus paying \$16,084. The mortgage (building fund) has a balance of \$15,558.

**Balance Sheet Comments:** As of March 31, 2022, the checking account balance was \$16,727 and the savings account balance was \$79,445. The savings account for the mortgage has a balance of \$33,348. The mortgage payable balance is \$772,982.



## SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS COMING THIS SUMMER!



The Social Justice Team at All Saints will present three movie nights this summer for all to enjoy and contemplate. We are selecting films that support our vision to support equity and justice in our church, local community, nation and world. These movies will be shown on the fourth Wednesday of June, July and August, in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided and movie goers are encouraged to bring comfortable chairs or sleeping bags for watching. The first movie to be shown is "Hidden Figures", which is the true story of three African American women who worked for NASA on the Mercury program in the early 1960s. It's also an important look back at the civil rights

issues of the time period. The movie is rated PG. Our team will create questions for the movie goers to contemplate, and there will be a discussion period afterward for those that are interested. We are very excited to share our vision with the congregation and can't wait to make this happen!

## FIRST QUARTER COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the January annual meeting the Nominating Committee presented for council, current council members Joan Stoikes, Bob Lavigna and Deanna Simonson, and Rita Olin as a new nominee. By acclamation all four nominees were approved for terms on council. Roxie Kriesel, Carol Eisele and Mike Barakat were presented as potential members of the nominating committee and all were approved unanimously. The lay voting members for Synod Assembly presented at the annual meeting are unable to attend so Roxie and Gary Kriesel offered to attend in their place and they were approved by council in March. The 2022 budget was approved by the congregation as presented.

All 2021 council officers offered to continue in their positions for 2022: Deanna Simonson – President, Bob Lavigna – Vice President, Margie Rem – Secretary. Michelle Slawny continues as Treasurer. They were all approved unanimously by council.

Two members of All Saints conducted an audit of the church's 2021 financial books on March 7<sup>th</sup> and no deficits were found.

Bob Lavigna will lead a financial sustainability task force to look at options/ideas to improve our income and expenses. Volunteers to serve on the task force are Lucy Mathiak, Dameon Kelley, Roger Damrow, Michelle Slawny, Roxie Kriesel and Ben Schoohs. Pastor Peter Beeson, an Associate with the Bishop for Generosity with the Synod, may potentially guide and assist this task force.

It appears the Synod is not able to provide direct guidance for a Strategic Planning work group as we had expected. The council discussed options and decided at this time that the Awaken Dane group would be our best choice at this time. An application will need to be completed.

The council recommended to combine Sunday services for the summer to one service at 9:00 a.m. beginning June 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing through Labor Day.

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](mailto:pastor@allsaints-madison.org)

# Things to Know . . .



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## ALL SAINTS' GARAGE SALE

In case you haven't heard, we're hosting a garage sale! Garage sale will be held Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21 from 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Items are being accepted through TOMORROW, Thursday, May 19. We are still in need of volunteers to assist with sorting, setup, assistance with customers and tear down. Please visit the signup genius ([www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054daca929a57-all saints](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054daca929a57-all saints)) for a complete schedule and to volunteer. Extra hands are welcome any time!



Members of All Saints are invited for the presale event Thursday, May 19 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Stop by the presale to get first dibs on all items!

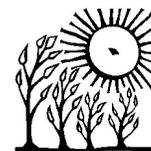
## PROPERTY ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to assist with mowing the church lawn this summer (May-September). Experience with mowing on a zero-turn mower is ideal, but training is available for those interested! Assistance with trimming via push mower, string trimmer and/or small riding lawn mower is also needed. Contact Heather in the church office for more information or to sign up ([office@allsaints-madison.org](mailto:office@allsaints-madison.org)/(608)276-7729).

We are also in need of volunteers to assist with maintaining our flower and rock beds! Our volunteers did an AMAZING job last year. We sincerely hope you will share your time with us again this summer!

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All Saints will continue to have two worship services through Sunday, June 5. Beginning Sunday, June 12, we will begin our summer schedule with combined worship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Regular worship times will resume on Fall Kickoff Sunday, September 11.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



Regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.) will continue until Wednesday, June 8. During the summer, Heather will be working Monday-Friday, 9:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. but will only be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays during that time. Summer office hours begin Monday, June 13 and continue through Wednesday, August 31. Regular office hours will resume on Thursday, September 1.

## THINGS TO KNOW...

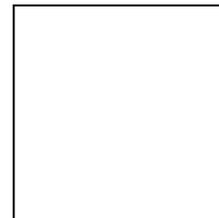
- **Newsletter** articles are always appreciated! The newsletter is a great place to share upcoming dates with the congregation. The next newsletter will be published in August 2022. Items are subject to editing due to space availability. Please contact the church office if you are interested in submitting 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](mailto: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](http://www.allsaints-madison.org)), Facebook page and YouTube channel! And don't miss Pastor Kristin's Feel Good Fridays every Friday at afternoon!
- 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



### Save These Dates!

- May 20- Garage sale!
- May 21 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
  
- May 22 Classic Worship 8:30 a.m.  
New Song 10:45 a.m.  
*\* Continues each Sunday thru June 5*
  
- June 12: Combined Worship &  
Graduation Recognition  
9:00 a.m.  
*\*Combined worship continues each  
Sunday thru Sept. 4*
  
- June 29: Movie Night  
Hosted by Social Justice Team  
Film: Hidden Figures  
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Church Staff & Leadership

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- Custodian.....Carl DiMartino

For a calendar of All Saints' activities, go to:  
[www.allsaints-madison.org](http://www.allsaints-madison.org)