

Worship & Announcements for February 4, 2024

Called to Know Jesus...(Worship Info)

Sunday Worship, February 11, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

This Sunday we celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. *"The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see."* (sundaysandseasons.com) The scriptures that shape our worship on Sunday are: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-9.

We share in the meal of Holy Communion each Sunday evening. If you are gathered in person, you will receive a piece of bread and an individual cup of wine or grape juice. If you are worshipping from home, you will want to have bread or crackers and wine or juice available in order to participate in the meal.

Large print bulletins are available on the welcome desk. Please take advantage of this resource during worship and return the binder to the welcome desk following worship. We hope by making this information available in another format that we are able to better serve those that struggle to read projection.

Sunday worship is livestreamed on [Facebook](#) at 9:30 a.m. You can also find worship on our [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#). Worship is uploaded to YouTube by 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. To make it as easy as possible, we will email the direct YouTube link once it is available each week.

Whether you are able to join us for worship in person or are gathering with us from home, we encourage you to continue your stewardship practices by sharing your gifts to help support God's mission through the ministry of All Saints. You can give your offering in a multitude of ways - placing your gift in the offering plate during worship, dropping it off in the office at other times during the week, mailing it to the church, or by visiting our website (secure.myvanco.com/YKQG/home) to give a one-time gift or set up automated giving. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 14, 7 p.m.

We enter the season of Lent NEXT WEDNESDAY, February 14. Please join us for worship at 7:00 p.m. During worship you will be invited forward to receive the mark of the cross on your forehead with ashes as you hear the words, "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This year's ashes were created during last week's intergenerational Sunday School class, by burning the palms from the past couple of years' Palm Sunday celebrations. Whether

or not you are able to attend worship that evening, you're welcome to drop in between 12 pm-1 pm when you can find Pastor Kristin in the sanctuary for a time of prayer, confession, and the imposition of ashes.

Midweek Lenten Services, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., beginning February 21

Following Ash Wednesday, we will continue to gather for worship at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the season of Lent. Our theme will be "Making a Way Out of No Way". The opening litany borrows from Isaiah 43:19 "I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." The stories for each week all find a thread of God making a way where no way seems to be, whether because it feels hopeless or because the person God chose tries to run away or because we feel we have nothing to offer. We are given many glimpses throughout scripture of God making a way out of what seems to be no way at all, of God creating a future for and with God's people, when truly all seemed lost. Through scripture, song, and meditation, we will be reminded of the many ways God moved the faithful out of spaces of uncertainty and despair and into spaces of joy and abundance. Join us as we seek to hear and be inspired by the ways God has acted in the past, and have our eyes opened to the ways God in Christ Jesus acts in the here and now.

Thank you for attending our Annual Meeting

The All Saints' **Annual Congregational Meeting** was held on Sunday, January 21, 2024. Thank you to all who attended! In addition to passing the 2024 budget we also elected the following people to leadership positions:

Congregational Council:

- Jennifer Barakat (elected to 1st term)
- Matt Gramse (elected to 1st term)
- Rita Olin (elected to 2nd term)
- Bob Lavigna (elected to 3rd term)

Synod Assembly Lay Voting Members:

- Karen Julesburg
- Michelle Slawny

Nominating Committee:

- Roxie Kriesel
- Deanna Simonson
- Joan Stoikes

Thanks to all who made themselves available to serve in these ways! A huge thank you, as well, to those who have served faithfully and are completing their terms this month:

- Council - Deanna Simonson and Joan Stoikes
- Synod Assembly - Jennifer & Samantha Barakat and Roger Damrow

- Nominating Committee - Carol Eisele, Roxie Kriesel, Mike Barakat

Check out weekly devotions on our homepage!

We encourage you to visit our website for our weekly devotions. The devotions we share are from Faith Formation Journeys, an ELCA supported website with resources to help guide you through your journey in faith. Most weeks these devotions align with our scripture readings. Please visit their website (www.faithformationjourneys.org) for additional resources.

Called to Follow Jesus...(Serving at All Saints)

New Property Team Leader

Congratulations to Sean Hemstad who has agreed to serve as the new Property Team Leader as Jennifer Barakat steps away from the position to join Council. Sean joins the current property team which includes: Mike & Jen Barakat, Roxie Kriesel, Al & Helen Mills and Jerry Sieling (new members are always welcome!). Sean has served on the property team for a number of years prior to assuming the role of team leader. Thank you, Sean!

Additional thanks to Jennifer Barakat who has led the team for almost four years

Music Ministry at All Saints

Whether you have been a part of music ministry groups or have just been thinking about it, you are welcome to join us Wednesdays, with the following schedule (please note that New Song and Choir will not meet next Wednesday, February 14):

3:00 - New Song *Will meet again on Wednesday, February 21

5:30 - Handbells

7:35 - Choir *Will meet during Lent at this new time beginning Wednesday, February 21

If you are not a part of the music ministry emails but would like to be, please contact John Francis at lymhants_2001@yahoo.com or call the church office (606-276-7729). New members are always welcome.

Extending the Table

We are looking to start a team of folks who would extend our communion table to those who cannot regularly worship at All Saints in person by visiting them in their homes to share the Lord's Supper. Would you be interested in serving on this team? Would you like someone to bring communion to you in your home? Whether you are interested in serving or receiving, please contact Pastor Kristin (608-276-7729 / pastor@allsaints-madison.org) to let her know of your interest. Thanks!

Worship Leadership & Volunteers

Each Sunday morning requires a dedicated team of volunteers to make worship possible. Thank you to those who continue to assist with worship each week! Each worship service requires volunteers to usher (which includes greeting, handing out bulletins, passing

offering plates and collecting Hand of Friendship books), read, run projection, set and clean up communion, serve communion and host fellowship.

All volunteers will be added to the online signup. Reminders are sent from that platform two days prior to your volunteer date. If you do not receive an email notification, please check the sign up for verification that your offer to assist has been recorded.

When signing up online, be sure to click the "Submit and Sign up" button at the bottom of the page. Reminders are sent from that platform two days prior to your volunteer date. If you do not receive an email notification, please check the sign up for verification that your offer to assist has been recorded.

Please contact Heather in the office (office@allsaints-madison.org / 276-7729) to volunteer.

Called to Share Jesus...(Reaching Out)



Good Neighbors Personal Essentials Pantry Special Focus for February!

Thanks, All Saints Folks, for your kind gifts of toothpaste during January. The February GNPEP focus item is bar soap. Thank you, in advance, for adding it to your shopping list; however, the pantry has requested that we NOT contribute "Irish Spring" due to its highly scented nature.

God bless your generosity!

Thanks,
Karin Hanson



Support the Madison Area Jail Ministry during Lent

Our donations to the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM) help provide financial support for a Jail Chaplain to be the spiritual presence ministering to Dane County Jail residents. This year, half of our midweek Lenten offerings will be donated to this important ministry. The Chaplain provides church services, Bible studies, prayer time, and counseling. Know that your Wednesday Lenten offerings to the MAJM can change the life of one or two or more as your giving provides hope and encouragement. Thank you for your generosity.

Staff & Leadership

Church Office Hours

In February, Heather will be working in the office EITHER Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment. Please check out the church calendar (<https://www.allsaints-madison.org/calendar.html>) or contact the church office to confirm hours prior to visiting or to schedule an appointment.

You can usually find Pastor Kristin in the office Monday-Thursday, but, as always, it is best to make an appointment if you want to make sure you catch her. Fridays are her day off (Sabbath day). If you would like Pastor Kristin to come visit you at your home, just let her know. She is happy to do so! And remember – you can reach her anytime in the case of an emergency via her cell phone (608-616-0631).

All Saints 2024 Church Council

Questions? Comments? A word of thanks and encouragement?

Contact your 2024 All Saints Council members:

Jen Barakat
Matt Gramse
Gary Kriesel
Bob Lavigna
Amie Mitchell
Rita Olin
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