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- Email alert!
- Volunteer opportunities
- Kickoff Sunday, Sept. 8th!
- 'God's Work. Our Hands.'
- LWR school supply collection
- Save the Date!

YOU ARE INVITED!

The members of
All Saints Lutheran Church
invite you to a
Service of Installation
for
Pastor Kristin Neitzel Woelk
as Pastor of our congregation
Sunday, August 25th at 9:30 a.m.



Reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall.

Your prayers and presence are appreciated as we celebrate the future ministry of our church under the leadership of our new pastor.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR KRISTIN...

On Friday, August 9, I headed to Milwaukee to spend some time at the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA. I planned to attend the morning worship service, have lunch with a good friend, then just hang out and take in the assembly while making connections with friends from around the country. I knew that the worship service that morning was in celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary of the ordination of women, and while I looked forward to being there for that, I was unprepared for what actually took place.

As I was greeting friends and making my way into the worship space, I was weaving my way through literally hundreds of female pastors and deacons, robed and ready to process into that worship service together. I did not bring my robe, so was planning to simply participate in worship, but when I came across a couple of friends who were not wearing robes, but still processing, they insisted that I join them. And I am so glad I did. It was so powerful to be a part of this procession of women from diverse backgrounds who all share this call to ministry. There was much dancing and joyous singing during the procession (which lasted more than 3 ½ minutes!).

As the whole church celebrated this anniversary (as well as the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman of color and the 10th anniversary of full inclusion of LGBTQ+ rostered ministers), there was also recognition of the challenges that female clergy and deacons have encountered. I have been fortunate to not have experienced many of those challenges, and give thanks for the women who have paved the way ahead of me, bearing the brunt of those difficulties. It was especially humbling to be seated just a couple of rows away from the Reverend Maria de Jesús, who is 104 years old, who vested and joined in the procession from her wheelchair!

The Churchwide Assembly was not just a celebration of these anniversaries, however. The folks that were there from all 65 synods across the ELCA accomplished a number of different things. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton was re-elected for a second term on the first ballot with over 81 percent of the vote, and Deacon Sue Rothmeyer was elected secretary of the ELCA. The assembly adopted the social statement "Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action" and approved "A Declaration of Inter-religious Commitment," which underscores the ELCA's long-standing commitment to inter-religious relations, as well as several memorials on a variety of topics including gun violence, engagement in the Holy Land, and income inequality. The assembly voted to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance in the ELCA for the deaths of the Emanuel 9, the nine people who were killed June 17, 2015, during a Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Church in Charleston, S.C. and adopted a resolution condemning white supremacy. All of these documents are available on the ELCA webpage (www.elca.org/cwa-2019).

The action that is receiving the most press, however, was that this assembly voted overwhelmingly to approve the declaration of the ELCA as a sanctuary denomination. There are many misunderstandings of what this means, but "in its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publicly declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith." Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts, and we will need to decide what that means for us at All Saints. If you would like more information, there is a handout available on the welcome desk in the narthex. Let me know if you have any questions, but please know that I am still figuring it out myself!

Giving thanks for our Church,

Pastor Kristin

A NOTE FROM JON WARREN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT...

We briefly met Pastor Kristin on June 1st at our 'Meet & Greet' and voted to extend a call to her to become our pastor on June 2nd. She started as our Pastor on July 15th and led her first service at All Saints on July 21st. Since then we have begun to know and appreciate Pastor Kristin as our All Saints Pastor.

There is one final step required to complete our call process... she must be installed through The Rite of Installation of a Pastor. We worked with the synod to select August 25th as the date for that service and, in a combined service set for 9:30 a.m., Acting Bishop Steve Kottke will be the presiding minister.

This final step is the culmination of more than two years of hard work for many of us and of great concern and trepidation for all of us. I pray that all of you will attend this combine service in order to be part of the Installation of Pastor Kristin as All Saints Pastor, and be able to stay for a reception afterwards.



All Saints' News & Notes. . .

IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of healing for those in need... spiritually, emotionally and physically. We pray for Bill, Daron, Gwennie, Hans and Jackie. Give them the hope and courage they need each day. Comfort and strengthen them.

God's resurrection peace to the family of Peter Cleven and Joyce Apfel at the death of Joyce's brother in Houston. We pray for God's peace and promise to lift and guide them.

We pray for the South Central Synod of Wisconsin and Acting Bishop Steve Kottke during this time of transition following Bishop Thomas-Breitfeld's resignation.

Prayers of thankfulness for our Sunday School teachers, that they may continue on their journey to know, follow and share Jesus with our children. Prayers that others will come forward to assist and support this important ministry.

Prayers for St. Mark's Food Pantry and the volunteers, that they continue to provide support for the people in need of this ministry.


Blessings on the Good Neighbor Personal Essentials Pantry (GNPEP) and the volunteers and guests that are served each Friday and the third Thursday of the month at Arbor Covenant Church.

We pray to be an inviting and welcoming place at worship and other ministries, where guests can meet new friends and know, follow and share Christ.

EMAIL ALERT!

Attention, members of All Saints. We have been made aware of email messages supposedly being sent from Pastor Kristin requesting the purchase of gift cards for a cancer patient. THIS IS A SCAM. The message is not from Pastor Kristin. Please ignore and delete. Pastor Kristin will never contact you via personal email for that kind of gift.

THINGS TO KNOW

- **Newsletter** articles are typically due the first Monday of the month to Heather in the church office at office@allsaints-madison.org. Due to Labor Day, the September date is Tuesday, September 3rd. 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.
- "Like" us on Facebook! This is a great way to stay up-to-date on upcoming events and notes from Pastor Kristin. 
- **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.

In Thanksgiving . . .



THANK YOU, PROPERTY TEAM!

Thank you to the property team for their quick response in preparing Pastor Kristin's office for her arrival and the narthex prior to the Installation service. Jen Barakat, Gary and Roxie Kriesel, Matt Pearson, Jerry Sieling and Steve Timm have been busy patching and painting walls, moving furniture and installing our new doorbell!

JULY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pastor Kristin Woelk: This was Pastor Kristin's first council meeting and those attending had a chance to "break the ice" where all gave a little information about their backgrounds and there was an exchange of questions and answers. In the end there was no need to "break the ice" as Pastor Kristin came warmed up to help and contribute to the meeting and that she did. We were glad to have her there!

Treasurer's Report: Council Treasurer Joan Stoikes reported that contributions to the church were up in June and we expect that trend to continue.

Church Security: Two issues:

1. There is frequently a lone person attending to church business during office hours and other times which poses a security risk. The council will be pursuing a "security system" to provide peace of mind when someone is alone in the church.
2. Over the years the church has lost control of who has church keys and what access is provided. In short, we don't know who has keys and who is able to access which rooms with them. The council is reviewing what can be done about this, in particular the access to the pastor's office.

Church Sound System: As most are aware, there are instances where the sound system does not perform up to expectations and can be disruptive to the service. We are working to improve that with trainings for those using the system.

Staffing: The Personnel Committee recommended the creation of a Worship & Music Director position which would combine Choir Director, New Song Director, Lead Accompanist and Worship Director. The council reviewed the draft job description and voted to create this position, with further details to be worked out including expected time commitment, pay and benefits.

THANK YOU, CONGREGATION!

Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to and through All Saints. The June 2019 Treasurer's Report:

	June 2019	June 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Contributions- General Fund	\$14,704.82	\$15,409.72	\$82,256.13	\$75,047.36
Contributions- Building Fund	\$2,166.00	\$3,291.00	\$12,940.00	\$15,289.00
Mortgage Paid	\$5,361.55	\$5,361.55	\$26,807.75	\$26,807.75
Total income	\$24,412.74	\$25,784.58	\$138,708.46	\$133,054.45
Total expense	\$23,792.76	\$30,760.19	\$139,643.77	\$174,000.77
Variance	\$619.98	(\$4,975.61)	(\$935.31)	(\$40,946.32)

The mortgage balance as of June 30, 2019 is \$855,951.65.

Volunteer Opportunities . . .



LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

The Sunday School Team is still looking for teachers for our 2019-2020 school year! Our classes are taught by teams of teachers (3-4 teachers per classroom) who are assigned a week (or two) to teach each month. Benefits of this schedule include:

- Getting to know more members of our congregation;
- Giving our children access to more members of our congregation;
- Allowing our congregation to grow together through our children's ministry;
- Committing to teach only once a month; and most importantly,
- Allows you to pass along your love of Jesus to our youngest members.



Our highest need is in the 5th/6th grade classroom, the 7th/8th grade classroom and our high school class. 5th/6th grade class involves reading the bible story, completing a worksheet and doing a simple craft. 7th/8th grade class includes a short, lively video featuring important characters from the Bible followed by discussion questions to share with the students.

Please prayerfully consider joining our team. We supply easy to follow lessons and crafts and you supply the love and commitment. Contact: Heather Quartaro (4K-6th grade — hkquartaro@gmail.com) or Jen Barakat (7th-12th grade — jennifer.l.barakat@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED!

Enjoy small maintenance projects and have some extra time on your hands? The property team is always looking for individuals (or groups) to assist with keeping our property in tip top shape. Immediate needs include: weeding beds and window washing. Please contact Steve Timm to sign up!

CLASSROOM CLEANUP HELPERS NEEDED!

Our classrooms need some TLC before the school year kicks off! Do you have an hour to spare? In each classroom there are checkoff lists of what needs to be done. Items include:

- Organizing materials
- Removing unneeded items
- Inventory/Replenishing items
- Taking down and putting up bulletin board displays



This is a great opportunity for those that can't commit to a full day of cleaning, but are willing to drop by. Pick a classroom, check the list and do what you can. The church is open in August from 8:00 a.m.— noon. Regular office hours resume Tuesday, September 3rd (8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.) Would you rather come in the evening? Please email or call the church office to arrange to borrow a key.

Many hands make light work!

Thank you for helping us prepare our classrooms for the first day of Sunday School!



SEPTEMBER

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AUGUST 25TH

The Blessings of the Backpacks is a longstanding tradition at All Saints. The start of the school year is an important time for our returning students and we as a congregation enjoy praying with them and for them as a reminder that God goes with them wherever they go. Remind your kids (and adults!) to bring their backpacks to worship to participate in this special blessing. Briefcases, satchels, laptop bags, etc. for the adults are welcome as well!



COMBINED WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Please join us for a combined worship Sunday, September 1st beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please come worship with members from both services and join us for fellowship following the service in Fellowship Hall.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME

Regular office hours resume Tuesday, September 3rd. Regular office hours are: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Please note: the office will be closed Monday, September 2nd due to the holiday.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS!

Confirmation is a faith formation ministry at All Saints for youth in the 7th and 8th grade. It is a pastoral and educational ministry that leads to learning and involvement. In short, it is an avenue for youth to say **yes**, to God's great and grand **YES** in Holy Baptism! Sign up at pastor@allsaints-madison.org.

A first session for **parent(s) and youth** is **Wednesday, September 11th**
7:00-8:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Confirmation Group for **youth** starts **Wednesday, September 18th**

KICKOFF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

Kickoff Sunday is quickly approaching! Please join us on Sunday, September 8th for worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. and the start of Sunday School. Fall Kickoff is a great way to welcome families back from summer. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us for a potluck at noon. Kitchen Angels have generously offered to supply main dishes. Please bring a dish to pass.



This year, we are combining our Kickoff Sunday with the synod-wide event 'God's Work. Our Hands.' *More information about GWOH can be found on page 7. Hope you can join us!

In the Community. . .



'GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.'

All Saints will again be participating in the synod-wide event, 'God's Work. Our Hands.' on Sunday, September 8th. This year, All Saints will be combining our Annual Kick-off Sunday with this event. There's something for everyone! We will



**God's work.
Our hands.**

have indoor activities and an outdoor park cleanup at McKee Farms Park. The indoor activities will include making fleece blankets for Lutheran World Relief and making cards for our neighbors at McKee Park Apartments. The park cleanup will take place following the potluck. Cleanup involves pulling weeds around the entrance sign and the triangle by the Kids' Crossing, spreading mulch and picking up trash in the park. Please bring your own work gloves and garden tools. Wheel barrows will be provided. A sign up sheet will be in the lobby for all of the events.

Questions about park cleanup? Call Jeanie Sieling (608)577-0297.

LWR SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Back to School ads are already popping up! Please remember to pick up extra supplies while they are on sale in August and September. The Sunday School youth are collecting school supplies again this fall! The school supply kit team is led by Sue Martinson, Leigh Luedtke and Joan Stoikes. We need help filling school supply kits for the synod-wide event 'God's Work. Our Hands.' in conjunction with Lutheran World Relief. Last year, All Saints and Santa Maria made 78 kits, and we already have a good start for this fall.



Look for more details at our display located in the narthex and the bulletin board in the Sunday School hallway. Items collected will be used to create school kits that will be distributed to areas in need through Lutheran World Relief. Stop and visit the bulletin board outside the Sunday School classrooms to see where our kits have gone!

Items needed for supply kits are:

- * 70-sheet **notebooks** of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"
- * 30-centimeter rulers, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- * Pencil sharpeners
- * Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- * Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- * Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- * Sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bags, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

Most needed items are notebooks, pens (black or blue ink-no gel or glitter!), and blunt scissors.

Please place donations in the marked bin in the narthex. Supplies will be collected through Fall Kick-Off (September 8).

Thank you for helping equip kids for a successful school year *all around the world!*



“To Know, Follow, and Share Jesus”

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Save These Dates!

- Aug. 17: Fall cleanup 8:00 a.m.—noon
- Aug. 25: Installation service for
Pastor Kristin 9:30 a.m.
Blessing of Backpacks
- Sept. 1: Combined worship 9:30 a.m.
- Sept 2: Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 8: Fall Kick-Off
Sunday School begins!
'God's Work. Our Hands.'
- Sept. 11: Confirmation
Parents & Youth
7:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

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