

WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:00am & 2nd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am)
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages



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This Is Love!

One of the most intimate, powerful, and caring ways which the Lord uses to help us to understand love is through our mothers. Like most of you, I was blessed with such a mother. From the very beginning, she helped me to understand that I was loved by her and by God!

Throughout life, whatever else we may have learned and experienced from our mothers, above all, many of them were faithful to show us the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Those of us who have been blessed by mothers like this have some amazing stories to share about a mother's resolve to continually point us to Christ, the Savior.

If your mother was like mine, she had two great qualities: one, she wasn't afraid to tell you when you were wrong and two, most importantly, she never hesitated to speak with a sense of compassion about the faith and the incredible sacrifice of Christ for our sin.

There are many reasons for honoring our mothers in the month of May, but the best reasons are for those that helped to bring us the assurance that we are loved by God. As you have the opportunity to speak with your mother on Mother's Day I hope that you'll take some time to express your gratitude to her for all she's done over the years—don't wait, because there will come a time when you can no longer do that. Certainly you know that and you probably don't need me to remind you, but if you've not done it, please take a moment to say, "Thanks mom—thanks for assuring me that I can rejoice in God's love because of your encouragement, that I treasure my relationship with Him, and that my full and final hope is in Him!"

If you're a mom, I have no doubt that you'll treasure the expressions of love that will be given and spoken to you on Mother's Day. Enjoy them. No doubt your kids will say a lot of nice things in a flattering way—each of those complements is well deserved. But treasure most of all

the evidence you have in the lives of your children that they have heard your gentle encouragement to remind them that they are loved by God, that they cherish their relationship with Him, and that they know that heaven is their home—that's an answer to a parent's ongoing prayer!

Blessings and peace in Jesus for a Happy Mother's Day!

Pastor Marcus Powers

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

The summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day Weekend, **May 26th**. Each Sunday throughout the summer, worship hours are **8:00 & 9:30am** through September 1st. Thursday evening worship will take place each week at 6:00pm. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at the 8:00 service on 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and 9:30 service on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. Communion is offered during all Thursday services throughout the summer.

Our Savior's Confirmation May 19th

The Rite of Confirmation for our junior confirmands occurs on May 19th at the 10:30 a.m. service. Also on Confirmation Sunday, the class will make their first communion. At this service, we pray for a lifetime of faithfulness for these young Christians. Confirmation should prompt all members to recall their vow to Him.

Financial Information— March 2013

The following information was reported by Linda Fleck, congregational treasurer.



Financial Report

	<u>Mar. 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 31,888.87	\$70,545.16
Building Fund	1,450.00	5,993.26
Other	<u>7,532.84</u>	<u>2,989.58</u>
Total Income	<u>\$40,871.71</u>	<u>\$79,528.00</u>
Expenses		
Missions and Outreach	\$ 700.00	\$ 8,175.00
Salaries and Benefits	12,691.80	11,428.93
Mortgage Payments	2,057.26	10,337.45
Christian Education	657.03	1,062.26
Office and Maintenance	5,761.22	15,971.36
Other	<u>2,711.34</u>	<u>11,259.14</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 25,378.65</u>	<u>\$ 58,234.14</u>
Net Income (Expense)	<u>\$15,493.06</u>	<u>\$21,293.86</u>

Loan Progress Report

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(129,060.83)</u>
Principal Balance at 3.28.13	<u>\$ 60,939.17</u>

·The interest rate is 4.875%, fixed for 10 years at a monthly payment of \$950.

·The Church Council has decided that the monthly loan payment should match the monthly contributions whenever giving is greater than \$950.

"We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

"And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee."
(LSB 781)

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:

On **June 2nd** at the **9:30am service**, we will give recognition to the graduating seniors from our congregation. So that none of the graduates are left out, it would be helpful if each graduating senior inform Gayle Janzen (889-8987) of their name and school graduating from.

We will then contact you with further plans and details. High School Seniors of Our Savior's - please mark your calendars.

TODAY'S MEDITATION

*Is broadcast weekdays on
WJUB 1420 AM at approx 7:25am*

Week of May 6 – Rev. Nathan Meador
Week of May 13 – Rev. Kurt Ziemann
Week of May 20 – Rev. Nathan Meador
Week of May 27 – Rev. Marcus Powers

Anniversary Thank Offering May 2013

Our present church building was dedicated to the glory of God on May 17th, 1953. Since that time God's people here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church have given an annual 'Anniversary Thank Offering' commemorating the event. Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, this special offering is given in appreciation for God's amazing grace that comes to us through the Word and Sacrament ministry that takes place in His house.

Over the years, these special offering have been designated for various missions and activities. We ask that you use the special 'Anniversary Thank Offering' envelope included in your offering packet, on Mother's Day, May 12th, for this special gift. The suggested amount of \$25.00 is the same as in past years. However, the Lord knows your heart and your ability to give.

OUR SAVIOR'S MISSION STATEMENT

Our Savior's Lutheran Church -- Missouri Synod is a family of believers growing together in faith as we joyfully **worship** the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit we willingly **serve** our Lord Jesus Christ and **share** his love with others.

WORSHIP...SERVE...SHARE

Thank you for your love and concern shown through this special offering.

FACTS ABOUT OUR CHURCH ORGAN

Our organ was built and installed in 1976 (37 years ago) by the Wicks Organ Co., which is no longer in business. Like any machine of that age ongoing maintenance is an issue.

The primary area of concern involves the "switching system." Ours is one of the earliest to use transistors and diodes which have become obsolete and are no longer produced. As a consequence we often have trouble with sticking organ stops, dead notes, couplers that fail, and weakened transistors. Twice, in the last few months, we have engaged Nolte Organ Builders to correct problems with these issues. You could say, "We're living on borrowed time."

Increased repairs costs for our organ can put stress on our operating budget. A solution to that problem is to convert our organ "switching system" to a solid state (or digital) system. Preliminary estimates from reputable organ builders and technicians range from \$20,000 to \$35,000.

Currently, we have \$3,200 in our organ fund for such a renovation. A laudable goal would be to update our organ without having to increase our debt. To achieve that goal we would like to encourage you to use the "Love Offering" envelope to help build up our "Organ Fund." Just write "Organ Fund" across the face of the envelope when you place your contribution in the offering-plate at our worship services. Another option would be to send your check directly to the church office.

We thought you'd like to know the circumstances as it relates to our organ, an important part of our church's worship life. As always, thanks for all you do in support of Christ's Church.

The Church Council & The Board of Elders

NOTES FROM GAYLE

During May the Wednesday night "**Living Free**" Bible Study group will be talking about Prayerlessness and Enjoying God's presence. Come and join us on Wednesday, May 1 in Gayle's office.

May 15 will be the party for the **8th graders and their parents** at 5pm. We will have pizza and games.

May 19 is Confirmation. This year's students will be Autumn Brauer, Molly Dean, Kourtney Mangan, Ethan McLaughlin, Erika Monson, and Tommy Reinthaler.

Please welcome them into the congregation and its activities. Pray for them to continue reading their Bibles, praying, and to frequent God's house for worship, growth, and service.

Lutheran High's Spring Musical: "Seussical" is May 2-5: Senior Citizen Matinee Thurs., May 2nd 1:30 PM, Friday, May 3rd 7:00 PM, Saturday, May 4th 7:00 PM, Sunday, May 5th 2:00 PM. Tickets: \$12 Adults, \$6 Seniors & Students, \$16 Preferred Seating. Tickets will also be available at the door.

There will be a **Servant event** for ages 12 and up in Dubuque May 4 (possible home repairs, clean up of city blocks or parks, landscaping and more) cost \$29 plus transportation & travel food. For more info: <http://groupmissiontrips.com/the-big-day-of-serving/>. Contact Gayle if you would like to go.

Concordia is holding summer soccer camps. All of them are coed. They are: June 13-15 ages 12-14, June 16-18 ages 9-11, June 20-22 ages 12-14, June 23-25 ages 14-17 and June 27-29 ages 14-17. For more information contact Ryan Middendorf 262-243-4512 ryan.middendorf@cuw.edu or www.cus.edu/go/cuwsa.

LuWiSoMo has lots of summer camping opportunities this summer. They include horse, guitar, rocketry, bike, bike plus, wilderness, sports, owl/space, hunter safety, art, music and drama, servant, Kinder, Jr. basic grades 1-4 or 2-8, and joyful hearts (special needs). For more information see the bulletin board or www.luwisomo.org. They have many more opportunities other than summer camp. Early registrations have discounts.

Christ Academy will focus on "Identity Crisis: The Church's Response to Who We Are." This is for High school men interested in learning about theology and possibly going into the ministry. It is at Concordia Theological seminary Fort Wayne, June 16-29. For more information go to www.ctsfw.edu/ChristAcademy or 1-800-481-2155.

Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival will be at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa for grades 8-12, June 23-July 21. This is for band, choir, orchestra, piano, and pipe organ. For more information www.lutheransummermusic.org or ism@lutheransummermusic.org or 888-635-6583.

October 11 & 12 we will have the opportunity to be part of **Feed My Starving Children**. This is a service project that will take place in Sheboygan Falls. We will help to prepare scientifically designed, fortified meals for children throughout the world. Plan now to be a part of this wonderful act of service. If you participate in service projects with your children, they are more likely to continue doing such things when they are older.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ;

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:34-36 NIV

Dates:

Wednesday, May 1, 2 pm youth room open
 Wednesday, May 1, 5:15 Living Free Bible Study
 Wednesday, May 8, 2 pm youth room open
 Wednesday, May 8, 5:15 6 Flags trip meeting
 Sunday, May 12, 10:30 children sing
 Wednesday, May 15, 2 pm youth room open
 Wednesday, May 15, last CEP of year
 Wednesday, May 15, 8th grade party
 Sunday, May 19, Confirmation

VBS is for everyone

Is your child a potty-trained preschooler who was 3 years old by January 1, 2013? Then be sure to sign him or her up for the special preschool program at Vacation Bible School. Young children spend most of the morning with one leader and one set of helpers. The program is especially designed for the short attention span of three and four year olds, and incorporates age-appropriate bible stories, crafts and games.

Do you have a child who is completing any grade from junior kindergarten through sixth grade this school year? If so the multi-age grouping at VBS is just the ticket. Under the guidance of their group leader, these children will experience presentations by talented Christians in a variety of settings. They will also enjoy games and crafts and of course, snacks and singing.

If you are older than a sixth grader (including adults into retirement), you can be a volunteer. Many positions are available. As a group leader or helper, you travel to the learning centers with your group. As a helper you stay in one place and the children come to you.

Volunteers can sign up now in the back of church. Children can register for VBS starting May 1st in the back of church or in the office during regular office hours. Those desiring the free daycare before or after VBS are encouraged to sign up ASAP as spaces are limited.

Any questions contact Carol Reisinger. Phone 920-458-1604 or email car1954@sbcglobal.net.

How we are fooled by food and how to trick yourself into eating less.

People often overeat because we are mindless eaters. If there is nothing to stop us from grabbing something to eat, we keep doing it. Package sizes affect how we look at things. If we want to be skinny, we have to think skinny. We pay more attention to height than width, so we tend to eat more from a wide bowl. We don't notice that something that is twice as wide holds twice as much. We also tend to eat more when larger spoons and bowls are used.

Labeling of goods also may cause us to eat more. If there are two bags of cookies, both containing 20 ounces, and one is labeled small and the other medium, we tend to eat more from the small package because we think it is a smaller portion and we are not overindulging. Most people also choose a medium size, so some establishments have actually gotten rid of the small size and now the small is really the medium amount. Packages with more food showing on their labels also cause us to eat more.

Another problem is foods labeled "organic." People tend to believe the food is lower in calories. Also, most of us tend to eat more in a restaurant. If we break down what we are eating, the calorie count is much higher than taking the amount as a whole. We also eat more when we are with people that eat larger portions.

Helpful hints include breaking down large packages into smaller bags, putting healthy fruits and vegetables in view and readily available places, using smaller plates, and reading the serving sizes on the package, not eating in front of the TV, avoid eating when stressed out, and keeping food off your desk at work.

Here's some more findings by Brian Wansink on how we get fooled into eating more.

Big Servings. People who were given a big bucket of (stale) popcorn ate 34 percent more than people who got a smaller bucket.

- **Fancy names.** Cafeteria sales jumped by 27 percent when foods were given descriptive names like "Succulent Italian Seafood Fillet" (instead of "Seafood Fillet") or "Belgian Black Forest Cake" (instead of "Chocolate Cake.")
- **More variety, more calories.** People ate about 40 percent more if they had a choice of candy that came in six different colors than if the candy came in four colors.

- Plateware matters. When people were served a brownie on a Wedgwood china plate, they rated its taste higher than when the brownie was served a paper plate or napkin.
- Food on the table. Men ate about 29 percent more – and women about 10 percent more – if the serving dish was left on the table (rather than the counter).
- Who sets the pace? People ate more when they sat at a table with someone who ate quickly than with someone who ate slowly.
- How much did I eat? People ate fewer chicken wings if they could see the bones of the wings they'd already eaten than if the bones were whisked away.
- Healthy restaurant? People who believed that Subway meals were healthy underestimated the calories in Subway meals more than they underestimated the calories in McDonald's meals.
- Health halo. If a bag of M&M's or trail mix was labeled "low-fat," people ate more than if the label didn't say "low-fat."
- Exercise rewards. People ate more at dinner – especially more dessert – after they went on a "scenic walk" than after they went on an (identical) "exercise" walk.
- Cover up. Covering the clear window of an ice cream freezer with butcher paper led people to take 30 percent less ice cream from it.

(Taken from Nutrition Action Healthletter, April 2013)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure – May 5th

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral:

Mr. Karl Towsley

Age: 95

Died: April 9, 2013

Laid to Rest: April 14, 2013

Memorial Gifts

\$1410 in memory of Herman Rautmann for stained glass window repair

\$335 in memory of Karl Towsley towards building debt relief.

\$1000 in memory of Gene Paulson

\$25 in memory of Melvin Larson

\$110 in memory of Bernice Vanic

Our Savior's CoEd Softball team . . . is looking for men and women of any skill level (8th grade and older) to play in the Sheboygan Lutheran Church Good Fellowship Monday Night League. Games are at either 6 or 7 o'clock. There is no cost to play. We would love to have you even if you can only play every other week or occasionally. If you are at the game you will get to bat and play the field. We don't want to be short on players. As of now we have 7 people committed on an every Monday basis and another 3 on a part time basis. We need more players to field a team on a weekly basis!! We may be unable to field a team if we don't get more players. Please contact Brett Meulbroek by May 19 @ 207-6528 or brettandmanda@charter.net if interested.

The Endowment Board . . . would like to remind parents of students attending Lutheran schools or universities to submit your request for tuition assistance for the next school year (2013-2014) in writing by **May 31, 2013**. Please mail or drop off requests to the church office attention of the Endowment Board. We're hopeful to offer individual scholarships to the students of our congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Fischer, chairman of the Endowment Board, at 946-4605.

Church Rummage Sale, 2013 . . . Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 19th is the date! There is also a possibility that the sale may start on Friday, October 18th from 1 to 5 PM if enough volunteers step forward! Save your items for the sale. Call me with ideas, questions, or to volunteer at 457-2658. Thanks! Clara Murphy

Saving Money . . . everyone wants to pay less, right? Help Our Savior's pay less for office supplies without opening your wallet! How? Donate your **used/empty ink cartridges**. Any brand will do. Our Savior will receive \$2 for each cartridge, which will reduce the rising cost of supplies. Place cartridges in a zipped baggie and place in the box located in the Narthex. Thanks! Janine Bergeron

Our Savior's Sunday School

May 2013

When we think of a super hero we think of a bright cape, a lightning blue suit. Silver gloves. Shiny boots. Comic books and cartoons are full of stories about heroic characters fighting bad guys. We are amazed by the unique powers that each has. Some can see through walls with x-ray vision; some can climb a building. Others even transform from one thing to another. Many of them try to solve big problems, but none could ever solve the problem of sin. Only God can do that.

In some ways, God is like a superhero (though he is much more powerful!) Through Jesus, He defeated our greatest enemies: sin, death and the devil. Not with a "Pow" or a "Bam" but by His holy, precious blood shed on the cross. Through Baptism and His Word, He has given you His victory and placed his "superpower"-faith in you. And this superpower can transform you!

The Spirit of God helps us in all things. Instead of cheating on a test, we try our best. Instead of being greedy, we gladly give to others. Instead of denying our sin, we confess it. As we rely on God and are declared righteous by Him, He transforms us to become more like Jesus.

While God may not wear a bright orange cape, He is the greatest Superhero. And through His Spirit, He has given us His superpower.

I would like to thank all of the parents of the Sunday school children to there continued commitment to bringing there child each week to learn about God and his word. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of the Sunday school teachers and aides who helped this year be a great success. You are all wonderful people and our church is blessed to have you all.

Congratulations to all of our Confirmation students. I wish you all the best of luck!

Our final opportunity of the Sunday school year to sing our praises to God will take place on Sunday May 12th (Mothers Day) at the 10:30 service. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We are looking for.....

We are always in need of volunteers for our Sunday school classrooms. We are in need of teachers and aides for the 2013-2014 school year. I would hope that you would give prayerful consideration in joining us next year. If you have questions regarding any opportunities please feel free to call me at - (920) 207-6528.

Be on the look out for.....

If your child does something that you would like to share with us I would love to put it up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We are looking for sports they participate in, student of the month, plays, performances or concerts they may be participating in. This will give our congregation an opportunity to congratulate your child or maybe attend one of those concerts or performances.

Look for updated registration forms for Sunday School coming sometime in mid to late August.

The 2013-2014 Sunday school year will start September 8th.

Have a great summer. See you all in the fall.

God's Blessings to you all.

Brett Meulbroek
Our Savior's Sunday School Superintendent
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 7:30-10:30 BP Check 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship	6 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	7 1:30pm Mary/Martha 7:00pm Scouts	1 3:30pm CEP 5:15pm Bible Class 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	2 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion 7:00pm Luncheon Meeting	3	4
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