

WORSHIP WITH US! **SEPTEMBER**

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages

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Your God-Given Responsibility

***"You shall teach My Word to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."
(Deut 11:19)***

I owe a great deal of credit to my parents for all they did to teach me so much about life. They're the ones who helped me in learning to say my ABC's, tie my shoes, brush my teeth, and most importantly, to fold my hands in prayer. Without their persistence and dedication for teaching their children, I'm certain I wouldn't be where I am today—the Lord only knows.

My folks tried to take advantage of every opportunity to help me grow in my understanding and maturity. Life's lessons took place in every sort of location: at home among family, traveling in the car, at my dad's Texaco gas station, or in my mother's beauty shop. It didn't really seem to matter where we were, if there was a lesson to be learned that's what was most important.

As I look back, I realize how they showed their understanding of what they'd been called by God to do. They were simply fulfilling their duty as outlined in Deuteronomy 11:19. They willingly accepted their God-given responsibility to teach their children the Word of God.

I thank the Lord for my Christian parents, as I'm sure you do. Our parents, though not perfect, did the best they could with the resources God had given them. Many of them were faithful to take us to church on Sunday. It was in church where we heard the heavenly Father's voice through the Scriptures that were read and the sermon that was preached. We might have been a bit antsy and fidgety at first, but our parents were persistent and we learned to sit through the service. Through hearing God's Word by regular attendance at church (and Sunday school) the family found strength to deal with the ups and downs of daily life.

Our parents knew that the pastor and Sunday school teachers would be there to assist them in teaching the faith, but the primary responsibility was theirs.

"Statistics show that the average 21-year old has fallen away from the Church, from Baptism, and therefore from God. Many attempts have been made to address the problem. Sunday Schools, Lutheran Day Schools, youth groups, specially trained practitioners and Directors of Christian Education—all designed to keep children active within the family of God. But what's missing from the picture? That's right—active, committed parents! Parents are those called by God to nurture and teach their children. While others may assist you in this task, it is primarily yours. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that you as parents provide sound teaching. All parents teach, even "bad" parents. Those who abandon their responsibility to teach are still teaching their children—teaching them to find their life and worth in something other than the Word of God. If the Christian faith is not nurtured with the Word of God by parents, something else takes its place."¹

It's my prayer that every parent will claim this God-given responsibility. As you do, be assured that God will bless your child, nurturing faith unto life everlasting.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Marcus Powers

¹ Fast, Thomas E and Carla H; The BAPTISM of Your Child; CPH 2007, p. 32.

**Financial Information—
July 2013**



We begin our **regular worship hours on Sunday, September 8th, with services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Our Family Bible Hour will also resume at 9:15 a.m. Worship services will also be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Financial Report

	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 16,762.94	\$ 146,656.93
Building Fund	1,450.00	12,679.51
Other	<u>5,318.62</u>	<u>(5,910.89)</u>
Total Income	<u>\$23,531.56</u>	<u>\$153,425.55</u>
Expenses		
Missions and Outreach	\$ 75.00	\$ 18,008.33
Salaries and Benefits	14,169.47	32,968.45
Mortgage Payments	1,607.00	17,508.70
Christian Education	105.47	2,248.52
Office and Maintenance	2,399.05	29,299.60
Other	<u>1,237.15</u>	<u>17,975.88</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 20,393.14</u>	<u>\$ 118,009.48</u>
Net Income (Expense)	<u>\$3,138.42</u>	<u>\$ 35,416.07</u>

Loan Progress Report

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(135,278.53)</u>
Principal Balance at 7.26.13	<u>\$ 54,721.47</u>

The interest rate is 4.875%, fixed for 10 years and the 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)

Welcome Fest

It's important for all of us to learn God's Word. Through our study and discussions about the Word, God gives us the strength necessary to stand our ground against the devil. Ongoing Christian education is a vital tool in that struggle.

To introduce our Sunday School program to students, parents, and all who are interested, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School staff will host a 'Welcome Fest' on Sunday, **September 8th** during the Sunday School hour. At **9:15 a.m.**, students and their parents will gather in the church for an opening devotion, singing, and an overview of the coming Sunday School year. Parents will receive a schedule with the dates for singing in church and the Christmas program rehearsal dates and times.

Following the opening in church, students and parents will go to the individual classrooms to meet their teachers. At this time, the teachers will introduce themselves and give a brief overview of the coming lessons. Books and activity sheets used in the classes will be on display. (Note: if you have special circumstances you wish to share with your child's teacher, please make arrangements to speak to her/him privately.)

Christian parents understand that parental participation is vital in the well-being of the church. The Sunday School staff values the opportunity to teach your children about Jesus the Savior. By working together and placing Christ at the center of what we teach, the Lord will bless our efforts.

Finally, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School teachers hope that "Welcome Fest" enables your family to better know all the events that will take place

in the coming year. We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at "Welcome Fest."

CEP Parent Orientation Meeting

Preparations are being made for another year of the Christian Education Program (CEP) at Our Savior's. Therefore, the Board of Christian Education and pastor want you to know the following information.

A special CEP Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m.** This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all students and at least one parent must be present before your child can start CEP on September 11th. At this meeting you will meet individually with your child's CEP teacher review the class requirements for your child's grade. Also, registration forms and fees must be completed and paid at the orientation and the 2013-2014 handbook will be distributed. All information forms and fees were sent out to all CEP homes in mid-August.

Our CEP staff looks forward to working with you and your child(ren). As we work together (and that's the key) we know that Christ will bless our Christian Education Program at Our Savior's. See you there!

Mary/Martha News

The Mary/Martha Guild will be opening the season with our customary Fall Potluck Luncheon on Tuesday, September 3rd at 12:30pm. We will again meet in the Fellowship Hall and we are looking forward to seeing all of our fellow members after the summer break and to a day of wonderful food and fellowship.

Guests are always welcome at our get-togethers and any members of the congregation who would like to learn more about our group or may be interested in joining us as a member will be warmly welcomed. A call to Kory at the church office (452-4005) would be appreciated so we will know how many places to set.

Hope to see you there.
Mary/Martha Committee

CHOIR RETURNS

Summer's days are numbered. I hope you are refreshed and ready to sing again. Our first rehearsal will be September 4th. We will meet at 6:45 PM in the balcony. Our first performance will be September 8th for the beginning of Sunday School. We will be using a song that most of you are familiar with. We will be warming up on that Sunday morning at 7:40 AM in the basement.

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

It is good to sing hymns to our God

Because He is delightful and praise is beautiful.

Sing a hymn of thanks to the Lord. I truly hope to see you at the first rehearsal,

Your voice is sincerely needed,
Elaine Phillips, Director 467-4494

Rummage Sale:

Oct. 18th and 19th are approaching quickly! Times of the sale are Friday, Oct. 18 from 1 to 5 PM and Sat., Oct. 19 from 8 AM to 3 PM.

Please sign up on the board in the back of church to help with the sale...all ability levels welcome. If you can sit in a chair, we have a job for you. If you are good with numbers, we have a job for you. We need many willing hands the two weeks prior to the actual sale to start arranging and pricing the items--no need to sign up in advance! Just show up in the church fellowship hall starting on Monday, Oct. 6th at 9 AM.

Help is also needed on Oct. 5th to take down the cubicle walls and to set up the tables--this will take place during the second service starting at 10:20 AM (after Bible Study) and will conclude in time for individuals to return home for lunch and the Packers. So if you like to flex your muscle, please plan on coming down.

More ways you can help: collect grocery bags (put them in the storage room in the fellowship hall), donate baked goods for the bake sale on Friday and Saturday, and most importantly, pray for this to be a fruitful and fulfilling event for all participating. Thanks to those who have done so much already. Thanks also to those who will be sharing the talents God has blessed you with and also giving of your time which has so many demands from others and the world.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 457-2658--Clara Murphy

Rummage Sale: HELP WANTED!

I should say help desperately needed. Please sign up to help on the poster at the back of church after any of the church services. Any skill level is needed. Different times and opportunities abound!

On October 6th, I need muscle...to move the walls in the fellowship hall and to put up the tables as well as move boxes. Come on October 7th to 11th and 14th to 17th to empty boxes, arrange merchandise, and price items.

Currently the plan is to work from 9 AM to 5 PM. Bring your boxed/bagged items any time during those hours.

On October 18th, the sale will run from 1 to 5 PM and on Saturday, October 19th, it will run from 8 AM to 3 PM. Your delicious baked items are also needed for the bake sale which will be going on both days. The brat fry will only be on Saturday, so stop for lunch even if you do not want to shop the sale.

Please sign up to help. If you would like to help and all the slots are filled, we will find an opportunity for you to participate. I only put down the minimum number of workers needed that day, so more help would always be welcomed. Thanks for sharing your time, talents, and treasures to make this a success.

At our committee meeting it was decided to dedicate the funds raised to reduce our church debt as we had originally planned.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Clara Murphy 457-2658

A special thanks to Ed Canisius

for offering to help with the distribution of large print Portals of Prayer to our home bound members. We have quite a list of home bound members that look for the "Portals" on a quarterly basis. We would welcome any more volunteers who would like to assist the Elders with the delivery thereof. Contact any one of the Elders or the church office if you have the time and would like to give us a helping hand. It only requires your assistance once every 3 months.

- Thanks to all who worked so hard to make our church picnic a success. We appreciate those who helped to plan, organize, and support this congregational effort. Your time and talents made this an enjoyable day for the rest of us. Along with many others we say, "Well done, good and faithful servants."
- During the summer months there have been members of the congregation who cared for the outside flowers. Your hard work has enhanced our facility and added beauty to the neighborhood. The trustees would like to thank you for giving your time and talents for this loving service to the Lord.
- Parents of CEP students are reminded of the upcoming **CEP orientation meeting** on **Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Fellowship Hall.** You and your child will need to be in attendance in order to meet with your child's teacher. Please plan to attend.
- The **Nominating Committee** is beginning to gather names for the open positions on our church

boards and elected officers. If you would like to consider using your time and talents in this manner, please contact Eric Brauer, congregational president, at 457-5321. The following board and officer positions are open: elders (3 positions), trustees (2 positions), endowment (2 positions), vice-president and secretary. Be assured your talents in service to the Lord are always appreciated.

A Note from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends,

Celiac disease is an autoimmune disease that is triggered by gluten. It is estimated that 1 in 133 Americans have it. It affects all races, ages, and genders. It usually takes 6-10 years average time to be correctly diagnosed and 95% are under- or misdiagnosed.

1. Classical GI symptoms include pain, bloating, gas, nausea, diarrhea and mouth sores.
2. Non-classical symptoms include depression, fatigue, anemia, delayed growth, migraines, dental enamel problems and neuropathies.
3. Silent – no symptoms
4. Latent (potential) has no symptoms but a positive blood test, and a negative biopsy.

Diagnosis is done with a blood test that shows a positive auto antibodies and selective IgA deficiency, and biopsy of celiac of the colon. To be properly diagnosed, one must continue eating their regular diet as a gluten-free diet will affect test results.

The complications associated with celiac disease includes malnutrition, loss of calcium and bone density (rickets and osteoporosis), lactose intolerance, cancer-intestinal lymphoma, neurological complications, infertility, and other autoimmune diseases.

The first steps to take when diagnosed:

1. Acceptance
2. Schedule and appointment with a dietitian or nutritionist
3. Learn which foods contain gluten
4. Learn how to read food labels
5. Research gluten-free vendors
6. Read gluten-free cookbooks and learn how to make your favorite recipes gluten-free
7. Prevent cross-contamination at home by educating family.
8. Attend local celiac support group meetings
9. Schedule annual follow up appointments
10. Eat at restaurants

For more information on websites, local stores that carry gluten-free items or questions, please let me know so I can help as I am able.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Sept. 1st – 7:30-10:30am in the Lounge

OFFICE HOURS:

Mondays – 3:00-5:00pm

Thursdays – 4:00-5:55pm

Prayerfully submitted:
Deb Kuitert, Parish Nurse

Youth Happenings at Our Savior's

Welcome back. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer. I don't know about you, but my summer sure flew by.

A new school year brings a change in routines, added pressures, the need to get homework done, go to CEP, Sunday School, church, dance lessons, football, soccer or swim practice or work and so many other commitments. We become overwhelmed and have to make choices. Many of these choices don't involve Sunday School, CEP or church and we put them on the back burner. And yet as your family settles into a new routine this month, you should take time to rediscover the evidence of tranquility in the Bible. Each one of the great Bible characters had to confront and overcome the fear that daily life would overwhelm them, that they were not equal to the job of meeting each challenge successfully, or even of making it through a difficult time. God provided them all with a deep and abiding sense of peace and harmony. With this peace, we can all rise to meet every challenge and obstacle in our life without being overwhelmed, discouraged, exhausted or frustrated. When you need to make those difficult decisions, be sure to include God and hear His word. It will help make your life much easier.

WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR

We have many new and exciting things planned this year for our youth and their families. The following are just some of the fun opportunities for our youth and families of the congregation.

On Sunday, September 29th, we are having a sloppy joe and hot dog luncheon for the whole family. We will play games and have activities for all members of the family.

On Saturday, October 12th, there will be a brat fry at the southside Pick-N-Save. Watch the bulletin for details.

2013 Sheboygan Jaycees Holiday Parade (End of November)

December 2013 – sign up to ring bells for the Salvation Army.

January – We will have a lock in for the youth at church and a family bowling and pizza afternoon/evening. Just wait until you see what February – August will bring!!!

Many other items are planned. Just keep watching for information on the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex or in the weekly bulletin.

REMINDERS:

Please bring all your registration forms to CEP orientation or the first day of Sunday School. If you haven't received them, please call the church office and we will get them to you ASAP.

CEP orientation is Wednesday, September 5th. This is for all CEP student and their parents.

Sunday School Welcome Fest is Sunday, September 8th at 9:15am in the church. All students should meet in the church along with parents of students from grades Pre-Nursery to 4th Grade.

I hope to see all of you soon and look forward to some fun and exciting activities this year.

Brett Meulbroek
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Christian Education Coordinator

Youth Happenings and Dates to Remember

***** Any current 6th through 10th graders and there parents interested in information on trip to New Orleans, Louisiana in the summer of 2016, please come to an informational meeting on Sunday, September 22nd at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.**

September

4th CEP Orientation

8th First Day of Sunday School, Welcome Fest in the Church at 9:15 for parents of children grades Pre Nursery -4th.

11th First day of CEP

18th CEP / High School Activity 5:15-7 Homemade Pizza making, Activity Planning and T-Shirts

22nd Meeting for current 6th through 10th graders interested in the National Youth Gathering in 2016

29th Sunday School Families grades Pre Nursery – 8th Family Luncheon.

Come join us in the fellowship hall for a hot dog and sloppy joes lunch and some fun games and activities for the whole family.

October

2nd 5:15 – 7 Middle School and High School Youth **Banana Split Night. See if you can put the banana back together again.** We will also be making signs for the Brat Fry on the 12th.

9th 5:15 – 7 Middle School and High School Youth **Next Great Baker Night. Bring your favorite dessert recipe and the ingredients (or boxed mix) to bake for the bake sale Saturday October 12th.**

12th Brat Fry at Pick – N – Save. 10-4

20th Sunday School Children Sing, Youth Church Service, Lunch and activities for the PN- 4th Graders 12-2

23rd 5:15-7 Middle School and High School Youth **What's the theme night.** Come help come up with the theme for the Sheboygan Jaycee's Holiday Parade.

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:

Donna Hoppe
Age: 62
Died: July 26, 2013
Laid to Rest: July 31, 2013

Ruth Fischer
Age: 91
Died: August 4, 2013
Laid to Rest: August 7, 2013

Dorothy Wagner
Age: 92
Died: August 4, 2013
Laid to Rest: August 9, 2013

Anita Zachow
Age: 93
Died: August 9, 2013
Laid to Rest: August 14, 2013

Carol Huijbregtse
Age: 85
Died: August 10, 2013

Memorial Gifts

\$300 – in memory of Anita Zachow
\$200 – in memory of Roger Hering toward the organ fund

Membership Changes:

TRANSFER IN

Katie Begalke from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI

TRANSFER OUT

Cheryl, Leeah, and Baylee Rivas to Bethany Lutheran Church, Kohler, WI

Matthew, Katie and Riley Powers to Christ Lutheran Church, Murray, UT

Micah Powers to Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Madison, WI

SELF-EXCLUSION

John Baas

Kelly Bourassa

Bonnie Farrell

Michael, Karen, Eric and Ashley Hohn

Rene, Randy, Erica, Derek and Brooke Post

Christopher and Jaemansen Sprengel

Mark Wilmot

Matthew, Nicole, and Taylor D'Imperio

Lisa and Nicole Dart, Arianna Thomas

Shane Detlaff

Daniel Mohr

Kirk, Sherry and Adrienne Nick

Doug, Shirley and Dakota Repinski & Stephanie and

Zachary Kaat

Dawn, Rebecca, Ryan and Ashley Wager

David, Alex and Emily Clauff

Robert, Nicholas and Samantha Gartzke

Fred and Ruth Gaspard

Gary and Terry Grobman

Cindy Hoeft

Jennifer, Katheryn, and Kevin Moe

Ben Mohar

Kevin Wilmot

Marci Woolwine

MOVED FROM AREA

Randy Herman

RELEASED AT OWN REQUEST

Tyler Biederwolf

Beth (Biederwolf) Towns

Tracy Kober

Angela, Evelyn and Aubrielle Roelse

E. James Ziegler

September 2013

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 7:30-9:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:30am Divine Worship</p>	<p>2 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 12:30pm Mary/Martha Potluck 6:30pm Board Meetings 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:00pm CEP Orientation 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>5 4:00-5:55 Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>9 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>11 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>12 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship</p>	<p>16 10:00am Bible Study 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</p>	<p>17 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>18 3:30pm CEP 5:15pm High School/CEP Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>19 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:00am Divine Worship 8:30am Youth Gathering Meeting 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>23 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse</p>	<p>24 7:00pm Scouts</p>	<p>25 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>26 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship 11:30am Sunday School Luncheon</p>	<p>30 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse</p>					