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## True Freedom

**Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free . . . If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed,"** (*John 8:31, 32, 36*).

Reformation will be celebrated by churches around the world in late October. For Lutherans it's a time for us to remember the work of Dr Martin Luther, an unassuming monk, who by the grace of God, was led by his study of God's word of truth and brought about a change in the church.

It's important for us to understand the reasons why the church needed to be reformed. The central message of God's love and forgiveness as a free gift through faith in Christ had taken a back seat to superstition, legalism, and human ritual. The people were encouraged to depend upon their own good works and pious lifestyles as the way to get right with God. However, there was a problem with that kind of thinking—people were left with a load of guilt because of their sin. They were imprisoned and enslaved with the idea that they'd failed God, themselves and others.

But Luther was a freedom fighter in the truest sense of the word. He fought for the truth that by God's grace, through faith, we are set free from the shackles of sin, death, the power of the devil, and the power of the law. Luther took Jesus as his word, **"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."**

For Luther it was a matter of fighting to preserve the Gospel, the message of forgiveness by God's grace through faith in Christ, rather than by works of the law. He understood this to be the heart and core of the Christian faith: the one teaching upon which the

Church stand or falls, the one teaching that sets us free to be the people of God. This word of God (Gospel) is true freedom!

Before we can know the benefit of freedom, it's important for us to know what it is that enslaves us. Jesus uses the full weight of the Law to point that out. He says, **"Everyone who sins is a slave to sin."** He reminds us how sin hinders us—it entraps us and holds us in bondage. Think about those times when we've had other gods, misused the Lord's name, neglected hearing His word, disobeyed authorities, murdered—not by taking someone's life, but with the cruel words that we speak, had impure thoughts, failed to have proper respect for others, lied, or coveted. Try going the rest of the day without doing any of these in thought, word, or deed. We quickly discover how enslaved we are to sin.

Jesus comes to free us—he is the free Son who became a slave so that the slaves might become free sons and daughters. He gives us his freedom here and now: in the word you hear preached at church, in the water he pours on your heads in Baptism, in the Body and Blood you receive in your mouths, in the forgiveness of sins spoken in the stead and by His command. **YOU ARE FREE!** Jesus says to us in so many ways—**"if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."**

As you live in His Word, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free and that truth is Jesus!

Blessings in His name,

Pastor Marcus Powers

**Financial Information—  
August 2013**



**Financial Report**

	<u>August 2012</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$ 17,739.77	\$ 163,476.70
Building Fund	1,014.00	13,693.51
Other	<u>3,272.66</u>	<u>(9,406.85)</u>
Total Income	<u>\$22,026.43</u>	<u>\$167,763.36</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Missions and Outreach	\$ 7,833.32	\$ 20,466.66
Salaries and Benefits	11,803.48	37,417.99
Mortgage Payments	1,450.00	18,958.70
Christian Education	482.38	3,730.90
Office and Maintenance	3,274.26	32,573.86
Other	<u>2,644.08</u>	<u>20,619.96</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 28,287.52</u>	<u>\$ 133,768.07</u>
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<u><b>\$(6,261.09)</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 33,995.29</b></u>

**Loan Progress Report**

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(136,506.66)</u>
Principal Balance at 8.28.13	<u>\$ 53,493.34</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)

**VOTERS' MEETING ON OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Our next voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15am in the church.**

The October meeting will be the last official meeting of the year, and there will be two very important items of business. These are the adoption of the annual work program for 2014 and the election of officers.

All confirmed members, 18 years and older are encouraged to attend and become an active part in our church government and decision making. See you there!

**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**

**Reformation Celebration**

Sunday, October 27, 2013  
Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts  
Doors open at 2:30 p.m.  
Service begins at 3:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. John C. Wohlrabe Jr.  
Second Vice President of the LCMS

**Rummage Sale:**

Can you believe that it is October already? Where has the year gone? The rummage sale is on October 18 and 19...so much planning has gone into the event so far and now it is time for the rubber to hit the road, as the saying goes.

Please help with the event. Your donations are greatly appreciated, but your time is also needed to make the event a success. Help on Sunday,

October 6th to set up the fellowship hall with tables. This will be done during second service so you will be able to get home in time for the Packer game. On October 7th, we will start to empty and sort the boxes of donations and arrange them on the tables. Come down anytime between 9 AM and 5 PM to help during that week and the next. On Friday, Oct. 18 and Saturday, Oct. 19, the actual sale will be open to the public. So much help is needed during that time. Please sign up to help then also.

Your packaged bake goods are needed for our bake sale too. Our Savior's has gained a reputation from the Election Day bake sales--people love the fruits of your labor of love!

Even if you do not want to buy any of the rummage sale items, come down for the brat fry on Saturday to chat with folks and savor some delicious brats and burgers.

Hope to see you often in the next few weeks. Thanks for your help and donations! Any questions? Please call Clara Murphy at 457-2658.

### **International Potluck Luncheon**

On Sunday, November 3, immediately following late service, the congregation is invited to our very first International Potluck Luncheon in the fellowship hall. The luncheon will include tables featuring German, Italian, Mexican and Chinese food. Guests will be asked to bring a dish to share from one of these ethnic categories. Traditional multi-generational family recipes are welcome. So are brand new recipes you're anxious to try. We'll even have a pinata for the children. Freewill offering. Desserts will be provided by the SAG committee. Sign-up in the narthex beginning Sunday, October 13 - Sunday, October 27. Hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact one of the SAG Committee members.

### **The Fall Luncheon**

The Fall Luncheon will be on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> with two seatings, 11 am and 12:30 pm. Seating is limited. A full table can be reserved with the purchase of 8 tickets. Tickets are \$8 and include 3 salads: Chicken, Cranberry Delight and Oriental Broccoli Salad, Rolls, Dessert and Beverages. Along with

the Fall Luncheon, we will have a Bake Sale and a Craft & Treasure Sale. Tickets and "To Go Box" Tickets must be purchased no later than Oct. 25 from Kory, Our Savior's Secretary (452-4005). Thank you.

### **Pastoral Acts:**

#### **Baptisms:**

Christina Hernandez, Austin Eitel, Athena Hernandez and Tyler Nielson

#### **Adult Confirmation:**

Michael Eitel and Christina Hernandez

### **MARY MARTHA GUILD**

The Mary Martha Guild began its 2013 season on September 3 with a potluck luncheon featuring fabulous food prepared by all our members. As usual, this was truly a fantastic culinary delight.

This was followed by a time of fellowship with one another and some very special guests. Pastor Powers has always been there for us with understanding, devotions and encouragement. Kory Bajus, our church secretary, is there for us when we need her computer skill and access to various parts of the building and Bill Stroo has put unlimited hours into preparing the building for our present meetings and formerly our large Mary Martha Luncheon and Holiday Faire. We are very grateful for the work they have done to make our life easier.

We also invited former members who have disabilities that make it difficult for them to leave the places at which they are now living. Gertie Froelich attended with her daughter, Jane Woodard. Glendoris Hofschield attended with her daughter-in-law, Kathy Hofschield. It was so good to see them and to share memories of times past. Other honorary members - Lois Klunk, Anita Redeker and Elsbeth Zerger - were unable to come but shared stories of their lives as they are now.

The fellowship was followed by a business meeting. This year's committee will serve as follows: Linda Powers, President; Nancy Kuitert, Vice President; Gloria Meseck, Secretary; and LaVerne Kaiser, Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm. As always, any member of Our Savior's who would like to visit to see what we're all about would be warmly welcomed.

### Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ,

What you do before surgery can affect what happens after.

#### 1. Don't get over tested

Certain tests can delay or change whether you have an operation. Many are needed only if you have specific medical problems.

##### -Blood coagulation test

Consider this test if you:

- Have abnormal bleeding or bruising
- Have liver disease
- Use blood-thinning medications or take antibiotics long term
- Are scheduled for brain, cancer, heart or spinal surgery

##### -Blood glucose test

Consider if you have:

- Diabetes
- Are obese
- Use corticosteroid medicine

##### -Breathing tests

- Have lung disease, shortness of breath, are unable to exercise
- Scheduled for lung, chest, or upper abdominal surgery

##### -Cardiac stress test

- Heart disease or abnormal heart rhythms
- Major surgery and risk factors (diabetes, heart failure or can walk short distance or flight of stairs without experiencing chest pain.)

##### -Chest X-ray

- Smoke or have symptoms of heart or lung disease
- Older than 70 with stable lung or heart disease

- Major surgery (chest, heart, lung or upper abdominal)

##### -Complete blood count

- Symptoms of anemia or infection
- History of abnormal bleeding, bruising, kidney or heart disease
- Scheduled for heart bypass or orthopedic surgery

##### - Electrocardiogram

- Symptoms of heart disease
- Orthopedic, prostate or you have cardiac risk factors

##### - Kidney function test

- 65 or older
- History of heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes
- Using certain blood pressure meds such as diuretics or ibuprofen or naproxene
- Major cardiac, chest or abdominal surgery or aortic or leg artery bypass surgery

##### - Urine sample

- Have signs of urinary tract infection
- Diabetes
- Scheduled for urinary, gynecological or genital surgery

#### 2. Eat well weeks before surgery.

#### 3. Keep moving – boost activity level a week or so before surgery.

#### 4. Strengthen your lungs – take long, deep breaths using an incentive spirometer. (Ask for one prior to major surgery so you can practice.)

#### 5. Relax – stress causes chemical changes that can impair the immune system.

#### 6. Control diabetes – blood sugar levels can spike after surgery which can cause post-surgical complications.

#### 7. Stop smoking

(Info taken from Consumer Report on Health, October 2013)

Blood Pressure Check – October 6

Office Hours

Mondays – 3:00-5:00pm

Thursdays – 4:00-5:55pm

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb Kuitert, parish nurse

**Youth News**

October brings autumn into full view. The days get shorter, the leaves begin to change and we begin to prepare for winter. We are all so busy in our activities of everyday life and we forget to focus on what is most important. Autumn is a great time to focus on God's wonderful blessings—family, friends, strength, shelter, provision, guidance, care, opportunities to serve, more time to pray and study His Word, and eternal life still to come. It can help us to prioritize what is important and what we can wait on.

The school year is off to a great start. We have had a lot of fun and exciting activities in September and October will bring us so many more.

I would like to welcome the following new students to Our Savior's Sunday school: Aiden Nienhuis (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) Aubery Nienhuis (Kindergarten).

We have many great / exciting upcoming events.

**Upcoming youth events for the youth of Our Savior's C.E.P. and High School**

All times are 5:15-6:30pm

**Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

"Stitch the Banana Together Again"

- Learn how difficult it is to regain your trust or reputation you have lost it.

We will have banana splits afterwards. We will also make signs for the Brat Fry.

**Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

"Next Great Baker Night"

- When you don't follow the directions given things may not turn out.

We will make baked goods for Saturday Brat Fry and Signs.

**Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

Brat Fry at Pick – N – Save

- 10 – 4

- Call or email Brett if interested in donating a baked good or helping with the Brat Fry.

**Come and support the Youth Group****Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pre – Nursery – Fourth Grade

After Late Service – 1:30

Luncheon Pizza, Juice and cookies will be served.

Students will carve a pumpkin, read The Pumpkin Patch Parable.

**Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

"Walk in the Dark Night"

- "who can you trust?"

Taco Bar

**Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

"Leaf Raking / Dinner"

More information coming soon

Please let feel free to contact me at 920-207-6528 or [olscyouthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:olscyouthcoordinator@gmail.com)

God's Blessings to you and your families,

Brett Meulbroek

Our Savior's Christian Education Coordinator

**Lecture at UW-Milwaukee**

With thanks for the partnership of the congregations of the South Wisconsin District in outreach to the campus of UWM, the students of Luther Memorial Chapel and University Student Center would like to invite you to their fall presentation. Rev. William Weedon, LCMS Director of Worship/International Center Chaplain will speak at the UWM Fireside Lounge on Tuesday evening, October 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. His presentation is entitled "Tell me about the God you don't believe in – I probably don't believe in Him either." He is a very engaging speaker and his presentation will be most fitting for those of all ages. Many hearts are apathetic and antagonistic toward a caricature of Christianity – not its true confession. Understanding that more fully can help all of us in gently bearing witness to the hope that we have in Christ Jesus. Please mark your calendars and plan to be present on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There is parking in the garage beneath the Student Union.

## Event for Family Caregivers

Family Dynamics: things aren't the way they used to be will be held at the Aging and Disability Resource Center, 650 Forest Avenue, Sheboygan Falls on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:00 PM Reverend Thomas Fleischmann, Chaplain for the Ministry for Health Care Centers will explore how families can work together to deal with the challenges of family caregiving.

This event is free and open to all family caregivers. Preregistration is requested by calling 467-4100.

Caregivers Connect provides an opportunity for caregivers to meet in an informal, social environment to learn practical tips on a variety of topics that will assist with the physical, emotional, financial and spiritual challenges of family caregiving. Caregivers Connect is sponsored by the Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County.

## Events from Other Churches

**Trinity Walk/Fun Run . . .** Trinity Lutheran Church and School (824 Wisconsin Ave) is having a 4K Walk/Fun Run on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 9 am at Lutheran High School. Registration begins at 8 am and kid races will follow the walk/run. This is a family-fun event. Registration is \$15 for 9th grade and up and \$5 for 8th grade and below. Registration fee includes a t-shirt. To build your energy for the walk/fun run, you are invited to join us for a "Eat Pasta, Run Pasta" spaghetti supper Friday, October 18 from 5:30 – 7 pm. A free will donation will be taken for the meal. **Registration deadline for the walk/fun run is October 3.** Registration forms are available at [www.trintiyshobogyan.org](http://www.trintiyshobogyan.org) or contact Kim Roethel at [roethel@trinitysheboygan.org](mailto:roethel@trinitysheboygan.org). All proceeds will help "Make Known the Love of Christ" at Trinity.

**Chaplaincy Brat Fry . . .** The Chaplaincy Ministry will be holding a BIG BRAT FRY on October 5<sup>th</sup> at the following Piggly Wiggly Stores: Plymouth, Howards Grove, Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan North and South and New Holstein. There will also be one at the Kohler Woodlake Market. They'll run from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Stop by and pick up a

brat or hamburger and support the Sheboygan County Chaplaincy

**Lutheran High invites all senior citizens** to attend our annual Senior Citizens / Grandparents' Day on Tues., October 8th. The day begins with donut social at 9:00 AM. The morning includes a chapel service with the student body and faculty, a Fine Arts program in the gym and our guests will then attend a class. A hot lunch will be provided. Please call ahead (452-3323) to give us your name and the number attending so we can plan accordingly. Whether you have a grandchild here or not, you are welcome to attend and enjoy a special day in Crusader Country.

**Immanuel Lutheran's Annual Trivia Night . . .** October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Immanuel Lutheran Trivia Night! We would love to see old friends and new faces at this year's "Let's Go to the Movies" trivia themed event. Trivia Night will start at 6:00 with table decorating time and will conclude at 10:00pm. So grab your 8 friends and RSVP at Immanuel by Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 920.452.9681. If you have any questions about Trivia Night please see the flyer your church has posted, or contact Allison Toerpe at Immanuel Lutheran, [atoerpe@immanuel-school.com](mailto:atoerpe@immanuel-school.com).

**The Concordia Sinfonietta . . .** directed by Dr. Jeff Held , from Concordia University, Irvine CA, will present a concert of orchestra music on Saturday, October 12 beginning at 4 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 824 Wisconsin Ave., Sheboygan. The orchestra will feature some of Concordia's talented soloist playing music by Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Britten and others. It will also perform several selections with the Konzertchor from our Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Admission is free. Please join us for a memorable concert!

**Bethlehem Benefit Auction . . .** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bethlehem Benefit Auction will take place Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bethlehem Parish Activity Center (1121 Georgia Avenue). The silent auction will start at 5:30pm with appetizers and beverages being sold. The live auction will start at 8:00pm. **Reservations are \$15 per person.** To reserve your seat, please stop by the Bethlehem Lutheran School office on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or visit the Century Room at Bethlehem Lutheran Church before and after services on Saturday (5:30 p.m.) Sunday (8 & 10:30 a.m.) and Wednesday (6 p.m.). *\$5 of each reservation is tax-deductible.* **Please RSVP by Monday, Oct. 14, 2013.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship 10:30am Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>7</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00am Bible Study 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>8</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>9</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 3:30pm CEP 5:15pm Youth Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>10</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>11</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>12</b> 10:00am-4:00pm Youth Brat Fry at Pick'N'Save
<b>13</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	<b>14 Columbus Day</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00am Bible Study 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council	<b>15</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>16</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>18</b> 1:00-5:00pm Rummage Sale	<b>19</b> 8:00am-3:00pm Rummage Sale & Brat Fry
<b>20</b> 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Voters' Meeting 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship 1:30 Sunday School Luncheon	<b>21</b> 10:00am Bible Study 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Scouts	<b>23</b> 3:30pm CEP 5:15pm Youth Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>24</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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		<b>1</b> 1:00pm Mary/Martha 7:00pm Scouts	<b>2</b> 3:30pm CEP 5:15pm Youth Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>3</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Jaeger/Taylor Wedding Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 2:00pm Jaeger/Taylor Wedding