

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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"Why Do You Look for the Living among the Dead?" *Luke 24:5*

Those words above have an edge to them. It almost seems like a rebuke to the women who went to Jesus' tomb that first Easter morning.

It's true; the women were looking for someone who was dead, not someone who was alive. They had gone to the grave because they did not have enough time to properly prepare Jesus' dead body for burial on Good Friday. The women had purchased spices to be used to finish the burial process. So early on Sunday morning, the women got up and set out for the tomb.

As they walked, they began to talk about the stone that had been placed in front of the tomb and sealed with Pilate's own seal. "Who would take it away?" they wondered. They arrived and the stone was rolled away, with great fear they looked into the tomb. To their great surprise, an angel greeted them and asked them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" In other words, "Why do you act as though the Savior were still dead?"

Like those women we often act as though Jesus were still dead. We worry about things when we really have nothing to worry about. The women worried about the stone and who would roll it away.

"Why?" the angel asked, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" There was an answer. The angel had it. He said, "He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again'" (Lk 24:6-7). The angel knew why the women were so down. It was because the women had forgotten Jesus' words and promises. He had told them all that was to happen to him in Jerusalem. He predicted his betrayal, suffering, and death. They had witnessed all these things,

but they forgot that Jesus had predicted still one more thing: on the third day he must be raised again. The women forgot and that's why they were worried about things that turned out to be no problem at all. They had forgotten the words of the Savior. That's why they were living as though Jesus was still dead, but he had risen from the dead and was alive again!

We need to remember that Jesus is alive and stop living as though he were still dead. Instead of carrying around an unnecessary burden of guilt, let's remember that Christ Jesus, who died and was raised to life again, is at the right hand of God and is interceding for us; when we find ourselves worrying about the obstacles that confront us in life, let's remember that Jesus has risen and has promised, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Mt 28:20.)

Jesus isn't dead; he lives and rules forever. And when sin seeks to rule our lives and dominate our hearts, let's remember that Jesus isn't dead anymore and let's stop acting like he is. Jesus died and then was raised in the glory of the Father, and we who are united with him in Baptism have also been buried with him and have been raised to live new lives.

Why do you look for the living among the dead? Why do you live as if Jesus were still dead? He is risen! He is risen in deed, Alleluia! Join us each week as we celebrate the fact that Jesus is risen!

A Blessed Easter to All,

Pastor Marcus Powers

**Financial Information—
February 2014**



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
April 13
8:00 & 10:30
Sunday School students sing at 10:30

Maundy Thursday
April 17
10:30am & 6:00pm

Good Friday
April 18
1:30pm

Easter Vigil
April 19
6:00pm

Easter
April 20
8:00 & 10:30am
Communion at both services

Financial Report

	<u>Feb. 2014</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 17,886.96	\$34,995.41
Building Fund	989.00	1,978.00
Other	<u>1,295.33</u>	<u>2,882.88</u>
Total Income	<u>\$20,171.29</u>	<u>\$39,856.29</u>
Expenses		
Missions and Outreach	\$4,333.34	\$ 4,408.34
Salaries and Benefits	12,739.14	25,545.90
Mortgage Payments	989.00	2,708.25
Christian Education	499.86	1,146.27
Office and Maintenance	5,430.72	8,414.25
Other	<u>420.00</u>	<u>1,380.82</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 24,412.06</u>	<u>\$ 43,603.83</u>
Net Income (Expense)	<u>\$(4,240.77)</u>	<u>\$(3,747.54)</u>

Loan Progress Report

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(152,787.05)</u>
Principal Balance at 2.28.14	<u>\$ 37,212.95</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 \$950.00.

"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 THE 27th OF APRIL

The spring quarterly meeting of Our Savior's voting assembly will be held on Sunday, April 27th between the early and late service. All confirmed members, 18 years and older, are automatically members of the voting assembly.

We encourage involvement from **all** our members, both men and women, old and young. It is only as we all work together, and actually get involved in the Lord's work, that we can fully experience blessings, and the personal satisfaction of knowing that God is working through you to accomplish His purposes.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral:

Mr. Jack Reynolds
Age: 83
Died: March 15, 2014
Laid to Rest: March 18, 2014

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

\$180 in memory of Jack Reynold

CEP BRAT FRY

\$2571.60!!!! . . . That's the total net profit from this year's CEP Brat Fry! Church members, as well as many from the general public, braved the cold but sunny weather to either volunteer their time working or to just partake of a good ol' fashioned Sheboygan Fry! Many thanks to the numerous members that volunteered their time to running the fry, to those who donated raffle items and/or bake sale items, and especially to those who enjoyed a good meal for a good cause. All proceeds will go towards the advancement of the CEP Program here at Our Savior's. If you have any suggestions or comments on the Fry, feel free to speak with either Eric or Dawn Brauer or Brett or Manda Meulbroek. See you at next year's Fry (March 8, 2014...mark your calendars)!

Treasurer Needed

After many years of service, Linda Fleck is no longer able to serve as treasurer for the church. We thank her for faithfully doing her service to the Lord for so long. However, we are in need of someone to take her place. If you are interested and have any questions about the roles and responsibilities of the treasurer, please give Linda Fleck a call at 452-7484

PIZZA BY FRANK MARZANO

Back by popular demand! Pizza by Frank Marzano – Please join us for adult fellowship and fantastic pizza catered by Frank Marzano on Saturday, April 5 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. While sharing stories of his Italian heritage and traditions, Frank will take requests and prepare a variety of pizzas – taste as many as you like! Frank accommodates all dietary needs. The cost for dinner (including pizza, salads, and desserts), beverages and tip will be \$15.00 per person. Free babysitting on-site (including free pizza for the children) will also be available. Ticket sales will begin on Thursday, March 6 through Sunday, March 30. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Heling, Ph. 458-5336. Hope you can join us!

MARY MARTHA MARCH MEETING

Pastor Powers opened our meeting with an inspirational message written by Dr. Carl Barth, who has been a very prestigious pastor with the Missouri Synod throughout his life. It was titled "Three Dollars' Worth of God" and reminds us of the people who wish to belong to a church but want only a "little" bit of Jesus in their lives instead of the fulfillment they could find if they were willing to allow the Holy Spirit to work fully in their hearts and minds.

Our speaker, Tricia Sommersberg told us of how people from Companion Care assist individuals of all ages with a wide range of medical and non-medical needs through customized services in their own homes and who will meet their needs for only a few hours, a few weeks or as long as they are needed.

Our group agreed to pay to have drawer organizers installed in our kitchen drawers, donate \$500 to our church's building mortgage, \$100 to the organ fund, \$100 to Pastor Fleischmann's chaplaincy program, and \$25 to 452-PRAY.

We finalized plans for our April 5th bus trip to Memories Dinner Theater for their buffet lunch and the play "Showtime at First Baptist." It was suggested that we arrive to board the bus at 10:15 A.M. rather than 10:30 A.M. as previously planned.

At our April 8th meeting, we will be preparing an Easter Sunday Treat for the Sunday School children. On Friday, April 11th, we will be making palm crosses for each person attending services on Palm Sunday. Volunteers for giving out the crosses are Marge Siefert, JoAnn Bartzen, Nancy Rammer and Joan Hering.

We were urged to volunteer to make soup or desserts for the Soup and Sandwich Suppers on either April 3rd or April 10th.

We welcome Maryjo Pitsch as a new member to our group and we thank our hostesses, Ethel Schumann and Delores Williams, who treated us to cake, torte and coffee at tables beautifully decorated in a St. Patrick Day theme to finish off our meeting.

OUR ORGAN RENOVATION

Our pipe organ was installed back in 1976 for the sum of \$40,000. We've had the privilege of worshipping our Lord by singing hymns accompanied by our 16 rank pipe organ for 38 years. Three or four years ago, we began to experience problems with the electronic switching system. When our organist, Virginia Johnson, presses the keys on the keyboard and footboards, she in fact is sending a signal to the switching system that allows the air to flow through the designated "pipes" which in turn produce the melodic and harmonious music thus enhancing our worship services.

Several years ago, we began hearing phantom notes, no notes, and sometimes entire key boards (there are 3) not functioning at all. The cause of these problems was due to transistors, resistors and diodes that were beginning to fail. All of these "culprits" were no longer being produced and we had to hunt for used parts, sometimes from other parts of the country.

Back in 2011, we began the search for a reliable organ builder/technician that could renovate our deteriorating switching system and install and update our old system to a digital, solid state ignition type configuration. After researching quite a number of organ builders and technicians throughout the Midwest, we visited the Nolte Organ Builders in Milwaukee. We decided to utilize their services and we began building our "Organ Fund" to the point where we could now proceed with the renovation process. That process involved about 3 weeks of transition work. Thanks to all of our members who contributed so generously to that fund, we now have a new updated organ switching system, complete with tuning. The cost of this process was a bit over \$25,000 and we praise the Lord for allowing and inspiring you to contribute so willing. (Matthew 19:26, "But with God, all things are possible.")

You will notice that this year, we have included a quarterly envelope marked "Organ Fund." We would encourage your use of these envelopes and the funding will be used for future tuning and maintenance of our newly renovated organ.

(Submitted by Arnie Gesch for the Board of Elders.)

Rummage Sale, 2014

Last year, a couple individuals donated items from their gardens for us to sell at the rummage sale...gorgeous concord grapes and squash. As you are planning your garden this year, please consider adding a row or two that will provide some produce for the rummage sale that is planned for October 17th and 18th. It is always fun to watch items grow and now you will have the added satisfaction of knowing that it will benefit the church by reducing the debt. Wouldn't it be great if we could eliminate the debt this year? Another area that we have not tapped yet for our sale is canned goods...so if you can pickles or vegetables, consider donating a jar or two to the sale. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Feudner or Clara Murphy. In the meantime, we wish you a blessed Easter!

Sunday School and Youth Information

PLANS UNDER WAY FOR THIS YEAR'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The executive board and planning committee have been hard at work developing this year's Vacation Bible School, Teach Us to Pray. Your children will learn about The Lord's Prayer and what it means through games, crafts, and presentations. They will make a wall plaque, prayer necklace, refrigerator magnet, and a prayer former. Dates are Tuesday June 17-Friday June 20. Time is 9 AM-noon at Lutheran High School. Children must be 3 years old by January 1, 2014 through current 6th grade. Volunteers must currently be in 7th grade or older. Adults are very welcome to volunteer also. For more information visit tinyurl.com/lrqpfec or contact Carol Reisinger at 920.458.1604 or email car1954@sbcglobal.net.

April Fool

We have all played an April Fools' joke on someone or had one played on us. Even though most of these April Fools' jokes were harmless, feeling foolish is no fun. But the Bible says there is a time when it's okay to be called a fool.

People thought Jesus was foolish. Sometimes His words and actions didn't seem to make sense. He

said not to hit back when someone hits you. In fact, He said it would be better to let that person hit you again. He said to forgive people who don't deserve it – not just once but every time. Finally, even though He had the power to destroy everyone who hurt Him, Jesus let Himself be put on a cross. And He died for you and me.

People who don't know Jesus call that foolish. But Jesus was no fool. He knew the only way He could take away our sins was to die for us. He didn't care what other people thought. He put up with being called foolish. He cared about doing the will of His heavenly Father and showing how much he loves us.

Has anyone made fun of you because you are a Christian? Did you feel embarrassed? Jesus understands your feelings. People made fun of Him too. When you are called a fool because you follow Jesus, remember the Holy Spirit is working in you. He causes you to act in ways the world would call foolish.

Trusting in Jesus as your Savior is the wisest thing you can do. He is the truth. He will keep the promise He gave you in Baptism - the gift of heaven. No fooling! – *My Devotions Spring 2007*

Brat Fry-

Thank you all to those who helped and supported the CEP Brat Fry this year. It was a huge success. We look forward to an even more successful event in 2015.

Singing –

The Sunday School children will sing their praises to the Lord on Sunday April 13th, Palm Sunday.

**Please note that this is the second Sunday of the month and not the third as is typical.

I would like to encourage all of the Sunday school children to join us after late service for lunch and Easter related activities. We will be making Easter Cards for the food baskets, making Resurrection Rolls and other fun games and activities.

Upcoming Events

May 11th is Mother's Day, the last day of Sunday school and Sunday school children will sing in church.

May 18th is Confirmation

June 1st is the Sunday school end of the year picnic.

Brett Meulbroek
Christian Education Coordinator

NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends in Christ:

I'm sure you have all heard of superbugs (MRSA, VRE, etc.). They are caused by overuse of antibiotics and also from incorrectly taking them when prescribed.

BEFORE YOU TAKE THAT PILL . . .

Ask these questions whenever you are prescribed an antibiotic:

1. Is it really necessary? Sometimes doctors wrongly assume that you want an antibiotic.
2. Is it the right one? It's best to use a drug that targets the specific bacteria infecting you. For example, urinary-tract infections are usually caused by E. coli, while some respiratory infections stem from staph and strep. Ideally, your doctor should order cultures to determine the cause.
3. How long should I take it? Using a drug longer than prescribed makes side effects and resistance more likely. Stopping early is a bad idea, too.
4. What are the side effects? Some antibiotics, such as ciprofloxacin (Cipro and generic), increase the risk of torn tendons. And all of them increase the risk of stomach problems, in part by killing off the good bacteria that normally live in your gut. Several antibiotics are especially prone to causing a dangerous gastrointestinal infection called C. difficile, which sickens some 250,000 hospital patients each year and kills about 14,000.

What you can do to help protect yourself and others:

1. First, take precautions to avoid infections and second, when needed, use the drugs properly.
2. At home, keep hands clean, washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
3. Avoid antibacterial soaps with a chemical called triclosan as this may promote resistance.
4. Use antibacterial creams sparingly (Neosporin, bacitracin.)
5. Get vaccinated. (Pneumonia, influenza, diphtheria, whooping cough.)
6. In the hospital – get screened for MRSA before surgery.
7. Say no if someone tries to shave you with a razor before surgery.
8. Insist on clean hands, ask doctors, nurses and visitors to wash or sanitize hands if you don't see them do it.
9. Ask if catheters and other tubes can be removed ASAP.

WHEN YOU DON'T NEED ANTIBIOTICS:

Several medical groups have no compiled lists of conditions for which antibiotics are often misused. Below are examples.

Eye infections (American Academy of Ophthalmology)

The problem: Doctors often prescribe antibiotic eye drops after treating some eye diseases, such as macular degeneration, with injections. But those drops are rarely necessary and can irritate your eyes.

When to consider antibiotics: If you have a bacterial eye infection, marked by redness, swelling, tearing, pus, and worsening vision.

Pinkeye (American Academy of Ophthalmology)

The problem: Pinkeye usually stems from a virus or allergy, not bacteria. Even when bacteria are responsible, pinkeye usually goes away by itself within 10 days.

When to consider antibiotics: If you have bacterial pinkeye plus a weak immune system or severe or persistent symptoms.

Respiratory infections (American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians)

The problem: Colds, flu, and most coughs and cases of bronchitis are viral. Strep throat is bacterial, but less than 15 percent of sore throats in adults are strep. So if you have a sore throat, get a strep test to find out.

When to consider antibiotics: If symptoms last longer than 10 to 14 days or a doctor diagnoses a bacterial illness.

Sinus infections (American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology)

The problem: Sinusitis, too, is usually viral. When bacteria are the cause, infections usually clear up untreated in a week or so.

When to consider antibiotics: If symptoms are severe, don't improve after a week, or get better and then worsen.

Urinary-tract infections in older people (American Geriatrics Society)

The problem: Older people are often treated with antibiotics when a routine test finds bacteria in their urine. But if they don't have symptoms, the drugs won't help.

When to consider antibiotics: Before certain surgeries or when you have burning during urination and a strong urge to "go" often.

Wounds from skin surgery (American Academy of Dermatology)

The problem: They pose a low infection risk, and antibiotic ointment doesn't make it lower. Petroleum jelly is cheaper and less likely to cause irritation.

When to consider antibiotics: If the wound appears infected, with redness, pain, pus, or swelling, or is in an area prone to infection, such as the groin.

(Information taken from Consumer Reports on Health, April 2014)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30am-10:00pm Our Savior's serves as a polling station for the City of Sheboygan.	2 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	3 10:30am Lenten Service 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service	4	5 10:15am Mary/Martha meet to see play 6:00pm Pizza by Frank Marzano
6 7:30-10:30 BP Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30 Divine Worship	7 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	8 1:00pm Mary/Martha 6:00-8:00pm Confirmation Interviews	9 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	10 10:30am Lenten Service 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service	11 Palm Cross making	12
13 Palm Sunday 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	14 10:00am Bible Class 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council	15	16 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 10:30am Maundy Thursday service 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Maundy Thursday service	18 Good Friday 1:30pm Good Friday service	19 Easter Vigil 6:00pm Easter Vigil service
20 Easter 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	21 3:00-5:00pm Parish Nurse	22	23 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	24 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	25	26
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