

# WORSHIP WITH US!

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

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## "What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?"

Mother's Day is May 11<sup>th</sup>. A day for us to give thanks for all that a mother does to care for her family.

Having lost my mother over five years ago has given me time to reflect on her life and all that she meant to me and my family. The ongoing thought for me is the great blessing God gave to me in a Christian mother. Don't get the wrong idea; I'm not saying that my mother was perfect. As a matter of fact, she, like each of us, had numerous flaws, but Mom shared with me the greatest gift of all—knowing Jesus. With this thought in mind, let me remind you of a few things the Bible says about our Christian mothers.

Being a mother is the most important vocation of all, a role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. Below are just a few of the biblical characteristics that describe our Christian mothers:

- **Recognizing the gift** – understanding each child is a unique gift from the hand of God (Psalm 127:3)
- **Availability** – morning, noon, and night a mother is there for her children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
- **Involvement** – interacting, discussing, thinking and processing life together, along with dad (Ephesians 6:4)
- **Teaching** – the Scriptures, and helping her child to understand how God's Word applies to daily life (Psalm 78:5-6, Deuteronomy 4:10, Ephesians 6:4)
- **Training** – helping a child to develop skills and discover individual strengths (Proverbs 22:6)

- **Discipline** – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, lovingly, and firmly (Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:5-11, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15-17)
- **Nurture** – providing an environment of constant support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love, (Titus 2:4, 2 Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 4:29-32, 5:1-2, Galatians 5:22, 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- **Modeling with Integrity** – living what you say, being a model by which a child can learn by "catching" the real meaning of godly living (Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23; Proverbs 10:9, 11:3; Psalms 37:18, 37).

The Bible never states that every woman should be a mother. However, it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers are to take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Sadly, much of society sees the role of mother as inadequate or unrewarding. Yet, a Christian mother continues to be a profound influence in the lives of her children regardless of age. That's because a mother's love, nurture, and encouragement never ends.

To each mother, I would like to express my appreciation for all you do in modeling Christian faith and love. Your commitment to serving your children and family, as it's done in faith, is done as if it were done unto the Lord!

A Happy and Blessed Mothers' Day!

In Christian love and service,

Pastor Marcus Powers

## Financial Information—March 2014

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

### Financial Report

	<u>Mar. 2014</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$ 25,781.20	\$60,776.61
Building Fund	1,814.00	3,792.00
Other	<u>7,840.94</u>	<u>10,723.82</u>
Total Income	<u>\$35,436.14</u>	<u>\$75,292.43</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Missions and Outreach	\$ -	\$ 3,908.34
Salaries and Benefits	15,349.64	41,078.54
Mortgage Payments	1,396.35	4,104.60
Christian Education	537.57	1,683.84
Office and Maintenance	4,437.37	12,851.62
Other	<u>10,732.49</u>	<u>12,113.31</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 33,253.42</u>	<u>\$ 75,740.25</u>
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<u>\$2,182.72</u>	<u>\$ (447.82)</u>

### Loan Progress Report

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(153,624.87)</u>
Principal Balance at 3.28.14	<u>\$ 36,375.13</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)

## SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

The summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day Weekend, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Each Sunday throughout the summer, worship hours are **8:00 & 9:30am** through September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday evening worship will take place each week at 6:00pm. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at the 8:00 service on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and 9:30 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Communion is offered during all Thursday services throughout the summer.

## **Our Savior's Confirmation May 18<sup>th</sup>**

The Rite of Confirmation for our junior confirmands occurs on May 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:**

On **June 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the church office of their name and school graduating from, either by phone (452-4005) or email (oursavior917@sbcglobal.net)

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

## Treasurer Needed

In an effort to fill the volunteer position of the church treasurer, I have listed the duties below. This position could be split between two people. The position will require a computer and window's excel knowledge.

### Duties of the Church Treasurer

1. Count donations every Monday starting 3:30pm, sign checks and make bank deposit
  - a. Contributions are recorded by counters, then confirmed by financial secretary, and then the treasurer
2. Work with Elder's on yearly budget preparation and approvals
3. Submit taxes on line for IRS and state
4. Submit quarterly tax report to IRS
5. Based on budget, determine yearly salaries
6. Complete W2's, W3 and WT-7, etc. in January
7. Maintain journal entry of each check, debit and credit to bank account
8. Journalize each entry by budget line item
9. Prepare a monthly financial report for Church council meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month
10. Attend the monthly church council meetings
11. Prepare quarterly financial report and present at voter's meetings
12. Complete forms requested by outside affiliations

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Fleck at 920-452-7484.

## Anniversary Thank Offering May 2014

Our present church building was dedicated to the glory of God on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

## VBS is for everyone

Is your child a potty-trained preschooler who was 3 years old by January 1, 2014? 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](mailto:car1954@sbcglobal.net).

## Mary Martha Guild News

Pastor Powers opened our Mary/Martha meeting with an inspirational devotion titled "DO YOU WANT JESUS?"

Then Linda Powers, our president, read some "thank you" notes from: Lutheran High, Pastor Fleischmann, and 452-PRAY. We discussed our upcoming June luncheon. We will vote on the location at our May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be making crosses on Friday morning at 9:00am on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

Diane Fischer read our treasurer's report. The balance is \$449.96.

Rose Zaeske mentioned about a retreat which will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Reservations are appreciated. There will be a free-will offering.

Our group made two projects for the Sunday School children which they will receive on Palm Sunday. It was a lot of fun.

Ann Fredericks and Helen Rautmann were the hostesses. It was great with an Easter theme.

We had 15 ladies present.

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ;

Mother's Day blessings to all the ladies.

Infections from hospitalizations are of major concern. A leading cause is urinary catheters. More than 400,000 people develop infections from the device each year, about 13,000 die as a result. The longer it is in place, the greater the risk.

The complications include spreading to the bloodstream, a deadly consequence. The use of antibiotics can cause patients to become vulnerable to the super-infection *Clostridium difficile* (C-dif).

Hospitals are required to report these infections and this data is included in the hospital ratings found on the internet.

Common but important things to do are:

- Ask whether you really need one, continue to ask daily if it can be removed.
- Insist on staff members to wash hands and don gloves before touching it.
- Check for proper technique when drainage bog is attached to bed or leg (should be below bladder, not kinked) and that it is emptied regularly.
- Watch for signs of infection. A fever is usually the first sign, but confusion is often reported in the elderly.

For more on hospital safety – go to [Consumer Reports.org/hospitalratings](http://ConsumerReports.org/hospitalratings)

(info take from Consumer Reports on Health – May 2014)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure – Sunday, May 4

Office Hours:

Monday: 2:45-4:50pm

Thursday: 4:00-5:55pm

## Memorial Gifts

\$2,075 in memory of Jack Reynolds

\$75 in memory of Hilbert Kuitert for use in the food pantry.

**Calling all softball players . . .** We are looking for men and women (9<sup>th</sup> grade and older) to play on the Our Savior's Softball team against other Lutheran Churches from around Sheboygan. Games are played Monday nights at either 6 or 7 pm at Firehouse Park in the town of Sheboygan. There is **NO COST TO PLAY!** We welcome all skill levels and abilities and even those who have never played. The league is very laid back so please don't feel intimidated. We would love to have you on our team. Please contact Brett @ [oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com) or 920 207-6528 if you are interested or would like more information.

## **Lutheran School Scholarships**

The Endowment Board would like to remind parents of students attending Lutheran schools and universities to submit your request for tuition assistance for the 2014-2015 school year in writing by June 1, 2014. Please Email, mail, or drop off requests to the church office, Attn: 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.

### **Last one out!**

If you ever find yourself being the last person to leave the building and the door latch is unlocked, please call either Steve Pitch 457-2974 or Brian Meyer 452-0117. This applies to off hours when there is no one else around (with a key), or no one in the office. We ask that you please don't leave the building unattended with the doors unlocked. Thanks to Steve and Brian for their willingness to be "on call" for this security commitment.

### **Rummage Sale**

Save your goodies for the October 18 and 19 rummage sale at church. All proceeds are used to reduce the church debt so every little bit helps. Invite family and friends to donate their unwanted items for the sale too. Your support has been such a blessing and we look forward to working with you in the future! Thank you! Mike Feudner and Clara Murphy, Co-Chairpersons

### **Food Pantry Update**

Thanks to all who donated to the Easter food baskets. Your generosity of food items, toiletry items and cash donations helped us fill two boxes for each of our nine families in the congregation. A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brockman for the donation of four hams for the baskets.

Our food pantry is well stocked now and as people from the area and/or our church come to get staple

items to get them by, we are pleased to have a full array of items to give.

Thank you and God bless your thoughtfulness

Serving the food pantry – Kathy Launer, Janine and Helen Bergeron

## **Youth Happenings-**

May 2014- WOW!!! Can you believe another school year is about to end. Where did the time go! The youth of Our Savior's, from our 3 year olds to our 8th graders participated in a lot of really fun and amazing things this school year. The children participated in Sunday School and CEP on weekly basis, where they learned about God's word and all of the great things he has done for us. They worked very hard and put on a great Christmas program, called "Christmas Lights," raised lots of money for the Salvation Army and then bought Christmas gifts for children in the community. They children sang their praises to the Lord each month and then came together in a time of fellowship after church. We held brat fry's and bake sales and a penny war. They even walked and represented Our Savior's in the Jaycees Christmas Parade for the first time. I am very proud of all the things the children of Our Savior's did this school year and hope that we continue to do more in the future.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Saturday May 10th CEP students go to Sky Zone Trampoline Park and Dave and Busters  
 Sunday May 11th Last Day of Sunday School:  
 Children sing in church: No Activity  
 Sunday May 18th Confirmation  
 Monday June 2nd Softball Starts

### **TBA Summer Events:**

**A Carnival here at church**  
**Fourth of July Parade**  
**Beach Bon Fire**

Stay safe this summer!

Blessings to you and your family-  
 Brett Meulbroek

**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

### **LUTHERAN COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFO**

**Neat Repeat Sales . . . 5/5-5/10** Jewelry 30% off; 5/12-5/15 Sports & Fitness Equipment 50% off; **5/16 & 5/17 BAG SALE** – you pay only \$5 for a bag of clothes (see store for details); **5/19-5/24** Tools & Hardware 50% off; **5/26-5/31** Candles, Candle Holders & Vases 50% off

### **Adult and Bell Choir Director Needed . . .**

Immanuel Lutheran Church (1634 Illinois Avenue) is looking for an adult and bell choir director. The position is part-time, 2 hours a week on Tuesdays, required performance once a month, possible additional time during Lent and Advent. A music background, directing choirs and bells, and keyboard proficiency required. Salary negotiable depending on number of performances. We are also seeking a part-time organist. Send resumes to: Music Committee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1634 Illinois Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081

**Lutheran High Spring Drama . . .** "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Performances are Friday, May 2 at 7PM; Saturday, May 3 at 7PM; and Sunday, May 4 at 2PM. Tickets go on sale Monday, April 14 in the school office. Preferred seating is \$16 (all ages). Reserved and Bleacher Seating is \$12 for adults / \$6 Students and Senior Citizens. Senior Citizens are invited to a free matinee at 1:30 PM, Thursday, May 1. A freewill offering will be taken. SALSA grade school students will see a free performance on Friday, May 2 at 10AM. The musical may be complicated for children younger than Grade 4 to follow/understand.

**Immanuel Lutheran Rummage Sale . . .** takes place Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00-3:00pm. A brat fry, bake sale and torte sale will also occur from 9:00am-3:00pm. Prices are reduced at 2:00pm. Rummage sale proceeds will support the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip and brat fry proceeds will support Immanuel. Immanuel is located at 1626 Illinois Ave,

Sheboygan.

**Volunteers needed for Lutheran High Work Day - "Labor of Love" . . .** With spring hopefully around the corner, the spring clean-up date has been scheduled at Lutheran High School. Parents, students, alumni, or any LHS friends are needed to help volunteer with numerous projects on the grounds and in the school at the LHS campus. The Facility Committee has scheduled this work day opportunity with your support on May 3 from 8:00 am till 2:00 pm to assist them with these projects (lawn work, gardens, general clean-up). If you are able to help anytime on this day, please call the school office at 920-452-3323, or send an e-mail to Tom Rusch, LHS Facility manager at [rusch@lutheranhigh.com](mailto:rusch@lutheranhigh.com) to sign-up for the day. A make-up date of May 10 was scheduled, if rain and weather is an issue on May 3.

**Get Out of the Boat! . . .** Matthew 14:29- That is the theme of the Camp LuWiSoMo for this summer. Camp LuWiSoMo is a summer camp supported by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that provides weekend camps for children and parents of children in Pre-School through 2nd grade and 7 day camp for children in grades 3-8. Children will learn explore the story of Peter walking on water and several other Bible stories to get a better understanding of what happens when we fully trust and rely on God. Children have daily worship along with all the traditional camp activities like Archery, Arts and Crafts, Baseball, Boating, Canoeing, Sailing, Fishing, Singing, Photography, Horse Riding and so much more. See more information on the Youth Bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Brett @ [oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com)

**Lutheran High Summer Camps . . .** Sheboygan Lutheran High again is offering art, dance and sports camps this summer. Please view the LHS Website at [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com) under "Activities" to download the registration forms for the Crusader camps, Dekker Basketball camps and Vacation Bible School. Complete the forms and return them to the LHS office with your payment soon.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3	
4 7:30-10:30am BP Check 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship	5 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	6 1:30pm Mary/Martha	7 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	8 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	9	10 CEP students go to Sky Zone Trampoline Park and Dave and Busters	
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