

# WORSHIP WITH US!

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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## Are You Going It Alone?

Since the wake-up call on September 11, 2001 the war against terrorism continues. Before 9-11, most in America thought, "It could never happen here." Since then we have come to understand that we are not invincible to the attacks of our enemies.

The war on terrorism is not a war that America is fighting alone. Understanding the great obstacles that lie before them, our governmental leaders have looked to other nations for support in fighting this war. Much time has been spent through the years cultivating allies and building a coalition in this war. There is no way that America can be successful in this conflict without the help and support of other peace-loving nations. The enemy is simply too violent.

In many ways this war on terrorism is reflective of the Christian's life. We go through our daily activities and things seem to be going smoothly, when suddenly everything goes wrong. We find ourselves struggling to make sense of the evil that has taken place in our lives and among our family. The enemy is real; we're not invincible to his attacks. Martin Luther expressed this reality in his great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." His words help us to understand the fierce attack that our enemy, the devil, wages against us. "The old evil foe, now means deadly woe; deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight; on earth is not his equal." Luther's words describe a battle that we dare not face alone, because we will never be successful on our own—the enemy is plainly too violent. We need help!

However, the sad fact is too many people try to fight this battle on their own. Perhaps it is a sense of pride and arrogance that makes people think that they can fight off the enemy (the devil) on their own.

In the process they struggle and grow despondent as they wrestle with the trials and frustrations of daily life;

and as a consequence they feel hopeless. This even affects members of the body of Christ as they try to go it alone.

There are some members of the Church who have cut themselves off from hearing the Gospel at worship or in Bible study and receiving the Lord's Supper. This may have begun in a very harmless way—perhaps a work schedule or a brief illness kept them away at first—but over time it has become easier for them to stay away. There may be others who find "more important things" to do on a Sunday morning. I wonder, "Have their hearts have grown cold to the holy things of God?"

When one stays away from the Lord's house, that person has made a deliberate decision to go it alone in the war against the devil. And as Luther reminds us those are not very good odds, because, "on earth is not his (the devil's) equal." We cannot go it alone. Alone, we can never stand up to the power of the devil; therefore, we look to our Lord Jesus to get us through those times when war breaks out in our lives.

Christ promised that he "will be with us always, to the very end of the age" (Matt. 28:20). As Luther puts in his hymn, "He's by our side upon the plain with His good gifts and Spirit." Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit is our teacher, our Savior, our friend, and our brother. He lives within us and is with us always. He offers His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe. What great comfort it is for us to know that we don't have to go it alone.

In Christian love and service,

Pastor Marcus Powers

**Financial Information—  
August 2014**



**Financial Report**

	<u>August 2014</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$ 18,387.81	\$ 161,724.09
Building Fund (Debt Reduction)	677.00	7,487.00
Memorials	500.00	4,395.11
Misc.	2.16	999.31
Special Projects (Non-Budget)	<u>57.00</u>	<u>7,498.50</u>
Total Income	<u>\$19,623.97</u>	<u>\$182,104.01</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Mission Outreach	\$ 9,666.66	\$ 19,400.34
Salaries and Benefits	13,014.65	109,753.96
Mortgage Payments (P&I)	1,007.00	10,453.50
Christian Education	565.66	4,201.97
Admin. and Maintenance	3,250.08	34,796.97
Non Budget Disbursements	-	<u>6,219.98</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 27,504.05</u>	<u>\$ 184,826.72</u>
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<u>\$(7,880.08)</u>	<u>\$(2,722.71)</u>

**Loan Progress Report**

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(159,286.84)</u>
Principal Balance at 8.28.13	<u>\$ 30,713.16</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 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Our next voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 19<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 2015 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**

**SIGN UP FOR ELECTIONS**

Elections for boards will take place at the October 19<sup>th</sup> Voters' Meeting. If you are interested in serving the church in this manner, you can find information about the various boards and terms in the narthex. A sign up sheet will be available to place your name on the ballot. Prayerfully consider lending your time and talents for the Lord's work in this way.

**Reformation Celebration**

Sunday, October 26, 2014  
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. Ronald Mudge  
Associate Professor and Pre-Seminary Studies Director  
at Concordia University Wisconsin

## Rummage Sale:



### **ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti Luncheon** (Sponsored by Social Activities Group)

The Social Activities Group is sponsoring a Spaghetti Luncheon at 11:30am on **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Church Fellowship Hall. The meal will include; ***Spaghetti with Meat sauce or without meat, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Milk.***

Adult tickets will cost \$6.00 for all you can eat and children under 5 are free.

Ticket sales will begin on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> before and after each worship service.

If you have any questions, or have an interest in helping with this or future events, please contact Robyn Bemowski @ 803-0958 or one of the group's members listed below.

Linda Fleck, Gail Hajenga, Marilyn Helling, Marijo Pitsch, Nannette Neerhof, Jane Woodard, Dawn Brauer, Jean Brauer & Kelly Jaeger.

### **Upcoming Events sponsored by the Social Activities Group:**

- November 13<sup>th</sup> Giving Tree begins
- December 7<sup>th</sup> Caroling & Pizza after at Pitsches'
- Feb. 22, 2015 – Annual Chili Cook Off
- Spring – Memories Dinner Theater Event
- Spring – Bake Sale to raise money for Church flowers outside.

Rummage Sale Info! What's needed? HELP! Lots and lots of help! Please sign up on the board in the narthex.

1. Set-up help needed Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> during second service to take down walls in hall and put up tables.
2. Help sort items Monday through Friday (Oct. 6-10 and Oct. 13-16) from 9 AM to 5 PM. Two evenings also available Tues., Oct. 7 and Mon. Oct. 13 from 6-8 PM.
3. Workers needed on both sale dates: Friday from 1-5 PM and two shifts available on Sat. from 8 AM to 3 PM. Volunteers should show up a minimum of ½ hour before their shift for check in and instruction if needed.
4. Tables needed—6 ft, 8 ft, and card tables. Put your name on them and bring them down to church by Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> if possible.
5. Grocery bags to put purchases in.
6. Baked goods for the two sale dates. Please package and label the items.
7. Garden produce is also welcome for the sale.

High School students who need community service hours are welcome to volunteer. We will sign your forms so you can get credit for hours volunteered. We have individuals who have volunteered to assist members who may need help in bringing items to church, please contact Clara or Mike to arrange it. Large items (like couches) can be brought in beginning Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

All volunteers are again invited this year to a wrap up party on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Murphy's. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Questions? Call Clara (457-2658) or Mike (451-4759).

**Pastoral Acts:**

Funeral:

Elsbeth Zerger

Age: 87

Died: August 30, 2014

Laid to Rest: September 5, 2014

Adult Confirmation:

John Hawig, Brian Williams – September 4, 2014

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

\$1225 in memory of Elsbeth Zerger

\$1085 in memory of Dorothy Fischer towards the organ fund

**PILGER, NEBRASKA TORNADO RELIEF  
UPDATE**

Thank you, members of Our Savior's, for generously opening your hearts to financially assist your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John's, Pilger, NE. The total donations forwarded to Rev. Makelin for his flock came to: \$1,594.18, of this amount, Our Savior's members contributed \$876.18. Contributions from three sister congregations made up the rest.

I am happy to report the parsonage is complete and Pastor Makelin and family have a home and place to work. Next will be the church. Further updates will be posted as they are received. To God be the glory!

**FOOD PANTRY - WHO NEEDS IT ANY WAY???**

Even though you may have a job, making ends meet can be a challenge at times. Let the FOOD PANTRY at Our Savior's ease the gap! The Food Pantry is for those in need. We don't look at your financials to determine how great the need really is. Need a few essentials . . . or maybe groceries to get you through the week? Give the church a call and we'll gladly assist you with our supply of food and toiletry items. If you don't have a need right now, check with your neighbor or perhaps a coworker who needs assistance due to cutbacks. We're here for you. To those of you who so graciously contribute, thank you from the recipients, both fellow members and guests alike are always very appreciative.

**KEEP THE COUPONS COMING :)**

It never ceases to amaze me how the Lord works! Over the past few weeks, coupons and store deals have been awesome, to the point where we can put a few extra essentials in the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The food pantry shelves have also been stocked with free items too! Remember, please do not cut out the coupons for me, it's more efficient to have the coupon inserts whole and intact.

Anyone wanting to learn more about saving money with coupons, give Janine Bergeron a call, 457-0516.

**MARY MARTHA GUILD**

The first meeting of the 2014-2015 season was a Potluck dinner on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church Fellowship Hall. Pastor Powers welcomed everyone and offered a prayer before the meal. Members each brought a dish to pass, we had a variety of delicious food. Thanks to all who made this a successful event.

A short business meeting followed the meal. Membership lists were passed out and dues collected. It was decided to attend Elsbeth Zerger's funeral as a group. Elsbeth was a dedicated member of the Mary Martha Guild for many years. A memorial in honor of Elsbeth was given to Our Savior's.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 7 at 1:00pm and we will meet in the Youth Room, not in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Powers will be our speaker. Guests are always welcome.

Hostesses for October are Rose Zaeske and Jo Anne Bartzen.

The Committee

## Notes from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ:

It is 9/11/14 as I write this. It is a cold morning (the furnace kicked in). I watched a DVD entitled "God's Not Dead." The film is about a freshman college student who refuses to deny his faith and the atheist professor who insists that all his students sign a paper where they have written "GOD IS DEAD." With much agitation on the part of the professor, he agrees to allow the student to present his arguments for God in 20 minutes at the end of class for 3 weeks.

There are several stories entwined throughout, showing different people's journeys "looking" for a relationship with others and God. I don't want to give away too much, but near the end of the third session, the professor asks why God (if He was alive) would allow evil to happen. God does allow evil, but He also has given us free choice. Some choose God, others don't.

Oftentimes, we look around us and complain or grumble or become fearful of the way things are. We want things to go our way, we want things to be easy, we want things to be peaceful and calm. When they don't, when we are scared, sad, lonely or angry, the only solution is to look to God and His word and the future we will have with Him. This can alleviate stress and add to a healthier outlook on life. It is good for the body, mind and soul. Better than all the herbs, vitamins, things or people that promise the same.

May God bless each and every one. If you have a chance, please see this film.

Blood Pressure Check – October 5

### Office Hours

Mondays – 2:45-4:50pm

Thursdays – 4:00-5:55pm

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb Kuitert, parish nurse

## ALTAR GUILD

In November, we will need volunteers to prepare communion trays. If you would be willing to help with one or more services, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Daryl Jaeger at 918-3665

### News From Other Lutherans

**LHS HarvestFest Reminder . . .** Return your RSVP to attend HarvestFest at Lutheran High School. Your \$30 per person includes an "All-you-can-eat" buffet featuring roast pork and chicken, famous HarvestFest baked beans, autumn vegetables and homemade cobbler. After Sept. 19, admission is \$35 per person. The evening entertainment includes shopping the Farmer's Market, fun games such as Bean Bag Toss, Pumpkin Bowling, Plinko, and Needle in a Haystack, Silent Auction items to include WI Badger Basketball tickets, walk the Cake Walk, and come early for Happy Hour! If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please pick one up in the narthex at the HarvestFest display today! Throw on your jeans and join us!

**Immanuel Trivia Night . . .** will take place Friday, October 14, starting at 6:00pm. The cost is \$10/person or \$80/table. Bring your own snacks and tableware. Call 452-9681 to reserve your spot. See the flyer in the narthex for more information.

**Reformation Celebration . . .** Mark your calendars for this year's REFORMATION CELEBRATION to be held on Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3:30 p.m. at the Stefanie H. Weill Center in downtown Sheboygan. The Rev. Dr. Ronald Mudge, Associate Professor and Pre-Seminary Studies Director at Concordia University Wisconsin, will preach on "No Longer as a Slave."

**Badger Football Game . . .** Trinity Lutheran Church in Howards Grove, WI has secured 50 tickets to the Badger Football game on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. The time of the game has not yet been determined however, the ticket office THINKS it will be at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$100.00 per person which includes the Discovery coach bus ride, ticket, snacks on the bus and a \$10.00 voucher per person to be used at the concession stand at Camp Randall Stadium. If you are interested or know someone that is interested in going, you may contact Toni Post at 920 565-3669 or e-mail at secretary@trinityhowardsgrove.org

# Our Saviors Youth Page

October 2014

Brett Meulbroek: Youth Coordinator - (920) 207-6528 email: oslyouthcoordinator@gmail.com

## Dates to Remember

October 12<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale

October 18 CEP @  
Rummage Sale

October 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
School Children Sing in  
Church / Luncheon - 1p.m.

CEP Volunteer Bethesda 9-  
11:30

October 26<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale

## For Your Planning Purposes:

Sheboygan Jaycees  
Holiday Parade November  
30<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m

Our Savior's Sunday School  
Christmas Program: Sunday  
December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30  
a.m.

**\*\*New for 2014 Monthly  
Bible Trivia: Children will  
get to pick a prize from the  
prize box: Answers should  
be placed in box in Sunday  
School room and winner  
will be drawn at the end of  
the month**

## Pre-Nursery-Kindergarten

Who built the Ark?

## First / Second Grade:

What is the name of the  
giant that David defeated?

## Third/Fourth:

Where did Jesus grow up?

## Fifth-Seventh:

What does God want in  
1 Timothy 2:4?

## How a Christian is like a Pumpkin

What a great first month we had back. The children are doing so well and seem to be having lots of fun. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends for bringing your children. The attendance has been great.

Now that it is October, I would like to share a story with you that I found on the website [promiseofGod.com](http://promiseofGod.com). This story talks about how being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin.

## How a Christian is like a Pumpkin

A lady recently baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you that you may have gotten from other pumpkins.

Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then he carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

## Pumpkins and Jesus

P - is for the people that Jesus came to save.

U - is for the Unconditional love to each one he gave.

M - is for the Message we should all be sharing

P - is for the Priceless gift God above showed he is Caring.

K - is for the King of Kings

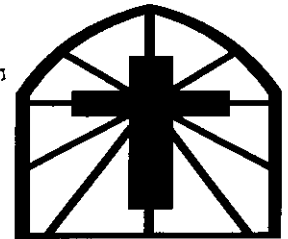
I - is for the Insight he brings

N - is for the Nails in his Hands

S - is for our Savior who gave His life so we could stand

So when you see a pumpkin don't think of some guy named Jack

Instead think of Jesus Christ who is one day coming back!



~ October 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Youth Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>2</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship 10:30 Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>6</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00am Bible Study 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>7</b> 1:00pm Mary Martha 9:00am-8:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>8</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>9</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>10</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion YOUTH BAKE SALE BETWEEN SERVICES	<b>13</b> 9:00am-8:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 10:00am Bible Study 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council	<b>14</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up	<b>15</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Youth Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00am-5:00pm Rummage Sale Set Up 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>17</b> 1:00-5:00pm Rummage Sale	<b>18</b> 8:00am-3:00pm Rummage Sale and Brat Fry
<b>19</b> 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Voters' Meeting 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Worship 1:00pm Sunday School Luncheon	<b>20</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>23</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am-11:30am Youth at Bethesda
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