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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

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With the coming of a 'New Year' I'm sure that many of you have taken some time to reflect and look back over the past year. Some of you have likely experienced a great deal of change, while others didn't see much change over the past year.

As you look around the world, there are many remarkable events that have taken place within the last year. Most news agencies will compile a list of the top ten news events that have happened locally, nationally, and globally. In Milwaukee, which is somewhat local, the top news event was perhaps the long awaited grand jury report in the Dontre Hamilton shooting. As this article is being written the outcome of that report is still uncertain and how the various groups involved will react is yet to be seen.

When you think about it, there is a common thread that runs through these news events that are taking place, in addition to the events that happen in our own lives, and that common thread is "uncertainty." In truth, this uncertainty has been with us since the fall into sin. Adam and Eve experienced uncertainty after they sinned and it caused them to hide from God. Yet, God in His mercy called and went to them to speak His word of sin and grace. God promised that He would bring restoration through the offspring of Eve who would overcome sin, the devil, and death.

Like Adam and Eve, we need to hear the promises of God in order to overcome the uncertainty that we often experience in the midst of life's challenges. We have the privilege of gathering each week in the Lord's house to do just that! As we come together with the family of God, we confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness, remembering that where there is the forgiveness of sins there is the promise of life eternal to all who believe.

In that gift of forgiveness, we have great hope—even in the midst of the uncertainties of life. This living hope comes to us through the Christ child, His birth, His life, His death, and His resurrection. Jesus has made us heirs of eternal life; but most importantly, we don't leave Him behind in 2014. Rather, He goes with us into 2015 just as He has promised, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you."

For you, God's child, 2015 will be just like every other year—it will be a year of God's peace and grace, because He's with you always, to the very end of the age.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Marcus Powers

Voters' Meeting

The church council would like to encourage everyone to attend the first quarterly voters' meeting held on **January 18th between services in the Church.** All confirmed members 18 years and older are voting members of the church, and have the privilege of being part of the decision-making process of the congregation.

At this meeting, reports will be given by the various boards on the past year's activities. Please set aside time for this important and informative meeting

Financial Information— November 2014

A Cheerful Giver

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Perhaps by now some of you may have heard of the generous gift that was left to Our Savior's. In late December we were privileged to receive a portion of the estate of Dorothy Simon.

Miss Simon was a retired public school teacher (Wilson Elementary) who died in July of 2013 and was a member of First United Lutheran Church in Sheboygan. She had lived a modest lifestyle, saved and invested wisely over the years, was never married and had no other surviving family. As a result she chose to leave the bulk of her estate to various charities. It seems to me that Miss Simon fits the description of a cheerful giver!

Our Savior's was chosen because Miss Simon's mother, Meta Simon, had been a member of Our Savior's in the early and mid-1970's. Dorothy was so pleased that her mother had found a loving church home here and was able to receive spiritual care and nurture from Pastor Redeker at the time that she left Our Savior's 15 percent of her estate (\$221,896.41).

Dorothy also left a very generous gift to her church. That gift was directed to an endowment fund. Her desire was to not have the congregation see the funds as a replacement for their regular offerings, rather to use the interest earnings from the endowment for building and property improvements.

I would have a tendency to agree with Dorothy's thinking in regard to her gift—that our congregation not see it as a replacement for our regular offerings. God has blessed the people of Our Savior's with the ability to provide for the day-to-day ministry that is taking place here. This gift is above and beyond that provision, as such, we seek God's guidance in how to best utilize it for His purposes.

In the coming weeks the leadership of our congregation will be discussing the various ways we might utilize this gift. Please pray about this, asking the Lord to give us wisdom and unity in how we can use this generous gift from a cheerful giver for the mission of Christ's Church.

Financial Report

| | <u>Nov. 2014</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Income | | |
| Offerings | \$ 25,139.80 | \$ 229,751.14 |
| Building Fund | 353.00 | 16,707.76 |
| Memorials | 345.00 | 8,080.11 |
| Misc. | 122.86 | 1,126.20 |
| Special Projects (Non-Budget) | <u>280.00</u> | <u>8,053.50</u> |
| Total Income | <u>\$26,240.66</u> | <u>\$263,728.71</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Missions and Outreach | \$ 2,416.66 | \$ 24,233.66 |
| Salaries and Benefits | 14,768.74 | 137,742.14 |
| Mortgage Payments | 1,092.00 | 20,413.26 |
| Christian Education | 710.92 | 6,292.52 |
| Admin. and Maintenance Non Budget | 4,187.21 | 41,536.75 |
| Disbursements | <u>211.00</u> | <u>38,978.30</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$ 23,386.53</u> | <u>\$ 236,878.31</u> |
| Net Income (Expense) | <u>\$2,854.13</u> | <u>\$ 26,850.40</u> |

Loan Progress Report

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| Principal Balance at 8.10.07 | \$ 190,000.00 |
| Less: Principal Pmts to Date | <u>(168,750.87)</u> |
| Principal Balance at 10.28.13 | <u>\$ 21,249.13</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)

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.

CHURCH OFFICERS INSTALLATION

Our **newly elected and re-elected officers and board members will be installed at the late service on Sunday, January 4, 2015.** We appreciate the eagerness you've shown for service to the Lord and others by allowing your name to stand for nomination. God grant you faithfulness and strength as you serve Him.

On behalf of all members, I'd like to thank those officers and board members who have served the Lord and our congregation during the past year. Your time and talents are a gift from the Lord and you have willingly used them for God's purposes and His glory. Thanks for a job well done!

Pastor Powers

Pastoral Acts

FUNERALS

Mr. Edvin Hatleli, Sr.

Age: 91

Died: November 29, 2014

Laid to Rest: December 6, 2014

Thank You!!!

As one year ends and another begins, we look back and reflect on the past year. Our Savior's has been truly blessed by the countless hours of volunteers that we know of and those who quietly work behind the scenes. We thank all of you, known and unknown! **Thank You to**

- All who donated and helped with the soup and sandwich suppers. It was delicious!
- Our Savior's Sunday school children for their participation in the Children's Christmas Service.
- All our Sunday school teachers and staff for their time and talents used for the Children's Christmas Service and your weekly commitment to teach the Gospel.
- Those who put together the Christmas treat bags and refreshments after the Children's Service.
- The Decorating Committee for their talents and time to beautify our building.
- The Church Choirs, choral and hand bell, our directors, instrumentalists, and vocalists who enhance our worship services.
- Our ushers for their ongoing service to the Lord and for helping to keep things running smoothly.
- The Food Pantry Committee for showing the love of Christ in helping to gather and distribute items for seasonal food baskets.
- Our Social Action Group for promoting opportunities of fellowship and service within the congregation.
- The Altar Guild for their devotion in helping with the Lord's Supper each week.
- The church secretary, Kory, for her dedicated work and service to the Lord.
- Our custodians, Bill and LouAnn Stroo, and countless others who keep our facility in top-notch shape.
- All church board members who work so hard to keep our church functioning.
- Not least of all, our Lord, for enabling each of us to use our time, talents, and treasures for His Kingdom work. We thank you Lord!

THANK YOU

Linda and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to those members who remembered us with cards, gifts and prayers this Christmas season. Your kindness and generosity is truly a reflection of Christian faith active in love. We pray the Lord will continue to keep you in his grace and abundantly bless you during this New Year.

Additionally, we thank the Lord for the privilege of serving the people of Our Savior's and we look forward to ongoing opportunities for sharing the Good News that a Savior has been born for you; He is Christ the Lord.

In Christian love and service,

Pastor Marcus Powers

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Cor. 1:4)

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please stop in the lounge in the back of the narthex to pick up your packet following worship services, if you haven't done so. We hope you will assist us in this process by picking up your offering envelope packet as soon as possible. Your 2013 year – end financial statement that will be mailed to your home in mid-January.

Additionally, for those who are interested in giving your regular offerings by electronic funds transfer, there is a program available for you called "**Simply Giving.**" If you would like to consider this method for your offerings, please contact the church office (452-4005) for information and an application form. There is no cost to you for this service.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

\$345 in memory of Elsbeth Zerger

FLOWER CHART POSTED

The flower chart for 2015 is in the narthex, next to the ushers' room in the cabinet. Members wishing to donate flowers are asked to select a date by placing their name on the appropriate line. Flowers may be given to the Glory of God in observance of special events, anniversaries, birthdays, many blessings or in memory of Christian loved ones.

The flowers are supplied by Caan's Floral Co. The cost of for the two vases is \$26.00 and the centerpiece is \$24.00. Kory will contact each donor about mid-week before the specified Sunday to determine the occasion for acknowledgment in the Sunday bulletin.

On your Sunday, simply place the amount for the flowers in a plain envelope marked "Altar Flowers" with your name, on it in the offering plate.

PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. We appreciate the tremendous response of our people over the years to beautify the chancel altar with flowers. However, we can only accommodate so many donors per Sunday, so note carefully the designated spaces, and do not add your name when spaces are full!
2. It is the responsibility of the donor to pick up the flowers in the chancel immediately following the late service. If this is not possible, you may get them on Monday morning.
3. All flower payments should be made no later than the Sunday the donor selected.

Thanks again to all our people for this extra loving act.

A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DONATIONS:

We want to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of this year's Giving Tree for the Salvation Army. Your generosity directly benefited many families. Thank you again for the many, many donations which meant so much to the Social Action Group but even more to The Salvation Army. Thank you from all of us.

Wishing everyone a blessed 2015,

The Social Activities Committee

Mary Martha Guild News

On Tuesday, December 2, Mary Martha members met at Rupp's Restaurant for a Christmas celebration. We enjoyed good food and fellowship.

On Saturday, December 13, we packaged home-baked cookies for the cookie sale to be held between services on Sunday, December 14.

The next Mary Martha meeting will be January 6 at 1:00pm. Hostesses for January are Jane Woodard and Ann Fredricks.

Happy New Year! – The Committee

Parish Nurse News

Dear Friends in Christ:

Blessings in the new year.

How to protect your bones

How can you tell if you have bone loss?

Bone Density Test – a T-score between 1 and -2.5 is called low bone mass (osteopenia). Below -2.5 is osteoporosis.

When should people get tested?

Women – age 65 and older. Men – age 70 and older. Anyone 50-69 if at high risk (previous fracture, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease).

Why do bones break?

They didn't reach optimal peak mass (didn't build enough bone in first place). Approximately, 80% of peak mass is genetically determined, 20% can be modified by lifestyle (exercise and nutrition.)

What matters besides bone mass?

Muscle – loss of muscle due to aging causes frailty, poor balance and higher risk of falls.

Calcium and Vitamin D are both important to prevent bone loss as they work together. Also foods that

create acids in the body lead to bone breakdown, as bone is an alkali reservoir, to neutralize acid in the circulation bone is broken down. Acid comes from food that is broken down into compounds that produce hydrogen ions (cereal grains and protein.) Eating fruits and vegetables provide alkali to the system.

MOVE IT OR LOSE IT

Aerobic, strength and balance training can protect your bones. For exercises to strengthen your spine and improve your posture, go to nof.org/exercise.

- Strength training 2-3 times a week.
- Aerobic activity at least 30 minutes a day.
- Balance training once a week.

THE BOTTOM LINE

CALCIUM

NAH's Daily Target

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| Women: | 1,000mg if 19 to 50 |
| | 1,200mg if over 50 |
| Men: | 1,000mg if 19 to 70 |
| | 1,200mg if over 70 |

The targets include what you get from food. Count 250 milligrams for each serving of dairy you eat and 250 mg for the rest of your diet. Then see if you need a supplement.

VITAMIN D

NAH's Daily Target

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| 600 IU if adult up to age 70 |
| 800 IU if over 70 |

If you live north of Los Angeles or Atlanta (or the line between them), your skin can't make enough vitamin D during the winter.

PROTEIN

NAH's Daily Target:

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| At least 60 grams (women) |
| At least 80 grams (men) |

The targets are for a typical 130 lb. women or 175 lb. man. Rule of thumb: Your protein target in grams is roughly equal to half your weight in pounds.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES

NAH's Daily Target:

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| At least 10 servings |
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(a serving is just ½ cup)

There's no better way to neutralize excess acid.

EXERCISE (weight-bearing)

NAH'S Daily Target

30 minutes or more

To get or stay trim, you'll need 60 to 90 minutes a day.

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure: 7:30-10:30am, January 4th.

Office Hours: Mondays, 3:00-5:00pm
Thursdays, 4:00-5:55pm

Rummage Sale 2015

For the past two years, your donations have amazed me. So generous and bountiful. I wonder could you possibly have anything left? I keep finding things each year and hoping that you do also. I have told many individuals that having a rummage sale is like an archeological dig...you find out what "must have" item has gone out of favor. As examples, we saw many Mr. Coffee makers which makes one think you are switching to Keurig. The wall art was also plentiful which indicated that many of you are spiffing up your homes and letting go of past trends. Did you hear the expression "one man's trash is another man's treasure"? You would have been amazed at the mad rush on Friday when we opened our doors with people finding treasure after treasure. All of your donations created a record \$6700 off the church debt. So clean out the closets, attics, basements, drawers, jewelry boxes and anything else you can think of so we can have another successful sale on October 16 and 17...perhaps even a record breaking year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Clara Murphy or Mike Feudner.

Our Savior's Night at Lutheran High

As a small thank you for the support Our Savior's gives Lutheran High School by being a member of the Lutheran High School Association, all members of will be admitted free of charge to the Friday, January 16th boys' basketball game against Cedar Grove.

The JV 2 game starts at 4:30pm, JV at 5:50pm and Varsity at 7:30pm.

Lutheran High School Open House and Freshman Registration

Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School will host an Open House and Freshman Registration from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 22. The Open House is for students and families in grades 5-8. Guests will be given a tour of the Lutheran High facility and have the opportunity to meet faculty members and current students. Families be able to get an up-close look at Lutheran High's curriculum, facility, mission focus, and student life. Incoming freshman families will also be able to schedule classes for the 2015-16 school year. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling Samantha Wetenkamp, LHS School Secretary, at 920-452-3323 or emailing her at wetenkamp@lutheranhigh.com. Open house visitors and incoming freshman families will receive free admission to the JV and Varsity Crusader Boys' basketball games vs. Kohler. Game times are 5:50 and 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 920-452-3323 or visit Lutheran High's website at www.lutheranhigh.com.

Six LCEF scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded . . . to six graduating high school seniors or current full-time post-secondary students at an accredited institution with at least one year of courses remaining. Candidates must also be members of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod located in one of the following LCMS districts: Iowa East, Iowa West, Minnesota North, Minnesota South, North Dakota, North Wisconsin or South Wisconsin. The application deadline is February 28, 2015. Learn more and apply online at lcefuppermidwest.org/scholarships.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | |
| | | | | 1 OFFICE CLOSED. NO THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP | 2 | 3 | | |
| 4 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Check 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship & installation of board members & officers | 5 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings | 6 1:00pm Mary Martha | 7 3:30pm CEP 6:45pm Choir | 8 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion | 9 | 10 | | |
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| 18 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Voters' Meeting 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Divine Worship | 19 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse | 20 | 21 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm CEP Parent Teacher Conferences 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir | 22 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion | 23 | 24 9:00-11:30am Youth at Bethesda | | |
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