

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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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

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People of the Passion

Many people were part of Jesus' passion. What do you know about them? What if you could have been there? You can take a trip back in time with us during the special midweek Lenten services to gain valuable insights about the People of the Passion.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the church's 40-day journey of repentance and renewal in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th.

The overall theme for our midweek Lenten sermons is "People of the Passion," which highlights a number of important people from the events of the Passion of our Lord. Through these services you will hear once again the story of God's salvation.

The schedule for our services, date, times and weekly themes are as follows:

- Ash Wednesday, **February 18th** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Judas, the Opportunist*
- Midweek 2, Thursday, **February 26th** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Caiaphas, the Schemer*
- Midweek 3, Thursday, **March 5th** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Nicodemus, the Silent Believer*
- Midweek 4, Thursday, **March 12th** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Peter, the Born Leader*
- Midweek 5, Thursday, **March 19th** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Pontius Pilate, the Thinker*
- Midweek 6, Thursday, **March 26th** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *One of the Mob, the Follower*

- Maundy Thursday, **April 2nd** at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *The Apostles, the Servant Leaders*
- Good Friday, **April 3rd** at 1:30 p.m. *The Centurion, the Astonished*
- Easter Sunday, **April 5th** at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *The Women, the Witnesses*
(Please note: the midweek services following Ash Wednesday will take place on Thursdays of each week).

Be sure to set aside time for these upcoming services in order to nurture and strengthen your God-given faith.

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.

Financial Information— December 2014



Financial Report

	<u>Dec. 2014</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 32,003.14	\$ 261,754.28
Building Fund	353.00	17,060.76
Memorials	-	8,090.11
Transfer of Funds to Debt Reduction	20,262.45	
Misc.	122.86	1,249.06
Special Projects (Non-Budget)	<u>280.00</u>	<u>8,333.50</u>
Total Income	<u>\$53,021.45</u>	<u>\$296,487.71</u>
Disbursements		
Mission Outreach	\$ 2,916.66	\$ 27,150.32
Salaries and Benefits	17,028.83	154,770.97
Mortgage Payments	20,262.45	40,675.71
Christian Education	106.14	6,398.66
Admin. & Maintenance Non Budget	4,504.98	46,041.73
Disbursements	<u>1,435.44</u>	<u>8,095.42</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 46,254.50</u>	<u>\$ 283,132.81</u>
Net Income (Disbursements)	<u>6,766.95</u>	<u>\$13,354.90</u>

Loan Progress Report

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(190,000.00)</u>
Principal Balance to date	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

"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.

WORSHIP...SERVE...SHARE

COME AND GET IT!!

Sponsored by



CEP STUDENTS & PARENTS

DATE: Sunday, March 8, 2015
TIME: 11:30am-2:00pm
In the Church Fellowship Hall

The menu will be:
steak & chicken sandwiches,
hamburgers & brats, potato salad, baked
beans, chips and variety of desserts and
beverages.

**Let's all turn out, support a good cause,
and enjoy a tasty "Sheboygan Style"
bratwurst meal. Invite your friends and
relatives**

Silent Auction Donations for Board of Education Brat Fry

Thanks for Your Faithful Support

The officers and board members of Our Savior's would like to thank you for your ongoing contributions for the support of Christ and His Church. Through your generous support over the last several years much has been accomplished, both outside and within the congregation. Numerous Christian missions have received financial support, salaries for church workers have been paid, operational expenses are current and a range of projects around the church have been accomplished.

Furthermore, your contributions through the 'Building Fund' offering envelope have been a great blessing to our congregation. Those additional offerings, along with the proceeds from our annual rummage sales, have allowed us to pay down our church loan at a faster pace than the scheduled payments. With the additional gift that was received from the Dorothy Simon estate in late December 2014 this loan has been paid in full. Yes, you heard right, "WE'RE DEBT FREE!"

For the current year we would like to encourage you to continue to use the 'Building Fund' envelope as a means for supporting Christ's Church. Though the loan has been paid there are still those items in need of our attention; typically, these are matters of deferred maintenance and are included on the trustees' listing of future church projects (*please see the related article on Trustee Projects included on page 7 in this newsletter*). The gifts received through the 'Building Fund' envelope will be designated for the 'future projects' on this list.

Again, we're thankful for all you do to support and share in the mission of Christ taking place here at Our Savior's. The use of your time, talents, and earthly resources for God's purposes and in service to others are an indication of Christian faith and love.

God's richest blessings in 2015,

The Officers and Board Members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Donations for Board of Education Brat Fry: Mark your calendars! Sunday March 8th will be the annual Brat Fry/Fundraiser at Our Savior's and we need your help. Donations of new items or gift cards for our silent auction baskets (Crazy About Candy, Movie Night, Wake Up! Breakfast Time) would be appreciated. Members who would like to donate raffle items or theme baskets should contact Kory at the church office.

Ideas: Movie passes, popcorn, movies, popcorn seasoning, any kind of Candy, breakfast items, cereal, coffee, tea, kitchen items! These baskets and other exciting silent auctions items will be up for bid at the Brat Fry. Members with their own basket ideas are welcome as well. Proceeds will be used for CEP and various other youth activities. See you there!

Soup & Sandwich Update:

Thanks to all who helped by making soup, bakery, set up, cleaned up and those who came to eat. Over the years we see different faces and some regulars. This year we served a total of 130 people, and the free-will offerings covered the cost of sandwich fixings. Mum and I look forward to the Lenten Soup & Sandwich suppers which start on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Janine & Helen Bergeron

Food Pantry News:

Thank you to all who have contributed to the food pantry this year. The Committee (Kathy Launer, Helen & Janine Bergeron) have kept busy trying to keeping the shelves organized and full.

In 2014, we had 22 visits to the Food Pantry, of which, 7 were members, feeding 17 people with 21 bags of groceries and 15 visits were nonmembers, feeding 60 people with 60 bags of groceries. When bags leave, they are packed full and heavy. Many people are blessed by your generosity - thank you on behalf of our visitors to the food pantry.

Current needs: canned veggies, fruit and soup, deodorant, and bar soap.

Our Savior's Annual Report

This report includes information regarding the Word and Sacrament Ministry at Our Savior's. We rejoice that so many of our people continue to be faithful in their life of worship and participation in the Sacraments. But we also realize that there is always room for continued improvement regarding our commitment to the Lord and His Church. May each of us, motivated by the love of Christ, respond with a life of total commitment to following Jesus.

The total attendance at all worship services held during the past year was 11,478 people. This was a decrease of 1,093 worshippers over the previous year. Communion attendance based upon registrations was 6,266 for our congregational members at worship services during the year. This is a decrease of 147 from the previous year.

As of December 31, 2014 the baptized membership for Our Savior's was 693 and communicant membership was 599.

Pastoral acts for 2014 were:

Funerals - 12

Steven Gartman	Maxine Kolbe
Helen Ferik	Jack Reynolds
Marion Batina	Lois Zander
Marlyn Kaboord	Leonard Doelder
Dorothy Fischer	Elsbeth Zerger
Urial Badtke	Edvin Hatleli, Sr.

Other Pastoral acts for 2014 were:

Marriages.....	1
Baptisms (children)	1
Baptisms (adults).....	0
Non-member Baptism.....	0
Youth Confirmed.....	4
Adults Confirmed	2
Re-Affirmation of Faith ...	1



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

March 1, 2015
Our Savior's
Fellowship Hall

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!! FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

So do you think you have a good chili recipe that can't be beat, and you want bragging rights for the next year? Then why not enter Our Savior's "Chili Cook Off" on March 1st. Bring your chili to the Fellowship Hall already cooked in a crock pot (5-6 qts.) by 11:00am. Everyone attending will judge who has the best chili. Judging will take place from 11:30am-12:15pm, followed by the eating of the chili. Prizes will be awarded for the top three places, with top prize holding the trophy for a year. Please sign the sign up sheet in the narthex before Feb. 22nd so we can get a count of who will be attending and for **donations of bake goods**. You **DO NOT** need to make chili to participate, just come out for a fun afternoon of good food, friends and fellowship. A free-will offering will be taken.

We are also asking for **donations of bars and cakes**, please sign up in the narthex. Any questions contact Robyn @ 918-6165

SIGN UP TODAY!!!!

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism

Paisley Kay Cornelius
Daughter of James and Allise (Stroo) Cornelius
January 18, 2015

Funeral

Mrs. Edith Clark
Age: 86
Died: January 17, 2015
Laid to Rest: January 23, 2015

Food Baskets

Food baskets given out to 10 member's families were delivered by faithful volunteers on four different occasions, Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The 4th of July was added to help members with the long stretch between Easter and Thanksgiving. Money donated to the Food Pantry Fund is used to purchase food not available in the pantry (ie canned veggies, fruit) and perishable items to make a holiday meal (ie turkey/ham/brats, potatoes, celery, carrots, butter, fruit, cheese, buns, dessert, etc.). If you have any questions regarding the Food Pantry and how it works, or if you have a need, please contact Kathy Launer, Janine or Helen Bergeron

Mary Martha Report

Mary Martha's January meeting was cancelled due to the cold weather. The February meeting will be Tuesday, February 3 at 1:00pm. Hostesses are Joan Hering and Marijo Pitsch. Visitors welcome.

The Committee

New Email Address

Our Savior's has a new email address: oslcsheboygan@gmail.com. Please send all electronic communication to that new address. Thanks!

A Note from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ:

Valentine blessings.

As February is generally considered heart month, let's look at the circulatory system, specifically your veins.

Varicose veins are a common occurrence for many of us. They may appear as silvery blue spider veins or may worsen into twisted cords. There is not much one can do to prevent them. Often they run in families and women suffer more, possibly due to hormone changes and increased pressure from pregnancies. Aging is also a factor.

Wear and tear on veins weakens the structure and decreases their function. Too much weight, a sedentary lifestyle and trauma to the lower legs also increase the chance of development. Lifestyle changes can help veins from getting worse. Procedures are available if they become painful or if one wants to improve the appearance of their legs.

Things to reduce the amount of varicose veins:

- Exercise, such as walking, encourages blood circulation.
- Weight and a low sodium diet helps prevent swelling of the lower extremities.
- Watch your wardrobe – high heels, tight clothes around the waist, legs or groin also impedes circulation.
- Elevate your legs.
- Avoid long periods of standing or sitting.
- Herbal supplements – studies have shown horse chestnut can help with symptoms of varicose veins.

Treatment options include minimally invasive procedures to surgeries. Treatment choice depends on severity of condition.

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb Kuitert, Parish Nurse

Our Saviors Youth Page

February 2015

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

Dates to Remember

February 4th Youth Night

February 15th Children Sing
in Church – Activity to
follow.

February 18th Ash
Wednesday. CEP students
will help provide Soup and
Sandwich.

February 21st Youth at
Bethesda

For Your Planning Purposes:

March 4th Youth Night

March 8th CEP Brat Fry

March 18th Youth Night

March 29th Sunday School
Children Sing in Church

April 1st no CEP – Spring
Break

Money, Money, Money

Have you heard of the yen or the sterling? How about the franc or rupee? Different countries have different names for their currency or money.

In early times, people used a barter system (traded things) to get what they wanted, or they paid for what they needed with gold, silver or other precious commodities. One of these commodities was salt.

In ancient times, salt was very valuable. The sale of salt by the Chinese government paid for the Great Wall of China. Roman soldiers were often paid their wages with salt. It was their “salary.” That’s how the expression “worth his salt” came about. Eventually, as people discovered more and more sources of salt, it became less valuable.

Salt won’t pay our debts today. We have paper money and coins. Paper

money became legal more than 300 years ago.

However, not even paper money, gold, or silver could pay our biggest debt – the debt of sin. Hebrews 9:22 tells us that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.” Our forgiveness was purchased by the innocent blood of Jesus. Jesus paid the debt we owe. The price was His life. With it, He purchased eternal life for us. This makes us rich.

Sunday March 8th is Our Savior’s Annual CEP Brat Fry from 11-2. Come enjoy a brat, burger, steak or chicken sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and lots of yummy desserts.

God’s Blessings and Love to you

Brett Meulbroek
Christian Education / Youth
Coordinator

Church Projects Completed by the Trustees in 2014

1. Replaced the toilets in men's and women's restrooms with comfort height toilets. We thank the Kohler Company for their donation of the toilets.
 2. Replaced the concrete parking spots for the handicapped on South side of the church--\$2,825.00
 3. Repaired the main boiler pump--\$783.00
 4. Repaired the fresh-air intake for the fellowship hall--\$150.00
 5. Various smaller projects--\$100.00
 6. Converted the eternal flame in the chancel to a battery-powered unit--\$75.00
 7. Replaced the carpet in the parish nurse's office, stairs, and office hall--\$3,430.00
 8. Replaced the chest freezer in the kitchen--\$170.00
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Future Church Projects Planned or to be Considered by the Trustees

1. Replace carpet in Kory's and Brett's offices--\$2,390.00
2. Replace windows in church offices, both downstairs and upstairs, with Maintenance-free, insulated glass, and aluminum-clad wood casing--\$14,180.00
3. Stained-glass windows to be reset in new wooden sashes with aluminum-clad exteriors; stained wooden interior, and thermo-pane glass on the exterior side for protection--\$11,140.00
4. Finish the exterior painting of the three stained-glass window units, requires the use of a lift--\$375.00
5. Replace the concrete for the office entrance on South side of the church--\$1,898.00
6. Replace entry doors in office area (North and East sides)--\$3,145.00
7. Repair the North-side entrance door for leak (sill and weather stripping)--\$100.00
8. Refinish the South-side entrance door--\$800.00
9. Resurface parking lot--\$?? (Amount yet to be estimated)
10. Air conditioning for the church--\$60,000.00
11. Replace shingles on the church and offices--\$11,100.00 (This project is a low priority; the roof still has a few years of useful life).

As always, your gifts for these projects are welcomed and appreciated. If you're interested in funding any of the future projects perhaps you'd like to consider purchasing a ceramic tile for the Memorial Wall in the narthex; these funds are designated for church improvements. To purchase a tile you may contact the church office (452-4005) or pick up a form near the wall and provide the information requested. Tiles are available for contributions of \$250 and up. We believe the purchase of a tile is a practical way for remembering a loved one or expressing thanks to God for His blessings and at the same time to help with the necessary preservation of the Lord's house.

Thanks again for all you have done and continue to do in serving the Lord by helping with these vital projects. In Christ's Service--the Board of Trustees

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 7:30-10:30 Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship</p>	<p>2 NO MONDAY BIBLE CLASS 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings</p>	<p>3 1:00pm Mary Martha</p>	<p>4 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Youth Night 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>5 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>9 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>12 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship</p>	<p>16 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Ash Wednesday 10:30am Ash Wednesday Service with Communion 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service with Communion</p>	<p>19 NO THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00am-11:30am Youth at Bethesda</p>
<p>22 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion</p>	<p>23 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p>26 10:30am Lenten Service with Communion 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service with Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>