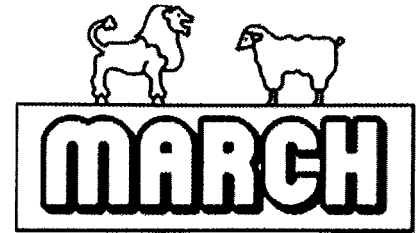


# WORSHIP WITH US!

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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## The Cross: God's Power and Wisdom

Lent is a time for us to focus on the innocent suffering and death of Jesus and to give special attention to the cross of Christ. The cross, wood and nails, the simple raw materials of a carpenter, becomes an instrument of torture and execution. It was the cruelest way to die—reserved for murders and insurrectionists. The Jews said that anyone who hung on a tree was cursed. And yet in the hands of God the cross is the instrument of the world's freedom, forgiveness, life, and salvation. It is the power and wisdom of God's love for you, me and all people.

The cross is the altar of sacrifice on which God gave his Son as an offering. That's reminiscent of young Isaac in the Old Testament. You might remember how Abraham was instructed by God to take his son, his only son, to a mountain and offer him as a sacrifice. On the way up the mountain, Isaac asked Abraham, "Father, here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Isaac wanted to know where the sacrifice was that would be laid on the wood altar—little did he know that he was being led like a lamb to the slaughter. And here faithful Abraham, his father, believed, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering."

Just as Abraham was about to plunge the knife, the angel of the Lord intervened and stopped him. Abraham looked and there caught in a thicket was a ram, a substitute sacrifice—Yes God will provide. Offered up on the altar of sacrifice—the wooden cross—is God's Lamb, Jesus Christ. He is the substitute for us all. This perfect and unblemished Lamb of God is offered up for the sins of the world. Never has a sacrifice been offered on wood as the wood of the cross on which the beloved Son of God was crucified—that he might bring us life eternal.

The cross is the doorpost of the world. Do you remember the Passover, the night in Egypt when the first-born was struck dead by the angel of death that was sent of the land of Egypt? The wooden doorpost, stained red with the blood of the Lamb, was the only protection God's

people had. "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you." The blood of the Passover lamb painted on the wood doorpost guarded against death.

The cross stained with the red blood of Jesus, our Passover lamb, shelters us from death. Never has wood been so gloriously stained, as the crimson wood of the cross of Jesus. Where his blood is smeared, there death passes over.

The cross is the glory of Christ. Sometime after Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, but before he celebrated the Passover with his disciples, Jesus counsels his disciples with these words, "The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified . . . Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say, 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, it was for this very reason that I came to his hour. Father, glorify your name!" Jesus understood the cross to be his crowning achievement—the culmination of his ministry on earth. His preaching and miracles all find their end in this moment. The cross is God's power to save hidden under weakness. It is God's wisdom disguised as foolishness.

In Luther's Small Catechism we're encouraged to make the sign of the cross as we begin and end each day, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Daily we remember that we die and rise in the One who died and rose for us. Daily we live by faith, nailed to the wood with Jesus where we are kept in safety for the day of resurrection to life eternal. Daily we're cleansed in the baptismal flood of water and blood that flows from the cross. Each and every day, until the end of days the cross of Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God for our salvation.

See you at the foot of the cross,

Pastor Marcus Powers

## People of the Passion

The theme for this year's Lenten services and Holy Week services is "People of the Passion." Each service will look at the role various people played in Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.

### Financial Report

	<u>Jan. 2015</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$ 17,424.40	\$ 17,424.40
Building Fund	539.00	539.00
Organ Fund	40.00	40.00
Trustees Fund	494.00	494.00
Memorials	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$18,497.40</u>	<u>\$18,497.40</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Missions and Outreach	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Salaries and Benefits	13,017.08	13,017.08
Christian Education	234.99	234.99
Administration	2,405.56	2,405.56
Maintenance	<u>2,654.83</u>	<u>2,654.83</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 19,412.46</u>	<u>\$ 19,412.46</u>
<b>Net Income (Disbursements)</b>	<u>(915.06)</u>	<u>\$(915.06)</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)

### **Have you missed a service due to illness or other emergency?**

We do have CDs available of our Sunday morning 8 A.M. service.

Call Kory at the church office and she will mail you a CD of any of those early services. We will also have CDs available of the Ash Wednesday and special Lenten services such as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

**Thursday, March 5, (Nicodemus):** Of the people of the passion, do you know the man whom we could call the Silent Believer? Are you at all like him? Learn who he was and how he came to break his silence.

**Thursday, March 12, (Peter):** Have you ever thought of how much Peter was like Judas? What was Peter thinking when he denied Jesus? How were Peter's bitter tears afterward different from Judas' deep remorse? How are you like Peter?

**Thursday, March 19, (Pontius Pilate):** How is it that an obscure Roman governor lives in infamy? Here is the one man who could have stopped Jesus' execution. Why didn't he? He knew Jesus was innocent. Did he just "think" too much?

**Thursday, March 26, (One of the Mob):** Think of the cheers of Palm Sunday: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Then think of the jeers five days later: "Crucify him!" What had changed? What would you have done if you had been "one of the mob"?

Please join us this coming Holy Week for the following special services:

- **Maundy Thursday, April 2, (The Apostles):** Who were those men who ate the Passover meal with Jesus on the evening before he was arrested? Can you name them all? What lesson did Jesus teach them that night, and how well did they carry it out? What did Jesus do for them?
- **Good Friday, April 3, (The Centurion):** The Jewish religious elite orchestrated Jesus' death. An unnamed Roman officer presided over his crucifixion. Which of them had a change of heart? The officer was a pagan. Do you think you would have seen what he did there on Calvary?
- **Holy Saturday, April 4,** A service of Scripture readings and prayer in anticipation of our Easter celebration.
- **Easter Sunday, April 5, (The Women):** Do you remember who the first people to see Jesus alive after his resurrection were? Do you know what they did? What did others think who heard their message and how did they then react? How will you react to the message that brightens our hearts on Easter?

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### **Palm Sunday**

**March 29**

**8:00 & 10:30**

**Sunday School students sing at 10:30**

### **Maundy Thursday**

**April 2**

**10:30am & 6:00pm**

### **Good Friday**

**April 3**

**1:30pm**

### **Easter Vigil**

**April 4**

**6:00pm**

### **Easter**

**April 5**

**8:00 & 10:30am**

**Communion at both services**

# Brat Fry

## **CEP STUDENTS & PARENTS**

**DATE: Sunday, March 8, 2015**

**TIME: 11:00am-2:00pm**

The annual CEP Brat Fry is fast approaching on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Can't you smell the aroma of the brats, steaks and chicken breasts? Doesn't it make your mouth water? We hope that you will make plans to join us for this Brat Fry.

This Brat Fry is supports the Christian Education Program at Our Savior's.

Many thanks to the CEP students and parents for volunteering their time to make this a success.

This year we will also have a silent auction. Come and bid on various items from free games of bowling to an autographed Packers football!

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is the annual CEP Brat Fry and we need your donations of baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the small table to sign up. Please sign up by Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, so we know how many baked goods to expect and can make other arrangements if necessary. There is NO need to prepackage or even precut your baked goods. We will take care of that. Baked goods may be dropped off at the church on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon in the office or 3:30pm-6:00pm in the fellowship hall. You may also drop them off prior to 11:00am on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT of the CEP BRAT FRY!

## **LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH**

Lenten Soup & Sandwich started on February 18<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday. Join us starting at 5 pm up till 5:50 on February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 for soup, sandwiches and dessert. Everyone is invited to join us. Contact Helen or Janine Bergeron for more information.

## **Quilters Need Your Help**

If you know how to tie a knot, our quilters group will be anxious to have you join them to do just that. We need people to put together and tie the quilts that others have so beautifully pieced together. These talented people piece the quilts at home and bring them for us to finish. If you have that wonderful ability and desire to work at home, we would love for you to be a member of our group. We also have members who machine sew the hems of the quilts. We need your expertise if that is what you'd like to do.

We enjoy each other's company and spend an hour having lunch and solving each other's troubles and the world's problems. Join us and share the feeling of accomplishment and pride we have when we yearly display our quilts to the congregation.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, January through October when the quilts are packed up and sent off to various countries for use as blankets, mattresses or for sun protection.

Our day starts at 9:00am and usually ends by 2:30pm but any amount of hours would be greatly appreciated. Call Joan Hering @ 207-1082 or call the church office at 452-4005.



# FREE

## Spaghetti Luncheon (Sponsored by Social Activities Group)

The Social Activities Group is sponsoring a **Free** Spaghetti Luncheon April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the Church Fellowship Hall. The meal will include; **Spaghetti with Meat sauce or without meat, Lettuce Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Milk.**

There will be a free will offering taken.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the back of the narthex starting March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up so we can get some kind head count.

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 Heling, Marijo Pitsch, Nannette Neerhof, Jane Woodard, Dawn Brauer, Jean Brauer, Kelly Jaeger & Clara Murphy.

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

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Hour
- Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Worship by the Shore
- Oct. 24 – Bulitz Hayride and social gathering
- December – Memories Christmas Show
- December – Church Christmas Caroling
- Timber Rattlers Game in Appleton
- Pot-Luck/ice cream social
- Wine & Cheese
- Family Bowling Party

### Pastoral Acts:

Funeral:

Mrs. Lois Brost  
Age: 87  
Died: February 4, 2015  
Laid to Rest: February 10, 2015

Marriage:

Brian Williams  
and  
Jennifer Baer  
February 8, 2015

### Memorial Gifts:

\$80 in memory of Lois Brost

### Mary Martha News

Helen Rautmann opened the February meeting with a prayer. This was followed with a short business meeting, dessert and a social hour.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at 1:00pm. We will be making Easter treats for the Sunday School children. On Friday, March 27, 9:00am, we will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday worship services. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We would appreciate help from anyone in the congregation willing to participate.

Hostesses for the March meeting are Joan Hering and Gloria Meseck.

### Rummage Sale, 2014:

Empty those closets and attics of unused or unwanted items and donate them for the church rummage sale...Please! We cannot have a sale without your donations. Clothes, household items, knickknacks, jewelry, and furniture are welcome additions for the sale. Last year we even got exercise equipment. If yours is just gathering dust or you are just hanging clothes on it, donate it to the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Clara Murphy or Mike Feudner. Thanks in advance for your donations and we are looking forward to working with you at the sale on October 16 and 17.

## JOIN THE CHOIR

Are the winter months  
Making you unhappy?  
I have a solution.....



Happiness is singing in choir,  
Singing together,  
Praising the Lord!  
See you Wednesday at 6:45 PM  
For HAPPINESS.

### Parish Nurse News

Dear Friends in Christ:

Probiotics are in the news and in ads on TV as the solution for many complaints of the digestive system. There are, by some estimates, as many as 500 to 1,000 species of bacteria that inhabit our intestines with roughly 100 trillion microorganisms in those species. Probiotics are bacteria (and a few yeasts) that bring health benefits when swallowed or applied to the body. They are identified by three names: genus, species, and strain. Manufacturers are encouraged to list the strain, as that is needed to know if the probiotic will work, but not all companies do so. The good news is that major brands have what's supposed to be in them.

Irritable Bowel Syndrome is described as a chronic abdominal pain and discomfort, along with diarrhea, constipation, or both. *Bifidobacterium infantis* 35624 may help these symptoms and is found in Align. This may cost approximately \$30 a month but is worth a try.

Constipation is described as difficulty passing stool that is hard. *Bifidobacterium lactis* DN173010 is the bacteria in Activia. Several studies that have been done show modest relief and you need to eat at least two servings a day for several weeks to see results. It may also help with "bloating, gas, rumbling and discomfort."

Diarrhea from antibiotics is caused by the disruption of the normal flora in the gut. *Saccharomyces boulardii* found in Florastor is a yeast and not a bacterium and it isn't killed by antibiotics and may help prevent diarrhea.

All in all it is best to eat a healthy diet with fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, along with fish and lean meats, get plenty of exercise, drink water, and get plenty of sleep too.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Deb

BP Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

### NEWS FROM OTHER LUTHERANS

**Chaplaincy Ministry Culver's Night.** . . will take place at the Culver's of Plymouth (2318 Eastern Ave.) on Friday, March 6, 2014 from 4:00-8:00pm. A portion of all sales from 4:00-8:00 benefit the chaplaincy ministry.

**Perkins Perks for the Chaplaincy Ministry . . .** From February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> if you bring a Perkins Perks voucher when you go to Perkins (3627 Washington Ave.), 10% of your purchase will benefit the Chaplaincy Ministry. Vouchers can be found in the narthex.

**Pancake Breakfast . . .** Come and enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast that benefits St. Paul Lutheran School on March 7th from 8:00-10:00 am at Applebee's at 526 South Taylor Drive. Please invite your friends and family. Tickets are \$6.00 each and can be purchased at the school office at 1819 N. 13th Street, Sheboygan. Thanks for your support of St. Paul Lutheran School and we look forward to seeing you at breakfast!

**Youth Lenten Concert . . .** On Friday, March 20, 2015, the 99 musicians of the Symphonic Band and Golden Voice Choir of Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw, MI under the direction of Paul Eschmann and Rebecca Eifert, will present a Lenten worship concert beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church – Sheboygan, WI. The message of this year's concert is focused on the purpose of Christ's ultimate act of salvation as it is conveyed through readings and musical offerings. We hope you will attend and bring a friend to hear this important message of Christ's love for us. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** in housing the students overnight on Friday, and in preparing a meal for them. Please call the Trinity church office at (920) 458-8246 if you can help. For more information, visit our website at [www.trinitysheboygan.org](http://www.trinitysheboygan.org).

## Dates to Remember

**March 8<sup>th</sup> CEP / Youth Brat Fry.** Come join us for the annual CEP / Youth Brat Fry. Brachman's meats, West Side bakery hard rolls and Schwarz's Potato Salad will be served. Don't forget to check out our Silent Auction. Items to bid on include: a Green Bay Packers football, Milwaukee Brewers tickets, Admiral hockey tickets, waterpark passes to Blue Harbor, coffee and Wisconsin Badger baskets and more.

## For Your Planning Purposes:

**March 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Night**

**March 8<sup>th</sup> CEP Brat Fry**

**March 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Night**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday School  
Children Sing in Church**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> no CEP – Spring  
Break**

## The Reward of Patience

Sean sat on his front steps with his chess board. He moved pieces around making up a game. He was waiting.

"What are you doing?" Mrs. Lin asked as she walked by. "Waiting for my dad. He promised to show me how to play."

Mrs. Lin went on. Sean moved the pieces around some more, looking often for his dad. Mr. Kroger came by. "What are you doing?" He asked. "Waiting for my dad to show me how to play." "I used to play. Should I get you started?" "No thanks. My dad promised that he would."

Mr. Kroger went on. Sean kept moving pieces around. Sean's neighbor Jeremy came by. "What are you doing?" he asked. "Waiting for my dad to show me how to play chess." "Is it like checkers?" Jeremy asked. "Yes, but it's harder. I think." Jeremy nodded. Finally, Sean's dad came home.

He set the chess board on the porch table. He taught Sean the names of the pieces and how they were moved. Then they went inside for dinner. "Will you teach me more tomorrow, Dad?" "Sure we will get a real game going."

Waiting can be hard. Like the psalm writer, we wait for the Lord to return as He promised. After Jesus died for our sins, He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. He gives us eternal life with Him.

While we wait, the Holy Spirit helps us. We receive God's grace on earth through God's Word and Sacraments. We grow in faith, trust and hope. The Spirit teaches and prepares us. When the time is right, God will take us home to heaven.

*Taken from My Devotions, Spring 2015*

God's Spring Blessings to you.

Brett Meulbroek  
Christian Education / Youth  
Coordinator

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 7:30-10:30 Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship 11:30am Chill Cook Off</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:00pm Mary Martha</p>	<p><b>4</b> 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:30am Lenten Service with Communion 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 5:00pm Soup &amp; Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service with Communion</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
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