

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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Resurrection Security

What makes you feel secure about your future? Is it your investment portfolio or your retirement plan? Perhaps you've forgotten the wild swings that can take place in the stock market; where fortunes are made and fortunes are lost! Does your healthy diet, your faithful exercise regimen make you feel secure? Then maybe we should remember a person like Joe McCarthy, brother of Packer's coach, Mike, who collapsed and died at the age of 47 in a gym back in January—seemingly at the pinnacle of good health. Does your loving family, whom you trust will take care of you in your golden years, put your heart at ease? But what if tragedy strikes, as it did for so many families on September 11, 2001? Possibly exciting advances in medical science give you hope. But scientists are still struggling to find that elusive cure for death, aren't they? It is difficult—no, it is impossible—to find the kind of settled security that we all long to have in this world.

Now that I've spent a little time ripping the flimsy rug of worldly security out from underneath your feet, God's Word replaces it with a 10-foot thick, solid granite foundation, which will consistently support us not just up to the moment of death but forever afterwards. It is a security based upon Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Easter is all about our security.

Jesus promised, **“Because I live, you also will live”** (John 14:19). When God made the first man, he created him from the dust of the ground. Even if our bodies have decayed to the

point that they are nothing more than piles of dust, even if wild animals have consumed our bodies and dragged their parts in a number of directions, even if our ashes have been scattered to the winds or the seas, these present no challenge to the one who made us and has risen from death to life himself. In whatever form he finds them, **“By the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, Jesus will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body”** (Philippians 3:21).

Linus, the Peanuts cartoon character, has long been the poster boy for insecurity. His security was found in a blanket he dragged along with him wherever he went. A blanket may seem like a silly object for one's security—after all, it's nothing more than a flimsy piece of cloth; but as we grow up, our adult sources for security offer little more.

It's ironic how the only true and lasting source of our security lie wrapped in flimsy pieces of cloth, pieces of cloth that were later wrapped around *nothing* because they were lying in the tomb that Jesus had left. The empty tomb and the living body of Jesus are our joyful security, not only at Easter, but in every day of life. They make us secure in our faith that God will raise us and give us life eternal.

A Blessed Easter,

Pastor Marcus Powers

**Financial Information—
February 2015**



Financial Report

	<u>Feb. 2015</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 19,014.48	\$36,438.58
Bldg Maintenance & Improvements	510.86	1,049.86
Organ Fund (Discontinued)	-	40.00
Trustees' Fund Designated Memorials	476.00	970.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$20,001.04</u>	<u>\$38,498.44</u>
Disbursements		
Mission Outreach	\$4,416.00	\$ 5,516.00
Salaries and Benefits	13,491.53	26,508.61
Christian Education	664.97	889.96
Administration	1,371.49	3,777.05
Maintenance	<u>2,289.51</u>	<u>4,944.34</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 22,233.50</u>	<u>\$ 41,635.96</u>
Net Income (Disbursements)	<u>\$(2,232.46)</u>	<u>\$(3,137.52)</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)

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

VOTERS' MEETING ON THE 19th OF APRIL

The spring quarterly meeting of Our Savior's voting assembly will be held on Sunday, April 19th between the early and late service. All confirmed members, 18 years and older, are automatically members of the voting assembly.

We encourage involvement from **all** our members, both men and women, old and young. It is only as we all work together, and actually get involved in the Lord's work, that we can fully experience blessings, and the personal satisfaction of knowing that God is working through you to accomplish His purposes.

Pastoral Acts:

Funeral:

Mrs. Sharon Brunner
Age: 77
Died: March 9, 2015
Laid to Rest: March 12, 2015



FREE

Spaghetti Luncheon

(Sponsored by Social Activities Group)

The Social Activities Group is sponsoring a **Free** Spaghetti Luncheon April 12th 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 15th. 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 3rd Coffee Hour
- Aug. 23rd – 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

CEP BRAT FRY

Many thanks to the numerous members that volunteered their time to running the fry, to those who donated raffle items and/or bake sale items, and especially to those who enjoyed a good meal for a good cause. All proceeds will go towards the advancement of the CEP Program here at Our Savior's. If you have any suggestions or comments on the Fry, feel free to speak with either Eric or Dawn Brauer or Brett or Manda Meulbroek. See you at next year's Fry!

USHERS NEEDED

We really need some additional ushers for our Sunday late worship services. Men, women, boys and girls are all welcome- the only prerequisite is a serving heart! We currently have two late service teams- each of which usher every other week. But we encourage you to join even if your schedule only allows you to usher less frequently- we will take you whenever you can make it! As you probably are aware, the ushers responsibilities are to welcome people with the bulletin, collect offerings, usher people to take Communion and, in general, help ensure a proper flow of the service. If you are willing to help, or if you have any questions, please call Steve Heling at 458-5336.

Because we have been short of ushers, we realize that some folks have "helped out" in ushering when asked by the ushers or Elder at the service. We THANK YOU very much for your willingness to help out when needed!!

Rummage Sale 2015

Spring has sprung which may mean many of you are doing some spring cleaning and reorganizing...as you do, remember to take those unused or unwanted items and put them in the rummage sale box for church. October will be here before we know it, so don't wait until last minute to purge closets, basements, attics, or garages. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clara Murphy or Mike Feudner.

MARY MARTHA NEWS

Pastor Powers opened the March meeting with a prayer, followed by a short quiz to test our knowledge regarding the Lenten season. He also gave us a printout of an article "Keeping a Holy Lent" by Dr. Gregory J. Wismar taken from *The Lutheran Witness*.

Our group made Easter treats for the Sunday School children to be handed out on Easter Sunday. On March 27 at 9:00am, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to make palm crosses to be given to the congregation at both services on Palm Sunday. We need everyone's participation in this.

It was decided to clean the church kitchen on Friday, April 10 at 9:00am. If you are able, we would appreciate the help. Bring rags and pails.

Our guest speaker for the April 7 meeting will be Pastor Fleischman. Hostesses are Marcie Sorenson and Clara Murphy. Guests welcome.

The Committee

NOTES FROM OTHER LUTHERANS

St. Mark Alzheimer Presentation . . . Come join us for an informative presentation on the keys to successful day-to-day interaction with someone with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. We will explore how dementia affects the brain and discuss tips and techniques to help days go by more smoothly. Will take place at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1019 N 7th St, Sheboygan, WI Sunday April 19. Dinner at 5:30pm; Presentation from 6:15pm – 8:00pm. RSVP to the church office at 920-458-4343

The 18th Annual Rummage Sale at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church . . . 1614 S. 23 St., Sheboygan, will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 7:00am to 2:00pm. There will also be a brat fry, bake sale and quilted items available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale will be used for building renovation projects.

NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends in Christ:

Easter blessings!

Guidelines for blood pressure control have been refined. High blood pressure is a common yet serious health problem. It can lead to health risks including heart attack, stroke, heart failure, kidney failure and other organ damage.

As we age, we are at particular risk. Over half of adults older than 65 and 80% of those over 75 have high blood pressure. Many adults have uncontrolled high blood pressure which means they are not being treated adequately or at all.

Blood pressure is the amount of force exerted on artery walls to keep blood flowing. Several organs and body chemicals help control pressure and keep it from falling or rising too much.

A blood pressure reading consists of two numbers read in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg). The first number is the systolic reading and measures the pressure in your arteries when your heart beats. Diastolic pressure measures pressure between heart beats. The goal to treating high blood pressure is to keep it in range to avoid damage to organs such as your heart, kidneys and brain.

Target goals for healthy older adults is now 150/90, goals for those with diabetes or kidney disease is now 140/90. These are up from 140/90 and 130/80. Remember these are guidelines for healthy adults not experiencing problems associated with high blood pressure. There are a few new guidelines for treatment options also. Monitor your pressure and speak with your doctor for your best options.

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure Sunday will be April 12, as Easter is the first Sunday this month. Also, May 10 will be Blood Pressure Sunday as my granddaughter will be confirmed on May 3. Thank you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	May 2015 ▶		
5 EASTER 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	6 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	7 1:00pm Mary Martha	8 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 6:45pm Choir	9 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	10 9:00am Church Kitchen Cleaning	11			
12 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion 11:30am Spaghetti Lunch	13 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council	14	15 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	16 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	17	18			
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