

# 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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## Love One Another

How do you define love? How do others define it? There would probably be a different definition and understanding of love from each person you asked. Usually when we try to define love it is based upon our motives. The attitude that asks, "What's in it for me?" Having our own desires satisfied seems rather selfish, but this is often how love is portrayed in popular media. Our motives are tainted by our sinfulness—too often we're self-centered and narcissistic. It's all about me!

God's idea about love is different—rather than asking, "What's in it for me?" God's perspective says, "What is it that I can do for you?" Jesus affirms that fact when he says, "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). That's the challenge that lies before us—to love as Christ has loved us! His love is more than a mere emotion or feeling, it is always accompanied by some type of action. His love is expressed in his perfect life, suffering death, and glorious resurrection. This is God's idea of love.

The apostle Paul expressed it in these words, "God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). John, the apostle, said this, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us..." (1 John 3:16). The love that Christ has for us is never just emotional; it is always connected to his work of redemption. Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (Matt 20:28). This is the biblical basis of love—it is self-sacrificing and modeled after Christ Jesus. This is how we are to love one another.

A sacrificial love reveals itself in a variety of ways. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul gives a glimpse of how it's done. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres . . . And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Here's your challenge: in the coming weeks identify at least one person to whom you can show Christian love. Pray for God's help in demonstrating love for that person; write down a few ways you can show love for that person. Choose one or two of those ideas and begin to practice love. After all, we're loved by Christ—he lived and died for us—he forgives us and will give us the power to meet the challenge to love others.

As you respond to Christ's love, by loving others, be assured the Lord will richly bless you and your family and people will know that you are Jesus' disciples.

In Christian love and service,

Pastor Marcus Powers

## Financial Information—March 2015

### Financial Report

	<u>Mar. 2015</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings	\$ 28,169.03	\$64,607.61
Bldg Maintenance & Improvements	642.00	1,691.86
Trustees' Fund	<u>560.00</u>	<u>1,530.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$29,371.03</u>	<u>\$67,829.47</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Mission Outreach	\$ 2,710.00	\$ 8,226.00
Salaries and Benefits	14,759.52	41,268.13
Christian Education	-	889.96
Administration	1,555.36	5,332.41
Maintenance & Supplies	1,475.51	2,889.64
Utilities	<u>1,919.49</u>	<u>5,449.72</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 22,419.88</u>	<u>\$ 64,055.86</u>
<b>Net Income (Expense)</b>	<u>\$6,951.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,773.61</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)

### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

The summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day Weekend, **May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Each Sunday throughout the summer, worship hours are **8:00 & 9:30am** through September 6<sup>th</sup>. Thursday evening worship will take place each week at 6:00pm. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at the 8:00 service on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and 9:30 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Communion is offered during all Thursday services throughout the summer.

### **"What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?"**

Being a mother is the most important vocation of all, a role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. Below are just a few of the opportunities God gives to those He chooses to become Christian mothers:

- Recognizing the gift – understanding each child is unique and from the hand of God. (Psalm 127:3)
- Availability – morning, noon, and night. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)
- Involvement – interacting, discussing, thinking and processing life together. (Ephesians 6:4)
- Teaching – the Scriptures, and helping that child to understand how God's Word applies to daily life. (Psalm 78:5-6, Deuteronomy 4:10, Ephesians 6:4)
- Training – helping a child develop skills and discover her strengths. (Proverbs 22:6)
- Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, loving, and firmly. (Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:5-11, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15-17)
- Nurture – providing an environment of constant support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love. (Titus 2:4, 2 Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 4:29-32, 5:1-2, Galatians 5:22, 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- Modeling with Integrity – living what you say, being a model by which a child can learn by "catching" the essence of godly living. (Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23; Proverbs 10:9, 11:3; Psalm 37:18, 37)

God's word never states that every woman should be a mother. However it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers are to take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Sadly, much of society sees the role of mother as wanting or unrewarding. Yet, a Christian mother continues to be a profound influence in the lives of her children regardless of age. That's because a mother's love, nurture, and encouragement never ends.

### **ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:**

On **June 7<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00am service**, we will give recognition to the graduating seniors from our congregation. So that none of the graduates are left out, it would be helpful if each graduating senior inform the church office of their name and school graduating from, either by phone (452-4005) or email (oslcsheboygan@gmail.com)

We will then contact you with further plans and details. High School Seniors of Our Savior's - please mark your calendars.

### **Social Activities Group Hosting a Coffee Hour**

On Sunday May 3rd between worship services, the Social Activities Group will be hosting a coffee hour. Please stop by and have a cup of coffee, juice or some sweet treats that we have made for you. We will be collecting a free will donation to help purchase flowers and supplies for the outside of the church.

### **Anniversary Thank Offering May 2015**

Our present church building was dedicated to the glory of God on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1953. Since that time God's people here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church have given an annual 'Anniversary Thank Offering' commemorating the event. Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, this special offering is given in appreciation for God's amazing grace that comes to us through the Word and Sacrament ministry that takes place in His house.

Over the years, these special offering have been designated for various missions and activities. We ask that you use the special 'Anniversary Thank Offering' envelope included in your offering packet, on Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>, for this special gift. The suggested amount of \$25.00 is the same as in past years. However, the Lord knows your heart and your ability to give.

Thank you for your love and concern shown through this special offering.

### **ALL NEW VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

There are some changes this year. After 20 years, Audrey Braatz has retired as director of VBS. Rev. Robert Steele is taking over this year. VBS will still be held at Lutheran High School, but it will take place in the evening from 6-8 PM. It will still consist of the lesson, singing, games, a craft and a snack.

This year's program is "International Spy Academy. The children will learn to distinguish the "one true God" from the many false gods. Children born before January 1, 2012 to current fifth graders can participate as spy agents to find the true God. Anyone older can volunteer to help children in their mission.

For more information or to sign up, contact Carol Reisinger phone 920.458.1604 or email car1954@sbcglobal.net. Deadline to register to get a shirt is May 30.

### **Mary Martha Guild News**

Pastor Fleischmann opened the April meeting of Mary Martha with a devotion. He shared with us his experiences of nineteen years in nursing home ministry. The subject of his talk was "The Road of Life."

For our May meeting we will have a speaker from Bookworm Gardens.

It was decided to donate \$150.00 to the choir for the purchase of sheet music and \$500.00 to the trustees for needed church projects.

Hostesses for the May meeting are JoAnne Bartzen and Anne Fredricks.

Guests welcome.

The Committee

### **Our Savior's has a softball team!**

Do you have an interest in playing softball this summer? We are looking for male and female players to play on the team. We are looking for players ages 13 and older with any ability level, even if you have never played. This league is good fellowship league, where the goal is to have fun and has rules in place to allow people of all abilities to play. We play Monday nights at the Town of Sheboygan Firehouse Park. Game times are either 6 or 7 pm. There is no fee to play. Season starts on June 1st. If interested please email Brett @ oslc youth coordinator@gmail.com or call at 920 207-6528 by May 10th.

### **Rummage Sale, 2015**

Save your unwanted useable items for the rummage sale. Clothes, toys, small appliances, dishes, furniture, bikes, sporting goods equipment, books, pictures, frames are among the items donated last year and would be welcomed again this year.

Mark your calendar to help sort and price items for the two weeks prior to the sale starting on October 5th through the 15th. The sale dates are the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 16 from 1 to 5 PM and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 8 AM to 3 PM. We need a grill master to supervise the frying of the brats and burgers on Saturday morning. If interested in that opportunity or if you have questions, please contact Clara Murphy (457-2658) or Mike Feudner (451-4759).

Some folks have asked already when they can start to bring their items to church. Bill Stroo likes to clean and wax the floors in the fellowship hall before items can be stored and once that process is completed, we will put a notice in the bulletin giving the okay to drop off items.

Last year we cleared almost \$7000 for the church...can we meet or beat that number this year? It all depends on your donations and help. We appreciate what you have done in preceding years and look forward to working with you to meet our future goals.

### **Lutheran School Scholarships**

The Endowment Board would like to remind parents of students attending a LC-MS grade school, high school or university to submit your request for tuition assistance for the next school year (2015-2016) in writing by June 1, 2015.

Please email oslcsheboygan@gmail.com, mail or drop off requests to the church office, ATTN: Endowment Board. We're hopeful to offer individual scholarships to the students of Our Savior's Lutheran Church congregation in early June. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Fischer, chairman of the Endowment Board, at 946-4605

### **LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH UPDATE**

What a blessing to have so many participate in the Soup & Sandwich suppers over the past years.

It starts out a little stressful, hoping we get enough soup and desserts, but God moves in the hearts of good cooks and bakers to come forward or say YES when asked, and the food is plentiful and delicious.

This year on the last Thursday before Holy Week, we did Sloppy Joes and other sides. It was a hit. Thank you for helping to make it easier for families to get to church without having to stop by fast food places.

The best part of the suppers is the fellowship. God certainly uses these opportunities for us to serve one another, not just in bodily food, but in spiritual nourishment as well.

Well done, soup makers, dessert bakers, setup and clean up volunteers and those who came to partake.

Looking forward to Advent 2015 to rekindle the gathering. Come and join us.

Sincerely, Helen & Janine Bergeron

## FOOD BASKET AND FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

FOOD BASKET: Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry at Our Savior's. Eleven families of Our Savior's received Easter food baskets which volunteers delivered the Saturday before Easter.

The next scheduled delivery will be the 4th of July baskets, which volunteers will help deliver on Saturday, June 27th. Donations of mustard, relish, ketsup, pickles and canned fruit is appreciated.

If a member of Our Savior's finds it difficult to purchase food because of job loss, financial burdens, medical bills, etc, please contact a member of the food pantry (Kathy Launer, Helen or Janine Bergeron) or call Pastor Powers.

FOOD PANTRY: For the 1st quarter of 2015, the food pantry had a total of 11 recorded visits (2 were Our Savior's members, 9 were non members), assisting 38 people of their family with 46 bags of food.

If you, or someone you know, need food items or a select variety of toiletry items, please call a member of the food pantry committee or the church office to visit the food pantry.

Thanks to all members for your donations to the food pantry. People in need really appreciate your generosity.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptism:

Tayson Alan Kaufman  
Son of Terin Mueller  
April 12, 2015

### Funerals:

Joseph Kaboord  
Age: 79  
Died: April 25, 2015  
Laid to Rest: April 28, 2015

Richard Hermann  
Age: 62

Died: April 26, 2015  
Laid to Rest: April 30, 2015

## Memorial Gifts

\$500 in memory of Gene Paulson

\$655 in memory of Sharon Brunner

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### TRANSFER OUT

Zach Schlieder to Faith Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, IL

Randy and Edie Jacobs to St. John Lutheran Church, Fredonia, WI

Tim and Penny Graf to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, WI

Katie Begalke to Hope Lutheran Church in Seattle, WA

### TRANSFER IN

Randy Leon from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI

Dale, Karen and Darin Alsteen from Christ Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI

Carol Eckert from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI

### REMOVED AT OWN REQUEST

Jay, Cheri and Bryan See

### REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ed Hatlei, Jr

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ;

### Exercise and depression

When one is feeling sad, blue, down or depressed, the last thing one wants to do is exercise. However, one way to get rid of feeling low is to get moving.

Depression and severe stress can cause a number of changes in your brain. There is a link to low levels of certain neurotransmitters (chemicals that allow nerves to communicate with one another) when one is depressed.

Chemicals include norepinephrine, dopamine, and serotonin. Having less of these results in lower nerve stimulation which contribute to feelings of sadness or emptiness, loss of interest in normal activities, tiredness, anxiety and trouble thinking. Depression also is associated with loss of brain cells, shrinking brain volume and reduced circulation in the brain.

Working your heart and muscles releases neurotransmitters into the blood stream which help normalize levels in the brain. Exercise can also reduce levels of cortisol (stress hormone) and may help stimulate new nerve cell growth.

In addition, exercise may help you gain confidence, take mind off worries, get more social interaction and cope in healthy ways.

Get started by running, walking, using a stationary bike and strength training. A combination of aerobic and strength training may be better than just aerobic training for relieving symptoms of depression. (Info taken from Mayo Clinic Health Letter – Vol 33 April 2015)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

BP Sunday May 10.

I am looking for a list of volunteers who would be able to stay with someone overnight if caregiver

unavailable. This would be at a last minute notification, and would not involve any need for formal training. If you would be available to help, please let me know. Thank you in advance and God bless.

## NEWS FROM THE LUTHERAN COMMUNITY

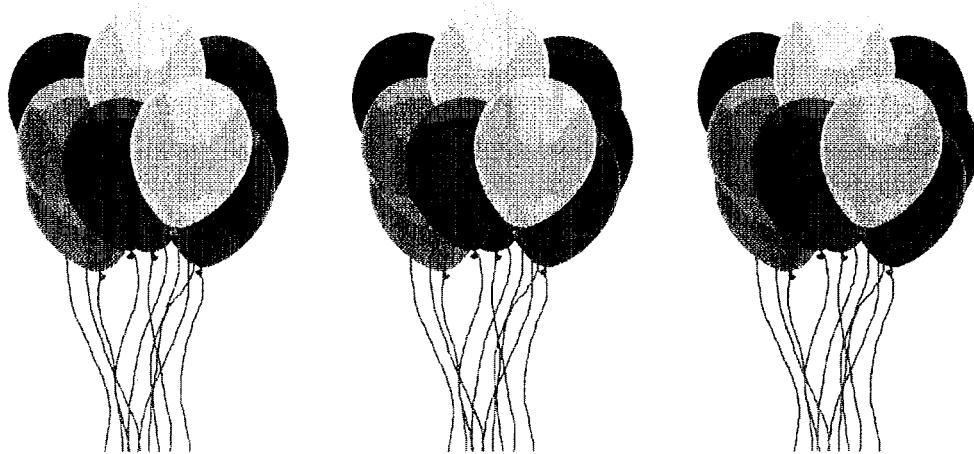
**Bethlehem Fish Fry . . .** Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1121 Georgia Ave.) will have a fish fry, bingo and movie night on Friday, May 8 from 4:00pm to 8:30pm. The menu can be found on the Wittenberg door. Pre-orders are appreciated! Stop by the church office between 12pm and 4pm to place your order and pay or call the church office at 452-4331.

**Volunteers are needed for the Annual Lutheran High Work Day - "Labor of Love" . . .** With spring hopefully around the corner, the spring clean-up date has been scheduled at Lutheran High School. Parents, students, alumni, or any LHS friends are needed to help volunteer with numerous projects on the grounds and in the school at the LHS campus. The Facility Committee has scheduled this work day opportunity with your support from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 9 to assist with these projects (lawn work, gardens, general clean-up). If you are able to help anytime on this day, please call the school office at 920-452-3323, Mike Leibham at (920) 377-6649 or send an e-mail to Tom Rusch, LHS Facility manager at rusch@lutheranhigh.com to sign-up for the day. A make-up date of May 16 was scheduled, if rain and weather is an issue on May 9.

**Grace Brat Fry . . .** The Men's Organization of Grace Lutheran church are sponsoring a brat fry at Festival Foods on Saturday May 9th from 10 am to 6 pm. All proceeds go for Mission work. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Immanuel Organ Concert . . .** Immanuel (17<sup>th</sup> St & Illinois Ave) will host an organ concert in honor of their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The guest organists are Bill Born and Brian Heinlein. It will take place Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Free will offering.

**RAINBOW KIDS INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE . . .** "Providing Peer Support to Children and Adults Grieving a Loss from a Difficult Life Event" such as death, divorce, separation incarceration, or abandonment. Please join us to learn more about the programs we offer, how we serve our community, and how you can help! Open House at the Reintl Center, 824 Superior Ave. Sheboygan, WI from 6pm to 7pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Snacks, beverages, and activities will be provided. Please R.S.V.P by calling Michele @ 920-452-2838 or email: rainbowkids@excel.net



Come join us on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> after Late Service for a Carnival. We will have carnival games, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, watermelon, popcorn and of course a bounce house.

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and neighbors and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship.

There is no cost for the food, games or bounce house. Just come and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship with others.



**OUR SAVIOR'S FAMILY  
NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK  
WISCONSIN TIMBER  
RATTLERS - JUNE 6, 2015**

The Social Activities Group will be sponsoring a night at the Timber Rattlers game on Saturday, June 6, 2015. The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers are part of a long tradition of Appleton Professional Baseball, which started in 1891. They are the continuation of a franchise that began as the Fox Cities Foxes in 1958 at Goodland Field. They became the Timber Rattlers in 1995 when they moved into Fox Cities Stadium and have been the Midwest League affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers since 2009.

**Price includes Game Ticket & Meal - Prices are:** \$20.50 for Adults & \$16.50 kids 10 & under. Meal includes - Grilled Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans Assorted Potato Chips, Pasta Salad, Dessert & two beverages per person (beer, soda or water) and this Meal is ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT put on by the Timber Rattlers.

We will be meeting at the church parking lot at 3:30pm and car-pooling to Appleton - the meal is from 5:00-6:30pm and the game starts at 6:35pm and they will be playing the Fort Wayne TinCaps and after the game there will be fireworks. This is a great family event for all!

Please fill out form on the back side and place in an envelope and give it to Robyn Bemowski or mail it Robyn at 415 Bell Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53083. **DEADLINE is May 15.**

**OVER**



ORDER FORM FOR TIMBER RATTLERS GAME

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Ticket - \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Child Ticket - \_\_\_\_\_ x \$16.50 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Robyn Bemowski

\_\_\_\_ I Can Drive - #of people that can go in your car including driver \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I Need a Ride

**DEADLINE - MAY 15**

Mail complete form to:

Robyn Bemowski 415 Bell Ave., Sheboygan WI 53083

Any question please call Robyn Bemowski - 803-0958



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<b>3</b> 8:00am Divine Worship With Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 9:15am Coffee Hour 10:30am Divine Worship	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Mary Martha	<b>6</b> 3:30pm CEP 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>7</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Mother's Day 7:30am-10:30am Blood Pressure Check 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am Quilters 3:30pm CEP 6:30pm Choir at Progressive	<b>14</b> 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	<b>15</b> NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TimberRattlers Order Forms Due	<b>16</b>
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<b>31</b> 8:00am Divine Worship 9:30am Divine Worship	<b>Notes:</b> Scholarship applications for Lutheran schools are due June 1 <sup>st</sup> . Graduating high school Seniors will be honored at the 9:30 service on June 7. Summer worship hours begin on Sunday, May 24.					