

# WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion  
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am  
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages

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## *Walking in Truth*

**"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth" (Psalm 86:11)**

There are times when we find ourselves struggling because of the uncertainty that comes in daily life. Parents may spend countless hours awake late into the night because a child is out beyond curfew? You wonder if everything is all right—if only you could know the truth! Or the dating couple who's going through a difficult time may ask, does this person really care for me? Then there's the worried family who's anxious because a loved one is serving in the military half way around the world. If only you knew the truth, there could be an end to this agony.

There is a far deeper hunger for the truth that gnaws at the heart of every person. Even those who profess to have no religion will confess in honest moments the struggle that comes with uncertainty. In the presence of others that person may boast about the ability to get along without a faith in God. Or worse yet, that person may arrogantly assert that there is no God. But in the secret places of the heart, that person cannot stop the haunting question, "But what if there is a God?" Of course, this is the kind of question that leads to a multitude of other questions.

If there is a God, what kind of God is He? What does he think of me? How do I fit into his scheme within this universe? What's my personal relationship to him—and his to me? What will happen when I die? Is there a hell—if so how can I escape it? Is there a heaven—if so, how can I be assured of being there someday? These are a few of the questions that have plagued the hearts of people down through the ages. And they demand nothing less than the truth as their reply.

King David expresses one of the greatest longings of the heart when he prays in our Psalm, **"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth."** If you think about it truth brings an end to the agony

of uncertainty. King David, by God's grace, found relief for his uncertainty in the Lord. That's the same place we find relief from our uncertainty, the truth of Christ's Gospel!

Christ with his own lips has assured us that his Gospel is truth. **"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples; then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."** Shortly before his crucifixion he assured his anxious disciples with these words: **"I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me."** He not only knows the truth, he not only has the truth, and he not only brings the truth, he is truth. In him our uncertainty finds the answers to the deepest problems of the soul.

In Christ God has intervened in our behalf, sending his only Son into the world to pay the penalty for our sins and to bring peace through the forgiveness of sins. To achieve this indescribable salvation, Jesus Christ was born, suffered, died and rose. By his suffering and death for our salvation he has given us an overwhelming demonstration of his and his Father's love for us. Assured of that love, we can rest assured of his continued guidance as we walk in his truth.

In your search for truth you need not look any further than Jesus. He is the Truth—heaven's eternal Truth, God's Truth to humanity, the only Truth by which we can set our course and be assured of an eternal destiny of pleasure and glory! So, we pray, **"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth."**

God's blessings as you place yourself in a position to be taught by the Lord, that you might walk in His Truth.

Pastor Marcus Powers

## Regular Worship Hours Return

We begin our **regular worship hours on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, with services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.** Our Family Bible Hour will also resume at 9:15 a.m. Worship services will also be held on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

As the summer months conclude and the traditional vacation time comes to an end, we thank the many members who "made up" their weekly offerings while away from church. Realizing that the work of the Lord continues, even when one is not in church, is a blessing both to the congregation and to those who so graciously sent or dropped off their offerings. We encourage others to do the same, so you might also experience the joy of faithful management of all of the Lord's blessings. Again, thank you for your gifts motivated by your faith in Christ.

## CEP Parent Orientation Meeting

Preparations are being made for another year of the Christian Education Program (CEP) at Our Savior's. Therefore, the Board of Christian Education and pastor want you to know the following information.

A special CEP Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all students and at least one parent must be present before your child can start CEP on September 16<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting you will meet individually with your child's CEP teacher review the class requirements for your child's grade. Also, registration forms and fees must be completed and paid at the orientation and the 2015-2016 handbook will be distributed.

Our CEP staff looks forward to working with you and your child(ren). As we work together (and that's the key) we know that Christ will bless our Christian Education Program at Our Savior's. See you there!

## Welcome Fest

It's important for all of us to learn God's Word. Through our study and discussions about the Word, God gives us the strength necessary to stand our ground against the devil. Ongoing Christian education is a vital tool in that struggle.

To introduce our Sunday School program to students, parents, and all who are interested, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School staff will host a 'Welcome Fest' on Sunday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** during the Sunday School hour. At **9:15 a.m.**, students and their parents will gather in the church for an opening devotion, singing, and an overview of the coming Sunday School year. Parents will receive a schedule with the dates for singing in church and the Christmas program rehearsal dates and times.

Following the opening in church, students and parents will go to the individual classrooms to meet their teachers. At this time, the teachers will introduce themselves and give a brief overview of the coming lessons. Books and activity sheets used in the classes will be on display. (Note: if you have special circumstances you wish to share with your child's teacher, please make arrangements to speak to her/him privately.)

Christian parents understand that parental participation is vital in the well-being of the church. The Sunday School staff values the opportunity to teach your children about Jesus the Savior. By working together and placing Christ at the center of what we teach, the Lord will bless our efforts.

Finally, the Board of Christian Education and Sunday School teachers hope that "Welcome Fest" enables your family to better know all the events that will take place in the coming year. We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) at "Welcome Fest."

## "The Crosses We Endure"

Adult Bible class resumes on **Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**. The first class is *Lutheran Spirituality: the Cross*. We will explore the Bible, *Luther's Small Catechism*, and *Lutheran Service Book* as resources for living out our faith in a spiritually confused and sometimes confusing world. In this study, you'll unpack what Scripture has to say about afflictions in the life of the Christian, that is, the cross we will endure in various shapes and sizes, not *even though*, but *because* we are Christians. The session themes are:

- Session 1: Cross Meets Man: Baptism
- Session 2: Cross and Sacrifice
- Session 3: Temptations and Other Afflictions
- Session 4: Our Cross with God
- Session 5: God Tests, the Devil Tempts
- Session 6: The Purpose of Our Cross

Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday at 9:15 a.m. or Monday at 10:00 a.m. Bring your Bible, all other resources will be provided, and feed upon the truth of God's Word!

### COME AND SING!

Join the 10 singers in the choir and...



MAKE A JOYFUL  
NOISE!

There will be new music this year.

SING ALLELUIA!

Our first rehearsal will be September 9th.

COME AND SING!

Join us at 6:45 PM in the balcony.  
We can use new singers in all parts.  
Soprano, alto, tenor and bass.  
You are welcome...  
You are needed...

COME JOIN THE MUSIC MINISTRY

SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!

## Mary/Martha News

The Mary Martha Guild will begin the 2015-2016 year on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, by having a potluck buffet. All present members bring a dish to pass. Honorary members and the person who will bring them shall be our special guests.

Anyone else interested in joining our group please join us that day at 12:30pm to learn about our activities while enjoying the many goodies.

A short meeting will be held. Dues will be voted on.

See you there –

Committee member,  
Marcie Sorenson

## Rummage Sale, 2015

We are looking forward to working with you on the rummage sale. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule by Sept. 10th. Without your help, we cannot have a rummage sale. Please sign up and reserve the date on your home calendar.

The first opportunity to help will be on Sunday, October 4th. Starting at 10:30 AM on that day, we will set up the fellowship hall and downstairs classrooms with tables. We need at least 10 individuals to move furniture, boxes, and tables in to the correct spaces. If we have at least that many individuals, we will be done by noon. The next two weeks will be organizing the donations on to tables and pricing starting Oct. 5th.

The sale will start at 1 PM and go till 5 PM on Oct. 16th. On Oct. 17th, the sale will run from 9 AM to 3 PM with clean up to follow the end of the sale. Neat Repeats is coming at 3 PM to pick up any items left from the sale. Clean up is generally done by 4:30 if we have enough helpers. Then it will be time to celebrate at Jim and Clara Murphy's house with pizza and beverages. All workers are invited to partake in celebrating a job well done.

Continue to bring in your donations. Call if you need items picked up. I already have a couple people who we will be picking up items starting Oct. 5th. If you

have any questions, please call Clara Murphy or Mike Feudner.

### **Social Activities Group Dinner Theater Trip**

Join us for an evening at Memories in Port Washington for a buffet dinner and musical titled, *An L.M. Montgomery Christmas*, on Saturday, December 5. You'll be transported back in time to Christmas Eve, 1910, as passengers board a train to take them to their Christmas gatherings. When the train is halted by a blizzard, this diverse group of everyday folks, each with their own challenges, worries, and anxieties are drawn together and rediscover the true meaning of Christmas. The cost is \$38, providing we have 20 or more people. If we have less than 20 people the cost will be \$40. We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 5:00. Please add your name to the signup sheet in the narthex and indicate whether or not you are able to drive and how many passengers you can take. The menu is listed on the signup sheet. Checks should be made payable to Jane Woodard and given to Jane or dropped off in the church office. DEADLINE to sign up and pay your money is Sunday, November 1. Any questions, please call Jane at 459-8965.

### **A Note from the Parish Nurse**

Dear Friends in Christ:

I attended the parish nurse conference this past May. A breakout session I attended dealt with domestic violence. Dr. Stephen Saunders, Professor of Psychology and the Director of Clinical Training at Marquette University and Sandra Ostapowich, Conference Executive for Higher Things, Inc. and a survivor of an 8 year abusive marriage were the presenters.

The session included statistics and definitions or types of abuse, understanding the abuser and the victim, starting difficult conversations, issues of safety, steps in helpful conversations, understanding and referring to resources/experts, and outreach.

The information obtained was overwhelming as the program was whittled down to 2 ½ hours from 8-9 hours. There is a website – [lcms.org/socialissues](http://lcms.org/socialissues) – where the information can be viewed. There were two members of the audience who relayed their own stories of survival. It is important to remember than

anyone sitting in the pew next to you could be either an abuser or a victim. Christians are not immune from this tragedy.

May God continue to bless us.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Deb Kuitert

### **Blood Pressure Screenings**

Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:30-9:30am in the Lounge

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

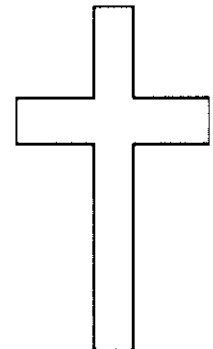
Tuesdays – 1:30-3:30pm

Thursdays – 4:00-5:55pm

*Your faithful  
service*

*is an*

*offering to  
God.*



*Philippians 2:17*

Joanne Bartzen

Marge & Wayne Siefert

Nancy & Dolf Brauer

Dianna & David McLaughlin

Judy & Jerry Kaboord

**Altar Guild Ministry  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

*With sincere thanks for your  
faithful service, God works  
through you in wonderful ways.  
You have been very much  
appreciated by your brothers and  
sisters in Christ.*

# Family and Youth Ministry Page

September 2015

## Welcome Back!!!

### Message from Coordinator of Christian Education

Welcome back to another fun and exciting school year! I hope you all had a blessed and relaxing summer and you were able to spend quality time with your children and family. I look forward to seeing and talking with all of you soon.

### The Need to be Digital Christians

Christ has no presence online but ours. The only information about Christ is the information we (people) put out there. We can teach our children how use social media to accept, admonish, build up, care for, comfort or confess to, be devoted to, encourage, fellowship, forgive, greet, honor, love, pray for and serve with social media. Doing this will help spread Christ's positive presence online.

### Upcoming Events for Youth and Families

#### Wednesday September 9th: CEP orientation

All CEP students grades 5-8 and parents should attend an informational meeting at **6:00 pm**

#### Sunday September 13th: First day of Sunday school

Families please join us at **9:15** in church for an introduction of Sunday school, expectations and share what's new.

All students new to the Confirmation program and all children of any age new to Sunday school should plan to attend the **10:30** service to receive your bible from the Church

**Wednesday September 16th: CEP Begins @ 3:30** The Youth Room will be open beginning after school at 2:00 pm.

### Here's what's new this year

\*Our Savior's is now completely WiFi enabled. Thanks to Our Savior's Endowment Committee we now have free wireless internet throughout church, the fellowship hall, and narthex areas.

\*Sunday school children will be Concordia's Cross - Connections Sunday school curriculum this year. This allows us to get together as a large group and learn God's word and as a small group as well.

\*There is a new basketball hoop in the parking lot.

\*The area at the bottom of the stairs in the fellowship hall will be painted and can be used as an area for parents to network and fellowship with one another while their child is in Sunday School.

Did you know that Our Savior's is on Facebook? Like Our Savior's Sheboygan to get up to date information about upcoming events!

Online Registration is available for Sunday School and CEP.

3 years - 4th grade:

<http://goo.gl/forms/QRz587KIY4>

CEP Students:

<http://goo.gl/forms/iqfneznVba>

Please feel Free to contact me at anytime @ **920-207-6528** or [oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com)

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6 7:30-9:30am Blood Pressure Check 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:30am Divine Worship	7 Labor Day <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	8 1:30-3:30pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meeting	9 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm CEP Orientation 6:45pm Choir	10 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	11	12
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