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Now Thank We All Our God

The hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" is a popular Christian hymn; written by Martin Rinckart, who was born at Eilenburg, Germany, in April 1586, forty years after Martin Luther's death. His hymn is considered by many as second only among German hymns to the reformer's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Martin Rinckart was a Lutheran minister of the Gospel in Eilenburg at the beginning of the Thirty Years' War. The walled city of Eilenburg became the refuge for political and military fugitives who had lost everything in the war, but the result was overcrowding, deadly pestilence, and famine. Armies overran it three times. The Rinckart home was a refuge for many victims, even though he was often hard-pressed to provide for his own family. During the height of a severe plague in 1637, Rinckart was the only surviving pastor in Eilenburg, conducting as many as 50 funerals in a day. At last the number of dead each day was so great that it became impossible to bury them individually, as a result the dead were buried together in trenches. It is reported that Rinckart performed more than 4,000 funerals in that year, including that of his wife.

Rinckart was a prolific hymn writer and it was in the midst of this time of severe struggle that he wrote this hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us

And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

It is amazing that Rinckart was able to write such words in the midst of all that was taking place in his life. I believe it was only possible because Rinckart understood our greatest blessing: God's gift of forgiveness and the eternal life that is ours because of the sacrificial death of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus endured the pain, punishment, and persecution of the cross as his body was distorted and mangled on that tree. He endured execution at the hands of his own people; He himself became the "Sacrifice of Thanksgiving." However, He knew that the Father would not abandon him. He knew that after the hours of darkness there would be light; after defeat, victory; after sorrow, joy; after death, resurrection!

By the resurrection of Christ we know that God our heavenly Father has accepted the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. Jesus Christ is our heavenly Father's gift and as we trust in him forgiveness of sins is ours! The resurrection is ours! Eternal life in heaven is ours! As a result, praise and thanksgiving become our response.

God's Blessings as you offer Him your thanks,

Pastor Marcus Powers

THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

Because of Christ's blessings to us, it is fitting that we annually observe a day of thanksgiving. This is certainly in accord with the Bible's directive to "give thanks unto the Lord." (Psalm 118:1)

In conformity with this scriptural command, we will hold Thanksgiving service on:

November 25th - Thanksgiving Eve - 6:00pm

This service is an opportunity to gather your family together to worship and thank the Lord who gave us all good things.

There will be **no service** on Thanksgiving Day.

SAINTS REMEMBERED

We will observe "All Saints Day" at all three worship services the first weekend of November. "All Saints Day" on the Christian calendar reminds believers of the faithful departed who are with Jesus in heaven. The contemporary Christian is also reminded that the "best is yet to be" - when Christ comes to take him or her home to heaven. (There's obviously much more to life than the few years granted to each of us on planet earth)! This emphasis will prevail at the October 29th service at 6:00; and the 8:00 & 10:30 services on Nov. 1st. At those services we will recall those who departed this life to be with Christ during the past year.

Pastoral Acts:

WEDDING

Nathan Braatz and Stacey Tennessen
October 17, 2015



Social Activities Group Sponsoring the "Christmas Giving Tree"

The Giving Tree will be going up this month in the narthex. This year's Giving Tree gifts again will help **Salvation Army Families** of Sheboygan.

This year, Our Savior's will be sponsoring 4 families (7 adults & 13 children) in need. Please take one or more gift tags and purchase the item(s) on the gift tag. Place the donations **UN-WRAPPED & with the gift tag on the package (It is very important that gift tag is on the package so we know which person and which family receives the gift.)** under the Christmas tree or in the barrel marked "Giving Tree Donations". Some tags will have a dollar amount on them. For those, please put money and the gift tag in an envelope. That money will be combined with other money gifts to purchase the gift that the child or adult requested. Also, if you purchase a gift card, please put them in an envelope with the gift tag. Items should be placed under the tree no later than **Sunday, December 13th**. If you have any questions, please contact Marijo Pitsch @ 980-3981 or any of the members of the Social Activities Group

The Social Activities Group wants to thank everyone in advance for their support and outreach of our community.

Upcoming Events sponsored by the Social Activities Group:

- January 31, 2016 – Annual Chili Cook off
- March 20, 2016–Palm Sunday Luncheon
- April 23, 2016 – Frank the Pizza Man

Social Activities Group Member:

Robyn Bemowski	Linda Fleck
Gail Hajenga	Marilyn Heling
Clara Murphy	Marijo Pitsch
Jane Woodard	Kelly Jaeger

Newly Elected Leaders

The voters of Our Savior's have chosen the following people to serve in leadership roles:

Vice President: Dave Schlieder

Secretary: Rhonda Schulze

Elders: Todd Priebe, Bill Stroo

Board of Education: Teri Meyer, Lou Ann Stroo, Angela Nienhuis, Carol Schmidt

Trustees: Rich Neerhof, Dick Woodard

Endowment Committee: Dennis Udovich

We ask God's richest blessings on our new leaders and give thanks for the service and dedication of out-going officers.

Newly elected officers and board members will be installed at the late service on January 3rd.

OUR SAVIOR'S 2016 WORK PROGRAM

The 2016 Work Program was voted on at the October 18th voters' meeting. It is as follows:

Missions: \$31,000

Payroll: \$167,460

Education: \$7,500

Administration: \$27,700

Maintenance: \$27,000

Total: \$260,660

We encourage all members to give financial support for the Lord's work by giving your first-fruit, proportionate offerings.

As the winter season approaches . . .

. . . procedures are in place for dealing with inclement weather. If worship services are to be cancelled the stations below are notified as soon as possible. There is no need to risk the safety of our members when travel, even short distances, can be a risk. Please check the church answering machine at 452-4005 or check with: radio station, WHBL (1330 AM); or television station, WTMJ (Channel 4). For our confirmation students and parents, if the public schools cancel classes or have early release due to inclement weather on a Wednesday there will be NO CEP classes that day.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

sponsored by

The Social Activities Group

We will be Christmas caroling this Christmas season on Sunday, Dec. 6th to some of our member's homes and nursing homes.

We will meet at the church parking lot at 3:00pm and going out to carol. After we will go to Diana Foth & Jack Posewitz home, 2222 County Rd. Y, for Pizza & drinks. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to let us know you will be attending.

Please mark your calendar for Dec. 6th at 3:00pm to share the birth of Jesus Christ to our shut-ins.

Quilters' Group

We thank the Quilters' Group for their labor of love in creating so many beautiful quilts for distribution to third-world countries by Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will serve as shelter and provide warmth, but most importantly, they are a reflection of the love of Christ.

One quilt remains for purchase. The minimum bid for the quilt is \$50. The quilt is on display in the narthex through November 8th. If you are interested in the quilt, please make a bid on the sheets provided.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

The sale was a success. After re-adding the monies received for a second time, the corrected gross totals for the sale are as follows: Rummage Sale, \$6562.75; Bake Sale, \$385.05; and Brat Fry, \$766.65. For a total of \$7,714.45. The expenses still need to be deducted from these figures; plus we are attempting to sell some of the items on e-bay, so the figures will change slightly.

Thank you to everyone that donated items as well as **a tremendous thank you to all who volunteered** their time for the event. We could not have done it without your efforts.

The money raised will be used to buy new altar ware and to assist those attending the National Youth Rally in 2016.

At the church quarterly meeting last Sunday, it was announced that Mike Feudner and Clara Murphy were stepping down from chairing the rummage sale after doing it for the past 3 years. If the rummage sale is to continue, a new chairperson(s) will need to step forward. Mike and Clara will be happy to meet with any interested individuals to pass on any and all information collected over the past 3 years. If interested, please contact Clara Murphy at 457-2658.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Transfer Out:

Lora Arndt to St. John Lutheran Church in West Bend, WI

Don and Anne Reznichak to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Manawa, WI

Transfer In:

Phyllis Schroeder from Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI

Michael and Susan Fischer from Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, WI

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am officially retiring from my nursing job in dialysis as of November 1, 2015. This has been a bittersweet decision as I have loved my job and the patients in my care. I have developed many close relationships, suffered many sad losses, and celebrated happy moments when patients have received a much needed transplant. That said, I am no longer physically, mentally, and emotionally able to continue doing the job.

With this retirement, I will be able to devote more time as a parish nurse. I look forward to spending time visiting with our shut-in members. I would like your help and suggestions with programs that you would like to see developed at Our Savior's involving health and well-being physically, mentally, and spiritually.

I will be gone at the beginning of November for a much needed vacation to be with family in Alabama.

Please keep me in your prayers as I venture into this new phase of life. It's all a little scary but I know God will be with me every step of the way.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in this parish

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb Kuitert

Blood pressure screenings on November 8.

Office Hours:

Tuesday: 1:30-3:30pm

Thursday: 4:00-5:55pm

No office hours on November 3, 5 and Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26.

Mary Martha November News

Mary Martha members gathered on October 6th. Reports were given by Mary Jo Pitsch and Delores Williams, Treasurer. It was decided that we will have our usual Christmas Cookie sale. The date will be decided at our November meeting. Ann Fredericks will again chair the sale.

It was also confirmed that our Christmas meeting will be December 1st at Rupp's. Each member will bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange.

Being that this month is Pastor appreciation month, it was decided to honor Past Powers with a gift certificate to the "Twisted Root" restaurant. Also, Lou Ann Stroo will take over the job of ordering cards and napkins. A big thank you to Marg and JoAnn for doing a well done job.

Janine Bergeron gave a very beneficial program, showing us how to use coupons. Very interesting. We were then treated with delicious tortes and coffee by Nancy Rammer and Gloria Meseck.

Our next meeting will be November 3rd. The hostesses will be Ann Fredricks and Clara Murphy. Our guest will be Kay Fowler from TLC Casuals who will teach us various scarf tying techniques. Please bring a scarf along with you to the meeting. All are invited to attend.

Marcie Sorenson, Committee Member

Soles for Souls

Soles for Souls is a program that refurbishes women's shoes to benefit shelters and those in need. It doesn't matter what shape the shoes are in. Drop off or mail shoes to:

Richard Waski
W8032 Brazelton Drive
Random Lake, WI 53075.

Hot Dog Lovers Rejoice!

On Thursday, December 10th, 5:00pm (yes, I meant December!), the regular Advent Soup & Sandwich will be replaced by a New England Hot Dog Dinner. A sign up sheet will be posted the beginning of November to get an estimate for ordering the hot dog rolls from Massachusetts. The menu will be: New England hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips and desserts. There will be a free will offering.

If you have any questions, please call Helen or Janine Bergeron for more information.

"Sing to the Lord a new song." Psalm 98:1

This fall the choir is taking this Bible verse very seriously. We are exploring some new music.

On Reformation Sunday we enjoyed filling the church with the sounds of "How Great Is Our God". A song with a contemporary feel, which also incorporated a bit of the hymn "How Great Thou Art".

We will continue presenting new songs when we sing with the children on November 15th. The Sunday School children are helping us prepare a song where they sing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and the choir sings "This is my Father's World". We will also sing the song a second time at 8 AM on Nov. 22, when a group of children will join us for the singing of this anthem.

On Thanksgiving Eve, the choir will present a beautiful song, with very meaningful words, when they sing, "I Thank You, Lord" for the first time.

I hope you will come and enjoy the inspiration these songs can give you. Or better yet, come join us in singing the new music that God has inspired composers to write. He has given us this music to help us Praise Him and to be inspired in our lives.

Come join us to sing or listen to
A New Song!

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Family and Youth Ministry Page

November 2015

Kids Today

Message from Coordinator of Christian Education

We are off to a great start this year. The number of our youth between the ages of 3-13 has grown to 43. Our children are being disciples and bringing other children with them to church. Way to go kids!!

What's Going On and What's upcoming!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser for youth attending 2016 National Youth Gathering in NOLA ends November 9th!

November 4 & 18 - Youth Nights

November 14-Bridgeway House Clean Up

November 15 - Youth Worship Participation and Sunday School Activity 11:30 - 12:45

November 25 - NO CEP

November 29 - Christmas Parade

December 4 - Bridgeway Christmas Party

December 6 - Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 13 - Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 20 - Christmas Program

Kids Today... by Lisa Krenz

"Kids today, humph! Life's not like it was when I was young." We've all heard that lament. And it's true! The lives of children today are different than those of previous generations-more media options, less clear lines of authority, more daycare, less time to just be kids, and on and on. Recent studies show that girls are reaching puberty at an earlier age. The incidence of special needs like attention deficit disorder, learning disabilities, mental illness and autism is on the rise. It seems the world of child development gets more complex all the time. But let's look at the flip side of the coin. Much is still the same about children.

They are still children.

while children may be exposed to more, we must not be fooled into thinking that they're able to process the input or can function on the same level as adults. While today's children appear to be more mature physically, they cannot think on a true abstract level until they are at least 11 years old. A child with exceptional learning may not meet abstract thinking until an even older age.

How children learn remains the same.

Children still learn best when they use their all their senses. They still need to touch things, experiment with the world around them, experience things firsthand. The human brain still loves music, rhythm, and rhyme. Children still don't learn things the first time. Since much of Christian education is abstract, children still need guided experiences to move from the concrete to the abstract, starting with the known and moving to the unknown. We can't expect young children to a cognitive jumps. When we ask students to think and learn be on their stage of development, we invite discipline problems or diminished learning.

How good were the good old days?

Perhaps the "good old days" weren't always so good. The model students - sitting quietly with hands folded in rows of desks - if they ever existed, may not have learned much. Yes, kids today are different in some ways, and so are we. Yet some things remain the same. Children still need to know this Jesus who loves them and died and rose again for their salvation. As a favorite children's song reminds us: "Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world." By God's grace, may that never change!

Reaching Every Child: How to Meet Student Needs (pp. 10-11). (2015). St. Louis, Missouri: Concordia Publishing House.

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

Don't forget to join bible study during Sunday school time!!

Please feel Free to contact me at anytime @ 920-207-6528 or oslcyouthcoordinator@gmail.com

~ November 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship	2 10:00am Bible Study 6:30pm Board Meetings	3 1:00pm Mary Martha	4 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Youth Night 5:45pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	5 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	6	7
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