

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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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

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Ironies of the Passion

Irony is a figure of speech in which words are used in such a way that their intended meaning is different from the actual meaning of the words. It may also be a situation that may end up in quite a different way than what is generally anticipated. In simple words, it is a difference between the appearance and the reality. Ironies are evident throughout the Scriptures and we will explore some of these ironies during Lent.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the church's 40-day journey of repentance and renewal in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. This year **Ash Wednesday** falls on **February 10th**.

The overall theme for our midweek Lenten sermons is "Ironies of the Passion." Through these services you will hear once again God's plan of salvation.

The schedule for our service dates, times and weekly themes are as follows:

- Ash Wednesday, **February 10th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *This Man Went Home Justified*

(Please note: the midweek services following Ash Wednesday will take place on Thursdays of each week).

- Midweek 2, Thursday, **February 18th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *It's Better That One Man Die for the People!*
- Midweek 3, Thursday, **February 25th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Not During the Feast*
- Midweek 4, Thursday, **March 3rd** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus*
- Midweek 5, Thursday, **March 10th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *We Have No King But Caesar!*

- Midweek 6, Thursday, **March 17th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Don't You Fear God?*
- Maundy Thursday, **March 24th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Do This in Remembrance of Me*
- Good Friday, **March 25th** at 1:30 p.m. *He Said, "I Will Rise Again"*
- Easter Sunday, **March 27th** at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?*

Be sure to set aside time for these upcoming services in order to nurture and strengthen your God-given faith.

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God's eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God's love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise.

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Lenten blessings in Christ,

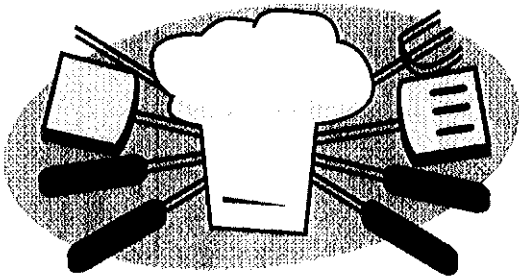
Pastor Marcus Powers

SOUP & SANDWICH NEWS**OUR SAVIOR'S MISSION STATEMENT**

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, is a family of believers growing together in faith as we joyfully **worship** the Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit we willingly **serve** our Lord Jesus Christ and **share** his love with others.

WORSHIP...SERVE...SHARE

COME AND GET IT!! BRAT FRY



**SPONSERED BY CEP STUDENTS &
PARENTS**

**DATE: Sunday, March 6, 2016
TIME: 11:30am-2:00pm
In the Church Fellowship Hall**

The menu will be:
steak & chicken sandwiches,
hamburgers & brats, potato salad, baked
beans, chips and variety of desserts and
beverages.

**Let's all turn out, support a good cause,
and enjoy a tasty "Sheboygan Style"
bratwurst meal. Invite your friends and
relatives**

SOUP & SANDWICH will begin this month on Ash Wednesday, Feb 10, at 5 pm and continue on Thursdays on Feb 18, 25, March 3, 10 & 17 also starting at 5 pm. If you get home from work late, stop in the Fellowship Hall for a quick bite before church. A Free-Will offering is available to cover cost of sandwich fixings. Volunteers are needed to make soup, dessert, to help set up & clean up. Contact Helen or Janine Bergeron (457-0516) to volunteer or for more info. Thank you!

I would like to THANK everyone so much who stepped up to help me out with Soup & Sandwich by offering to make soups, desserts, setting up, cleaning up when I couldn't.

They continued to make Soup & Sandwich flow seamlessly. Thanks again!

Helen Bergeron

PASTORAL ACTS*Baptism*

Molly Elizabeth Meulbroek
Daughter of Brandon and Shannon Meulbroek
January 17, 2016

Funeral

Mrs. Gertrude Froelich
Age: 95
Died: January 12, 2016
Laid to Rest: January 15, 2016

Wedding

Jacob Schultz & Emilee Harry
January 9, 2016

Adult Confirmation

Natalie French
December 3, 2015

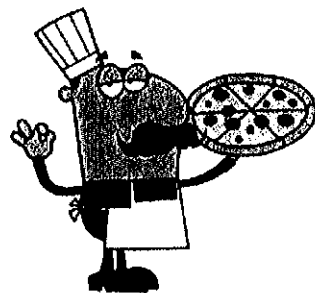
Nathan and Stacey Braatz
December 6, 2015

**Palm Sunday Luncheon
March 20**

The Social Activities Group will be sponsoring a Palm Sunday Luncheon on March 20th in the Church Fellowship Hall following the late worship service. The meal will include: **BBQ Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Red Potato Salad, Chips, Vegies & Dip, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Milk.** A Free Will offering will be taken. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex at the end of February; please sign up so we can get a count of people that will be attending. Also, we are looking for donations of desserts and you will find that on the sign-up sheet. Come and celebrate the start of Holy Week and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers & sisters.



Questions please contact Robyn @ 918-6165 or any committee member: Linda Fleck, Gail Hajenga, Marilyn Heling, Marijo Pitsch, Kelly Jaeger, Clara Murphy & Jane Woodard.



**PIZZA BY
FRANK MARZANO**

Back by popular demand!
Pizza by Frank Marzano.
Mark your calendar for
April 23rd at 6:00pm in

the Church Fellowship Hall – Look for more information coming in the March Newsletter.

Up Coming Events:

- April – Family Movie Night "God is Not Dead"
- Summer – TimberRattlers Game



Our Savior's Annual Report

This report includes information regarding the Word and Sacrament Ministry at Our Savior's. We rejoice that so many of our people continue to be faithful in their life of worship and participation in the Sacraments. But we also realize that there is always room for continued improvement regarding our commitment to the Lord and His Church. May each of us, motivated by the love of Christ, respond with a life of total commitment to following Jesus.

The total attendance at all worship services held during the past year was 12,319 people. This was an increase of 841 worshippers over the previous year. Communion attendance based upon registrations was 5,882 for our congregational members at worship services during the year. This is a decrease of 384 from the previous year.

As of December 31, 2015 the baptized membership for Our Savior's was 670 and communicant membership was 582.

Pastoral acts for 2015 were:

Funerals - 7

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| Edith Clark | Lois Brost |
| Sharon Brunner | Joseph Kaboord |
| Richard Hermann | Vera Van Der Vaart |
| Kenneth Gesch | |

Other Pastoral acts for 2015 were:

- Marriages3
- Baptisms (children)3
- Baptisms (adults)0
- Non-member Baptism0
- Youth Confirmed0
- Adults Confirmed.....3
- Re-Affirmation of Faith....1

Mary Martha Report

The ladies of Mary Martha will be meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at 1:00pm. After our business meeting, there will be a lady from "Project Angel Hugs" telling us about their work for kids with cancer, both locally and around the state. After her presentation, we will be making Valentines for these children. Then hostesses Marge Siefert and Marcie Sorenson will serve desserts. Anyone interested in joining us, please do so. – Marcie Sorenson

A Note from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ:

I'm sure most of you have seen the commercials on TV about shingles. The virus is called *varicella-zoster* and as nearly all adults 40 and older have had chicken pox as a child, that virus is probably lying inactive in nerve tissue. Reactivation of the virus may be caused by illness, immune-suppressing medications, or stress.

The reactivated virus spreads along a nerve path and causes a painful, blistering skin rash known as shingles (*herpes zoster*). It commonly occurs as a band on the trunk area, usually on one side with the spinal cord as a dividing line. Less common are areas on the legs, neck, mouth, and face, or appearances along multiple nerve branches.

You need to see your doctor immediately if you suspect shingles. An antiviral drug started within the first 72 hours after the rash is noted can shorten the course and reduce the severity of pain. If nerve fibers are damaged, there can be long-term lingering pain for months or even years (post-herpetic neuralgia).

Prevention is the best medicine. The shingles vaccine (Zostavax) is recommended by the CDC (Center for Disease Control) for most adults 60 or older. It is recommended even if you had an episode in the past. As with the flu vaccine, if you do develop shingles after vaccination, it reduces the risk of post-herpetic neuralgia by 67%. You must be healthy to receive the vaccine as it is a live vaccine. Check with your doctor.

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb Kuitert, Parish Nurse

Blood Pressure Checks – Sunday, February 7th

Office Hours: Mondays - 2:45-4:45pm
Thursdays – 3:45-5:50pm

I will be gone February 15-23. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thanks to all who donated food and funds to cover the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. In November, 11 families of Our Savior's enjoyed 2 boxes of fixins' to make a Thanksgiving turkey dinner. In December, 13 families of Our Savior's received 2 boxes to make a Christmas ham dinner. Thanks also to the volunteers who delivered these baskets.

We received notes from some of our families:

++Thank you everyone, we appreciate all of the food which you gave us. We really needed the food and I will make all of the food go a long way.

Thank you is never enough to say to know how much the food really means to us.

Thank you all & God Bless.

++Thank you for all the food boxes you have blessed my family with.

We greatly appreciate everything.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and have a safe & healthy new year.

++Thank you for all for all the food in the gift baskets.

Your kindness is very appreciated and words can never tell you how thankful we are to have such caring and loving people.

Thank you and God bless you.

Merry Christmas.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS will be delivered on March 26th. Delivery volunteers should meet at church at 10 am. If there are individuals or families (who are members of Our Saviors) in need of an Easter food basket, please contact Janine Bergeron (457-0516) or Pastor Powers.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS include canned fruit, canned sliced pineapple, canned soup, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mustard, boxed pudding & jello mixes (regular & sugar free), rice/pasta mixes, canned frosting, lotion, liquid dish soap, toothpaste/brushes. Thank you.

~ February 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:45pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	2 1:00pm Mary Martha	3 3:30pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	4 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	5	6
7 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship	8 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:45pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Council	9	10 Ash Wednesday 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Lenten Service with Communion 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service with Communion	11 NO THURSDAY WORSHIP 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse	12	13
14 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	15 10:00am Bible Class	16	17 3:30pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	18 10:00am Lenten Service with Communion 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service with Communion	19	20
21 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship	22 10:00am Bible Class	23	24 3:30pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	25 10:00am Lenten Service with Communion 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 5:00pm Soup & Sandwich 6:00pm Lenten Service with Communion	26	27
28 Lutheran High Sunday 8:00am Divine Worship 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Worship with Communion	29 10:00am Bible Class 2:45-4:45pm Parish Nurse	Notes: CEP Brat Fry is on March 6. Holy Week is March 20-27. Worship Schedule: Palm Sunday (March 20) – 8:00 & 10:30am; Maundy Thursday (March 24) 10:00am & 6:00pm; Good Friday (March 25) – 1:30pm; Easter Vigil (March 26) – 6:00pm; Easter (March 27) – 8:00 & 10:30am.				