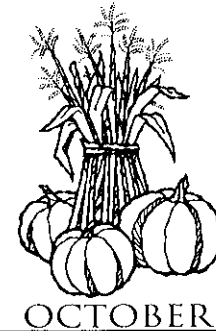


# WORSHIP WITH US!

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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**OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER**

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Since joining you in August I have seen the Holy Spirit working at Our Savior's. Our faith in Jesus unites us in a common cause: to receive the gifts of God so that we may share the gifts of God. As part of being further united in our common cause and looking to the future, I've organized a "Transition Task Team" (TTT) to facilitate "Ready for the Future" small group cottage meetings for entire congregation participation in order to identify ministry opportunities for you and your next permanent pastor.

The TTT will be asking for volunteers to host one or more cottage meetings in their home and then work with hosts to invite 8-10 persons to a meeting (based on geography, lifestyle, family situation, child care needs etc.). Alternatively, a sign-up sheet at church may be used once the host homes are ready. An occasional cottage meeting can be held at the church rather than at a home. We ask everyone to attend just one of these meetings. You may volunteer to host a meeting at your home. You may be personally invited to a meeting at someone's home, sign up for a meeting at church, or call the church office to see if there is space available at an upcoming meeting at someone's home.

I will lead the same process and discussion at each of the group meetings. This is an opportunity to share our sense of direction concerning both the current and future mission of Our Savior's. The purpose of these one-time, brief meetings is (1) for the Intentional Interim Pastor and Our Savior's members to become better acquainted; (2) to get better acquainted with more members of the congregation in a different setting; (3) to talk together and listen to each other about the future of the congregation so that we become more unified in our mission; (4) to pray for and with one another. The meeting will go no longer than 90 minutes.

Each participant is asked to complete a "Ready for the Future" survey and bring along to the cottage meeting. One copy is included in this issue of the Messenger. Additional copies are available in the narthex at church. The survey is designed to get participants thinking about issues BEFORE they even get to the cottage meeting. The surveys are NOT dealt with in the process of the meeting but collected at the start of the meeting and returned to the TTT for analysis, discussion and summary. There is a separate cottage meeting for the youth.

If you have any questions or comments about intentional interim ministry, please feel free to contact me at any time.

The Lord be with you!

Pr. Jim Schulz +  
Intentional Interim Pastor

317.657.0024  
jimschulz50@gmail.com

### **Hosts needed for "Ready for the Future" small group meetings**

The Transition Task Team (TTT) is in the process of finding members who would be willing to host "Ready for the Future" small group meetings. The hosts would be responsible for inviting a total of eight to ten people to their home where Pr. Schulz will lead a discussion about the future of Our Savior's. If you are willing to host one of these meetings or, if not able to host, but would like to attend a meeting, contact a member of the TTT:

#### **Michele & Troy McLaughlin**

*Phone:* 920-458-6068;  
*email:* mmclaughlin@sasd.net

#### **Angela & Bob Nienhuis**

*Phone:* 920-207-5346  
*email:* nienhuisa@sheboyganseton.org

#### **Marilyn & Steve Heling**

*Phone:* 920-458-5336  
*email:* steven.heling@gmail.com

## VOTERS' MEETING ON OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>

**Our next voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:15am in the church.**

The October meeting will be the last official meeting of the year, and there will be two very important items of business. These are the adoption of the annual work program for 2017 and the election of officers.

All confirmed members, 18 years and older are encouraged to attend and become an active part in our church government and decision making. See you there!

### **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**

### **SIGN UP FOR ELECTIONS**

Elections for boards will take place at the October 16<sup>th</sup> Voters' Meeting. If you are interested in serving the church in this manner, you can find information about the various boards and terms in the narthex. A sign up sheet will be available to place your name on the ballot. Prayerfully consider lending your time and talents for the Lord's work in this way.

### **Reformation Celebration**

Sunday, October 30, 2016  
Stefanie H. Weill Center for the Performing Arts  
Doors open at 2:30 p.m.  
Service begins at 3:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard  
President of Concordia University – Chicago.

## **Rummage Sale:**

**Drop Off and Work Dates for the Rummage Sale . . .** Due to a lack of staff and a lack of time, the **ALL ITEMS FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4 BY 7:00 PM.** Furniture can start being dropped off after late service on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – someone will be there from 12:00pm-2:00pm on Sunday. Donations will be accepted from 9:00am-7:00pm on September 29 and 30 and from October 3 and 4. If you are able, please help set up and prepare at any time between 9am-7:00pm on September 29-30 and October 3-6.

### **Sign Up to Help with the Rummage Sale! . . .**

Can you help? The Rummage Sale will be on Friday, Oct. 7 & Saturday, Oct 8. We need your help both those days and the weeks leading up to the sale. We're looking for Kitchen Crew, Bake Sale goodies (and Table Monitors), Fryers, Cashiers, Baggers, Pack Up/Clean Up and people to monitor the following areas: Furniture, Jewelry, Clothing, Main Hall, Toys, Books/Audio/Video, Main Entrance, Main Exit, etc. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please step forward and volunteer in your favorite area. Thank you in advance, 2016 Rummage Sale Co-chairs, Bill & LouAnn Stroo and Helen & Janine Bergeron

**HOURS OF THE SALE:** Friday, Oct. 7 from 11 AM to 2 PM and Sat., Oct. 8 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Sign up for a variety of jobs on the tag board in the narthex...select the time slot(s) that work for you.

Any questions? Contact Janine Bergeron or Bill and Lou Ann Stroo. Thanks in advance for all of your donations and assistance.



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

Join us for an evening at Memories in Port Washington for a buffet dinner and musical titled, *An Unexpected Gift*, on Saturday, December 10. Christmas and family...words which evoke powerful emotions in most people. For the Buerkle Family, those two words result in joy, sorrow, anger and love. Join the Buerkles as they gather for Christmas, each of them carrying their own set of baggage, each of them seeking the unconditional love and support from the others. When good ol' Wisconsin winter weather causes them to lose power, yuletide festivities seem to go "down the drain" as they lose the usual comforts of home. Life, if for just a short time, becomes a little simpler and the Buerkles are reminded of the wonderful gift they have had all along...family.

The cost is \$38, providing we have over 16 people. If we have less than 16 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. 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 6.

### **Notes from the Parish Nurse**

Dear Friends in Christ:

Are you taking too many pills? A recent study found that two-thirds of older adults take five or more medications and supplements daily. One in six use meds and/or supplements that shouldn't be combined.

What to do? At least once yearly, gather all prescriptions, over-the-counter, drops, ointments, dietary supplements, vitamins, minerals, or herbal remedies you use and take them to your doctor or pharmacist.

After your review, make a list of everything you take, include dosage, the reason for taking, and the name of prescriber. Then give the list to every pharmacist and doctor you see. Review the list every four to six months and when new meds are added.

During the review, the doctor or pharmacist should check for any interactions that could be present, whether you're taking different drugs to treat the same problem, and whether the dosage is at the lowest possible or could possibly be eliminated.

Each time a new med or over-the-counter is recommended by your doctor, ask the following:

- What is the medication for?
- How long should I take it?
- Is this similar to another drug I already take?
- Can non-drug alternatives help me?
- Will this medication interact dangerously with other drugs or over-the-counter products I take?
- What side effects could this med cause?

Before stopping any medication, check with your doctor as some drugs need to be tapered off slowly.

- Make a plan – work with doctor and monitor closely.
- Know the warning signs. Report any symptoms and report them.
- Keep symptoms from returning. Ask about strategies that can help alleviate problems.

(Info taken from Consumer Reports on Health – October 2016)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

BP Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

### **Pastoral Acts:**

Wedding:

Andrew Schultz & Shanna Pitsch  
September 17, 2016

## **Wine and Cheese Tasting Party**

Friday, November 4, 2016 – Experience the taste of different wines and cheeses and have an evening of good conversation and fun. Jim & Clara Murphy will be opening their home for this event at 6:30 pm. Bring a bottle of wine (one per couple) and a hors d'oeuvre to pass. If you plan to bring cheese, please note the kind on the signup sheet to alleviate duplication. The Murphys' address is: 1829 Lily Ct. If you have any questions, please call Clara at 457-2658.

**DEADLINE:** A signup sheet will be posted in the narthex until Sunday, October 30

## **Mary Martha Report**

The first Mary Martha meeting after the summer break was held on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the church fellowship hall. Our president introduced Pastor Schultz and his wife, Gretchen.

This was followed by a delicious and varied potluck luncheon. During and after, we enjoyed visiting with each other. No business meeting was held on that day.

In October, we will have a short business meeting and then will help the rummage sale committee get ready for the sale.

Committee member,  
Joanne Bartz

## **"Ask the Interim"**

Q & A for the intentional interim pastor

*Q: What is the significance of the pastor's gowns in worship?*

A: In our day, the question might be asked "Why does a pastor wear a gown at all in a worship service?" As is true for everything we do in the divine service, Lutheran pastors wear gowns so that we focus on Jesus who comes to us in Word and Sacrament. Gowns set a mood that when we come to church we are in a special place, unlike the places we visit at other times of the week. God is present with His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation given to us through Word and Sacrament. Therefore, we

approach God with reverence and joy to receive His gifts. The cut and color of the pastor's gowns help set a mood that something special is taking place. The gowns help us to focus on the pastor's role as the congregation's called minister of Christ and presiding worshiper, rather than his personality and talents (or lack thereof) as a leader and communicator.

Passages from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions (the "official" documents of what it means to be Lutheran) help us understand why the pastor wears special gowns during the divine service. The first is what God told Moses on Mt. Sinai about how the priests were to dress for worship in the tabernacle, a practice that continued for generations in the temple and influences pastors' garments today. In Exodus 28:2 God said: "Make holy garments for . . . glory and for beauty." And so to this day, we agree (with God!) that "holy garments" are helpful for setting a tone of "glory and beauty" in worship. The other quotes are from the Lutheran Confessions: "The chief purpose of all ceremonies is to teach the people what they need to know about Christ . . . and that those who have been touched by the Word may receive faith and fear and so may also pray." "At the outset we must again make the preliminary statement that we do not abolish the Mass ("Mass" means "main worship service"), but religiously maintain and defend it. . . . And the usual public ceremonies are observed, the series of lessons, of prayers, vestments, and other like things." "We gladly keep the old traditions set up in the church because they are useful and promote tranquility, and we interpret them in an evangelical way, excluding the opinion that they justify."

If you have specific questions about the pastor's gowns, or anything else, feel free to "ask the Interim."

## **MEMORAL GIFTS**

\$135 in memory of Don Augustine

# our savior's CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

October 2016

## In Christ Alone. We Stand! Continued

September we learned about **Identity.... In Christ Alone**. This month the focus is **Humility.... In Christ Alone**.

### **Humility... In Christ Alone**

In humility, count others more significant than yourselves. - Philippians 2:3

Humility is a key theme in the book of Philippians. Humility, however is a difficult concept to grasp. Try to answer these questions to better understand humility: How would you define humility? Or Who is the most humble person you know? What makes them humble?

As part of his encouragement in this letter, Paul calls Christians to live humbly. This can be a challenge for many of us, especially because much of the world around us seems to encourage the opposite of humility. Paul gave us a vivid image of humility in Philippians 2:1-11. In verse 3 Paul tells us to "count others as more significant than ourselves." That can be difficult for us. Why?

Verses 5-11 are often called the "Christ hymn" because they summarize so well the life and work of Jesus. Looking at this verse, think about how Jesus "counted others as more significant," than Himself? What a world we would live in if we all thought that way.

Jesus obedience to God the Father led him to give up everything for us. Paul uses Jesus' humble obedience as an example for us to imitate in our lives as saints and servants. With this in mind, think about this statement.... Jesus' humble obedience leads me to count others as more significant than myself by....

**CEP and Sunday school are off to a great start.**

**Our Sunday school children will sing their praises to Lord during the 10:30 service on October 16th.**

**CEP will be helping with rummage sale setup on October 5th, and clean up on the 8th. Leaf Raking will be October 22nd. Please let the church office or myself know if you need your leaves raked.**

**God's Blessings to you!**

**- Brett Meulbroek - Christian Ed Coordinator**



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# HighLites

*"Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time"*

A Monthly Newsletter

October 2016

## Fall Open House at LHS

All 5th through 8th graders and parents are invited to attend a high school Open House at Sheboygan Lutheran High School.

**Monday, October 24**  
**5:00 - 6:45 p.m.**

Families can take this opportunity to meet with the faculty and find out why they love teaching here!

Gather useful information about our programs, curriculum, mission, tuition and more.

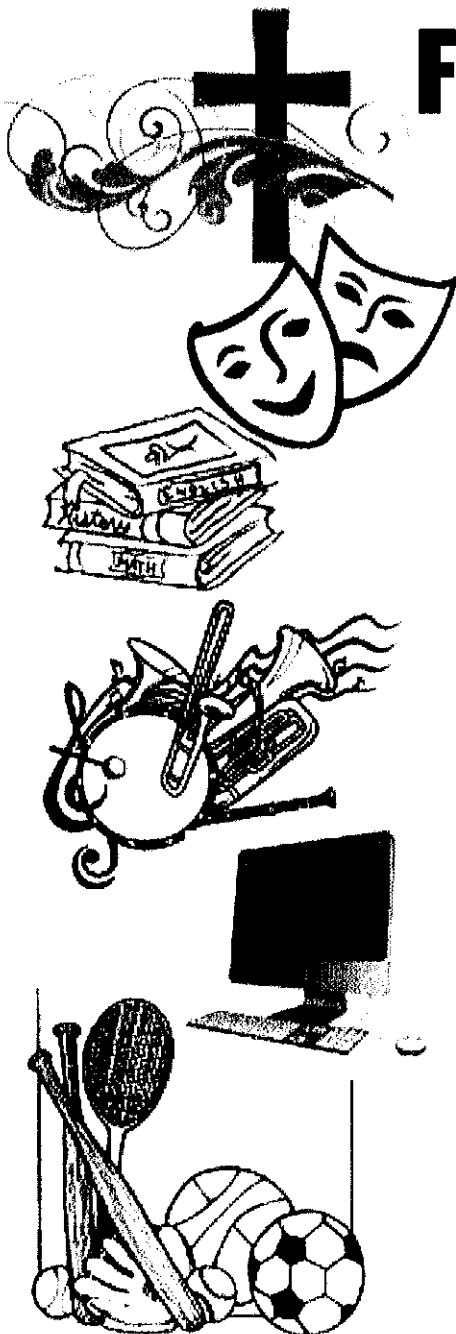
Set up a student shadowing day.

Each visiting family can enter a drawing for free registration (one reg. fee waived for one year).

All are invited to stay for the Fall Sampler Concert featuring our Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir, and Konzertchor. The 7 p.m. concert is free.

Find out about our Christ-centered education, where students achieve higher ACT scores, are involved in many school activities, and thrive in a caring and safe environment.

Call the office at 920-452-3323 for more information.





# LHS October Events

**Sr. Citizens/  
Grandparents' Day**  
at Lutheran High School  
Tues., Oct. 4  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Fall Sampler Concert**  
Mon., Oct. 24  
7 p.m.  
LHS Gymnasium



**Reformation Rally**  
Sun., Oct 30  
3:30 p.m.  
@ Stefanie H. Weill Center  
downtown Sheboygan

**Comedy Café**  
A Night of One-act Plays  
Fri. & Sat., Nov. 4 & 5  
7 p.m. performances  
in the LHS gymnasium

## Taproot Club Annual Dinner

Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 p.m.  
at Blue Harbor Conference Center, Sheboygan  
This year's dinner will highlight an open-to-the-audience question & answer forum with Todd and Carol Dekker. LHS student speakers are also featured.  
The Taproot Club is open to everyone and provides money for Lutheran High's annual fund. This fund is used to pay teacher salaries and utility bills. Please support Lutheran education and join us at this year's event. Call the school office for more information at (920) 452-3323.

## Homecoming Court

Congratulations to our student honorees:

### Senior - King, Mathias Otten

Trinity Lutheran - Downtown Sheboygan

### Senior - Queen, Natalie Madson

Trinity Lutheran - Downtown Sheboygan

### Senior Attendant - Lindsay Smith

Trinity Lutheran - Downtown Sheboygan

### Senior Attendant - Pedro Jaramillo Carrasco

Foreign Exchange Program, Ecuador

### Junior Attendant - Emily Shelby

Trinity Lutheran - Downtown Sheboygan

### Junior Attendant - Evan Olsen

Trinity Lutheran - Downtown Sheboygan

### Sophomore Attendant - Eleana Montazella

Bethlehem Lutheran, Sheboygan

### Sophomore Attendant - Lance Bolden

Evangelical Free Church, Sheboygan

### Freshman Attendant - Elisabeth Cassity

Trinity Lutheran, Howards Grove

### Freshman Attendant - Joel Hacker

St. John Lutheran, Plymouth