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

For many years Our Savior's has joined our nation in a service of thanksgiving to God for his gracious gifts to us. Join us on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for a service of thanks not only for the peace and prosperity of our nation, but for God's greatest gift: salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. The service will include a special rite of presentation of various representative gifts by members of our congregation: bread, milk, fruit, vegetables, flowers, commerce & industry, and Word & Sacrament. Everyone is encouraged to bring a bag of non-perishable food items for the church pantry. At the appropriate time in the service you will be invited to come forward to the chancel to place your gifts of food before the altar.

I give thanks at this time for your participation in the interim process. For the past several weeks I've had opportunity to meet with several

members in small group settings to talk about the future of Our Savior's. The conversation has been encouraging for everyone. This process is important for receiving input from as many members of Our Savior's as possible so that there is consensus from most members on where we are and where we see opportunity for future ministry. This helps not only you, but also a pastoral candidate make an informed decision about the Call to serve as your next resident pastor. If you haven't yet had a chance to attend a "Ready for the Future" small group cottage meeting, please contact a member of the Transition Task Team or talk to me about an available meeting.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The Lord be with you!

Pr. Jim Schulz +
Intentional Interim Pastor

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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 23rd - 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 November 3rd service at 6:00; and the 8:00 & 10:30 services on Nov. 6th. At those services we will recall those who departed this life to be with Christ during the past year.

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.



Social Activities Group Sponsoring the "Christmas Giving Tree"

The Social Activities Group has again put up the giving tree. It has been decided that this year's recipient of our generosity will be Mary's Room, a non-profit, non-denominational, pro-life organization that helps to meet the physical needs of mothers and their children in Sheboygan County.

Mary's Room was started in Dodge County by a mother who, after her daughter, Mary, went off to college, used Mary's room to house maternity clothes and baby items for mothers in need. In 1992, three mothers worked together to start a Mary's Room in Sheboygan. The mission of Mary's Room is "to put Jesus' love into action by helping financially needy mothers and their babies."

Items needed are: newborn diapers; diapers – size 4, 5 & 6; sleepers – size newborn; receiving blankets; crib and twin size blankets; baby wash; baby shampoo; pajamas boys & girls – size 3T & 4T; socks boys & girls – 3 & 4 year olds; clothing boys & girls – size 2T, 3T, 4T and 4; winter jackets boys & girls – 2T, 3T & 4T; baby monitors, and portacribs. Feel free to take more than one ornament off the tree. Cash will also be collected to go towards the last two items. If you would prefer to donate cash rather than shop, the committee will be glad to do the shopping for you.

All gifts must be under the tree, or cash given to Marijo Pitsch or Jane Woodard (checks written to Marijo or Jane), by Sunday, December 18th. Please do not wrap the gifts. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

Newly Elected Leaders

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

President: Eric Brauer

Financial Secretary: Lin Zallar

Elders: Daryl Jaeger, Jim Murphy

Board of Education: Brenda Alfson, Laura Dean, Carol Schmidt

Trustees: Ed Hatleli

Endowment Committee: Jim Fischer, Clara Murphy

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 1st.

OUR SAVIOR'S 2017 WORK PROGRAM

The 2017 Work Program was voted on at the October 16th voters' meeting. It is as follows:

Missions: \$32,500

Payroll: \$177,486

Education: \$6,000

Administration: \$18,600

Maintenance: \$22,400

Utilities: 13,100

Total: \$270,086

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

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.

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.

Simply Giving Program

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is pleased to have available an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. The electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Automatic contributions can be set-up for weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly debits. An authorization form is available from an usher or the church office.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving blessings.

Do you ever lie awake at night, toss and turn, get up and walk around, wait for the alarm or the sunrise? Adopting habits that encourage better sleep may help.

Set a good foundation – physical activity increases energy you expend, raises endorphins (feel-good hormones), and helps body temperature regulation. These all contribute to better sleep. Avoiding heavy food or alcohol may also help. If sensitive to caffeine, avoid that also.

- Boost circadian rhythm – get plenty of sunlight during day hours as this helps synchronize your biological clock. Getting up and going to bed at approximately the same time routinely reinforces your body's sleep-wake cycle.
- Shed worries – jot down concerns and possible solutions, then set aside for tomorrow. Practice relaxing rituals each night, reading, stretching, thinking of things you are grateful for and of course, praying.
- Make your bedroom a sanctuary – no eating, TVs, computers (browsing, answering emails) or talking on phone.
- Keep it cool, dark and quiet – room darkening shades, ear plugs or a fan may help. Comfortable bedding and room to stretch out also helps.

(Info taken from May Clinic Health Letter, vol. 34, no. 10. October 2016)

Prayerfully submitted,
Deb Kuitert

Blood Pressure Screening, Sunday, November 6.

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

**No office hours on Thanksgiving Day,
Thursday, November 24.**

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Transfer Out:

Susan, Alex and Bailey Emmer to St. Paul Lutheran, Sheboygan

Carl and Cathy Mersberger to Trinity Lutheran Church, Cape Coral, FL

Pastoral Acts

Weddings

Benjamin Steiner & Stacey Harry
October 1, 2016

Robert Schmitt & Janelle Masbruch
October 15, 2016

Jason Roe & Desirae Bates
October 22, 2016

Baptism

Brynlee Rose Douglas
Daughter of Robert Douglas & Kimberly Mallmann
October 23, 2016

Funeral

Mrs. Carol Dern
Age: 81
Died: October 7, 2016
Laid to Rest: October 11, 2016



Mary Martha November News

Our October 4 meeting was held in the youth room due to rummage sale preparations in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Schulz opened with a prayer. He then talked to us about the importance of forgiveness. Some questions were asked and answers were discussed.

A few members who are also members of the social committee gave us an update on their upcoming activities.

A short business meeting was held, followed by coffee and bars.

We then headed into the fellowship hall to give a much-needed hand to the devoted rummage sale workers.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1. Please meet at the Sheriff's Department at 1:00pm. Sheriff Todd Priebe will take us on a tour of the new communication system. After the tour, we will meet at church for a short business meeting.

Committee Member, Joanne Bartzen

Thank You Note from Pastor Powers

The following thank you note has been posted in the narthex, but it has been requested to be put in the newsletter, so all members can read it.

Dear Family of God,

You have blessed us in so many ways over the years that mere words seem inadequate. As the apostle Paul put it -- "I thank my God every time I remember you . . . because of your partnership in the Gospel." In all that you've done for us, the Gospel has shown through -- your continual love and forgiveness we have been blessed to have received. Thank you!

Your gifts -- the wall hanging, the flowers, the check from the congregation -- are much appreciated and are a reflection of God's love in Christ. We will always remember.

In Christian love --
 Marcus & Linda

News From Other Lutherans

Trinity Lutheran Trivia Night . . . will take place on Saturday, November 12th at The Village at 170 (formerly Rangeline). Doors open at 4:30pm; dinner at 5:00pm; and trivia begins at 6:00pm. You can register as a team of 8 adults or register as an individual or couple and we'll put a team table together. The cost is \$30 per person. **Registration is due at Trinity (824 Wisconsin Ave) by Tuesday, November 1.** Please contact Heather Leibham with any questions or if you need any assistance to attend the event at (608) 279-6979 or hkleibham@gmail.com.

Comedy Café at LHS . . . Sheboygan Lutheran High School invites everyone to a night of laughs as the students transform the gym into a Comedy Café at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 & Saturday, Nov. 5. The show features 4 different hilarious skits: "Explorers Club," "Hotel Frankenstein," "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," and "Hands Across the Sea." Tickets are \$12 for Table Seating with Dessert; \$10 for Stadium Seating; \$6 for Bleacher Seating -- Adults; and \$2 for Bleacher Seating -- Students. Tickets are available at the LHS office Monday -- Friday, 7 a.m. -- 4 p.m. or the night of each performance. For more information, contact LHS at 920-452-3323.

TRASH N' TREASURE SALE . . . Saturday, November 5th, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Also features a Brat Fry, Bake Sale & Greeting Cards. At St. Paul Lutheran Church; 730 Cty. Rd. PPP; Sheboygan Falls, WI

St. Thomas Election Chili Supper . . . St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Waldo will be hosting there 21st Annual Election Day Chili Supper on Tuesday, November 8th from 4 -- 7 PM. Adults - \$7, Children (ages 5-10) - \$3. Carry outs are available. St. Thomas is located on the Corner of Highways M and N, just off Highway 28 near Waldo. They will also be collecting non-perishable items for the local food pantries.

St. Mark Pancake Supper . . . St Mark Lutheran Church - Sheboygan, 1019 N. 7th St., is holding its annual delicious Pancake Supper on November 13th from 3pm to 6:15pm. The menu includes all-you-can-eat potato pancakes, wheat cakes, breakfast sausages, applesauce, beverage and cake. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children (in advance), fifty cents more at the door. Tickets can be purchased from the St. Mark church office.

Trinity DIVORCECARE . . . is a new weekly support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm, caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future! First session starts on Tuesday, November 15th at Trinity Lutheran Ministry Center (904 North 9th Street, Sheboygan) at 6:30 pm. Call the Trinity church office for more info (920) 458-8246.

Dial 452-PRAY Annual Meeting Set. . . Dial 452-PRAY will hold its annual meeting on Monday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3027 Wilgus Ave., Sheboygan. Refreshments and entertainment will begin at 6:30 followed by a short business meeting. Support Sheboygan's Christ-centered telephone ministry by attending.

Brett Meulbroek: Youth Coordinator – (920) 207-6528 email: oslc youthcoordinator@gmail.com

Dates to Remember

November 2nd Youth Night
5:05-6:05pm

November 12th Bridgeway

November 16th Youth Night
5:05-6:05pm

November 20th – Youth at
Early Service

November 23rd – NO CEP;
Thanksgiving Break

November 27th – 11:30am
Parade Float Prep; 4:30-
6:00pm Sheboygan
Jaycees Christmas Parade

For Your Planning Purposes:

**December 9th – Christmas
Party for SCIO**

**December 14th – Youth
Group Christmas Party,
5:05-6:15pm**

**December 18th – Sunday
School Christmas Program
at the 10:30 Service**

**No Sunday School
December 25.**

**No CEP December 21st and
28th**

Thanksgiving

I'd like to tell you about some people who left their homes, got on a boat, and went to a new place they had never seen before. They went to a place where there were no houses or buildings or stores. There were no McDonald's or Chuck E. Cheese. These people wanted so much to worship the true God that they left everything they had and went to a new place.

Almost 400 years ago in the country of England (on the other side of the ocean) a group of people called Pilgrims wanted to come to America so that they could worship God. They packed up their belongings, left their houses, and boarded a ship called the Mayflower. There were 102 people on that ship, and most of them were children just like you!

It was very crowded and the journey was difficult. Many grown-ups and children got seasick. Others got sick because they didn't have fruits and vegetables to eat and they didn't have fresh water to drink or to wash in. But God didn't give up on them. He kept watching over them and blessing them. There was even a baby born on the Mayflower! Because he was born on the ocean, his parents named him Oceanus!

The voyage took a long, long time. When the Pilgrims finally got to land, their troubles were not over. By then, it was winter. There weren't any houses to live in. There wasn't much food to eat. In fact, on some days, each person got only a few kernels of corn! Because it was so cold and they didn't have much food, many more people got sick. Many even died.

How do you think they felt? I suppose some of them even wanted to quit and go back to England. They might have done that, but they knew God had led them to their new land, and they trusted him.

When spring came, God sent Native Americans to help the Pilgrims. The Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn and fertilize it by putting fish in the ground with the corn seeds. The Pilgrims worked hard that summer growing food and building houses. When fall came, God gave them a great harvest. The Pilgrims knew God had helped them, and they were very thankful to him.

To celebrate God's goodness to them, they had a feast—a thanksgiving feast. They invited their new friends, the Native Americans, to eat with them. It was the first Thanksgiving, and the celebration lasted for three days!

Just like the Pilgrims, we have struggles too. Sometimes people we love get sick. Sometimes we feel sad or lonely. Sometimes we are afraid. No matter what struggles and troubles we face, God keeps on loving us. He always gives us exactly what we need. The Bible says, "God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

When we are sick, God gives us doctors and medicine to help us. When we feel sad or lonely, God gives us friends and families to help us. When we are afraid, God gives us parents and teachers to help us.

God loves you! He won't always take your struggles away, but he promises that he will stay with you. He will always help you, no matter what. God loves you so much that he sent his own Son, Jesus, to die for you to take your sins away. That is the best gift ever! And because God loved us enough to give us his very best Gift—Jesus—we know he will give us everything else we need, too.

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HighLites

"Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time"

A Monthly Newsletter

November 2016

Your support is appreciated

We are so blessed at Lutheran High to have the support of parents, grandparents, and the community. It is something that is quite evident if you look at the LHS events throughout the year. From Bible breakfasts, concerts, and plays to athletic competitions, or the auction and other fundraisers, we could not thrive or survive without your support.

Grandparents/Senior Citizens day at LHS is among the most cherished annual events. As we planned for this year's grandparents/senior citizen event, we looked over the past surveys and thus expanded the day with our special guests to include attending two classes, rather than one, and enjoying lunch with the students. The day took a great deal of preparation by our staff: registering guests, logistically making the day work in the building, loading up the classrooms, and making sure the guests have a great experience. We were blessed again with parent volunteers who helped with set-up/takedown and those who made wonderful tasting desserts and salads for the lunchtime meal.

The day started out with a donuts-and-coffee welcome gathering in the gym. It was followed by chapel service and a school update presentation by the Executive Director. The

students took their guest(s) to the next two classes before concluding the day with a meal shared by the students. The surveys showed that our guests were very pleased to eat with the students. It was a time to share and discuss the morning. They were so grateful for the sharing of the Word with their grandchildren and the emphasis of our "Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student at a Time!"

To God be all praise and Glory as we continue to share God's blessing's at Lutheran High School with our community.



Over 170 people attended this year's annual Grandparents/Senior Citizens' Day at LHS. All enjoyed going to classes, a hot lunch and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who donated salads and desserts, and to those who helped and volunteered at the event.

Lutheran High's Student Leaders of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude & academic achievements.

Senior - Eli Neuaone

Immanuel Lutheran - Sheboygan

Junior - Alyssa Wetenkamp

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

Sophomore - Katelyn Witte

St. John XXIII Catholic -
Port Washington/Saukville

Freshman - Catherine Peters

Luther Memorial Lutheran - Sheboygan

Neat Repeats Thrift Shop

The shelves are stocked for the holidays. Check out their supply of greeting cards, linens, dishes, artificial trees, lights, and decorations for indoor and outdoor use.

Squeak in the Black Friday Sale and Bag Sale!
Friday, Nov. 25 ~ everything in the store is 50% off.
Saturday, Nov. 26 ~ Fill a bag of clothes for only \$5.
Sales throughout the months of Nov. and Dec.



Store hours:

Mondays: 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

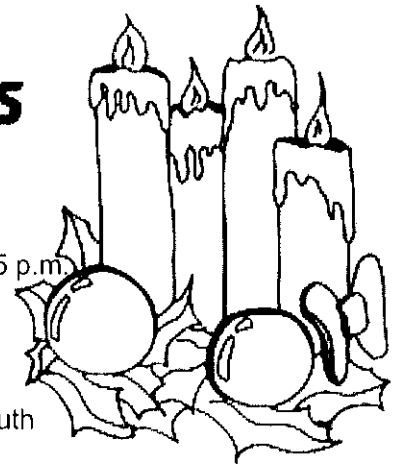
Closed Sundays

Located in the Plymouth -

Commons Shopping Center

2627 Eastern Avenue, Plymouth

(920) 892-9100



The LHS Comedy Cafe:

A Night of One-Act Plays

On Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, beginning at 7 p.m., Lutheran High will present a series of four, one-act plays. Selected plays include: "Explorers Club", "Hotel Frankenstein", "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," and "Hands Across the Sea".

The skits will feature over 25 Lutheran High students performing in a number of roles throughout the night.

Tickets are on sale now for the performances in the LHS gymnasium. General Admission tickets are \$6 for adults and \$2 for students. Stadium seating is \$10 in the padded seats, and Premier seating is \$12 featuring upfront table seating with delicious pie for an intermission treat! Purchase your tickets at the LHS School office in advance or at the door.

Be prepared to laugh out loud! Thank you for supporting our students and the arts at Lutheran High School.



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