



Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion  
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am  
(Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:00am & 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 10:30am)  
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages

Dear saints of Our Savior's:

After prayerful consideration, on Palm Sunday, April 9th, I accepted the divine call you had extended to me to be your next pastor. I am grateful to our Lord for the privilege to continue as His undershepherd in His Church and as shepherd of His flock gathered at Our Savior's. I am eager to carry out the ministry you have called me to fulfill.

During the next several weeks my wife Gretchen and I will be making the transition to a new home in Sheboygan. We hope to be settled soon. Please continue to pray for me as I do for you that we carry out our Lord's commission together to "make disciples" by receiving and sharing His forgiveness, life, and salvation through Word and Sacrament.

The Lord be with you,

Rev. James R. Schulz +

### **"What does the Bible say about Christian mothers?"**

Being a mother is the most important vocation of all, a role that the Lord chooses to give to many women. Below are just a few of the opportunities God gives to those He chooses to become Christian mothers:

- Recognizing the gift – understanding each child is unique and from the hand of God. (Psalm 127:3)
- Availability – morning, noon, and night. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

- Involvement – interacting, discussing, thinking and processing life together. (Ephesians 6:4)
- Teaching – the Scriptures, and helping that child to understand how God's Word applies to daily life. (Psalm 78:5-6, Deuteronomy 4:10, Ephesians 6:4)
- Training – helping a child develop skills and discover her strengths. (Proverbs 22:6)
- Discipline – teaching the fear of the Lord, drawing the line consistently, loving, and firmly. (Ephesians 6:4, Hebrews 12:5-11, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15-17)
- Nurture – providing an environment of constant support, freedom to fail, acceptance, affection, unconditional love. (Titus 2:4, 2 Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 4:29-32, 5:1-2, Galatians 5:22, 1 Peter 3:8-9)
- Modeling with Integrity – living what you say, being a model by which a child can learn by "catching" the essence of godly living. (Deuteronomy 4:9, 15, 23; Proverbs 10:9, 11:3; Psalm 37:18, 37)

God's word never states that every woman should be a mother. However it does say that those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers are to take the responsibility seriously. Mothers have a unique and crucial role in the lives of their children. Sadly, much of society sees the role of mother as wanting or unrewarding. Yet, a Christian mother continues to be a profound influence in the lives of her children regardless of age. That's because a

mother's love, nurture, and encouragement never ends.

Thank you for your love and concern shown through this special offering.

### **ATTENTION ALL GRADUATING SENIORS:**

On **June 4<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am service**, we will give recognition to the graduating seniors from our congregation. So that none of the graduates are left out, it would be helpful if each graduating senior inform the church office of their name and school graduating from, either by phone (452-4005) or email (oslscheboygan@gmail.com)

We will then contact you with further plans and details. High School Seniors of Our Savior's - please mark your calendars.

### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

The summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28th. Each Sunday throughout the summer, worship hours are 8:00 & 9:30am through September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday evening worship will take place each week at 6:00pm. Communion is offered during all services throughout the summer.

### **Anniversary Thank Offering May 2017**

Our present church building was dedicated to the glory of God on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1953. Since that time God's people here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church have given an annual 'Anniversary Thank Offering' commemorating the event. Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, this special offering is given in appreciation for God's amazing grace that comes to us through the Word and Sacrament ministry that takes place in His house.

Over the years, these special offering have been designated for various missions and activities. We ask that you use the special 'Anniversary Thank Offering' envelope included in your offering packet, on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup>, for this special gift. The suggested amount of \$25.00 is the same as in past years. However, the Lord knows your heart and your ability to give.

### **Rummage Sale 2017:**

Hope you are saving all of your unwanted items for the rummage sale. We checked the church calendar and have chosen **October 20th and 21st** for the dates of the sale with set up prior to that time. The sale will start be from 1 to 5 PM on Friday and 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday.

We will be trying to sort and price items throughout the summer. You may begin to bring your donations for the rummage sale starting May 15<sup>th</sup>, the week after the final Sunday School classes. Look for the door marked for donations as the location within the fellowship hall will be different than it was in past years.

As a reminder, there are certain items that we cannot take: TV's, computers, anything with Freon (dehumidifiers, etc.), large appliances (like refrigerators), children's car seats, and mattresses of any type. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Clara Murphy or Mike Feudner for more information

### **Food Pantry Update**

Many changes have taken place regarding our food pantry within the last few months. As a result, Our Savior's will only be servicing members of our congregation on an as requested basis. We have partnered with our sister congregation, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, to help with non-member participants. They serve over 250 families every month. Additionally, there are several larger community food pantries to service their needs.

Please continue to donate to our pantry with both items and monetary contributions. The items and money will be use to continue servicing our members' needs. Excess items will be taken to St. Mark's to serve the broader community need. Currently we are seeking volunteers to help with the coordinating the food pantry and preparation and distribution of food baskets. Food baskets are distributed to the needy of our congregation

approximately four times per year. Food pantry items as well as purchased items are used to create the baskets. If interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Mary Mickelson, 458-5414.

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Funeral:

Mr. Francis Knuth  
Age: 85  
Died: March 29, 2017  
Laid to Rest: April 1, 2017

### Memorial Gifts

\$1,000 in memory of Victor Guenther  
\$785 in memory of Francis Knuth

### Thank You Note

Pastor Jim Schulz & all the caring people who helped with Frenchy's memorial service,

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you for helping make Frenchy's Memorial Service "special."

Your kindness, care & concern & support was appreciated and gave us comfort.

This donation of \$1,000 is made in honor of Frenchy to use for the needs of the church.

From the bottom of our hearts,

Jill, Megan & Tom, & Kelsey Guenther

## MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### TRANSFER IN

James & Gretchen Schulz from Divine Savior, Fishers, IN

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

Patty Janssen

### RELEASED

Amanda, Rowan and Ellieana Klein

## Vacation Bible School News

**VBS Church Representative Needed** - We are currently looking for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) Church Representative. We thank Carol Reisinger for her past dedicated years of service.

Responsibilities are as follows:

- \* Place information regarding the VBS event in our church bulletin and newsletter
- \* Promote attendance of the VBS event by working with the Sunday School Superintendent and Youth Coordinator
- \* Collect donated items that are needed and bring to VBS Representative meetings.
- \* Recruit volunteers and help them filling out a Volunteer Form
- \* Bring paper copy registration and volunteer forms to VBS Representative meetings
- \* Attend April and May VBS Representative meeting to keep informed of the program
- \* Guide parents to on how to register their students on the Lutheran High School's website.

If interested in the position or have any questions, contact Mary Mickelson at 458-5414 or email [mict rn@aol.com](mailto:mict rn@aol.com)

**VBS Registration** - Something BIG is coming! Come join us as we dive into Noah's Flood at ***Ocean Commotion!*** This year's Vacation Bible School will be held June 12-15 from 5:45 - 8 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Your child will learn about Noah and the worldwide Flood of his day. As we explore the reason for the great watery commotion, we'll uncover important life lessons from Noah, who alone found favor in the eyes of God. Learning is done through Bible lessons, games, songs and craft projects. We will also have snacks. Register online at [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com) and click on "upcoming events." Paper registration forms are also available in the narthex. Please join us for a boatload of

excitement at ***Ocean Commotion***. If you have any questions, contact Mary Mickelson at 458-5414 or email [mictrn@aol.com](mailto:mictrn@aol.com).

**VBS Supplies Needed** - The following items are needed for the Sheboygan Area VBS this summer: Stauffers Whale Shape Crackers (sold at Walmart), Fruit Snacks (Shark or fish shaped if possible), Goldfish Pretzels, Toasted Oat Cereal (Cheerios), Plain M&Ms. There might be craft items needed. They will be listed in the bulletin when specific items are known.

**VBS Volunteers Desperately Needed** - Now recruiting helpers for this year's Vacation Bible School. The theme is ***Ocean Commotion*** - Diving into Noah's Flood. One of the lessons learned from last year was we did not have enough volunteers (**93** in 2015 and **54** in 2016). Therefore, we are desperately looking for volunteers for this year's event. Please consider helping. It will help you grow in your personal relationship with the Lord and enrich the spiritual lives of our youth. It will be held June 12-15 from 5:45 - 8 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Sign up to be a volunteer at [www.lutheranhigh.com](http://www.lutheranhigh.com) and click on "upcoming events." Paper volunteer forms are also available in the narthex. If you have any questions, contact Mary Mickelson at 458-5414 or email [mictrn@aol.com](mailto:mictrn@aol.com).

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mother's Day blessings to all the women.

I recently attended a seminar on suicide prevention.

The program was led by Kate Baer who is an executive director at Mental Health America in Sheboygan.

QPR is a program to help the public learn how to prevent someone from taking their life. The letters stand for Question, Persuade, Refer.

Many statistics were given by age and sex. It was frightening to learn that the very young (age 7-14) have increasingly attempted or were successful in suicides.

Terminology was also explained to help change our thinking about suicide. One doesn't "commit" suicide, they die by it.

It is often caused by depression or other mental health issues.

Several myths about suicide were reviewed, warning signs and clues were discussed, and the importance of asking the question and tips on how to do it. How to persuade someone to wait, get help, and how important they are to you and others also were discussed.

Where to get help can be the ER for immediate help and there are hotlines. 1-800-237-TALK (8255) is a national suicide life line that is answered regionally. 459-3151 is the Sheboygan County Mobile Crisis, and of course, 911.

Remember, you are not trying to solve the person's problem. You are trying to spark a little hope in someone who is desperate.

If there is interest in having a presentation at church, please let me know. It might be possible to arrange this.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Deb

Blood Pressure Check, May 7, 7:30-10:30am

### Office Hours

Mondays – 9:00-11:00am

Thursdays – 3:45-5:50pm

## Mary Martha Guild News

Our April meeting opened with a devotion of a journey through Holy Week and a prayer by Pastor Schulz. Lou Ann Stroo shared with us her trip to Israel. She showed a very interesting video and explanation of all the different biblical places she visited. She also displayed her souvenirs from the trip. Afterwards, a very short business meeting took place and coffee and dessert were served.

