

WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for all ages

DECEMBER 2018

OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

The holiday season is often a time for family gatherings. Getting together to catch up on what's going on in the lives of those we love; to share our stories of joy and sorrow, of setback and success; to give gifts shared in love are times to cherish because through the bonds of family we find strength and stability.

Unfortunately, for some the holiday season only highlights how fractured family life can be. Not everyone gets along. "Bad blood" between family members causes stress and strife. That's why we also remember the holy family at Christmas. Now there was a fractured family! Joseph and Mary wondering what to make of an "unplanned" pregnancy! A mother giving birth in a less than ideal setting! Running away from those who would destroy their family and their Savior! What would the future hold?

But that Baby! Oh, that Babe born in Bethlehem! He is the glue that holds that family together. Father Joseph and mother Mary believe the angel's message about their son: He is God's Son and through faith in what he would do with his life and his death, they and the whole world would be blessed with the way of salvation open to all. He is "Immanuel – God with us" and so those who have Jesus in their life have God and each other as brothers and sisters of a heavenly father. We can make it! We have reasons to rejoice no matter our circumstances.

As you gather with family and friends this Christmastime, welcome Jesus among you and in your home and heart. Jesus heals division. Jesus helps you in your need with his powerful promises. He brings the peace that matters and that lasts!

The Lord be with you!

+ Pr. Schulz



Join us for worship!

Advent Season

November 29 & December 2

Savior of the Nations, Come!

December 6 & 9

Comfort, Comfort My People

December 13 & 16

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!
10:30 Children's Christmas Program

December 20 & 23

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Christmas Season

Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve

Candlelight services 4:00pm and 6:30pm

Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day

Feast Day service 9:30am

The Epiphany of Our Lord – January 3 & 6

Divine service with international dinner following the 10:30 service



**Social Activities
Group
Sponsoring the
"Christmas Giving
Tree"**

The Social Activities Group is again putting up the giving tree the week of November 12. It has been decided that this year's recipient of everyone's 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."

The items needed at this time are boys and girls winter pajamas, boy's newborn, 12 month, 3T and 4T and girl's size newborn – newborn boy and girl onesies and baby mits – diapers all sizes (EXCEPT SIZE 2). Cash will also be collected to go toward additional items required by Mary's Room. Feel free to take more than one ornament off the tree. 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 (write checks to Marijo), by Sunday, December 15th. Cash and checks can also be dropped off at the church office. Please do not wrap the gifts.

A final list of items collected will be published in the January or February 2019 newsletter. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Food Pantry News

Seven holiday baskets were delivered to our members in need. All were very appreciative of the generosity of their Christian friends to care

for their needs. The baskets contained both perishable and non-perishable items which helped these individuals enjoy Thanksgiving. We want to thank everyone who donated to this worthy cause by contributing either items, money, or by sponsoring a basket. We would like to thank the volunteers who delivered the baskets. Without your help, this outreach could not have happened. The next scheduled food basket distribution will be Christmas time. We will once again use the green bags to aid when shopping. We appreciate any contribution you make. If you know of any individuals from our congregation that are in need and could benefit from a basket, please call the church office. Thank you!

CHURCH RECORDS TO CLOSE:

The financial records for 2018 will close on December 31st. To the many faithful members whose weekly offerings throughout this year have been such a blessing for the Lord's work, our Lord says, "Well done good and faithful servant." To those who feel they missed opportunities to participate in Christ's great work through Christian giving, there's still a little time left to give before the year ends! All offerings for 2018 must be in by December 31st.

Offering packets for 2019 are available to all members in the narthex after each worship service starting December 9 or you may come to the church office during office hours and pick them up. But please do not use them until 2019.



FLOWER CHART POSTED:

The flower chart for 2019 will be in the narthex, next to the ushers' room in the cabinet, starting December 2. Members

wishing to donate flowers are asked to select a date by placing their name on the appropriate line. Flowers may be given to the glory of God in observance of special events, anniversaries, birthdays, many blessings or in memory of Christian loved ones.

The flowers are supplied by Caan's Floral Co. The cost of for the two vases is \$26.00 and the centerpiece is \$24.00. Kory will contact each donor about mid-week before the specified Sunday to determine the occasion for acknowledgment in the Sunday bulletin.

On your Sunday, simply place the amount for the flowers in a plain envelope marked "Altar Flowers" with your name on it in the offering plate.

PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. We appreciate the tremendous response of our people over the years to beautify the chancel altar with flowers. However, we can only accommodate so many donors per Sunday, so note carefully the designated spaces, and do not add your name when spaces are full!
2. It is the responsibility of the donor to pick up the flowers in the chancel immediately following the late service. If this is not possible, you may get them on Monday morning.
3. All flower payments should be made no later than the Sunday the donor selected.

Thanks again to all our people for this extra loving act.

USHERS NEEDED

Ushers are needed to help at the 8:00am Sunday services. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dennis Mickelson at 458-5414.

Mary Martha Report

The annual Christmas Party will be at Rupp's downtown on Tuesday, December 4th at 11:30am. We will have a \$5.00 gift exchange. See you there!

There will be no January meeting.

Parish Nurse News

Dear Friends in Christ,

Blessings to all during the season of our Lord's birth.

We all like to snack and the stores are full of snack packs that have 100 calories per bag. However, many of those products contain white flour, sugar and other ingredients that require a master's degree to pronounce them.

Here is a list of a dozen 100 calorie snacks that are healthier for you.

Almonds – 14 nuts
 Kind Bar – ½ bar
 Cucumbers – 6 cups
 Grape tomatoes – 4 cups
 Triskets – 5 crackers
 Trail Mix – 2 Tablespoons
 Strawberries – 15 large
 Apple – 1 medium
 Dark Chocolate – 1 ½ squares
 Cheddar Cheese – 3 cracker cuts
 Blueberries – 1 ¼ cups
 Baby carrots – 2 cups

If you don't like plain veggies, add a 35 calorie tablespoon or two of hummus.

(Info from Nutrition Action, November 2018)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb Kuitert

Blood Pressure Check:
 Sunday, January 6th

Office Hours
 Thursdays 3:45-5:50pm



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be used for the next school year. These materials going to be a blessings for families in need.

Saludos en el nombre de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! The Lord keeps working through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. We had 3 new visitors this month. Thanks to the Lord for bringing them!!! This month we have an average attendance of 19. Our highest attendance was 22. Glory be to God!!! We also have an average of 12 communicants this month.

Great news!!! Thanks to the Lord, on November 25, 2018 we are going to celebrate three adult confirmations. They have been instructed over the past couple of months and are ready to be confirmed. In addition, the same day we will have a first communion rite for a 13 year old girl, who also has been instructed. We are looking forward for these celebrations.

We have started our ESL program with 9 students. But we will be adding three more students soon! So far the program has been going great and it's going to get better! The students are in the process of learning.

This month I was a volunteer at Salvation Army, Sheboygan on their Christmas Intake. I have served there for the last three years. I normally meet a lot of Hispanic families and get a lot of contacts when I volunteer. But this year was a little different. While I was there, one Hispanic lady called me and asked me if I can help her. I replied yes, how can I help you. She said, "Can you pray for me right now, right here, it doesn't matter that there are a lot of people here." I replied, "Yes! What do you want me to pray for?" To make the story short, she was so happy that God had someone to pray for her at the right time and the right place and in her language. I'm very glad that the Lord brought me to Sheboygan to be his hands, feet and voice. Its also reminds us that we need to serve the Lord everywhere we go.

We want to thank the LWML for the donations of backpacks and school supplies. These materials will

We continue to have our Spanish Divine Service at Good Shepherd on Sunday at noon. We continue to have our Bible classes at St Paul Sheboygan every Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. The adult confirmation classes continues on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. We continue with our Youth confirmation classes on Thursdays At 6:30 P.M.

This month I visited 4 families at home. I visited a nursing home 1 time. I worked as a translator 7 times for families who do not speak English. I had led Chapel at Lutheran High School. This month I had led and preached in 4 English services, including Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sheboygan and Good Shepherd, Sheboygan. I had led also 2 English Bible classes. I led 4 Spanish Services. I led 4 Spanish Bible classes. I led 4 adult confirmation classes in Spanish, 4 youth confirmation classes in Spanish and first communion classes.

I have started my master's degree program this month. Thanks to the Lord! My very first class is Mission and Ministry Seminar. I want to give special thanks to all of you who are supporting me on this new journey! May God richly bless you always.

Thank you for reading this letter! Thank you for your continuing support to OUR Hispanic Ministry! Thank you for partnering with us. Please continue to pray for us! May God richly bless you!!!

Looking forward to what the Lord has for us in the coming months.

In Christ, His Humble Servant and Yours
Rev. David Blas

Memorial Gifts

\$1600 in memory of Marion Meser
\$500 in memory of Marlene Sachse

December 2018						
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