



WORSHIP WITH US!



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

JANUARY 2019	OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER	No. 1
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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

What's in a name? The gospel writer Matthew said an angel came to Joseph and told him about a baby that was to be born of his fiancé Mary: ". . . you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins . . . and they will call him 'Immanuel'--which means, 'God with us.'" During the Christmas season we gathered to give thanks to God for giving us His Son in the flesh. Only a God-Man Messiah could atone for our sin. So, he was born. He is Immanuel. His name? "God with us."

Immanuel also lived. That's what the season of Epiphany is all about. Emmanuel reveals Himself as "Jesus" because "He will save his people from their sins."

As we begin the new year in Jesus' name and observe the season of Epiphany, celebrate that Jesus is God's promise fulfilled: God is with us! God will save his people from their sins!

May God grant you a blessed new year filled with joy and wonder of God's grace revealed to us in Christ.

Pr. Jim Schulz +

Welcome Pastor Sundell

Beginning in 2019 Rev. Dennis Sundell will be our part-time visitation pastor. Pr. Sundell graduated from Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1985, as a second career student. He served his vicarage at Grace in Fayette, Iowa. He served as pastor at St. John, Reinbeck, Iowa, and Zion, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. He was Senior Pastor at Zion, Greenleaf, Wisconsin, and Associate Pastor at St. Stephens, Horicon, Wisconsin, from which he retired in 2006. After retirement he served four vacancies: St. Stephens, Horicon; St. Peter, Hilbert; Zion, Glenbulah; and Zion, New Holstein. Currently he provides pulpit supply for area pastors. He has two children and two granddaughters. He and his wife, Pam, reside in Plymouth and is a member of St. John in Plymouth.



Voters' Meeting

The church council would like to encourage everyone to attend the first quarterly voters' meeting held on January 20th between services in the Church. All confirmed members 18 years and older are voting members of the church, and have the privilege of being part of the decision-making process of the congregation.

At this meeting, reports will be given by the various boards on the past year's activities. Please set aside time for this important and informative meeting.

Thank You

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As one year ends and another begins, we look back and reflect on

the past year. Our Savior's has been truly blessed by the countless hours of volunteers that we know of and those who quietly work behind the scenes. We thank all of you, known and unknown! **Thank You to**

- Our Savior's Sunday school children for their participation in the Children's Christmas Service.
- All our Sunday school teachers and staff for their time and talents used for the Children's Christmas Service and your weekly commitment to teach the Gospel.
- Those who put together the Christmas treat bags and refreshments after the Children's Service.
- The Decorating Committee for their talents and time to beautify our building.
- The Church choirs, choral and hand bell, our directors, instrumentalists, and vocalists who enhance our worship services.
- Our ushers for their ongoing service to the Lord and for helping to keep things running smoothly.
- The Food Pantry Committee for showing the love of Christ in helping to gather and distribute items for seasonal food baskets.
- Our Social Action Group for promoting opportunities of fellowship and service within the congregation.
- The Altar Guild for their devotion in helping with the Lord's Supper each week.
- The church secretary, Kory, for her dedicated work and service to the Lord.
- Our custodian, Dave Kaboord, and countless others who keep our facility in top-notch shape.
- All church board members who work so hard to keep our church functioning.
- Not least of all, our Lord, for enabling each of us to use our time, talents, and treasures for His Kingdom work. We thank you Lord!



The chili cook-off is on!

Mark your calendars for Friday, January 25th as Our Savior's, Luther Memorial, and Trinity Lutheran churches compete in the 2nd annual Sheboygan area LCMS churches chili cook-off.

In addition to the food and fellowship, this is also a free-will offering fund raiser for the three churches. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Sheboygan Hispanic Ministry; the remainder will be divided equally among the three churches. Our Savior's donations are designated for the endowment fund.

Voting for the best chili will take place by a blind taste test and then donating a free-will offering to the chili you think is best. The congregation's chili that receives the most money in donations will be declared the winner.

In addition to the cook-off, every half-hour there'll be a raffle for the chance to win four round-trip tickets to ride the steam train at the Riverside & Great Northern Railway in Wisconsin Dells (a \$48 value). The evening of food, friendship, and fellowship will take place from 4-8 p.m. at Trinity Sheboygan.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

A Gift of Love to Our Lord that Never Stops Giving

What is Our Savior's Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund was established to provide an opportunity for members and friends of Our Savior's to invest in the future ministry of our church and expand our Christian education commitment. The fund is administered by a board elected by the church voters.

The fund provides funds for non-budgeted items that expand our ministry in areas such as education, youth ministry and mission activities.

What Types of Gifts May You Give?

You have the opportunity to make many types of gifts and some might include:

Memorial Gifts - These gifts can commemorate the Christian life of a departed friend or relative.

Individual Gifts - Such gifts can be given at any time you wish and may honor some special event such as an anniversary, birthday or other blessed event.

Wills - Remembering the Our Savior's Endowment Fund in your will gives you the opportunity to provide financial support to the church's activities long after you have left this life.

Life Insurance - This is an excellent way to contribute to the work of the church by simply naming Our Savior's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund as the beneficiary of an existing or new life insurance policy.

Do Gifts Have a Special Purpose?

You have the opportunity to provide financial support for a specific purpose (restricted gift) or allow the Endowment Board to distribute fund earnings as they believe are in the best interest of the church at the time funds become available (unrestricted gift).

A restricted gift is therefore one where you, the donor, designate a specific purpose or use for the money. The specific use of a restricted gift could be something such as music ministry, youth ministry, training of future pastors or other specific use.

An unrestricted gift would allow the Endowment Board to designate the use of the gift earnings for one of the areas of church work which are designed in the Fund bylaws. Unrestricted gifts are encouraged to provide flexibility in fund administration, but you, the donor, have the choice.

For More Information...

If you have questions or desire any additional information, contact one of the Endowment Board members. A copy of the Endowment Fund bylaws can also be obtained for more specific information about the fund operating procedures, funding goals and objectives.

Remember that neither the fund principal or income are to be used for normal church budget items — only for additional church outreach. Your gift today is tomorrow's legacy and represents a sharing of a vision for the future for funding much needed items.

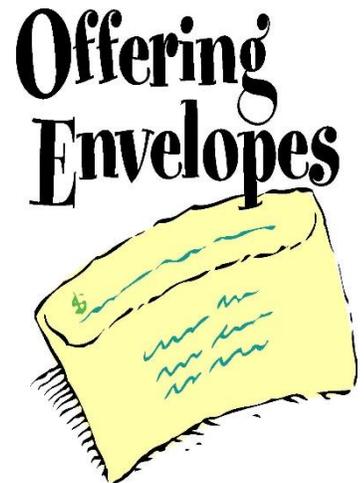
"Well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things." — Matthew 25:21

All contributions should be made payable to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Endowment Fund
917 Mead Avenue
Sheboygan, WI 53081
(920) 452-4005

OFFERINGS

Please stop in the lounge in the back of the narthex to pick up your packet following worship services, if you haven't done so. We hope you will assist us in this process by picking up your offering envelope packet as soon as possible.



Your 2018 year – end financial statement that will be mailed to your home in mid-January.

Additionally, for those who are interested in giving your regular offerings by electronic funds transfer, there is a program available for you called **"Simply Giving."** Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. This program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. You will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. 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.



Ladies Night Out

Since December is such a busy month, we will not be having a LNO. We will start up in January by going to Holidays located at 5531 Superior Avenue. We will begin to gather at 6 PM with plans to sit down to eat at 6:30 on January 22nd. If you have any questions or would like a ride, please call Clara Murphy at 457-2658.



Parish Nurse

Blessings for the New Year.

This & That

Hugs – Receiving a hug can help if you've had a bad day. In a study, those receiving one had more positive and fewer negative emotions. Hugs help no matter who the giver is: a partner, friend, or family member.

Cut risk of falls – A good prevention plan includes strength and balance exercises, changes in meds that cause dizziness, new eyeglasses, if needed, supportive footwear, eliminating hazards in the home, and occupational therapy.

Decrease bladder infections - If you have frequent urinary tract infections, increase your water intake by 1½ quarts daily. Sip on it throughout the day.

Bedtime – Older people who went to bed and woke at the same time each day weighed less, had healthier blood sugar and pressure levels and a lower risk of heart attack or stroke. Irregular sleep habits also led to more stress and depression.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Kuitert

Blood Pressure Screening – January 6

Office Hours
Thursdays - 3:45-5:50pm



Food Pantry Update

Eight baskets were delivered to some shut-in members and other identified individuals within our congregation on

December 22nd. 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 Christmas. We want to thank everyone who donated to this worthy cause by contributing either items, money, or by sponsoring a basket. We would also like to thank the volunteers who organized and delivered the baskets. Without your help, this outreach could not have happened. The next scheduled food basket distribution will be at Easter. If you know of any individuals from our congregation that is in need and could benefit from a basket, please call the church office.

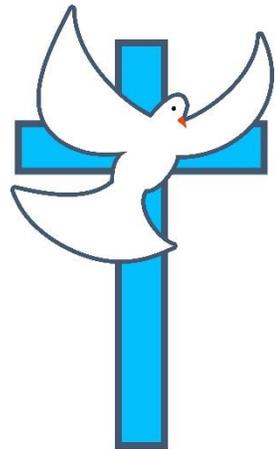
Pastoral Acts:

Funerals

Mr. Howard "Howie" Schneider
Age: 98
Died: November 27, 2018
Laid to Rest: December 2, 2018

Mr. Clarence "Sully" Salzwedel
Age: 78
Died: December 1, 2018
Laid to Rest: December 8, 2018

Mrs. Elvera Monson
Age: 84
Died: December 2, 2018
Laid to Rest: December 7, 2018



Baptism

Elena Guadalupe Gonzalez
December 23, 2018
Daughter of Lino and Kelly (Kuitert) Gonzalez

Memorial Gifts

\$430 in memory of Howard Schneider
\$100 in memory of Clarence Salzwedel

January 2019						
◀ Dec 2018						Feb 2019 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	3 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Service	4	5
6 7:30-10:30 Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	7 10:00am Bible Class 6:30pm Board Meetings	8	9 3:30pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	10 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Service	11	12
13 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	14 10:00am Bible Class 6:30pm Council	15	16 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Youth Night 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	17 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Service	18	19
20 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Voters' Meeting 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service	21	22 6:00pm Ladies Night Out at Holidays	23 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm CEP Parent Teacher Conferences 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	24 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Service	25 4:00pm Chili Cook Off at Trinity-Sheboygan	26
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