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

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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

No. 1

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

*"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.'" (Matthew 2:1, 2)*

What do the events surrounding the visit of the Magi teach us about the significance of Jesus? A star points out the place of the Savior. The wise men travel a great distance to find Him. When they find Him, they present Him costly gifts fitting for royalty. When wicked King Herod finds out about the newborn king, he "was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him" to the point that he seeks to kill the newborn king. What do these things tell us? God keeps his promise to send a Savior. His followers seek and thank Him. His enemies seek to eliminate Him. Jesus is still King!

Many are not looking for the "king of the Jews" and it's not because they cannot see "his star." Today few are without excuse for not finding the Savior. Every Christian church on every corner is a star pointing to the Savior. So are the good deeds of those who belong to Him. "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" Jesus said (Matthew 5:16).

When King Herod learned where Jesus was, he didn't succeed in his plot to eliminate the Messiah King, but the two-year-old-and-under boys of Bethlehem died at his hand. Today, followers of Jesus suffer in many and various ways because of those who hate Him, but Jesus is still Savior for both the living and the dead.

The wise men found Jesus because of God's Word, and in thanks they presented Him with the best they could offer. Today, believers find Jesus where he promises to be: in his Word and visible Word, the Sacraments. In response they offer the best of what is most valuable to them in service to Him who shed his precious blood for the guilt of all sinners.

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of God's promises at all cost. You will find Him where He promises to be. Jesus is King!

Pr. Jim Schulz +



## Voters' Meeting

The church council would like to encourage everyone to attend the first quarterly voters' meeting held on January 19 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!!!

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!

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## COOK-OFF



Date: Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm

Place: Our Savior's Lutheran Church

917 Mead Avenue

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

(near Roosevelt Park)

Proceeds benefit the above churches with 10%  
going to Bridgeway and Beyond

Bridgeway & Beyond is a Transitional Living Program for  
homeless women with children located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Contestants:

Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church

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Memorial  
Lutheran  
Church

Good  
Shepherd  
Lutheran  
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Our Savior's  
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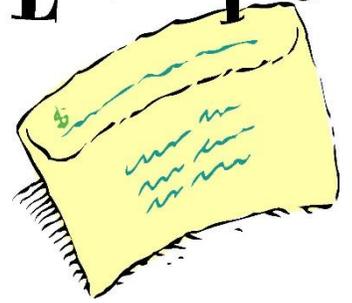
## OFFERINGS

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 2019 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.

# Offering Envelopes



## Ladies Night Out

The next gathering will be at Luigi's Restaurant located at 2910 Kohler Memorial Drive in Sheboygan on Thursday, January 30. We will be meeting at 6:00 PM and sitting down to eat at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Clara Murphy at 457-2658.

## Mary Martha News

Mary-Martha will not be meeting in January. The next scheduled meeting is on February 4th at 1 PM in the fellowship hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the meeting. Watch for more information about the meeting in future bulletins.



## Memorial Gifts

\$285 in memory of Dolf Brauer towards the chancel flooring project.



## Parish Nurse Report

Dear Friends in Christ:

Blessings for the New Year.

### Fibromyalgia – Part 1

Many people know the term, but it is less common for people to understand the disorder.

The person doesn't look any different, there's no one test to say for sure you have it, and there is a wide range of symptoms which can vary from person to person. You may have heard that it is not a real disease or the symptoms are all in a person's "head," or that the person is a hypochondriac, or simply depressed or stressed.

Fibromyalgia is a real, long-term health condition that science is just starting to understand. The core symptom is widespread pain throughout the body at about the same level for at least three months – with no explanation for the pain. It is now understood to be caused by changes in the central nervous system called central sensitization. With better understanding comes improved treatment strategies.

At the heart of therapy is the goal of retraining the brain and nervous system so the "shouting" of pain signals grows quieter.

The body is covered in sensor cells which keep track of every sensation in your body and send information through your spinal cord to the brain. In central sensitization, communication of signals from sensor cells gets amplified. Over time, the entire nervous system gets turned up to high alert and the brain starts to think ordinary sensations are painful. Pathways within the brain change for the worse, causing more of the brain to be recruited over time to focus on amplified pain signals.

This concept of a turned-up nervous system may explain why people can feel so many different symptoms and why it affects life so deeply. Issues can coincide with fibromyalgia, or stem from it, such as lack of sleep, deconditioning from lack of physical activity, stress related to many factors – including finances or relationships – substance misuse or overlapping diseases.

(Info from Mayo Clinic Health Letter Vol. 38 No. 1 Jan 2020)

Next month, we'll look at fibromyalgia's full-body symptoms and changing pain experience.

Blood Pressure screening Sunday, January 5  
Office Hours: Thursdays, 3:45-5:50pm

### Food Pantry News

Holiday baskets have been delivered for Christmas to our very appreciative Christian friends. Thank you to the volunteers for helping with the shopping, placing items in baskets, delivering baskets and for those who sponsor the food pantry, without you this program would not be possible.

Our next holiday food basket delivery is April 4th 2020.





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 **6** visitors this months. Thanks to the Lord!!! This months we have an average attendance of **18**. Our highest attendance was **23**. Glory be to God!!! We also have an average of **15** communicants this month.

To the Glory of God, we celebrated our first ever Spanish Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church Manitowoc. The Service took place on November 27, Thanksgiving Eve. We have an attendance of 14! We also celebrated Thanksgiving Service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Sheboygan with an attendance of 23! In both services we had a Thanksgiving meal.

We are starting to plan to do the combine (CO-OP) VBS 2020 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you would like to help us and support the VBS please contact Rev. Blas. Let's have fun again learning and teaching about Jesus.

We continue to plan for Operation Backpack next school year 2020-2021. If you would like to be part of this event again please let us know. We would like to invite you and your churches to be part of this wonderful opportunity. This is a great way to give to our community. We already are collecting materials for next year. If you're willing to be part of this please bring the school supplies to Good Shepherd. You can also send check donations with a memo: Operation Backpack, to LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach, 730 County Rd PPP, Sheboygan Falls Wisconsin 53085. For further info you can contact Rev David Blas 630-229-2455 or Tim Glocke 920-452-8759.

This month I taught 6 adult confirmation classes. I visited 3 families at home. I worked as a translator 3 times. I did 1 hospital visit. I had 8 meetings. I led 6 Spanish Services. I led 6 Spanish Bible classes. I did chapel at St Paul, Sheboygan and at Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Also visited stores to bring portals of prayers, flyers and to meet people.

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. We will continue to have Spanish Bible class at Redeemer Lutheran Church every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

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 Christ, His Humble Servant and Yours

Rev. David Blas

January 2020						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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