

WORSHIP WITH US!

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



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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

No. 2

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

Can you believe that the great apostle Paul was afraid to talk about Jesus with the Corinthians—and they were fellow Christians! He didn't put up a brave front, he was honest and said that he was with the Corinthian Christians with "weakness and in fear and much trembling" (1 Corinthians 2:3). One of the reasons was that he was unsure of what kind of reception the gospel would receive in that community... it scared him.

You can identify with that, can't you? Do you wonder about the success of the gospel? What I mean by "success" is: Do you wonder about how people will come to believe and appreciate the gospel? Do you wonder what will happen if increasing numbers of people reject the gospel? I do. I think all of us wonder the same thing to a greater or lesser extent. There are increasing numbers of people who couldn't care less about the message of the gospel. They may boast about being "spiritual" - just not religious - but still they're living for themselves. They will accept the message of Christianity so long as it focuses on the worldly blessings of the message. Not much about cross, sacrifice, and service; just more on the 4th commandment blessings: "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth."

In spite of his fears, God granted Paul "success" in Corinth. It showed in that a congregation was established and people gathered around God's Word and Sacraments. Paul doesn't talk stats about growth and conversions. This is how he put it: "my speech and my message were ... in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." Where and what is this "power" Paul speaks of? He tells us in his letter to the Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." The power is where God says it is: the means of grace, the gospel in Word and Sacrament. The "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" is God's Word and sacraments being preached and administered and working faith which receives, believes, and lives the gospel.

Don't be ashamed of the gospel that through faith we obtain the remission of sins. Rather take refuge in the power it contains. When you face temptation or trial, you have a hope that transcends all understanding because you know God says that nothing can separate you from his love found in the crucified Christ. What power there is in the simple gospel which comes to us through the message of the cross and the Means of Grace. No need to fear that bringing someone to faith depends on your extra effort or the culture-driven programs of your church. It depends on the power found in Word and Sacrament. That's what we focus on. That's what we need to bring to those un-churched friends, neighbors, relatives, and coworkers. Bring the means of grace to them or them to the means of grace. God will do the rest. Faith rests on God's power. Don't be afraid.

Pr. Jim Schulz +



Mary Martha News

We will meet this Tuesday, February 4th at 1 PM in the church fellowship hall. We will be taking a trip down memory lane when Ann Fredrick's provides a presentation from the bridal wedding dress show sponsored by Mary Martha over 20 years ago. It will be a trip down memory lane seeing faces from the past. All women of the congregation are invited to attend the meeting.

Custodian Needed

David Kaboord has accepted a new full time job position and will no longer be able to fulfill the duties as our inside custodian. We thank him for his time here at Our Savior's. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in this part time job, contact Dick Woodard at 920-918-2447 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

TRANSFER OUT

Janine Bergeron and Helen Bergeron to Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sheboygan, WI
Lillian Lorfeld to Bethlehem Lutheran, Sheboygan, WI
Stacey Steiner to St. Paul Lutheran, Grafton, WI

TRANSFER IN

Bruce and Debra Boettner from Immanuel Lutheran, Sheboygan, WI
Peter and Lisa Boettner from Immanuel Lutheran, Sheboygan, WI
Tom and Judy Gray from Immanuel Lutheran, Sheboygan, WI

RELEASE

Jennifer Stein and Matthew Whig

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Tiffany Schultz

Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Mr. Lawrence Reisinger
Age: 65
Died: December 25, 2019
Laid to Rest: January 1, 2020

Mrs. Delores Zill
Age: 92
Died: January 22, 2020
Laid to Rest: January 28, 2020



Baptism

Hayden Elizabeth Post
Daughter of Derek and Anna Post
January 19, 2020



A Note from the Parish Nurse

Dear Friends in Christ:

Blessings to all.

Fibromyalgia – symptom profile

- This starts with medical history, discussion of symptoms, physical exam and testing to rule out other problems.
- A questionnaire of widespread pain index and severity scale may be used to calculate an overall “score” if fibromyalgia is suspected. The core symptom of fibromyalgia is widespread pain in at least four of five regions at about the same level for at least three months.
 - o Regions:
 - Left jaw, shoulder and arm
 - Right jaw, shoulder and arm
 - Left hip, buttock and leg
 - Right hip, buttock and leg
 - Neck, back, chest and abdomen
- There are other possible symptoms, these include fatigue lasting months or years, stiffness, migraines, memory problems or cloudy thinking (“fibro fog”), sleep problems, pelvic, bladder or bowel pain, weakness, balance problems, and depression or anxiety. The picture can be complicated due to overlapping diseases or disorders.
- The key goal of treatment is to reverse the trend. Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is an effective approach to manage symptoms. CBT helps develop skills to be in charge of living your life. CBT includes learning how to
 - o Gradually increase physical activity
 - o Relax and quiet the mind
 - o Establish good sleep habits
 - o Balance time and energy with pacing and daily structure
 - o Set goals to help motivation
 - o Improve mood by managing stress and anxiety
 - o Communicate better with doctors, family and friends to gain and maintain social support
 - o Eat healthier diet
 - o Understand roll of medications in management plan.

Sounds so easy on paper but this involves numerous integrates steps and a comprehensive plan.

Prayerfully Submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure Check on Sunday, February 2 from 7:30 to 10:30

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

Puerto Rico Assistance Relief Campaign

January 18, 2020

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

In September 2017, Hurricane Maria made landfall as a category 4 in Puerto Rico. Maria was a deadly hurricane that devastated Puerto Rico. It is regarded one of the worst natural disaster in recorded history to affect Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria and its aftermath cause nearly 3000 deaths. Puerto Rico also suffered catastrophic damage and a major humanitarian crisis; most of the island's population suffered from flooding and a lack of resources, compounded by the slow relief process. The storm caused the worst electrical blackout in US history, and they were just getting better.

Thanks to the Lord, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod was the first church that sent a missionary (Rev. David Blas) to Puerto Rico to serve, to bring spiritual care and relief. Very importantly between the LCMS churches from Sheboygan County, The SWD, Lutheran Disaster Response and community members, over \$26,000 (cash and gift cards) were collected and brought to Puerto Rico to buy supplies on the ground. Thanks, the generosity from all people who donated over 1,100 people were benefit and blessed because of the combine efforts.

Unfortunately, Puerto Rico have been hit again by nature by lots of earthquakes. 22 earthquakes in the past 24 hours, 488 earthquakes in the past 7 days and 1,996 earthquakes in the past 30 days. At the end of December 2019 and in early January 2020, the southwestern part of the island of Puerto Rico was struck by an earthquake swarm, including six that were of magnitude 5 or greater. The largest and most damaging of this sequence occurred on January 7, 2020 and had a magnitude of 6.4 followed by a 5.9 and a 5.8. By January 14, more than 8,000 people were homeless and camping outdoors in various types of shelters, with 40,000 others camping outside their homes, just in the city of Ponce only. There were refugees in 28 government-sponsored refugee centers in the southern and central Puerto Rico municipalities.

Thousands of people have no supplies and have been sleeping in the ground. It's been very hard in Puerto Rico to find and to buy mattresses, etc.

I'm writing this letter, to do a relief campaign to buy inflatable mattresses twins size (cost \$30-\$50 each), sheets and blanket set (cost around \$15-\$20 set) and Walmart gifts cards (to buy supplies there on the ground). I will buy all the mattresses of the same brand and blankets and sheets, and then ship them to Puerto Rico, including the Walmart gift cards.

I'm appealing to your help and generosity in this campaign, let us be Jesus hands and feet. I know that the Lutheran Churches of Sheboygan County are very generous and compassionate.

If you want to be part of this effort, please send your check donations to St. Paul Lutheran Church. 730 County Hwy PPP, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. MEMO: Puerto Rico relief.

Thanks in advance for your generosity. May the Lord bless you richly.

Please pray for all peoples in Puerto Rico.

In Christ, His humble servant and yours,

Rev. David Blas
Missionary at large of the Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach
Associate Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Sheboygan
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Saludos en el nombre de nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo. Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Happy New Year! The Lord keeps working through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. We had **18** new visitors this month. Thanks to the Lord for bringing them!!! This month we have an average attendance of **23**. Our highest attendance was **44**. Glory be to God!!! We also have an average of **13** communicants this month.

Great news! On December 2, 2019 we celebrated two adult confirmations. They were instructed, confessed the faith and became part of the family! We want to congratulate our new members Sergio D, Maria del Rosario. Blessings to you in Christ!!!

Exciting news!!! We are very happy. The Lord and our church has welcomed 1 new member. On December 22, 2019, Maxheeni Tellez was baptized. Glory to God!!! Congratulations to Maxheeni and welcome to our LCMS church.

We are starting to plan to do the combine (CO-OP) Bilingual VBS 2020 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. It will take place from July 27-30, 10:00 AM to Noon. The theme for this year is TIME LAB. We will need volunteers! If you would like to help us and support the VBS please contact Rev. Blas as soon as possible. Let's have fun again learning and teaching about Jesus.

We want to thank St Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, for sponsoring some of our kids and families for Christmas. Thanks to St Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls, for the Christmas blessings to some of our families. We also want to thank Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sheboygan, for providing hats, mittens, scarves and quilts for our kids and families. May God bless you all!

During 2019 we count the blessings and support of our Lutheran Churches in Sheboygan County and our SWD. Thanks to all of you also for being an important part in **OUR** ministry. Special thanks, to all of you, members of the LCMS churches for all your support and prayers during 2019. Because of your prayers and your generous donations many of our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters in Christ have been blessed. May the Lord bless you always and continue to create in you that generous heart!

I helped at St Paul, Sheboygan Falls Christmas distribution. I did a presentation at Sheboygan Lutheran High School in the Seniors Theology class. On December 1st I preached at Christ Lutheran, Sheboygan and Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sheboygan.

I visited 2 families at home. I worked as a translator 2 times for families who do not speak English. I led 6 Spanish Bible classes. I had 7 meetings. I led 5 Spanish Services. I led 6 Spanish Bible classes. 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 this new year 2020.

In Christ, His Humble Servant and Yours

Rev. David Blas

Pictures of some events that happens in our ministry in December



February 2020						
◀ Jan 2020						Mar 2020 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 7:30-10:30am Blood Pressure Screening 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	3 10:00am Bible Class 6:30pm Board Meetings	4 1:00pm Mary Martha	5 3:30pm CEP 5:00pm Youth Night 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	6 3:45-5:50pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Service	7	8
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