

WORSHIP WITH US!

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



OCTOBER 2020

OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

No. 9

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

Are you familiar with St. Barnabas? Barnabas was one of the first disciples and the Apostle Paul's traveling companion. His name means "son of encouragement."

A portion of one of his sermons affirms his name. Barnabas said, "Before we believed in God, the dwelling of our heart was corruptible and fragile; truly it was a temple made by hands, when it was full of idolatry, and was a house of demons. But behold! It has been built gloriously into the temple of the Lord. How? By receiving the remission of sins and by hoping in the name of Christ, let us become new and re-created, because God truly dwells in us. How? When these dwell in us: the Word of His faith, the calling of his promise, the wisdom of justification, and the mandates of doctrine."

Like Barnabas, let us encourage one another with God's faith, promises, wisdom, and mandates. These days of COVID uncertainty have divided many over opinions of best public health practices. With the presidential election just days away, political tensions are rising. But God is in control, loves us dearly, and dwells in us as His temple so that we are sure and steady. Let us live as St. Barnabas encouraged: "by receiving the remission of sins and by hoping in the name of Christ, new and recreated, because God truly dwells in us."

The Lord be with you,

Pr. Jim Schulz +

VOTERS' MEETING ON OCTOBER 18th

Our next voters' meeting will be on Sunday, October 18th, at 9:15am in the church.

Among other updates, items for voters to action are: 1) approve the 2021 budget; 2) hold elections for various church council and LCMS district leadership positions.

All confirmed members, 18 years and older are encouraged to attend and become an active part in our church government and decision making. See you there!



LET'S STAY CONNECTED!!



We need your help to ensure that we have up-to-date emails, phone numbers and address for you whenever you make changes. Please notify the church office of any changes to your contact information so that we are able to keep our records up-to-date. (This includes children family members that have moved.). Notifying us can be done by emailing the church office (oslcsheboygan@gmail), calling the office (452.4005) or putting the new contact info in the collection plate.

Thanks for helping us to "stay in touch"!

Choir and Handbells to Resume in October

Both choir and handbells will resume their practices and performances in October. Handbell practice will start on October 7th at 5:45pm and Choir practice will follow at 6:45pm.

If you are interested in joining the choir, come to practice! The choir will be singing "Majesty" on Reformation Sunday. We hope to see you then.



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Jean Paulson
Age: 81
Died: July 28, 2020
Laid to Rest: October 3, 2020

Marlene Spannagle
Age: 84
Died: September 20, 2020
Laid to Rest: September 25, 2020

Nancy Kuitert
Age: 85
Died: September 23, 2020
Laid to Rest: September 28, 2020



MEMORIAL GIFTS

\$500 in memory of Carol Schmidt



2020 Reformation Celebration

The planning committee for the annual Sheboygan County Reformation Rally has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's service due to concerns related to COVID-19. The current plan, Lord willing, is to hold both a Reformation Theology Conference with speakers on the morning of Saturday, October 30th, 2021 and the next Reformation Rally church service in the new LHS Worship and Fine Arts center on Sunday, October 31st, 2021 at 3:30pm.



LCMS Foundation News



"If I plan my estate or end of life decisions, it means that I accept that I will die, and I don't want to talk about such things."

That was Susan's response to a Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation. That counselor pointed her to the words of Jesus in John 11 when He said, *"I am the resurrection and life...whoever lives and believes in me will by no means die, forever."* Their conversation centered around the truth that because of Jesus and His death and resurrection, *"death no longer has mastery over us."* (Romans 6)

Whether here on earth or with the Lord in heaven, life continues. *"For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life."* (2 Corinthians 5)

Having this conversation gave Susan a sense of peace. She put her Lifetime Plan for Giving™ together with her LCMS Gift Planning Counselor. She was thankful that this process had finally enabled her to get beyond the fear of death and dying that had haunted her throughout her life. Susan was also able to celebrate knowing she was going to help God's ministry grow on earth, when God calls her home to him.

Is it time for you to do the same? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Craig Toerpe, Gift Planning Counselor of the LCMS Foundation to answer questions regarding your current gift plan, or how you can bless family and impact ministry at 262-707-3005 or craig.toerpe@lfnd.org



LCMS
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
HISPANIC OUTREACH

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The Lord keeps working through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. During these 3 months we had 13 visitors. Thanks to the Lord for bringing them!!! These months we have an average attendance of **9**. Our highest attendance was **21**. Glory be to God!!! We also have an average of **7** communicants these months.

We successfully have done Operation Backpack at Good Shepherd. We collected 124 backpacks and school supplies. We served 45 families through this great project. It was a great joy to see the happiness of the kids through their face masks. What a great blessing Operation Backpack was to these families!

The activity was set for 1:00 PM on August 8, but we started the distribution by 12:30 PM because there was a big line of cars around the block. By the date of the event we only had 83 backpacks. The backpacks were gone in 30 minutes! We ran out of backpacks with a big line of cars still waiting. We had to write down names to get more backpacks for these families. Thanks to the Lord we were able to get donations to buy what we needed.

We would like to give big thanks to Good Shepherd, Immanuel, Christ, St Paul, St John, Our Redeemer, St Mark and all the churches involved, members of the churches and community members for sponsoring this event. Blessings to all of you who were part of Operation Backpack. Also, thanks to the members of Good Shepherd and the Hispanic Outreach for their help during the distribution.

We're already planning for **Operation Backpack** school year 2021-2022. The distribution day will be August 7, 2021. We want to make the event even bigger next year. Please help us to make this program a greater one next school year. If you would like to be part of this event 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 backpacks and school supplies for next year. If you're willing to be part of this please bring the school supplies to Good Shepherd in Sheboygan. 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.

Soon we going to start with confirmation classes and early communion classes. Also I am going to be teaching adult confirmation classes shortly. We are going to have one baptism September 20, 2020.

These months I did 2 hospital visits. I did 4 Spanish devotions on Facebook live. 1 English devotion on Facebook live. I visited 20 families at home. I led 13 Spanish services. I led 9 English services, including Good Shepherd, Luther Memorial, Immanuel and Christ. I worked as a translator 8 times. I had 10 meetings. Also visited stores to bring portals of prayers, flyers and to meet people.

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!!!

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

Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization News



The last summer farmers market is October 31st! We will continue to offer the Double Your Bucks Program, sponsored by St. Nicholas Hospital, every market day throughout the month. Stay tuned for more information about our winter pop-up market, starting in November!

SCIO could use the following items: Disinfecting wipes, Multi-purpose printer paper, Paper towels and Napkins. We have also launched our Coming Together for Change campaign, <https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/coming-together-for-change/>. Please consider a modest monthly donation to help SCIO. Thank you for your continued support!

Bridgeway & Beyond Update: Room 1, 4, 5 - This mom of 4 recently secured full time employment as well as a casual/part time job. Due to COVID this mother struggled with finding sustainable income to support her large family (she receives no child support). Securing both jobs has been a true blessing! She and her children have participated in weekly counseling since coming into the Bridgeway program a year ago. The trauma they experienced was tremendous so living in a supportive environment has been truly beneficial. Mom and kiddos really appreciate the love and support they receive in the Bridgeway program and are so grateful for the extra assistance they have been given during the hardest times of their lives.

Room 6 - This mom of 1 recently completed an Intensive Outpatient Group for substance abuse. It was a struggle for this mom to leave an abusive relationship, however once she did, she hasn't looked back. She and her daughter have grown leaps and bounds since entering the Bridgeway program! Her 2-year-old daughter came into Bridgeway not walking or showing any emotion due to the extent of trauma she experienced in her young life. Within 2 months she began walking and even saying a few words. She is now such a happy little girl who is truly thriving! She even loves to give hugs! Mom is connected to the W2 program, attends weekly counseling, has a sponsor and attends AA meetings. She is determined to make a better life for herself and her daughter.

Trisha's house - This mom of 3 continues to work at a local factory. She also started her own business this summer selling macarons! "Stephanie's Sugar Fix" has been an amazing hit in the community! In fact, it's gotten so popular she has a hard time keeping up with the dozens of orders she receives each week!!! At \$20 per dozen, she is able to do what she loves AND put money away in savings! She is so grateful and feels so blessed to be able to live the life she once dreamed of!

Outreach/Aftercare - Our Case Manager has been really busy these last few months assisting approximately 30 families in outreach and aftercare.

Family Pathways supervised visitation program is again open! We have restructured the visitation schedule and cleaning protocol in light of COVID and have plenty of openings! Please share our email with families that may be experiencing temporary challenges with visiting their children, familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.

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