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WORSHIP  WITH US!

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



JANUARY 2021

OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

No. 1

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

Google - one of the most popular search engines of the internet – released its annual list of top trending search terms to show what the world turned to during one of the most historic years on record. It comes as no surprise that "coronavirus" made three of the top five search subjects (FYI, "Kobe Bryant" was the third most popular). According to Google: "2020 was the year we asked 'why?'"

Indeed, "why?" You can search the internet for answers to why there are pandemics and untimely deaths, but to get a satisfying answer, turn to the Word of God. It is in the Word that you'll get answers that mean something and do something. All that happens in the entire world and in your own little world is about God working repentance that leads to faith and hope. Faith understands that sin is what causes tragedy. Hope is the result of trust in God's love in Christ. Believers in the name of Jesus know that the reason for what happens now is to secure a better life to come in eternity.

As we enter a new year of what we pray will relief from the coronavirus pandemic and a return to a more "normal" life, let us understand why God allows sickness and suffering. He wants us to trust Him for eternal life through belief in His Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who delivered us from sin and death. In Him we have all the answers to "why"?

Pr. Jim Schulz +



### Voters' Meeting

The church council would like to encourage everyone to attend the first quarterly voters' meeting held on January 17 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**

# Thank You

- All our Sunday school and CEP teachers and staff for their time and talents used and your weekly commitment to teach the Gospel.
- 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 custodians, Chris Marver and Lou Ann Stroo, and countless others who keep our facility in top-notch shape.
- All church board members and church council 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!

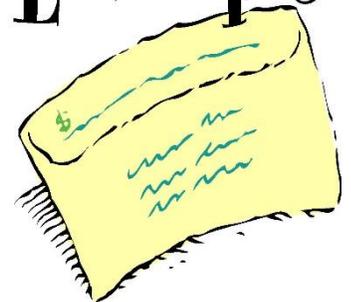
### OFFERINGS

Please stop 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. If you haven't received a box and would like to, please contact the church office at 452-4005 or [oslcsheboygan@gmail.com](mailto:oslcsheboygan@gmail.com).

Your 2020 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



## Pastoral Acts

### Funerals

Mrs. Laura Kammerzelt  
 Age: 103  
 Died: December 7, 2020  
 Laid to Rest: December 9, 2020

Mr. Bill Wilson  
 Age: 64  
 Died: December 8, 2020  
 A celebration of life will be held sometime in spring of 2021

Mrs. Janet Kaiser  
 Age: 86  
 Died: December 18, 2020  
 Laid to Rest: December 23, 2020



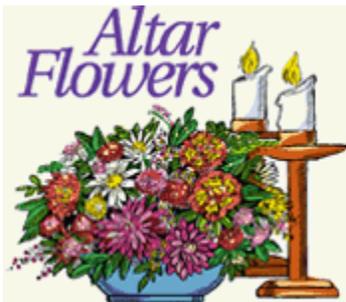
### Baptism

Vivian Claire Morris  
 Daughter of Bennett and Amy (Schackman) Morris  
 December 6, 2020



### Memorial Gifts

\$500 in memory of Laura Kammerzelt towards the chancel flooring project.



### FLOWER CHART POSTED:

The flower chart for 2021 is in the narthex, next to the ushers' room in the cabinet. Members wishing to donate flowers are asked to select a date by placing their name on the appropriate line. If you need to, you may call the office and reserve a date. 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.

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



## **Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization**

**January 2021**

Starting in January, the SCIO Farmers Market will be offering product pick-up in the First Congregational Church UCC parking lot the first and third Saturdays of the month from 10-11. Go to our website for more information on how to contact our vendors and place your orders for pick-up! Vendors can still accept DYB fresh produce vouchers, wooden EBT coins, and gift certificates.

Bridgeway could use the following items: Olive oil, shredded cheese, and baking powder.

Bridgeway & Beyond Update: This family of 5 continues to adjust to online schooling and mom working full time. Mom continues to enjoy her job however she still feels overwhelmed with her children being at BW all day without her. Mom has raised her credit score almost 200 points since coming into BW and paying off old debts. During dinner the other night everyone went around the table saying things they are grateful for. This mom's 8-year-old son said "I am so thankful for everyone at Bridgeway. You have all become my family. Thank you for giving us a home so we didn't have to live in our van."

This family of 4 have been adjusting very well to life at Bridgeway. They recently moved back to Sheboygan from California. About 4 years ago mother and children fled to California to get away from her abusive husband (her children's father). Mom is working on getting into counseling and is presently dealing with some health issues. Her children have adjusted very well to life at BW.

This mother and her 2-year-old daughter continue to do very well at BW. Mom is continuing to participate in the W2 program (work search was waived due to COVID), birth to 3 program, weekly counseling, and meets with her substance abuse sponsor weekly. Mom continues to work very hard on her mental health as well as her sobriety.

Trisha's house - This mother of 3 has been doing very well this past month. Her baking business is still going strong! In fact, she sold 400 cocoa bombs within a month! Mom is up to date on her program fees and is working at saving more money. This is her first Christmas without her mom (who was her role model/hero). She is working through her grief and continues to contact the case manager every other day.

Outreach/Aftercare- In addition to the families at Bridgeway, Claudette has worked with an additional 17 families this past month. She has been able to assist single mothers with gift cards, Goodwill vouchers, food, bus tokens and Christmas presents for their children.

Family Pathways supervised visitation program is accepting new clients! Please share our email with families that may be experiencing temporary challenges with visiting their children, [familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).

Have some graphic design skills? We would love to talk to you! We are looking for a volunteer to help us with logo development. Contact executive director Lisa Stephan at [lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:lisa@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org)

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January 2021						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> New Year's Day <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:00am Divine Service 10:30am Divine Service	<b>4</b> 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 4:00pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00pm Divine Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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