

# WORSHIP WITH US!

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



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OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday - this year on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Because of continuing COVID-19 conditions we will not be participating in a round-robin series of guest preachers this year. However, we will be following a Lenten theme that is different than the usually appointed texts to be read on Sundays during Lent. Join us during Lent then for divine services under the theme "Return to the Lord."

Concordia Publishing House created the series "Return to the Lord," explaining: "In the Book of Joel, the prophet paints a vivid picture of the coming judgment of God, the Day of the Lord. The imagery is bold and terrifying: hordes of locusts swarming over the land and decimating everything. Joel's prophecy has teeth even today as wars rage, natural disasters threaten and destroy, and our culture seems to be unraveling. But right in the middle of this frightening portent, we find a tender invitation from the Lord:

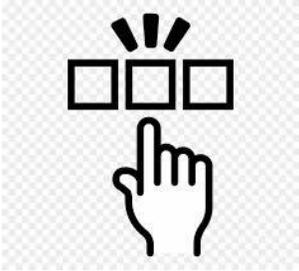
'Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster' (Joel 2:13). God's invitation and promise finds its fullness in Jesus Christ, who personifies and accomplishes all that God declares. During this season of Lent, we will consider the theme 'Return to the Lord' and examine how the call to return played out in practical ways for the people who walked alongside Christ as He demonstrated and carried out God's grace and mercy on our behalf, taking God's wrath upon Himself, setting the stage for God to 'turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him' (Joel 2:14).



Join us for divine services during Lent this year beginning on February 17<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday, and on following Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. (there will be no 10:00 a.m. service on Ash Wednesday or on Thursdays) and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 to "Return to the Lord."

Pr. Jim Schulz +

### New Nave Flooring



At their meeting on Sunday, January 17th, the voters approved a plan to install luxury vinyl tile floor covering in the nave, covering the area between the altar rail and the front pew - the "apron" - and the aisles between and on either side of the pews. (The current tiles under the pews and the carpet in the transept would remain in place.) Samples provided by local flooring designers are available in the narthex. The council would like your feedback on which sample you think would be the best choice. Thank you!

### Thank You

In response to your generous giving, we were able to donate \$865 to the Sheboygan County Food Pantry. Your gifts will help feed many people.



### MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

#### *TRANSFER OUT*

David, Clare and Kevin Gartman to Trinity Lutheran, Town of Wilson



### Memorial Gifts

\$1,135 in memory of Janet Kaiser given to the flooring project and a memorial tile  
\$2,205 in memory of Nancy Kuitert given to the purchase of a new sign in front of the church





## Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

February 2021

1. The SCIO Farmers Market will be offering product pick-up through February in the First Congregational Church 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 order for pick-up!
2. Bridgeway Updates: Our family of 5 continues to make strides towards self-sufficiency. Mom is saving a substantial amount of money to prepare for monthly rent, utilities, and other expenses she will incur when she moves out of Bridgeway in the coming months. The kids are happy to be back at school. Mom's 16-year old son recently made the honor roll for the first time! He is very pleased with himself and so is the rest of the Bridgeway family!

We welcomed a family of 4 in late December. Mom has had a slow start due to some mental health issues, but she is now making progress on her weekly goals. Her kids continue to attend school in the virtual format. They are adjusting well to staying home, but definitely miss social interaction with other kids their age. Mom started applying for jobs this week and already has an interview.

Another mom and her 2-year-old daughter continue to do well at Bridgeway. Mom celebrates 9 months of sobriety this month, and has started applying for jobs. She willingly helps out with any task asked of her and has become a solid leader in the program. She continues to save money and is eagerly awaiting getting her driver's license reinstated with the hopes of buying a small, inexpensive car.

Trisha's House: This mom of 3 has maintained sobriety, counseling and follow through with doctors appointments. Her baking business continues to thrive. She received some disappointing news that she will need carpal tunnel surgery, but is relieved to know that she won't have to live with the constant pain in the future.

Outreach/Aftercare: Our case manager continues to receive multiple referrals from Social Workers and has added a few additional families to the waitlist. Most women are struggling with addiction and have needed assistance (and encouragement) to get into Intensive Outpatient Programs and counseling.

3. Bridgeway could use the following items: Waffle maker, bottled water, paper plates. Additional needs can be shared by contacting our program manager at [ashleigh@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:ashleigh@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org).
4. Mark your calendars! SCIO is planning a virtual Spring Luncheon event for May. The faith communities have been the backbone of this event, so we are counting on you in a big way to help us celebrate our mission and raise funds for the Bridgeway program. More to come!



Happy New Year

Greetings Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The year 2020 was a difficult year, full of challenges and difficulties both for our Hispanic Ministry and for our sister churches. It was definitely a very difficult year for all of us, but within all that, the hand of God was in our midst, supporting us and providing for our ministry. God has been good; we are grateful that He has allowed us to reach a new year 2021.

We are blessed that God has touched lives around us to provide for our ministry in 2020 and the previous years. We are thankful that people like you have said, "here I am Lord" when He has extended the call to provide support to our Ministry. Thanks for your commitment to helping us with this ministry. It is sincerely appreciated.

We are really very grateful, because thanks to these donations we have been able to continue to preach the Gospel of Our Lord. Thanks to that we continue to carry His message of reconciliation, love, peace, forgiveness of sins, salvation, and eternal life. Thanks to God and your contributions we can continue baptizing new lives adding them to God's family; we can continue to confirm youth and adults. Thanks to this we can continue the work of Our Lord reaching part of the Hispanic community of Sheboygan County. With the generous support of people like you, we will be able to continue to reach many souls through this Ministry. Through our mission efforts, we have been able to heal, save and deliver many souls.

We pray to the Lord that the work of this Ministry continues in our midst. We pray that He continues to touch lives, bringing the lives that need to be saved. We pray that God will continue to expand his ministry here and around Sheboygan County.

We pray to God and give thanks for the lives of all of you. We pray to God, to give you health and peace in this New Year. We pray to God for your continued support for our Ministry.

Please continue to pray for this on-going ministry partnership. We look forward to seeing what the Lord will do through this to His glory in Sheboygan County in 2021 and the following years.

In Christ, His humble servant and yours.

Pastor David Blas  
Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach

February 2021						
◀ Jan 2021						Mar 2021 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:00pm CEP	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Divine Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Council	<b>10</b> 4:00pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Divine Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Ash Wednesday 4:00pm CEP 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>18</b> <b>NO THURSDAY SERVICE</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 4:00pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Lenten Service	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Family Bible Hour 10:30am Divine Service	<b>There will be no 10:00am Lenten services this year.</b>					