

# WORSHIP WITH US!

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. 3

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Dear Saints of Our Savior's:

The Lenten season continues through March. I hope you can join us for divine services under the theme "Return to the Lord." Here are the themes for each week:

### **Third Sunday in Lent, March 4 & 7: "Return from False Witness"**

One of the most straightforward sayings in the Book of Proverbs is, "A faithful witness does not lie, but a false witness breathes out lies" (Proverbs 14:5). A word of false witness can direct a series of actions in a deviant and destructive path. We find that negative action happening in the Passion account of our Lord, where we see Jesus standing before Caiaphas with a series of false witnesses seeking to defame the holy, innocent Lamb of God with untruths and lies. False witness can be a deadly weapon. Whenever we ask, as did the psalmist, "O Lord, open my lips" (Psalm 51:15), may what we then express always be true witness set in speech that declares the praises of God.

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11 & 14: "Return from Denial"**

In one of the classic hymns associated with the season of Lent, Scottish-born writer James Montgomery, author of over four hundred hymns, penned this thoughtful prayer: "In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me Lest by base denial I depart from Thee" (*LW* 511:1). Although the language of the hymn reflects the era in which it was written almost two hundred years ago, the central concern is as valid today as it was when the stanza was written. The phrase "base denial" calls to mind the disciple Peter, who disowns his Lord while in the courtyard of the house of the high priest. At times in our lives, we may be tempted to deny our Lord and to act as though our faith is not central to who we are. It is then that we can draw strength from remembering the forgiveness won for us by our suffering Lord, who calls us even from "base denial" to return to Him.

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 18 & 21: "Return to the Kingdom of God"**

In the conclusion of his First Letter to Timothy, Paul encourages his young friend with a shared vision of what is to come as God fulfills all things. He writes of "the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords" (1 Timothy 6:14–15). As Jesus stood before Pilate, who seemed to have the full authority of life and death over Him, our Savior knew who He was and what His kingdom was and is and will be. "My kingdom is not of this world," Jesus stated (John 18:36a). With the psalmist, we affirm, "The Lord will reign forever" (Psalm 146:10). The very best and most blessed time under His gracious kingship is yet to be!

Pr. Jim Schulz +

### New Nave Flooring in Time for Easter

At its February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the church council authorized the installation of luxury vinyl tile flooring in the nave to take place beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is the week before Palm Sunday and therefore in time for Holy Week and Easter services. At their January meeting, the voters authorized replacing the carpet in the nave with a luxury vinyl tile product. Over the past several weeks, the trustees provided several flooring samples for us to choose from. Based on the feedback the council received from members of Our Savior's, flooring design professionals, and the board of trustees, the council chose Macco's Floor Covering Center to install Armstrong brand "Natural Creations Earthcuts Delano Bisque" 12" x 24" luxury vinyl tiles in the aisles and apron (the area between the front pews and altar rail). The transept will remain carpeted. Since the cost of the new flooring is more than what we have in the new flooring fund, we are asking everyone to contribute toward the difference, which is \$8,200. See the fundraiser thermometer in the narthex to chart the progress. Thank you!



### Tuition Assistance



The Endowment Board would like to remind parents of students attending a LCMS grade school, high school or university to submit your request for tuition assistance for the next school year (2021-2022) in writing by June 6, 2021. Application form is attached, or can be picked up from the church office. Requests should be sent ATTN: Endowment Board.

We're hopeful to offer individual scholarships to the students of Our Savior's Lutheran Church congregation in mid-June. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Fischer, chairman of the Endowment Board, at 946-4605.

Contributions can always be made by using the Endowment envelope in your packets or an envelope marked for the Endowment Fund.

### Pastoral Acts

#### *Wedding*

Ed Hatleli and Brenda Duquette  
February 12, 2021



You see an ad asking for volunteers to deliver to needy families some coats, hats, and gloves that have been purchased by a local charity. You volunteer to make six deliveries. At each home, the families shower you with praise for these thoughtful gifts. All day long you keep reminding them that you are only the messenger, and that the gifts really came from the charity.



In a way, this story is a true parallel to our lives as we dispense God's gifts, whether that be caring for our families, supporting ministries that share Jesus or sharing something with a neighbor who lives next door.

Since all the gifts in our lives are God's gifts, we find ourselves constantly reminding those who thank us that we are simply sharing God's things with them. We are not really being generous. We are not leaving a personal legacy. We are simply being faithful stewards with God's gifts, following through on the good works He prepared in advance for us to do, for which He prepared us with His gifts.

St. Paul wrote in Galatians 3, "So whatever you do, whether in word or deed, DO IT ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." That perspective reflects a heart captured by God's grace, intent on sharing that grace with everyone. Through His gifts God's saves with His Gospel.

If you would like to talk about giving perspectives, your LCMS 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 financially support the Lord's work at 262-707-3005 or [craig.toerpe@lfnd.org](mailto:craig.toerpe@lfnd.org)



### **Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization**

March 2021

1. The SCIO Farmers Market will continue to offer product pick-up through March in the First Congregational Church UCC parking lot from 10-11 on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Go to our website for more information on how to contact our vendors and place your order for pick-up. Details coming soon about the pop-up market in April!

2. Bridgeway could use the following items: Size 5-6 diapers, bottled water, hand warmers.

3. Bridgeway & Beyond Update: Our family of 5 has enjoyed returning to in-person schooling, and the 16-year old has chosen to remain in virtual learning. Mom is saving lots of money and met with Consumer Credit Counseling with the hope of purchasing a small starter home when she transitions from Bridgeway. Our family of 4 has been adjusting to life at Bridgeway. The two younger kids remain in virtual school, and the oldest is thriving in a hybrid education model. Mom is still working on some mental health issues and meeting her weekly goals. Our mother and her 2-year-old daughter continue to do very well at BW. Mom landed a part-time job and will bring her daughter to daycare, which are all new steps towards her recovery and self-sufficiency. Trisha's house: This mother of 3 recently had carpal tunnel surgery. She will need another surgery on her other wrist in a few weeks, but she is thankful that she won't have to endure chronic pain in the future. She has been advocating for herself at work and hopes to move into a higher paying position after she is fully recovered from her surgeries.

4. Mark your calendar: Saturday, May 8th. SCIO Spring Luncheon: Celebrate Moms @ Home. Meal options will be available to enjoy with those you love on Mother's Day weekend. Other options will include raffle tickets, flowers, chocolates, dessert and wine pairings. We need your help to get raffle basket items! Please email [jodi@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org](mailto:jodi@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org) for more information. This is our largest fundraiser for Bridgeway – help us help moms!

March 2021						
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30pm Board Meetings	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:00pm CEP 5:45pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Divine Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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