



DIVINE SAVIOR
Lutheran Church
102 Northridge Dr. Shawano, WI 54166

MESSENGER

January 2020

*Special Dates in
January*

Choir Practice

Weds. @ 6:30 p.m.

Co-or. Council Mtg.

8th @ 6:00 p.m.

WATC

9th @ 5:30 p.m.

Endow. Comm. Mtg.

13th @ 4:30 p.m.

JCM Bible Study

23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

Voters Mtg.

26th @ 10:15 a.m.

Bread of Life

Bible Study

Thursdays

12:00—12:30 p.m.

Food Pantry

Thursdays

1:00— 3:00 p.m.

Closed 1/2

Pray & Play

Tuesdays

3—4:30 p.m.

REFIT

Sundays @ 4:00

1/12 @ 2:00 p.m.

Toddler Time w/Jesus

1/11 & 1/25

@10-11:00 a.m.

Worship service times.

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Mon. 6:30 p.m.

I Need More...TIME

As you reflect upon previous events in your life—gatherings, graduations, weddings, birthdays, business, kids, careers, vacations, and visits. Do you wishfully think: “If only I had a little more time? More time with my kids. More time with my elderly parents. More time to relax and enjoy life.” With a slight sense of regret and quick glance at what may seem like a schedule fuller than ever, you may feel like throwing up your hands and shouting, “I need more time!”

Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10). You might be thinking that your life is full enough. You do not need more things to do. You need more time! But Jesus is not talking about doing more things. Jesus is talking about a fulfilling life that has a purpose from beginning to end and into eternity.

Jesus entered our world 2000 years ago. Jesus’ purpose in life was simple. He came to earth so that when our time on earth comes to an end, we can spend eternity with him in heaven. In order to make that happen, Jesus lived every moment of every day in perfect obedience to his heavenly Father. His life temporarily ended at the cross when he suffered the punishment of sin for all people of all time. Just three days after his death, Jesus came back to life in order to proclaim his victory over death and his gift of life with God.

What a full life Jesus gives to us! We do not need to be weighed down by the guilt of our past—things we have regretfully done or left undone. Jesus came to live a perfect life in our place. We have confidence for the future because Jesus is already at the finish line, waiting to welcome us into heaven. Life is no longer about cramming as much as possible into every day. Rather, life is about living each moment of every day in gratefulness to our Savior Jesus.

Need more time? Spend time with Jesus. Get to know him through his Word. Discover the fullness of his love and purpose for you. While he may not give you the additional hour(s) you were hoping for each day, Jesus will help you to make the most of the time he gives to you.

PARISH NEWS

Congregational Changes last month:

Added: Baptized Ezekiel Parsons 12/8/19

Transferred:

Released:

Called Home to Jesus:

Current Congregational Stats: communicants: 160 souls: 178



New Year . . . New You?

It's that time of year again, the time of resolutions. "I'm going to be the best I can be this year." With goals of weight loss, you may cry out like Jim Carrey's *The Grinch* when he measures his heart, "Yes! Down a size and a half! And this time, I'll keep it off." Resolutions can cover a whole multitude of options. Weight loss; being a better person; spending less money; having a better devotional life.

So many ways to make ourselves better . . . and so few ways before we usually find out that we don't really care enough to stick to those plans. Sometimes it's easier to just stay the same old us, and maybe try again next year.

Well, praise God he did not take this path of thinking when it came to him making us new. This wasn't just about our physical appearance or attitude or mentality. This was, and is, about all that we are and everything that we do. God knew that the old us was never going to be enough. The old me and the old you were sinners who despised God and wanted everything for ourselves except a relationship with our God.

But with that idea for ourselves, we would never gain anything. We would never be anything good. All that we would gain for ourselves is an eternity in hell, an eternity never knowing the love of God. But God does love us enough that he did not wish for us to stay in such a hopeless and condemned state. As you move into this new year, rejoice that God has already made you new.

This shows in who you are and in what you do. ¹⁴ **For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.** ¹⁵ **And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

¹⁶ **So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.** ¹⁷ **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!** ¹⁸ **All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:** ¹⁹ **that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.** ²⁰ **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.** ²¹ **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Through the love and actions of Christ, you have been made new. You are no longer a God-despising sinner, but one who lives in and for God. As new creations, we long to live in the love of God and to serve God with his message of reconciliation.

As you make plans for yourself, and as those plans follow through or fail, know that there is a plan that was fulfilled to make you the best you that you can be. **Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.** Praise God that he has made you a new creation and pray to be held always in his loving care.

In Christ,

Pastor Wolf B. Parsons

JANUARY



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Happy New Year	2 No Bread of Life No Food Pantry	3	4
5 Worship @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m. REFIT 4:00 p.m.	6 Monday Eve. Worship @ 6:30 p.m.	7 No Ladies Aid Meetings until April Pray & Play 3:00-4:30 p.m.	8 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	9 Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m. Worship at the Cross 5:30 p.m.	10	11 Toddler Time With Jesus 10:00-11:00
12 Worship w/communion @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m. REFIT 2:00 p.m.	13 Endowment Fund Mtg. @ 4:30 p.m. Monday Eve. Worship w/communion @ 6:30 p.m.	14 Pray & Play 3:00-4:30 p.m. Co-ord. Council Mtg. @6:30 p.m.	15 Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.	16 Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.	17	18
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