



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

# MESSENGER

**November 2019**

## *Special Dates in*

### November

#### Ladies Aid

5th @ 1:00 p.m.  
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#### Co-or. Council Mtg.

12th @ 6:30 p.m.  
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#### Worship at the Cross

14th @ 5:30 p.m.  
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#### Thanksgiving Eve

27th @ 6:30 p.m.  
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No JCM Bible  
Study in Nov.  
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#### Bread of Life Bible Study

Thursdays  
12:00—12:30 p.m.  
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#### Food Pantry \* Thursdays

1:00— 3:00 p.m.  
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Choir Practice  
Weds. @ 6:15 pm  
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#### Toddler Time w/Jesus

9th & 23rd  
@ 10-11 am

#### Worship service times.

Sun. 9:00 a.m.  
Mon. 6:30 p.m.

## I Need More...MONEY

Someone once asked John D. Rockefeller, "How much money is enough?" "Just a little more," he answered. At the time, he was one of the wealthiest men in the world.

Those who've heard that story and Rockefeller's answer, usually divide into two groups: they either think of him as a greedy miser ("He has more money than he knows what to do with!") or an honest pragmatist ("Hey, he's just telling the truth—even if you're rich, a little more is always nice."). Don't we all occasionally find ourselves thinking, "I need more money?"

There's nothing wrong with financial security, but how much is enough? If you are pricing a vacation home in Florida and feel frustrated that you don't have enough to buy a Ferrari too, that's one thing. If you lost your job and can't pay the bills, and it's getting tough to put food on the table, that's something else.

This is a complicated issue. It's not easy to properly distinguish between real needs and selfish greed. Do you really need more money? Maybe. Maybe not. When it comes to finances, the best advice comes from Jesus Christ. Our Savior said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

According to Jesus, a lot of folks expend an enormous amount of time and energy in pursuit of earthly treasure and financial security, but for what? In the end—if a bad economy, a poor decision, or unforeseen disaster doesn't claim it, time certainly will—you can't take it with you.

That makes heaven the only worthwhile investment. And here's the great news: Jesus lived, died, and rose again to provide all the heavenly treasure for you. Peace with God—now and forever—that's what he freely gives.

Put your trust in Jesus. Find in him real treasure and eternal security. What more do you need? Besides, Christians know that the Lord will always provide. We've got his Word on that: "Do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:31-33).

Do you really need more money? You don't need to answer that question. Put your trust in Christ—seek first his kingdom and his righteousness—and let him answer the question for you.

## PARISH NEWS

### Congregational Changes last month:

**Added: Patrick & Debra Zoeller, transferred from St. Paul, Green Bay**

**Baptized: Alistair Wellhoefer**

**Transferred Out:**

**Called Home to Jesus: Elda Redmann (9/30), Ruth Koenig (10/14)**

**Current Congregational Stats: communicants:179 souls: 162**



### Children of God

We're now in the midst of our "Welcome Home" series, and as it started, we focused especially on welcoming all members home into our congregation here at Divine Savior. Why such a focus on bringing people back into our doors? It's not so much about getting everyone back together in this building. It's about the blessings we receive together as a body of believers, especially the Christian support we can provide for one another through the Word.

The idea definitely isn't to fill the pews. The idea is to bring people back to God through hearing faithful preaching of his Word and using that very Word to guide each other in every aspect of our lives. It's not about our building and the how many people we can get inside it. It's not about the visible church.

Our focus really is on bringing people into the invisible Church, into the family of God. This can only be done when we hear the Word and God works through it to create faith in our hearts, faith in Christ Jesus as our Savior who died on the cross so that we might be free from the condemnation of our sins and who rose again so that we might live.

The apostle Paul wrote, **"<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."** (Galatians 3:26-29)

It's a fantastic blessing when we can all come together in the visible church, worshiping and praising our God and Lord. Praise and thanks to him, also, that we don't just come out of an obligation or out of false faith, but that he moves us to trust and know that we are **clothed with Christ**. It doesn't matter who we are. It doesn't matter where we came from. Believers **are all one in Christ Jesus**, and we are **heirs according to the promise**.

This is the promise of eternal life and salvation through Christ. And eternal life in heaven is the true home to which we have been called; it is the true home to which we hope and pray that all people will come by coming to know Christ through the Word. May God continue to guide us through his Word, bringing us into his visible church so that we might strengthen one another and grow together in faith because he has brought us into his invisible Church, adopted heirs into the family of God. Amen

In Christian love,  
Pastor Wolf B. Parsons

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### **New Sunday Bible Class Topic Coming Soon!**

In the next few weeks we'll be finishing our series, "Hard Sayings of Jesus." In this series we focused on many parts of Scripture that are difficult to understand and can even be difficult to accept as true. Following this series, we will begin our journey together through the book *Prepared to Answer* by Martin Luther College Professor Mark Paustian.

In his book, Professor Paustian helps us to address tough topics in regular and daily conversation. Below is a description of the book, *Prepared to Answer* from Northwestern Publishing House:

Hot button issues or topics can sneak into a conversation quickly. Whether you're among friends, family, or coworkers, someone may bring up the subject of politics or religion and things can get heated. You may have felt unprepared to answer questions directed at you about your faith, but you're not alone.

The book *Prepared to Answer* provides helpful examples for sharing your faith by supplying Scripture-based responses to common objections to Christianity. Through a unique narrative approach, the author gives engaging answers to frequently asked religious questions. Some of the topics in this volume include why bad things happen, different denominational interpretations of Scripture, abortion, miracles, evidence of God's existence, and Jesus' resurrection from the dead. After reading the book, you'll feel more prepared to answer questions that may arise.

Divine Savior has purchased a number of copies for those who wish to participate in this new series for Sunday Morning Bible Class. They will be available to participants without expectation of repayment, however, if you wish to provide a free-will offering to help cover the costs of purchase, there will be a basket available.

You may pick up one copy per couple in Bible Class. This copy will be yours to read, to mark up, to take notes. Pastor will provide a reading schedule so you may have the chance to look at the chapters in advance. May God bless our time together in this study.

Amen

## ENDOWMENT FUND INVITATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

The Divine Savior Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that we have over \$10,000.00 to distribute in 2020 from earnings on our investments from our Fiscal Year 2019.

Grant requests will be available beginning November 3rd and can be found on the hallway table or can be obtained from any member of the committee. The deadline for submitting requests is Sunday, January 5, 2020.

Grants can be awarded to individuals, groups or organizations within the congregation to assist with Christian education, post secondary secular education or non-budgeted projects which support the work of our congregation both at home and abroad.

Completed application forms should be put in Gale Blum's mailbox in the hallway no later than January 5, 2020. Applications will be reviewed in January and funds will be available for distribution beginning in February 2020.

Please give prayerful consideration over the next few months as to how an Endowment Fund Grant could further God's Kingdom through our lives and actions.

Members of the Endowment Fund Committee are Gale Blum, Don Frisque, Paul Hahn, Lynnea Reissing and Randy Kagerbauer.



## Divine Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church

It's election time once again.

As you know, January of every year is the annual voters meeting which includes the election of candidates to fill the available council seats. For the 2020 election, the available positions are: President, Financial Secretary, Youth Discipleship, & Outreach/Fellowship. These positions are currently held by Randy Baxter, Aaron Wellhoefer, Aarin Reising, & Jim Hesse, respectively.

The nominating committee (John Kloehn, & Randy Baxter) is looking for seven individuals willing to appear on the ballot, 2 for president, 2 for financial secretary, 1 for youth discipleship, and 2 for outreach/fellowship.

As per the church bylaws and in keeping with the biblical model set forth in Acts 1:23-26, *23 So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen 25 to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." 26 Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.*, we should try to have at least 2 potential candidates for each position. Someone from the nominating committee may be contacting you soon to affirm your willingness to serve in one of these capacities. You may also contact one of them expressing your interest in serving.

Please prayerfully consider running for one of these positions. Feel free to discuss the duties and responsibilities of these positions with the current officers or committee members. A written job description can also be provided to you upon request.

Thank you in advance for your service to our Lord,

Randy B.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> Divine Savior Worship @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m. Diaper Baby Shower 2:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> Endowment Fund Mtg. 4:30 p.m.  Worship Ser- vice 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>  Ladies Aid @ 1:00 p.m.  Pray & Play 3:00 p.m.	<b>6</b>   Choir Practice 6:15 p.m.	<b>7</b> Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.  1:00 Communi- cation Comm. Mtg.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Toddler Time With Jesus 10—11 a.m.
<b>10</b> Divine Savior Worship w/ communion @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.	<b>11</b> Divine Savior Worship w/communion @ 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b>  Pray & Play 3:00 p.m.  Co-ord. Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>   Choir Practice 6:15 p.m.	<b>14</b> Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.  WATC w/meal 5:30 p.m.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Mission Festi- val Worship @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.	<b>18</b> Worship Ser- vice 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>  Pray & Play 3:00 p.m.	<b>20</b>   Choir Practice 6:15 p.m.	<b>21</b> Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Toddler Time With Jesus 10—11 a.m.
<b>24</b> Divine Savior Worship w/communion @ 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.	<b>25</b>  <b>No Monday Night Service</b>	<b>26</b>  Pray & Play 3:00 p.m.	<b>27</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Eve. Service @ 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>NO JCM Tonight</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>