

PASTOR'S PAGE

Has the End Arrived?!

Mark 13:7-8 "And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains."

We are living in very anxious times. The year 2020 has been a wakeup call so to speak! Maybe not for Christians but for the rest of the World. Every Christian generation since Jesus' ascension have been waiting for his return. Many, as you may today, believe we are living on cusp of Jesus' 2nd coming. Jesus tells us in Mark 13 that no one knows the day or the hour of the 2nd coming. The church's song since the Ascension is "Come Quickly Lord, Quickly Come!"

I was spending time with some members a few weeks ago. Our conversation centered around the riots that are happening in our major cities. I stated: "It's just like the race riots of '67 and '68. I received a blank look and realized no one I was speaking to was born yet! Now I understand I am old. I can remember the race riots in Detroit. Our little house on Sutherland Ave. in Warren, Michigan was on the Huey Helicopter flight path from Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt. Clemens, Michigan to Detroit. These copters were transporting National Guard troops to and from the Detroit rioting hotspots.

For the succeeding years until recently the city of Detroit never recovered. These began the "Flight Years". Many, like my aunt and uncle and cousins, left Detroit and settled in Mackinaw City and scrimped out a living. Over last few years, urban living has been on the rise as young high achieving millennials have been moving back to the city. These blighted areas were slowly having an urban renaissance.

Sadly, with these current rounds of riots, this renaissance could be snuffed out too. Thankfully Detroit did not burn like Minneapolis, New York, Chicago, and Seattle. Now those living in Minneapolis have witnessed an increase of 20% of homes going on the market in the city proper. Minneapolis, a city my wife and I visited much in our youth, was a place where a murder or rape was an anomaly. Now rioting and civil unrest is causing people to flee. If the Detroit of the late 60's has barely recovered and it's been just over 50 years, what is going to happen to modern cities like Minneapolis, Chicago, and New York?

Out rite fear is motivating people to begin to flee from these cities of unrest. Young married couples will not raise their children in harm's way. They will escape.

Why such reflection? People, if they can afford too, will try to escape and settle where they feel safe. Sadly though, they will physically flee to escape the unknown fear of violence or even death. People will always flee for safety. Fathers and mothers want to preserve and protect their family.

However, when it comes to Jesus 2nd coming, there will be no place to hide. No one can escape. John's book of Revelation states: "When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the

stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”” (Rev 6:12-16)

All of what we are experiencing are the birth pains of a new heaven and a new earth. Those who are under the cross need not fear because the blood of the slain lamb flows over them. Sadly, those who do not believe in the resurrected and ascended Christ will be scrambling for safety and none will be found. Safety is found only in the pierced hands of Christ.

We are living in uncertain times. We are one day closer to the 2nd Coming than yesterday. The church does not quiver, hide or turn in on itself, but she lifts her eyes heaven ward waiting patiently for her bridegroom, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. No matter where a Christian resides, they first and foremost reside with the Savior of the World. Our cry is “Come Quickly Lord, Quickly Come!” This world will pass away, with all its riots, wars, rumors of wars, famine, and yes, pandemics. Moreover, the church will be unscathed and glorified on that great day. The church will be gathered around God’s thrown worshipping the “Lamb of God” who takes away the sins of the world.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Steele

JULY/AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH – Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS)

It is estimated that approximately ninety-eight percent of Deaf people in the United States do not attend church. This is, in part, due to the limited number of deaf churches. While the number of full-time pastors serving Deaf churches has decreased, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has seen an increase in the number of Deaf pastors, deacons, deaconesses, and lay leaders who use sign language to communicate the Gospel message. This has happened because of programs like [Deaf Pah](#) and the [Deaf Institute of Theology](#). LDMS will engage in evangelism and Christian education training to help Deaf Persons and their families see Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and engage in stewardship and leadership training to help Deaf Persons serve Jesus Christ. To learn more, visit their website at www.deafjesus.org. Please use your Designated Offerings envelopes during the months of July and August to support this mission. Thank you for your support!

✠ GIFTS GIVEN TO BETHANY

An Improvement Fund gift in memory of Dorothy Dickelman was given by Bob Parnitzke.

If you would like to give a memorial gift in memory or in honor of someone, cards can be found on the counter outside Pastor’s office as well as in the back of church.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Much has happened since my last writing. Bethany is now open for Services on Thursday Night and Sunday Morning with some restrictions. Services have been well attended with this format. Our video Service will still be available through July as well. Hopefully by then our new website will be up and running that we can stream our Services “live” through the site. Many thanks to Pastor, Julie, and Lee Gumm for making these Services available while we were in lockdown.

These last months have been very different in how our Church operates. My thanks to the Elder’s for communicating to our Members and making the very hard decisions to cancel Services to keep us all safe. Although the Church is open, things are still quite different compared to our normal operation. I do have to admit though, it was sure wonderful worshipping in a Church setting instead of the family room at home. A special thanks to our Secretary, Gina, who has gone way beyond her normal duties keeping us all informed and the Church Office operating.

Activities, projects and events will still be impacted by the virus. Phase 3 of the organ project started this week with the delivery of the new pipes for “The Great”. However, our dedication Service will be postponed until September. Until that time though, we can enjoy the new “sounds” of our organ, which will be completed by the end of June.

I would like to thank all our Veteran’s and men and women now in active Service to our Country for their dedication and Service. 4th of July will be different this year too. Many activities that we all have associated with the 4th will be cut back or cancelled. Even with all this uncertainty, all of us at Bethany can be assured our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be the rock we can stand on. Yes, Jesus is the answer.

Thanks to all of you that have kept your donations coming to Bethany. Even though we are somewhat behind in our general fund giving, we ask God to help us through this timeframe and help us get the resources we need to “share the Gospel with all”.

Karen and I wish everyone a happy 4th of July and pray all of you and your families are safe and well.

Robert “Bob” Wuerzberger - President Bethany Church Council

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7-01: Cindy Bartz
7-04: Cheryl Prepster
7-05: Zane Willadsen
7-08: Bob Kuehlmann
Megan Fibiger
7-10: Cooper Marotz
David Taylor



7-16: Paul Havlinek
7-21: Mary Ann Fibiger
Jim Madden
7-23: Lisa Willadsen
7-29: Kya Diehl
Liz Buesing
Laura Tershner

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



7-05: Dave & Sue Prange
7-06: David & Sara Hasler
7-12: Tom & Joan Schnettler
7-28: Brian & Kristine Faucher
7-24: Steven & Diane Marotz
7-31: Ben & Abby Marotz

If we missed a member’s birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office and let us know.

NEW WEBSITE!!

Bethany has a new and improved website. We are still at the same address – www.bethanylutherankohler.org. Take some time to look around the new site. Some helpful things you will find:

- *Home* page - you will find the current church service video as well as the service bulletin which includes our weekly announcements.
- *Worship* tab - you will find all of our service times.
- *News* tab– you will find all of our Bethany Beacon Newsletters and Calendars so you will always be able to be up to date with what is going on.
- *Volunteer* tab – by clicking on Volunteer Schedules, you will find all of the current schedules including the Those Serving page, Elder, Altar Guild, and Door Locking Schedules.
- *Mission* tab – by clicking on Prayer Request, you can send a prayer request to the church that will be shared with the Pastor. In your message, make sure you note if you'd like the prayer read during a church service or if you'd like it kept private.
- *Contact Us* tab – this is a great way to find our address, phone number and email address. You can also use the form at the bottom of the page that will be sent directly to the church.

Our new website will be used to keep you up to date with all church information. Please note that the website administrator is new to website editing so if you notice a mistake or change that should be made, please don't hesitate to contact the church office and let us know. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition.

Important note: Since the weekly church service videos will be easily accessible on our new website, an email will no longer be sent to the congregation each week. You can find the videos on our YouTube and Facebook pages as well as the church website. If you need any help with this, contact the church office.



The Board of Elders will be meeting at the beginning of July. At this meeting, they will discuss implementing the serving of Holy Communion during our services. Their goal is to bring the Lord's Supper to our members in the safest way possible. Watch for information on when Communion will begin in future church bulletins.

CHURCH PICNIC

It has been decided that we will not be holding our annual church picnic this year in order to keep our members safe and healthy.





Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ
of Sheboygan County

CELEBRATING **5** YEARS
of God's Blessings

Love INC Names New Executive Director

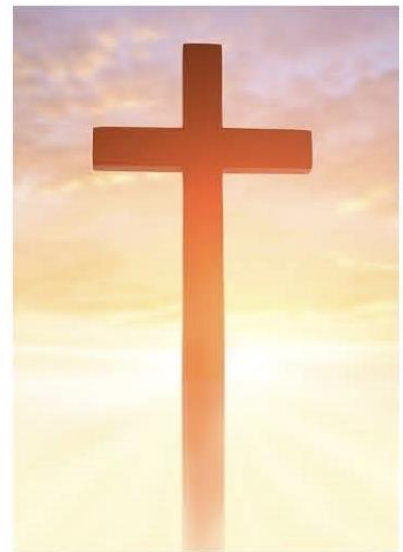
After an intensive search, the Board of Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County announces Tandra Sbrocco as the new Executive Director. Katie Popp, currently in this role, will be relocating to Florida this summer while Tandra will start alongside Katie on July 6th. Tandra had previously served as a Social Impact Project Leader with the Kohler Company. She holds a Master of Management Degree from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan. Within her experience in the nonprofit sector, such as the Kohler Foundation and NOURISH Farms, Tandra has established programming and led fund-development that relies on establishment of working-relationships and igniting collaborations between organizations.

"I am overjoyed to be given the opportunity to work with the amazing staff, board members, volunteers, and local churches of Love INC of Sheboygan County. With God's guidance, together we will continue to transform lives in our community, in his Name."

Love INC continues to mobilize local churches by implementing Christ-like relational ministries that transform both those being served, and those who serve. Please join us in welcoming Tandra to leadership, as the Executive Director of Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County.

Faithfully,

Board of Directors
Love INC of Sheboygan County



BLESSINGS BETHANY FRIENDS IN CHRIST FROM LOVE INC ❤️

What a time this has been for all of us trying to stay healthy and keep our distance from friends and the things that mean so much to us. We are "Blessed" with each day the Lord provides....no matter how the path leads.

Love INC has seen our Lord at work in different ways as our Volunteers stepped up to help. Neighbors still had needs and calls still came in so, as everyone did, we also regrouped to get the job done the safest way possible. We saw the creativeness in so many appear and for that we thank God.

On June 1st the Staff was able to return and welcome Volunteers following the COVID-19 guidelines. No hugs but lots of smiles. There is much to be done yet as, with all non-profits, we try and find a positive end to 2020 but for us knowing God is our Guide we do not get discouraged.

Our 2020 Calendar of Events did change a few times with cancellations and may change more before the year ends. It is our hope that as you see posts from me if at all possible, you can join in.....we would love your support. Putt Fore Love on July 25th will be our next Event, so please mark your calendars and if you cannot join, consider possibly sponsoring someone from Bethany. See Flyer below for more details.

Love INC thanks Bethany for being a Partner Church. We also "Thank" the Bethany Quilters for 15 Beautiful Quilts I was asked to drop off for our Bedding Ministry.

God continues to work through our Christian Friends and that is what we are all about.

Sue Prange - Love INC Representative



The flyer features a background image of a golf ball on a green. The title 'putt love' is in a large, stylized font, with 'FORE' in a circle between the words. Below the title is the Harbor Pointe logo, which includes a golf club and the text 'HARBOR MMX POINTE'. The text 'presents...' is followed by 'THE 4TH ANNUAL PUTT FORE LOVE MINI GOLF OUTING'. The date and time 'JULY 25 10 AM - 10 PM' are prominently displayed. The location 'LOCATION: HARBOR POINTE MINI GOLF' is listed below. A vertical banner on the left side says 'EVENT FEATURING:'. The list of features includes '18 Holes of Golf', 'Photo Booth', 'Hole in One Contests', 'Prizes', and 'Slushies'. On the right side, there is a box for 'Love INC' with a heart logo and the text 'Love In the Name of Christ of Sheboygan County'. Below this box is the address '807 Forest Ave, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085', the website 'loveincsheboygancounty.org', and the phone number '920-783-6701'. A banner for 'CELEBRATING 5 YEARS of God's Blessings' is also present. At the bottom, it says 'Harbor Pointe Miniature Golf is happy to team up with Love Inc of Sheboygan County to bring you the 4th Annual Mini Golf Outing.' and 'All proceeds to benefit Love Inc of Sheboygan County.'

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THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE THE MONTH OF JULY 2020

Thursday, July 2

6:00 p.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Jason Mengel

#1 – Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler, Ivan & Alaric Hazen

Madison Fibiger

Sunday, July 5

10:00 a.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Scripture Reader:

Door Locker:

Brian Faucher

#2 – Dan Fibiger, Steve Hazen, Brian & Aiden Faucher

Maggie Faucher

Sharon Werner

Steve Marotz

Thursday, July 9

6:00 p.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Andy Fibiger

#3 – Doug Luecke, Ken Thompson, Karl Rademacher

Aidan Brooks

Sunday, July 12

10:00 a.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Scripture Reader:

Door Locker:

David Hasler

#4 – Dave & Sue Prange, Jerry Sabrowsky

Winston Hasler

Steve Hazen

Dan Fibiger

Thursday, July 16

6:00 p.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Steve Hazen

#5 – Lee Gumm, Steve Marotz, Victor Hazen

Ella Albert

Sunday, July 19

10:00 a.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Scripture Reader:

Door Locker:

Shua Yang

#6 – Ray & Shirley Ottman, Derek MacKenzie

Thomas Yang

Todd Matte

Ryan Brooks

Thursday, July 23

6:00 p.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Brian Faucher

#7 – Andy, Austin, Noah Fibiger

Kaleb Faucher

Sunday, July 26

10:00 a.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Scripture Reader:

Door Locker:

Jason Mengel

#8 – Todd, Lexie, Luke Matte

Ryan Mengel

Lee Gumm

Lee Gumm

Thursday, July 30

6:00 p.m.

Elder:

Ushers:

Acolyte:

Andy Fibiger

#1 – Ben Marotz, Tom Schnettler, Ivan & Alaric Hazen

Grace Matte

July 2020

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----|---|-------------------|-----|---|
| | | | 01 10am Confirmation 6/7 grade | 02 6pm Worship | 03 | 04  Happy 4th of July! |
| 05 10am Worship | 06 6:30pm Elders | 07 | 08 | 09 6pm Worship | 10 | 11 |
| 12 10am Worship 7pm Finance | 13 5:45 Board of Ed 7pm Council | 14 | 15 | 16 6pm Worship | 17 | 18 |
| 19 10am Worship | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 6pm Worship | 24 | 25  10am – 10pm Love INC Putt Fore Love Event @Harbor Pointe Mini Golf |
| 26 10am Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 6pm Worship | 31 | |