

## **There is hope in a hurting world...Celebrate Recovery**

Attorney General, State of Wisconsin says “Drug problem a public health crisis!” so said a front page news article from The Sheboygan Press on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Here are some quotes from the article: “Overdose deaths and addiction to opiates such as heroin and prescription pain killers are reaching epidemic levels according to Attorney General Brad Schimel, and deaths from opiate overdoses have more than tripled in less than a decade in the state-now exceeding **all** motor vehicle crash deaths.”

“Four out of five people addicted to heroin started out being addicted to prescription pain killers and prescription pain killers contribute to more deaths than heroin and cocaine combined.”

“Wisconsin is number two in the nation for pharmacy robberies, not per capita; straight up numbers. An effective response to the problem has to be multi-pronged and include more than law enforcement...’To fully combat the problem, we have to look at more than just law enforcement.’”

Most people think that Celebrate Recovery is for drug and alcohol addictions, which it is, but, it is much more. Do you know someone who is hooked on gambling, a work-a-holic, has a sexual or pornography addiction, eating disorder, depression or co-dependency? Hurts, habits, hang-ups, addiction...some of us have them and are able to manage our way through life...but...some people cannot. That is what Celebrate Recovery is all about...to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God’s healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. We are changed as we share our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. We also become willing to accept God’s grace and forgiveness in solving our life’s problems.

### ***How you can help those who are hurting.***

Our Celebrate Recovery Ministry team is ready and willing to help as well. Here is another important question. Are you a ‘good shepherd’ willing to care for these hurting sheep? Are you willing to help? Well...we need volunteers!

- What kind of shepherds do we need?
- We will need Child Care Support for people that want to attend, but have children.
- We’ll need food servers/preparers,
- worship leaders with musical talent and/or singing ability.
- We will also need greeters,
- people with technical talent for sound system and audio/visual equipment support and finally
- co-leaders to support and back-up the current leadership team.

Because this is a ministry that will meet weekly, we will need as many volunteers as possible, because not everyone can commit to one night a week, every week.

We will kick-off our first Celebrate Recovery Meeting on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> here at St. Paul’s in the 300 wing. Meet & greet and fellowship begins at 6 pm, with the meeting running from 6:30-8:30.

If you have a heart for the hurting and are considering volunteering. Whatever your skill, we can use it. If you would like more information please contact Tony Rzadzki at 920-467-7115 or email at zanylainie@charter.net