

# The Parish Door

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ADVENT IS NOVEMBER  
29TH!**

## Two Events coming to our website:

[www.shepherdofthebay.org](http://www.shepherdofthebay.org)

On All Saints Day, Nov. 1st, we remember all those who have died this past year. Since we have not been able to be together at memorial services we have put together a slide presentation honoring the members, friends and family of Shepherd of the Bay. This presentation can be found on our website.



*All Saints' Day*



*Confirmation*

## Confirmation Sunday

We will be honoring our 2020 Confirmands on Sunday, Nov. 15th. Those being honored are: Chloe Alexander, Jamie Appel, Vanessa Demarinis, Cooper Gaddes, Abigail Nelson, Cailey Reisen, and Harrison Schwab.

Because we are limited to the number of people allowed in the sanctuary, the families will be allowed to invite a limited number of friends and family.

For this reason, we will be live streaming each confirmands ceremony on our website. See the Youth and Family article for specific times. Please join us online as we celebrate with each Confirmand. In case of technical difficulties, we will record and post each ceremony on our website.



## Thanksgiving Dinner

The Baptist Church will once again be proving a carry out Thanksgiving Dinner. This effort is an outreach to Northern Door individuals, couples, or families who may be dealing with health concerns, financial difficulties, or problems related to mobility or isolation.

**Reservations are required.**

If you would like to help before the event, you can call First Baptist Church.

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Several years ago when a group of members at the congregation I was serving did a series of congregation-wide listening sessions on mental health, we discovered the pervasiveness of mental illness. It affected nearly every family we talked to. I vowed then that wherever I am serving as pastor, we will be upfront, straightforward, honest, and vulnerable about mental health. In order to open the conversation, shortly after my arrival at Shepherd of the Bay, we did a Sunday morning book study of *Troubled Minds*, by Amy Simpson, a book dealing with mental health and how the church might be active in ministry to those who are suffering. It's important to break the silence around mental illness and to erase the shame that is often directed at those who suffer from depression or any of the multitude of ways in which mental illness manifests itself. We don't seem to have a problem talking about cardiac illness or cancer, or the multitude of other illnesses of our bodies. It should be no different when talking about illnesses that are centered in our brain.

I've been very public about the fact that both my parents suffered from depression, my mom's depression diagnosed, and my dad's not. I have a sister who suffers from bipolar disorder. And my family is not unique. When I ask people about it, nearly everyone I talk to can quickly name a family member or friend who suffers from mental illness. In the US, experts estimate that 25% of the adult population suffers from some form of mental illness. Occasionally through my adult life, I have found myself sinking into a hole and have needed some help. I have found that a period of time with a counselor has been really useful for me. Late in the summer, I returned to a regular time of therapy. I can't tell you what a godsend that time has been.

I'm bringing up this matter of mental illness now because I know these are challenging times for all of us. Mental health experts are concerned about the effect this pandemic is having on our collective mental health, what the long-term effects might be, and how we might help each other.

This past weekend, it became very personal. I learned of the death by suicide of two young people from families who are important to me. One was the son of a friend and colleague. The young man was 27 years old and had just passed his medical boards after 4 years of stellar marks in medical school. The other was a sophomore in high school from a family in my last parish. She was one of those kids who came up front every Sunday for the children's message, shepherding her younger siblings along with her. It's hard to comprehend; I can't make sense of it.

These are difficult days. It's important for us to be honest with ourselves and with those around us about how we're doing and to reach out when we need help. I've been paying attention to mental health experts since this pandemic began, doing my best to try to understand the impact that it's having on me, on members of Shepherd of the Bay, and the larger community. There are some themes that have emerged.

Dealing with the constant effects of the pandemic is causing a low-grade trauma for all of us. No matter how we try to spin it, there are fears that never go away. The ongoing uncertainty takes its toll. Remember when we first went under lockdown and we thought it might be a few weeks? Then we thought a few months? The news came last week that orchestras around the country are cancelling their entire 2020-2021 seasons. A professional conference that I attend every other year has cancelled the conference for next summer. One of the things that makes it hard is that any end to the pandemic is completely uncertain. Constant low-grade trauma causes us to feel tired and can cause blue feelings, even feelings of hopelessness. The experts are saying that this is normal.

One of the most difficult parts of the pandemic is the isolation that many of us are feeling. So many of the ways that we used to have contact with each other are not possible or carry a greater risk that we are willing to take. The isolation is hard. So, it's important to reach out and make contact with other humans. Zoom meetings are not ideal, but they are a way to have conversation with others. You might rather visit with a friend in person, but by phone or FaceTime is an important substitute in these days of isolation. Here at Shepherd of the Bay, we have discovered that even coming to church and sitting in your car in the parking lot is a way to make some connections with others.

I'll share with you one of suggestions my therapist shared with me. In this time when so much seems so heavy, find little things to do several times a day that bring a feeling of pleasure or delight, something that fosters a moment of joy. It doesn't have to be a big thing. Maybe it's a few moments of reading, a short walk down the street and back, a moment of quiet with a cup of tea. The key here is to take breaks throughout the day to do something that makes us feel good.

I would also encourage an active practice of gratitude. Spend a few minutes every day thinking about what you are grateful for. There are so many small, unnoticed things in our lives that make life rich. The electricity that gives us light in the evening, the taste or texture of your favorite food, the soft cozy feeling of your favorite chair, the delight of hearing the voice of someone you love. I know some people who have taken up the discipline of keeping a gratitude journal, promising to themselves that every day, they will write down a given number of things for which they are thankful that day. I think it's a good spiritual practice to cultivate.

Finally, I want you to promise me that if you are ever at that place where you feel like you are at the end of your rope, that you will call me or someone else that you love. Let us know that you need help. Life is never meant to be faced alone, and especially in these difficult and challenging days, we can't do it alone. We need fellow pilgrims on the journey. If you need me, I promise to be here.

Even in the midst of these challenging times – or maybe especially in these challenging times – I consider it a blessing to be serving with you in this fabulous congregation. Thank you for all you do.

Pr. Jim Honig



## Missionary Request

"If you have a desire to partner with a young family moving to Africa to work among an unreached people group, they would love to talk more with you. You can reach out to Shad at 920-854-0213 and set up a meeting to hear more about the work they intend to do. Because of the nature of the location they are moving to, security concerns warrant a high degree of caution. They would be happy to tell you more details either in person or over a secure video conference or phone call."



## Thanksgiving Meal



Thanksgiving meals will be available without charge for Northern Door County residents again this year. These fully-prepared dinners will be available for non-contact pick-up on Wednesday, November 25, at either of two locations: First Baptist Church in Sister Bay, or Bethel Baptist Church in Ellison Bay. Pick-up times at both locations are from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Meals may also be delivered upon request. Advance reservations are essential.

This effort is an outreach to Northern Door individuals, couples, or families who may be dealing with health concerns, financial difficulties, or problems related to mobility or isolation. This year has been especially stressful for many, and the sponsoring churches hope to brighten the holiday for those on the receiving end.

To reserve your Thanksgiving meal or meals, please visit [fb.me/northerndoortday](https://fb.me/northerndoortday) and click the sign up button. Reservations will be taken through Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. If the maximum number that can be accommodated is reached, you will be notified and placed on a wait list.

If you prefer, you may make your reservation by telephoning the office of First Baptist Church, Sister Bay. (920-854-2544, ext. 10). When leaving a message, please include your full name, the number of meals requested, and a phone number at which you can be reached to confirm your reservation.

The traditional Thanksgiving menu will feature roasted turkey (both white and dark meat), sage and apple stuffing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, pan gravy, candied yams, green beans, Waldorf salad, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie. Meals must be refrigerated when received and will come with instructions for reheating.





Have you noticed how many changes occur in the month of November? November contains only thirty days, but they are packed with remarkable events.

As we turn the calendar from October to November, we jump from Halloween directly to All Saints Day and at the same time entertain the twice-yearly clock changing ritual. The days are becoming shorter and shorter, so we turn back our clocks and “gain” an hour of sleep and an earlier sunrise. We are all seeking more light in this season of increasing darkness!

*God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.*

On All Saints Day, we remember our family members and friends that have lived remarkable lives and are no longer living among us. We light candles of remembrance in their honor, to acknowledge how they impacted our lives and to celebrate their contributions to our community through the glow of candlelight. Our saints have lighted our way by the manner in which they lived their lives among us. We remember them in the flickering flames and aim to follow in their footsteps. They are illuminating the way!

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the creator triumphantly raise.*

As the days continue to grow ever shorter in this shortened month, we traditionally begin making preparations for Thanksgiving Day, with feasting and festivities, friends and family gathered around a common table, sharing memories of Thanksgivings that have been celebrated together over the years. This particular year may be different for most of us. Gathering together may not be possible nor prudent. Health concerns, not just the expected over-eating on this festive day, may outweigh the strong interest to maintain our favorite traditions. We must focus on the Light of the World to banish the darkness of personal disappointment and loss.

*God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.*

This year, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, still in the short month of November, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and the first candle will be lit on the Advent Wreath. We will be reminded of the hope that we have experienced in past Advent seasons. By lighting this first candle, we begin to prepare ourselves to receive Jesus in the form of a tiny baby in a month's time.

*We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing:  
With glad adoration a song let us raise.*

November represents a month of change for many of us: a change in the hours of daylight, a change in weather, a transition from autumn to winter, an adjustment in clothing considerations, an absence of summer friends who have returned to their warmer winter homes, the loss of colorful autumn leaves on the bare tree limbs -- we foresee such moments of loss. And yet the Promise of Hope is always in front of us, lighting our path so we don't stumble in the darkness, even in the darkened month of November.

*Let All Things Now Living (sung to the tune: The Ash Grove)*  
*text: Katherine K. Davis, ELW 881*

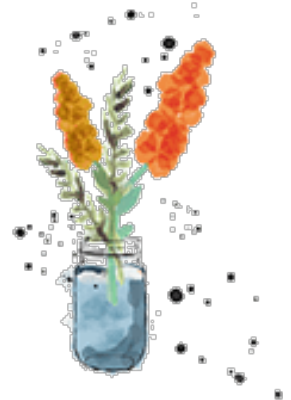
*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.*

*God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
The LORD make his face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you,  
And give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

Amen.

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist  
AND Drive-in Church Musician!



## WELCA Prayer Chain

The WELCA Prayer Chain continues to serve all the members and friends of SOTB for prayer requests.

To send a Prayer Request:

1. Send an email to Cheri Boock at [wildflowerway50@charter.net](mailto:wildflowerway50@charter.net)
2. State the request with wording that you want for the request. Make sure you have received permission from the person in need of the request.
3. The request will be sent when received by Cheri.
4. The Prayer Chain members always are glad to receive a report of how the person is doing as they are sending out their prayers, so if you request a prayer for someone, please let us know how that person is doing.

If you want to be included as a recipient of the Prayer Chain, and pray for those in need, contact Cheri Boock at 920-854-5493 or cell 920-421-1210 or the above email.



# GARDEN CLUB

After a wonderful growing season, Garden Club members have cut back the shrubs and plants for winter. Many people made positive comments pertinent to the grounds and the appearance of the church after the renovations. We are fortunate to have such a facility. We are also fortunate to have Garden Club members willing to donate their time and effort week after week during the season. Join us in thanking this year's team for its dedication and excellent work: Dave Boock, Mark Glasser, Rob and Becky Lonergan, Jim Marsho, Cal Pierce, Don Provo, Glen Rossman, Tim and Margaret Schoewe, Tom Tuttle, Tim West, and Dennis Voight (mower mechanic). Please consider joining next season!!

Dwight and Linda Davis Scott Thies !



Every Thursday during the summer, a dedicated group of members gathers to care for our grounds. Not only do they save us thousands of dollars in landscaping expenses, they remind us of the intimate relationship we have with the created world. Cal Pierson is one of our Garden Club members. He wrote this devotion for his church in Florida, and with his permission, we are also sharing it with the Shepherd of the Bay community.

## DEVOTIONAL FOR LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

You may wonder why we call our work in the Gardens of St. Andrews a ministry. Here's why it's a significant ministry, and why it's one of my passions in life.

The Christian Church is called upon to rise to the challenges of every age. In the present age one of the most critical issues is protecting and restoring God's creation (the earth) from the devastation caused by human activity. For Christians, caring for the earth is not an "environmental cause", but a holy calling.

When we begin our conversations with God by thanking Him for the creation, we recognize the earth and all that is in it as the foundation for all of life. And through this intimate relationship with God as creator, we're invited to interact not just with one another, but with all aspects of God's creation. Perhaps that's why I've always felt closest to God in wilderness settings.

God's creation of the universe wasn't just a single "big bang" moment in the past. God works continuously and is present in all of creation. As Martin Luther wrote, "God is present in every planet and every leaf". The psalmist wrote "the earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love" (Psalm 119: 64).

We often assume that the earth belongs to us and we can do anything we want with it. Instead, it is we who belong to the earth and in God's creation. As part of God's creation we have a special role in caring for each and every part of it. Our Landscape Ministry at St. Andrews isn't just a community garden club that pulls weeds and makes pretty gardens. It is truly a ministry of Christians who love nature, love the fellowship of working together, and care about God's creation. For me, personally, the Gardens of St. Andrews are a greater embodiment of God's creation than church buildings. I feel close to God, for example, when I'm working or just resting in the Meditation Garden where dozens of former church members' ashes lay. I also cherish those times when, as a group, we pause for prayer after a morning's work. And we get the greatest joy when a member or a neighbor tells us they come to the gardens to pray for hope, to meditate, or to remember a loved one.

Let us all pray for the earth and all that is in it. Amen.

# Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka  
920-854-2988 or [sotb.lynda@gmail.com](mailto:sotb.lynda@gmail.com)



October was a spirit filled month for our children, youth, and families here at SOTB! In November we celebrate Confirmation Sunday on November 15<sup>th</sup>! Watch for instruction on how you can participate through a live stream on [shepherdofthebay.org](http://shepherdofthebay.org) as we witness the Confirmation of the following Students:

**1:00 p.m. Cooper Gaddes**  
**1:30 p.m. Vanessa Demarinis**  
**2:00 p.m. Cailey Reisen**  
**2:30 p.m. Chloe Alexander**  
**3:00 p.m. Jamie Appel**  
**3:30 p.m. Abigail Nelson**  
**4:00 p.m. Harrison Schwab**

## **Sunday School for ages 3 through grade 6**

**Join us for Sunday School each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. ( Recorded so you can participate anytime!) on Face Book; Shepherd of the Bay, Family and Friends.**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Sunday, Be Humble Matthew 23:1-12  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, Ten Bridesmaids, Matthew 25:1-13  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, The Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-30  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Sheep and The Goats, Matthew 25:31-46  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, What are we Grateful For? Giving Thanks to God!

## **Little Lambs Story time, Puppets and More! Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers**

Until it is safe to meet in person, Little Lambs gather every Wednesday morning on the Face Book Shepherd of the Bay Family and Friends at 10:00 a.m., with the exception of the first Wednesday of the month meeting at 10:30 a.m., reserved for a Zoom parent and care provider check in! Please contact Lynda if you would like more information!

November 4<sup>th</sup>- Parent Zoom, Devotion, time to share, "Love and Logic".  
November 11<sup>th</sup>- David Praises God  
November 18<sup>th</sup>- Joseph's Beautiful Coat, We are thankful!

## **Wonderful Wednesdays for Grade one through Grade six**

WW will take place via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. Watch your email for an invite! If Zoom doesn't work into your schedule, you can watch on Face Book, SOTB Family and Friends at anytime!

November 4<sup>th</sup>- The First Commandment, and "We Love and Take Care of Each Other"  
November 18<sup>th</sup>- The Second Commandment, and "What are you Grateful For?"

## **Confirmation**

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade!! Watch your family emails and text communication for your schedules and announcements from Jeremy and Cindi Schwab! Please take time to watch the live stream of the Confirmation on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>!

## **High School Youth Group**

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. With the Sprit of "All Saints Day" upon us, we will travel in the SOTB van to assist those in need of help with an outdoor project and/or just stop by and leave a warm hello from the van windows! 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Watch your email for details!

Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>- Just who is the Holy Spirit? What is the Bible?

Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>- Thanksgiving Card making Blitz AND Zoom Bingo Bonanza for prizes!! Watch your email!



Congratulations to Stella Nelson as she celebrated her Baptism at the Outdoor Worship on October 11th! She is the daughter of Tim Nelson and Sandy Olson and her sponsor is Kristi Appel. Pastor Jim made sure the water was preheated for Stella! It was cold that morning, but she did it!!



Congratulations to our 7th grade Confirmation students who received their Bibles on Sunday, October 18th. McCartney and Berkley Schwab, Kai Nordahl, Giovanni Mercier, Josie Martin, David Olson, Emersen Lecy, Celeste Ashley, Barien Lhost, Emma Daubner, and Kuper Tesnow. We welcome you to Confirmation!



The Knitters and Crocheters have been busy making hats and scarves for the Boys and Girls Club in Sturgeon Bay. They also donated some to Klaud's Pantry. THANKS!!!

For their first gathering, the 7th graders met outside at the outdoor fire circle, here at SOTB! Hot dog roast, and S'mores, Devotion, games and an intro to Confirmation made for a great time spent together!



## Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that Amazon has a donation program? Enter through Amazon Smile and choose Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Ellison Bay, WI as your charity, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to us. Easy with no additional cost to you! Just make sure to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop through Amazon!

If you prefer using the Amazon App, update to the newest version and you can shop Amazon Smile through the app without having to go on the website.



## Klaud's Pantry

Because of the pandemic, most people will be at home for Thanksgiving this year. To help our community have a blessed holiday, please consider donating any of these items:

- Bagged or boxed stuffing
- Butter (place in the refrigerator)
- Jars of turkey gravy
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned yams
- Cranberry sauce
- Pickles
- Cornbread mix
- Mushroom soup and French fried onions (we have enough green beans)
- Canned pumpkin or pie filling
- Evaporated milk
- Prepared pie crusts
- Whipped cream (place in fridge)
- Brownie mix



Monetary donations are also deeply appreciated and needed. God's Blessings to you.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

How long does grief last? As long as it takes. Everyone's timeline for grief is different, so one of the most caring things you can do for grieving people is to encourage them to grieve for however long as they need.

Stephen Ministers are here to listen. If you would like more information about how Stephen Ministry can help you, contact the church office at 854-2988.



### *Caring for Grieving People*

*Keep showing up after the cards and casseroles have stopped.*

*Be a listening ear—for the bereaved, talking is healing.*

*Accept people in their grief, whatever it may be like.*

*Continue to pray for them after the loss.*

@stephenministries

We held our second drive-through spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 3rd. Thank you to everyone who dropped in to get a great dinner, and thank you to the seven couples who worked on the dinner to make it a smooth running event. Donations were collected for the Door County Emergency Response Fund. In total, we have sent the fund \$6,000.

The Door County Emergency Response Fund was begun at the Door County Community Foundation to support nonprofits as they are challenged with Covid-related expenses and demands. Right now, most of the grants from the fund have gone to groups for more Covid testing, food pantries, and rental assistance. We understand that the fund will continue as long as it is necessary, as long as people are requiring extra help from the pandemic's effects. The WELCA board is pleased to be able to contribute to this with your help. Thank you!

As the weather cools, some of us have picked up our crochet and knitting needles. Boxes of winter gear like scarves and hats have been delivered to Northern Door Childcare in Sister Bay and Boys and Girls Club in Sturgeon Bay. Any little tyke who needs a warm hat can have one. Thank you, Knitters, for all your work!

And we are still piecing quilt tops together, waiting for the day when we can gather to assemble them! Meanwhile, Lutheran World Relief tells us that they have suspended some of their operations around quilts till the pandemic is over. We'll keep stitching and looking forward.

Meanwhile, we have Zoom and the book club with Gretchen Farwell to keep us feeling connected. Want to join in? Send Gretchen an email. See book selections below. Thanks for all you do, Gretchen!

Thanks for reading. Stay home. Be safe.  
Grace Rossman, President, WELCA

## Book Selections for Shepherd of the Bay Book Group – 2020-21

All meetings for the fall and winter season will be via Zoom beginning at 9:30 am, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning of the month. Marcia Eckdahl will handle the technical details for the meeting; Gretchen Farwell is the convenor.

### November 19, 2020

Krueger, William Kent. **This Tender Land**. 2019. Set in Minnesota during the Depression in 1932, four orphan runaways from an "Indian" school set off on a river in a canoe headed for the Mississippi and find d many difficult adventures along the way. *[at least 36 of the book in the library system; many more in other formats, most of them checked out or waiting for pickup; Call to place on Hold as soon as you can.]*

### December 17, 2020

Monroe, Mary Alice. **The Butterfly's Daughter**. 2011. (Story of a woman whose grandmother, known as the Butterfly Lady, dies. She sets out on a trip to take her grandmother's ashes back to Mexico to where the monarch butterflies winter. Along the way she "attracts a collection of lost women, each seeking change in their lives." *[13 copies of the book in the library system; one of them was checked out on October 17]*

### January 21, 2021

Cummins, Jeanine. **American Dirt**. 2019. Novel concerning an immigrant mother and son from Mexico who flee the cartels to find life in the United States. *[Many copies and formats of this title in the Library system – most of them currently checked out, so this is another one to put on HOLD as soon as you can.]*

### February 18, 2021

Winn, Raynor. **The Salt Path**. 2019. "The true story of a couple who lost everything and embarked on a transformative journey walking the South West Coast Path in England." 630 miles! *[5 copies available as of October 17<sup>th</sup>]*

# Building and Grounds Committee

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Theis or me. If none of us are around, drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you for using the message holder and helping to identify things that need to be done.

## Projects

- **Interior LED Lights** – Work began Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall with Joel Thomas, Scott Eckdahl, Mark Glasser, Glenn Rossman and Tom Tuttle. New fixtures have now been installed in the Fellowship Hall, Nursery, Church office, Nurse's office, Music Director's office and Choir Room. Work will continue on Monday mornings until the work is complete.

- **Exterior LED Lights** – Action Electric has had a recent closure due to COVID 19 and is just getting back to work, their quote should be received soon.

- **Sanctuary Dimmers** – This project has been put on hold due to the financial uncertainty of the COVID19 outbreak and will be revisited this month with the Council.

- **Brush Removal** – The brush along the highway is being cleared so that the church can be seen by travelers heading north. A short section along the highway starting at the south edge of the mowed lawn and heading south has been cleared. The brush will be left where it is cut down until all work is completed. Work will continue south to the property line at Porcupine Bay Rd as weather permits and manpower is available.

- **Zion Church Stained-Glass** – Restoration of the window and installation was completed on Friday, October 2. Cracks in 4 sections of the window were found. They were left "as is" since duplicating the artwork would have been extremely time consuming and expensive. The window is once again lit at night in the top of the west side of the Portico.

- **High speed Internet** – Spectrum has completed their wiring over the highway and should be running the cable to the building by the end of October. Installation should be complete in early November.

- **Lawn Tractor** – The tractor has been using about 3/4qt of oil per week this summer. The tractor is over 20 years old and at the end of its useful life. The Committee is investigating the purchase of a compact utility tractor with a mower deck and a front loader. The loader will allow the Garden Club to easily move dirt in the Spring, eliminating the use of shovels and wheel barrels. Future attachments could include a snowblower or plow and various attachments for landscaping.



- **Electric Space Heaters** – Two of the current forced air space heaters will be replaced with new electric radiator type units that are more efficient. The units have a modern sleek flat panel appearance, have a low surface temperature of 90deg F, and are very efficient. One has replaced the heater in the west stairwell which had been working intermittently for the last 2 years. As a result, there have been several days when ice formed on the interior door to the Fellowship Hall. The 2<sup>nd</sup> will replace the unit in the ladies' rear restroom. If they perform well the remaining

forced air units will be replaced as funds are available. Thank you, Joel Thomas.

## Building Maintenance

- **Rear Entrance Automatic Door Lock** – The rear entrance door to Klau's Pantry has not been working since late September. A 12-volt transformer which is integral to the circuit board failed. Due to the system's age, repair is unlikely. New systems are being investigated.

- **Sidewalk** – The sunken sidewalk slab on the east side of the Bell Tower has been raised to eliminate the trip hazard.

- **Parking Lot and Driveway Cracks** – All the open cracks in the paved surfaces have been sealed for winter.

Please contact me or any of the other members, if you have questions or would like to serve on the Committee.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

# Shepherd of the Bay Zoom Council Meeting

October 20, 2020

*(Due to limited space in the newsletter, the Council minutes have been edited. To request a full report, call the church office, 920-854-2988.)*

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, President of Council Scott Eckdahl, Dick Burress, Cheryl Becht, Tim West, Lori Pothast, Edee Madsen, George Cobb, Les Keeper, Ron Hupe, Linda Pietruszka and Sue Daubner

Call to order by Scott Eckdahl, President 7:02 PM

Opening Devotion by Dick Burress, stories, memories and a poem by Virginia Johnson

## **Approval of Minutes**

No additions to today's Agenda

## **Treasurers Report – Ron Hupe**

Giving was just over \$9,000 for the month of September. Discussed those no longer giving, those whose incomes are affected by Covid 19 and what we can do to help. Still bringing in intention cards. Will send out emails reminding folks to hand them in and graduate to phone calls.

Ron mentioned that funds were needed for Klaud's pantry. Edee Madsen said that monetary donations will be coming from the County Coalition. More food items will be donated by the Rotary Club. A big THANK YOU to Edee Madsen, Carol Omernick and all those involved in Klaud's Pantry.

\$14,000 was disbursed for scholarships.

Motion to accept the Treasurers Report passed.

## **Pastors Report: Pastor Jim Honig**

We are making progress in the fall giving campaign, passing our goal of \$700.00 per week increase in giving. We have received 85 intentions out of 165.

Regarding the return to in-person worship, we are not close to the benchmark passed in the September meeting. We are following guidelines from the Department of Public Health and from the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

Shad and Rachel Stockton are the daughter and son-in-law of Rick and Julie Rogers, who are members of our church. Shad and Rachel have asked permission to insert a notice in our November newsletter soliciting support for their missionary efforts in Africa. The Council supports allowing the Stocktons to have their blurb inserted in the November newsletter.

There will be an in-house confirmation service on Nov 15 that will be live streamed. Each family will be scheduled for their own time.

Motion made to accept the Pastors Report Passed

## **Building and Grounds Committee Report by Tom Tuttle**

**KUDOS** to Tom Tuttle and crew for the great work they continue to do.

Motion to accept the B & G report Passed

## **Youth and Family Report by Linda Pietruszka**

Motion to accept the Youth and Family Report passed.

## **New Business**

Due to the expenses of holding the February recitals at SOTB, the PMF will hold those recitals at a different location in 2021.

Parish Nurse – Cheryl Becht, George Cobb and possibly Jerry Swanson will interview Nicco Ellingson for the position of Parish Nurse.

## **Old Business**

Indoor Service – Will continue following the Public Health guidelines.

Restarting Council phone calls. Being worked on by George Cobb and Carol Omernick. Over 220 (210 if you delete the Council members) over a 1 month period. So far, have 13 people willing to call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Daubner, Secretary

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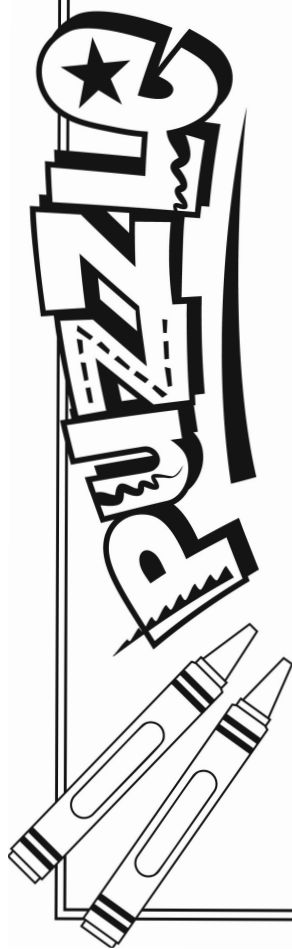
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# ACTS 14:17, NIV



# A feast of praise

Throughout the Bible, God's people give thanks and praise for his goodness.



**Directions:** Draw lines to match the scriptures (all NIV) with the correct speaker.

“I thank my God every time I remember you.” **Philippians 1:3**

“My soul glorifies the Lord and  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”  
Luke 1:46-47

“He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.” Exodus 15:2

1 Samuel 2:1

“I will praise God’s name in song  
and glorify him with thanksgiving.”  
Psalm 69:30

# Hannah

# David

# Mary

Paul

# Moses

# Lessons for November

## **November 1 : All Saints Day**

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

**Introduction to the readings:** All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

## **November 8: Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

**Introduction to the readings:** Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

## **November 15 : Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**Introduction to the readings:** Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

## **November 22 : Christ the King Sunday**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**Introduction to the readings:** On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

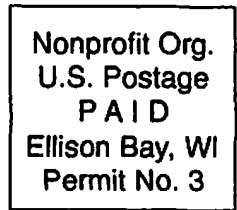
## **November 29 : First Sunday of Advent**

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

**Introduction to the readings:** Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.



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## Drive-in Church will continue.

Knowing that outdoor worship is safer than indoor, in person worship, we are continuing outdoor, drive-in worship service.

It will be a brief service with prayers, readings, and a sermon. We have also recently added hymns and communion to the service. The service will be broadcast to your FM radio at the 89.1 frequency. **We ask that you follow the guidelines listed on our website.**

### Also Join us for:

#### **Shepherd of the Bay Church FaceBook** **Page Live**

Join Pastor Jim for a time of prayer and worship.

- Tuesdays and Thursday at Noon for Prayer
- Wednesdays at 7:00 PM for a Night Prayer

#### **ShepherdoftheBay.org**

- Sundays for Traditional Worship Service

*(The bulletin & Service video will be posted on shepherdofthebay.org Sunday morning.)*

#### **Zoom Meetings**

- Sundays at 11:00am - Sunday Conversation
- Tuesdays at 9:00am - Pastor's Bible Study

Links to the above online events along with other updates and news will be sent out weekly in Pastor Jim's ***News and Notes emails*** on Saturday. If you are not getting these emails and would like to receive them, send Jim an email at [sotbpastor@gmail.com](mailto:sotbpastor@gmail.com).

### ***Check church calendar for specific dates and/or changes.***

The Parish Door monthly newsletter can be found in full color on our website, [shepherdofthebay.org/newsletters](http://shepherdofthebay.org/newsletters). If you would like to be added to the monthly email list, contact the church office at 920-854-2988 or [sotboffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sotboffice@yahoo.com).