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Sunday Morning Worship

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot or in your own home.

In accordance with CDC revision of the guidelines, we will be continuing to observe social distancing but will be relaxing mask and Pre-registration. Attendance for the service inside the church will NOT be limited. If you have been fully vaccinated, you do not have to wear a mask inside the church.

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service on shepherdofthebay.org/services beginning at 9:15am. We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for viewing later.

As a third option, you can continue to listen on your radio in your car from the parking lot.

Communion will be available.

Confirmation

The confirmation class of 2020 was finally confirmed in a joyful celebration on June 6th!

Hello Shepherd of the Bay Family,

I am Dick (Richard) Burress, long time resident of Door County and recently elected president of Shepherd of the Bay parish council. I am honored by the trust the council has placed in me, and hope as we serve others by our words and actions, we bring glory to God.

Feel free to call me with comments or concerns @ 920-421-0600. Also, a reminder that the council meets every third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. We are meeting in person at the church and you are welcome to sit-in on the meeting.

God's grace and peace,
Dick Burress



Before I launch, a reminder. The Gospel of Luke and Acts are related. Luke chronicles the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Acts continues the story in the life of the early church. The Story of God's Big Work in the World. Volume One. Volume Two.

There's a lot of drama that happens in the transition between Luke and Acts. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his arrest, trial, torture, crucifixion, resurrection, and a collection of post-resurrection appearances to his disciples. Then he ascends. What next?

In the opening chapter of Acts, Jesus tells these followers simply to wait. There will be a Holy Spirit event. But in the meantime, wait. Jesus equips his followers with promises, not with schedules.

Here at Shepherd of the Bay, the council has committed to engaging the congregation in a process of planning that will help us discern who we are and what God is calling us to do. These are important questions of identity and purpose. There are perhaps no more important questions than to discern who we are and why we are here.

In our fast food, instant gratification culture, it is probably tempting to ask the questions and have an answer by the next business day. But the story in Acts makes it clear that this is not the way God works. The church is asked to wait. Waiting is a theme in the Psalms, in the prophets, indeed, in the entire Hebrew and Christian scriptures. The people of God are invited to step back from their need for efficiency and problem-solving to exercise a faith and trust in God's working on God's timeline.

Waiting often proves wise when people try to make sense of where and how God is accompanying them. Waiting reminds us of our dependence on God and the limitations of our own ability to see and know God. Waiting helps us to see that we are called to be a responsive community, a community that waits on God to initiate whatever it is that God is calling us to do.

There is a both/and quality to our waiting. There is an active part of it. We don't just sit around and contemplate the past and the future. While we wait, we engage in conversation with each other, we reflect about our past and present, and we pray. "They were constantly devoting themselves to prayers."

And we wait in patient expectation. We believe that anything is possible as we await the new realities that God is about to unleash on the church. This time of waiting trains us to be available and attentive to the immediate opportunities that God might place before us.

As followers of Jesus, we are responsive people, agile, ready to move out, to take action, people ready to respond to God's leading. We are not puppets, but agents of action whom God has called through the Spirit to do God's work in the world.

In this time of discernment, we wait; not because it's our only option, not because we need to figure everything out before we take a first step. No, we wait because we expect God to open up opportunities and new realities. And when God does that, according to God's promises, we know that we will be honored and privileged to be players in the grand work that God is doing in the world.



As the season turns to summer and our friends continue to make their pilgrimage back to Door County, I am struck by the beauty of this time of reunion. We all, including those of us who have remained “home” for the winter, have experienced unique adventures, opportunities, challenges and sometimes disappointments while we were away from Shepherd of the Bay, but this time of coming together is far sweeter when we can share our life experiences with one another.

I believe that our church community is like a wonderful choir: everyone sings, but with unique voices and talents, celebrating the diversity of its members in order to create a beautiful sound together. It would be a shame if everyone were forced to sing the same part or compromise the unique quality of their voice in order to belong to the choir. We need basses, tenors, altos and sopranos to create a balanced and beautiful choral sound that is the hallmark of a good choir. The “sound” is found when the singers find common ground in the production of vocal sound, agreement on the formation of vowel sounds, cooperation in the dynamic and diction plan, and a spirit of listening to each other in order to attain a good balance in the choral community of so many distinct voices.

In a choir, the diversity of the human voice is celebrated and embraced. It would be a poor choir if “the sound” loses all of its unique properties in order to “blend” with each other. **A choir becomes robust and vibrant because of these unique qualities, not despite them.** Perhaps this is a good formula for our communal choir at Shepherd of the Bay, celebrating the diversity of our church members. We are not expected to sacrifice our uniqueness for the benefit of the church body, but like in a colorful tapestry, we are encouraged to add our special qualities to the varieties and textures of an amazing work of art ... the vibrant tapestry of a diverse church community.

Paul wrote in his letter to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 4:4-6):

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

I love the simple message of the hymn, *Bind Us Together, Lord*. It speaks to the commitment of community as we focus on the true locus of our church – God in the form of Jesus Christ.

Bind Us Together, Lord
words and music by Bob Gillman

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; bind us together in love.

Like in a choir, what makes our church community strong is found in the unique talents we bring to the body. We celebrate the diversity of all our gifts, weaving them into this amazing, colorful, inspiring, texture-rich fabric of our life together.

Paul continued in his letter to the community of Ephesus (Ephesians 4:7-13):

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

May we continue to strive to be *bound together in love* here in our church, in our community and in our hearts for the sake of the kingdom. Amen.

Judith Jackson
Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist

Ever since we served up spaghetti dinners in a drive-thru format last year, people have been asking for that amazing spaghetti sauce. When will you do it again? I didn't get enough last time- is there more? Okay! We're doing it again!

Saturday, July 24th, we will again present our drive-thru spaghetti dinner! You will also have an opportunity to buy the sauce by the quart.

WELCA has decided to embrace two of the organizations that the council announced during our annual meeting. As before, there is no fixed price- donations only. The two groups that will share the proceeds this time are HELP of Door County and STRIDE mental health for kids.

A little about these two groups: HELP addresses domestic violence, protecting victims and also helping to rehabilitate offenders. The church has made an office available to HELP staff for several years. Besides advocating and supporting victims, HELP conducts group sessions for offenders which help them understand the root causes of their behavior and how to avoid trouble in the future.

STRIDE was created a couple of years ago to respond to a growing need for counseling and mental health support in our schools. The initiative was launched by the United Way and is a collaboration between school staff, licensed psychologists, and United Way staff. It offers free help to kids during their school day such as one-on-one counseling and family counseling. Many behavior issues stem from mental health challenges, even in very young kids, and this program seeks to help kids get set to learn in a happy and safe environment.

WELCA is excited to support both of these very worthy programs, and we know you will be too! Please be generous, and we will see you at the drive-thru!

Thanks for reading.

Grace Rossman, WELCA president

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 cheriboock@gmail.com**
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.

Book Selections for Shepherd of the Bay Book Group – 2021

All meetings will be via Zoom beginning at 9:30 am, the 3rd Thursday morning of the month. Marcia Eckdahl will handle the technical details for the meeting; Gretchen Farwell is the convener.

July 15, 2021

Orlean, Susan. **The Library Book**. 2018. Story of the Los Angeles Public Library, which suffered a devastating fire on April 28, 1986 – the same day as the Chernobyl crisis began. The author “delivers a “delightful...reflection on the past, present, and future of libraries in America” (*New York* magazine) that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before”

August 19, 2021

Women of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson.

Building and Grounds Committee

Sanctuary AV System – The Pastor recently approved the expenditure of \$338 for Camera Corner to modify the AV system to allow the Parking Lot FM transmitter to be plugged directly into the sanctuary system. This will eliminate the need for the Pastor to wear 2 microphones and the separate wired microphones used to support Parking Lot church. It should also enhance the sound quality of the broadcast. The quote from Camera Corner was accepted June 21st but has not yet scheduled the work.

We have been Live-streaming services for the last month now and welcome any and all feedback from those of you that have been watching. There have been a few minor issues where the camera man (me) may not have kept up with the service, but that's the fun of being "Live". Thank you, Carol Omernick, for linking the livestream to the church website every week.

You may start to see some new faces at the AV desk in the near future. Welcome and thank them for stepping forward to help with our services and enhance your experience. An introduction and training meeting was held Wednesday, June 30 with new operators. We reviewed their responsibilities and got some hands-on time with the system. The system is not difficult to use, but like all things new takes a little practice. Welcome, Scott Eckdahl, Cooper Gaddes, Ron Hupe, and Glen Rossman. Ladies, you are also welcome.

Building Maintenance

Klaud's Pantry – The 3 wall cabinets that used to hang on the wall in the Conference Room have been put in the pantry closet to provide additional shelf space. A gently used full size refrigerator/freezer has been donated to Klaud's Pantry and has replaced the small refrigerator/freezer that had been used. It is located under the coat rack in the back entrance hall because it is too wide to sit alongside the water fountain. The small refrigerator/freezer has been moved back into the kitchen pantry closet. Thank you, Eddie for making the arrangements, Carol and Karl Omernick for helping with the installation, cleaning and food transfer.



Bus Barn – The weather stripping on the bottom of the 2 garage doors for the bus bay has been reinstalled. They pulled off this past winter after getting frozen to the floor. The weed infested dirt pile on the south side of the barn has been removed and the area leveled to match the surroundings. The gravel pad where the old Garden Club Shed was located has been removed, filled in with top soil and seeded. The gravel was used to extend the back driveway of the bus barn to make it easier to enter and exit the barn.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Mark Glasser, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Thies or me. If none of us are around, send me an email or drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you.

GARDEN CLUB

"Help one another; there's no time like the present and no present like the time."
by James Durst (poet/songwriter)

We need your help!!! The time is Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. Volunteer your present of working on SOTB grounds. Our membership has declined due to a number of reasons. Unfortunately, so few remaining volunteers soon won't be capable of keeping the landscaping in tip-top shape. The lawn mowing is being accomplished by efficient stalwarts. However, it's the smaller jobs that need your time (weeding, trimming, watering, etc.) Drop by for the entire two hours or just a few minutes. It will make a difference in maintaining our grounds. Call 920-854-9816 if you have questions.

New Members

We received 5 new families into membership on June 13th. Next time you see them in church, be sure to welcome them.



Curt & Pat Neudecker



Britta & Erik Wolfe

I have vacationed in Door County my entire life with my parents Chuck & Lana Tencate, before they permanently moved here. I have attended Shepherd of the Bay Church 1994. As a child I grew up in River Forest, IL. I recently moved from Sturgeon Bay to Northern Door.

I am an independent professional hair stylist. My 9 year old son, Erik, attends Gibraltar school. Erik was baptized at Shepherd of the Bay when he was 5 months old.

Together we love water sports, golfing, sailing, cross country skiing, and ice skating. We both feel blessed to live in such a beautiful place.

Steve & Cindy Pressly



Steve and I have been married 41 years. We have 3 adult children, 3 grandchildren with another due in Sept.

I am a retired R.N.; having worked 1/2 of my career in the emergency room and the other half in a middle school. I enjoy music, reading, gardening, and travel.

Steve is a retired funeral director and owner from the Quad Cities (Rock Island, IL). He enjoys working in the yard, reading, and serving his community and church. He is a graduate of the Northern Illinois Synod Diakonia program. Our home congregation is St. Paul Lutheran, Davenport, IA.

Bill & Sheila Lundquist

We are both originally from Sister Bay. We have siblings, cousins and friends here. Sheila is a registered nurse who worked in multiple states and finally retired after a 50 yr career from McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, MI as a Director. Bill served in the USMC after college then began his career in business at Sears and later in private business. We have three married daughters, who live in Michigan and Ohio, and eight grandchildren ranging five to seventeen years old.

Due to multiple transfers we have belonged to First United Lutheran Sheboygan, WI, Incarnation Lutheran Green Bay, St. Paul's Lutheran Port Huron, MI and finally Holy Spirit Lutheran Grand Blanc, MI from which we're transferring to Shepherd of the Bay.

Both of us have served in multiple leadership roles at Holy Spirit over the last forty years. We've attended Shepherd of the Bay over twenty-five years while visiting family. We have many lifelong friends and relatives in the church. We became Associated Members more than five years ago and recently moved full time back to our home in Sister Bay following retirement. We are active members in a Swedish American organization and the Sister Bay Historical Society. Bill is an active member in the Sister Bay Lions and the American Legion. We are interested in genealogy and Bill is the current president to the Vasa National Archives in Bishop Hill, IL.



Bob & Kathy Brown



Bob and I both came from Green Bay. I was a transplant, moving there at 6yrs old. We met in 9th grade Social Studies then attended East High School. We frequently came to Door County on weekends to hike, bike, and even ice fish. We both attended UW-Madison. Bob graduating in Mechanical Engineering and Kathy with a BS-N in Nursing.

Married in 1964, we have 2 children: Karin living with family in Houston, TX and Scott and family living in Atlanta, GA.

Bob retired from Caterpillar after 35 years and many moves. Bob loves to fix anything and everything. Kathy enjoys reading, gardening, and cooking. I must try the communion bread recipe.

We device our time between 2 residences - Lacon, near Peoria, IL and Sister Bay. We enjoy spending time here in the fall attending football games.



High School Youth Group

Seven of our Youth participated in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine here on the grounds of SOTB. Our students fasted for 30 hours, and raised over \$4200.00! 88% of that amount goes directly to programming to lift children out of poverty all over the world, including the U.S.! Activities ranged from service to three of the pantries in the DC food coalition pantries, to a climbing bible study in the tower, to building empathy as we travelled with Kapinga in the Congo, via the big screen in FH, to playing quirky games that taught us what it is like to carry water on your head for a mile! A huge thanks to Christy Reisen for fasting and chaperoning with me; along with all who supported our youth through prayer, and contribution!!



Klaud's Food Pantry

We continue to be very grateful for all the donations and support for Klaud's Pantry. Our capacity to serve more people has increased with the generous gift of a larger refrigerator from Lyn Hale, friend of Shepherd of the Bay. Many thanks to Tom Tuttle and Karl Omernick for the challenging installation of it! Thanks to Tom also for the added shelves in our back stock area allowing for more storage space.

This outreach has fulfilled a real need in the community, heightened because of the pandemic these past 16 months. We value and respect the people who come to the Pantry, and want to give them the best food and products possible. Towards that end, we ask that you please check the expiration dates on what you donate, and refrain from giving anything past the date on the label. We also appreciate food that is unopened and in the original packaging. One solution for expired food would be to compost for gardens instead of donating it.

Again, thank you for your part in this special ministry at SOTB.

Klaud's Pantry Wish List

Fresh or Frozen Fruit & Vegetables

Frozen Dinners & Pizza

Fruit Popsicles

Lunch type items for kids now that school is out. Ex: Uncrustables (Frozen PB&J Sandwiches), Canned Pasta, Chicken Nuggets, Ramen Noodles, Fruit and Pudding Cups, Bread, Cheese Slices

Canned Meat & Fish

Seasonings & Condiments Crackers

Dairy Products

Dish Soap

Feminine Products

Shampoo & Conditioner

Deodorant

Pet Food



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

920-854-2988 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

Joyful Joyful Summer Sunday School!

for ages 3 through grade 6

Each Sunday through out the summer, we will travel through our "Biblical Character Traits"!! Beginning with God showing us "courage" through Daniel!

July 4th Repentant like David
July 11th Faithful like Abraham
July 18th Loyal Like Ruth
July 25th No Sunday School today

Parents please sign your child in at 9:25 in the garage, and sign out after worship. We'll begin at 9:30 a.m.! Bible Stories, arts and crafts, and games that teach character in God's eyes!! See you Sunday!!

Watch for Announcements! Little Lambs Reunion picnic, Rally Day, Confirmation campfire, Preparation Day for the National Youth Gathering, and for our "Sponsor a Bench" fundraiser!!

Four Faith Filled Families around the FIRE... resumes!!

Every Thursday night through out the Summer, beginning Thursday, June 17th at 6:00 p.m. !! Sign up on line, through the website, www.shepherdofthebay.org. Picnic supper and s'mores, activities for children and youth! Family devotion and fellowship time for adults! We had a great time last summer!! If it rains, we will reschedule!

Parable Park!! A Summer Adventure of Wonderful Wednesdays!

The important details! Families may choose for their children; a full day or a half day, at "Parable Park"!! For ages 4 through grade 6! Please register online at www.shepherdofthebay.org and click on "events calendar". Sign up for all the dates and times you would like your child to participate, beginning Wednesday, July 28th through Wednesday, August 25th! We'll have a structured morning program that looks a lot like VBS, and continue with an afternoon of free play; creative station arts and crafts, an afternoon movie, beautiful books, games, and more! Timing is 9:00 a.m. to noon, or the entire stay up to 4:00 p.m. If you plan to stay the entire day, pack a lunch! Snacks and beverages will be provided. Safety is the highest priority! Access to an online registration form will be available, or stop by church and pick up a paper copy prior to your child's arrival!

Parable Park Fun! Music, Service, Arts and Crafts, Puppets, Bible Stories, Games and more!

July 28th The Vine and the Branches (John 15)

August 4th The Farmer (Luke 8:4-15)

August 11th The Mustard Seed (Matthew 17:21)

August 18th The Lost Sheep (Luke 15:3-7)

August 25th The Lost Son (Luke 15:11-32)

What to bring each Wednesday!

Sunscreen, hat, water bottle, swim wear, shoes to run in, towel, lunch if staying all day, any supervised medications.

Questions or Concerns, please contact Lynda Pietruszka at 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP JULY BLAST! Water Water Kickball!!! Invite a friend!!!

When? 6:00 p.m. at SOTB, Sunday evening, July 11th!

Water, and more Water! Wear grubby clothes/swimwear. Something to change back into, a towel, sunscreen, hat? Water bottle, mask if needed.

How? Get dropped off at 6:00 p.m. Lynda will drive you home in the church van!!

What? In service, scrubbing out the inside and outside of the van. Yes that means shop vac and towels on the inside, and all out soap and water hose fight as we wash and then dry the outside of our beloved church van.

Why? Service to those needing rides from Scandia Village to church, and...we made the mess...so let's clean it up!

Followed by...slip and slide Water Water Kickball!!! Come for the fun and fellowship!!!

Snacks and Drinks provided!! Please RSVP so we can prepare for your arrival!!!

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting

May 23, 2021

10:30 AM

1. Welcome by Council President Scott Eckdahl. Scott opened the meeting with a much deserved tribute to our Pastor Jim Honig for his dedicated work and guidance over this difficult past year.
2. Call to Order by Scott Eckdahl
3. Opening Prayer – Pr. Jim Honig
4. Approval of the Minutes from the January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting. Move to accept by Grace Rossman, second by Jim Nelson. Approved.
5. Approval of Consent Agenda and Items (Staff and SOTB Ministry Reports). Motion to accept by Cheryl Becht, second by George Cobb. Approved
6. Reflections and Report – 2020 Review and 2021 Preview – Pr. Jim Honig
 - a. The key descriptive word for the Pandemic **Languishing** during this year of grief and division both politically and socially.
 - b. A year of **Creativity and Ability** – We rose to the occasion as shown by the success of our parking lot services, gradually and carefully returning to normalcy.
 - c. A year of **Gratitude** for Greg Beem, Judy Jackson, singers and musicians, Linda Pietruszka for keeping our families together, Tom Tuttle and Carol Omernick for their incredible work over the past year, Edee Madsen's work with Klaud's Pantry, the SOTB Council with Scott Eckdahl, parking lot ushers including Dick and Jane Burress, Tim and Sue West, Lynda Pietruszka, Sharon Pluff and Edee Madsen. Kudos to the SOTB Council for deciding not to accept the PPP from the government, deciding those monies should go to those more needy. And many thanks to the Members Volunteers whose combined hours totaled over 586 man (and woman) hours.
 - d. **Hope** - We are hopeful for more clarity in the question of “What does God want of us?”. And to keep in mind that the best days are ahead of us.
7. Treasurers Report by Ron Hupe. As of December 31, 2020, we had a balance of \$3,070.29. The 2021 Budget currently has a deficit of \$394.00.
Motion to approve the Treasurers Report made by Sue Daubner, second by Jim Nelson. Approved.
8. Elections: The following individuals have been placed on the ballot to serve on the Congregational Council by the Nominating Committee and have accepted:
Trish Pierson
Mickey Swanson
Vicki Amundson
Motion to accept the Nominations by George Cobb and second by Sharon Pluff. Passed.
9. Recognition and thanks to outgoing Council members, Cheryl Becht, Tim West and Lori Pothast.
10. Closing Prayer, Pr. Jim Honig

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Daubner, Secretary

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

June 21, 2021

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Trish Pierson, Edee Madsen, Mickey Swanson, Sue Daubner, Lynda Pietruszka, George Cobb, Dick Burrese, Ron Hupe, Vicki Amundson

Absent: Scott Eckdahl, Les Keeper

Call to Order by Sue Daubner, Secretary in the absence of a President and Vice President.

Opening Devotion and Prayer by Pastor Jim Honig – Based on 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15, Paul speaking about the wealth of the Corinthian church and the need of the church in Jerusalem and ending with “Grace is the power that is saving and reconciling the world, a power with its origins in God, its channel through communities of believers, and its goal in every place where brokenness, suffering and destruction reign.

Approval of minutes – Motion to approve by Dick Burrese, Second by George Cobb. Approved

Add Items/ Approval of Agenda - Request from Pastor Jim to add “Gods Work, Our Hands” to the New Business Agenda. Motion to Approve, George Cobb, second by Edee Madsen. Approved

Election of New Officers – Dick Burrese has been nominated for the position of New President and Les Keeper has agreed to continue as Vice-President. Edee Madsen agreed to continue her role on Council as did Sue Daubner. Unanimous Approval. Dick Burrese stepped up for a special thank you to Scott Eckdahl as outgoing President and Edee in her willingness to remain on Council for the time being. Also thanks to other outgoing Council members, Cheryl Becht, Tim West and Lori Pothast.

Treasurers Report – Motion to Approve by George Cobb, second by Dick Burrese

Committee Reports

Pastors Report: Watched a Ted Talk video by Simon Sinek with the focus on what makes a business, organization or other entity successful. Very informative. We also discussed a formal planning process – looking at 4 to 6 months planning including a series of town hall meetings. Preparation needs to be done. Will update during the July Council meeting. Pastoral visits going very well.

Property and Grounds: Klaud’s Pantry has new shelves in the “shower curtain” closet. An almost new, stainless steel, side by side refrigerator has been donated for the Pantry. The mound by the bus barn has been spread out and reseeded

Youth report by Lynda Pietruszka: Over \$4,200 was raised by the youth group over the 40 hour famine.

Worship and Music Committee: We will be continuing with the Parking Lot service. It fills a need and shows compassion. Suggest that Pastor include in his notes how many folks are spending church time on line, if possible.

Motion to Accept Committee Reports by Sue Daubner, Second by Vicki Amundson

New Business

1. Discussed Wedding Fees for the upcoming year. Pastor will talk to Jan Mielke before we decide on changes.
2. Communion Plans – We all thought last Sundays almost traditional communion service went very well.
3. Hiring an A/V assistant for Tom Tuttle was discussed. Several names were mentioned and will be contacted.
4. “Gods Work, Our Hands” day of service. Will discuss further.

Old Business: None

Lords Prayer/ Adjourned 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, Secretary

Lessons for July

July 4 : Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Introduction to the readings: Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

July 11 : Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Introduction to the readings: When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.

July 18 : Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Introduction to the readings: Mark’s gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today’s gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn’t think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers’ need. We are sent from Christ’s table to care for others and for ourselves.

July 25 : Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21

Introduction to the readings: Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Readers

7/4 Dick Scheller
7/11 Cindy Acker
7/18 Rob Lonergan
7/25 Judi Nelson

8/1 Becky Lonergan
8/8 Kristen Demarinis
8/15 **Open**
8/22 Tara Torkelson
8/29 Robert Loss



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Jim’s Bible study will be held in person in the fellowship hall at church.

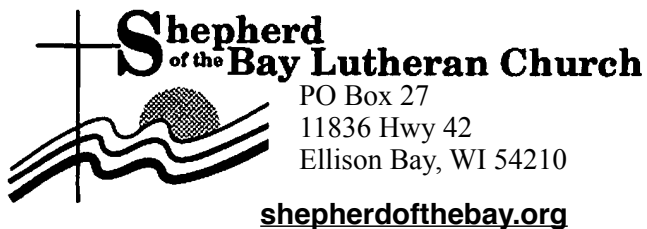
If you are joining us from out of town or are still not comfortable meeting in person, you can continue to join us via zoom.

Jim will continue his study with the weekly Bible verses listed at the left.



Altar Flowers

The 2021 Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall. The Cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. Fill in your name, if it is in memory or honor of someone and if you want one or two arrangements. You can take the flowers home after the Service. Please sign up to donate Altar Flowers.



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