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## New Members

We had 3 new families join Shepherd of the Bay church last month. Get to know them on page 6. Be sure to say "Welcome" next time you see them!

## WELCA Goes Italian, Again!

If they sold out of Spaghetti Dinners before you got yours, you are getting a second chance. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Read more on page 9.

## Faith Filled Families around the Fire

See how our families are connecting during the pandemic in Lynda's Youth and Family article on pages 5 & 6.



## Faith Community Nurse

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church is searching for a part-time, 10 hours per week, Faith Community Nurse (FCN). The FCN is responsible for supporting the church ministry and helping individuals understand and implement best practices that connect faith and health. The FCN will have his/her pulse on the health and wellness needs of congregation members and, where needed, provided assistance in navigating the healthcare system. Areas of responsibility include: integrator of faith and health, health educator, health counselor, referral advisor, and health advocate.

Position requirements include: current license as an RN, full-time resident of Door County, technology proficient in phone/email communications and job-specific software, and the ability to build rapport and relationships. A more complete position description can be found on the church website, [www.shepherdofthebay.org](http://www.shepherdofthebay.org). To apply, send a cover letter which includes the particular abilities an applicant would bring to the position, and a resume. Applications maybe emailed to Pr. Jim Honig at [sotbpastor@gmail.com](mailto:sotbpastor@gmail.com).

Last week, I took a look back at my journal from those middle weeks in March when everything changed so suddenly. On the Saturday when the council met and decided not to have services the next day, I wrote in my journal wondering whether we had been too extreme to cancel in-person services for 4 weeks. I was still thinking what a wonderful celebration we'd have when we were able to get back in the building to celebrate Easter.

That seems like a long time ago. Almost 6 months later, we are still in this strange, alien land. Added to the ongoing anxiety of the pandemic are questions and tensions around the opening of school or not, the rancor of a highly partisan election season, economic uncertainties, racial tensions, and so many other things that make this a challenging time in which to live.

Yet, each week, the lessons appointed for these summer Sundays have had something to say about living hopefully, living without fear, and living with a renewed sense of our calling to be part of God's mission. We are determined to answer that call in what we say, what we do, and how we serve each other and our neighbors far and near.

In our fall giving campaign, *Courage for Today, Hope for Tomorrow*, we are casting a vision for the importance of keeping our ministry strong and vibrant even in these challenging times. Here's what we hope to do in 2021:

**Connect people of faith through enhanced on-line capabilities:** Shepherd of the Bay's online presence has been critical in this time of COVID-19, reaching members, residents of Scandia Village, and virtual visitors from around the country. A special gift allows the congregation to upgrade internet service. Additional gifts will provide the technical expertise and equipment to fully allow live-streaming of services so that people can continue to participate in real time when Shepherd of the Bay resumes in-person worship. Seasonal members can join in worship from their warm winter locations.

**Sustaining Shepherd of the Bay's Strong Ministry:** Building on new ministries and enhancing long-term ministries will allow Shepherd of the Bay to flourish in the year to come. The Health and Wellness ministry will kick off in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2020 and it is vital to allow that ministry to flourish in the coming year. The congregation will care for the excellent staff as well as providing for long term maintenance fund which will stand ready for major repairs.

**Investing in Ministry Beyond The Walls:** Shepherd of the Bay will continue its strong history benevolence to the ELCA missions and to efforts that spring from our own church body, such as the annual Guatemala mission trip by our own members.

Most of the information about our fall giving campaign will come through the mail this year. Please take time to read the information carefully and pray for how God is calling you to participate.

At Shepherd of the Bay, we continue to monitor the recommendations from public health officials regarding the re-opening of in-person worship. At least through September we will continue to hold Drive-in church in the parking lot on Sunday mornings. And you can count on us providing a recorded service for you each week. We are holding conversations about ministry with children, youth, and families, including what confirmation might look like. Kudos to Lynda for all the creative, innovative, and meaningful ways she has stayed connected to our families and found ways to connect them with each other.

Finally, I wanted to let you know about a matter related to the larger church. Our synod assembly had been scheduled for last May and was postponed due to the pandemic. Part of the agenda for the assembly was the election of a bishop. In January, I was nominated by 3 of the 6 conferences of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin to the ballot for the election of a bishop. After much prayer and conversation with colleagues, I have allowed my name to stand. However, you should know that the current bishop has also allowed his name to stand. Even in normal circumstances, it would be highly unusual for an incumbent bishop to be unseated. Because the synod assembly is being held on-line, I think it's even more likely for an incumbent to be re-elected. Still, I wanted you to know that my name will be on the ballot and of the slim possibility that I could be elected to the office of bishop.

I'm grateful for all the ways that we are church together and all the ways that your faithfulness serves as an encouragement for our work together.

Together in Mission,  
Pr. Jim Honig

An important statement came out of the Vatican II , which I will attempt to paraphrase:

*"The beauty of the church is not the building but the people."*

We often think of a building when we think of "church", especially these days when we have been forced to create new ways to gather and worship outside of our beautiful sanctuary at Shepherd of the Bay. Many of us have yearned to return to the building, with its meaningful architecture, familiar cross, baptismal font, the table of the Lord, impressive instruments and magnificent choir. We miss "church" ... and yet by uttering this statement, we betray this important truth: **WE ARE THE CHURCH!** We are not going **to Church** on Sunday mornings, on our computer screens or in the parking lot, **We the Church** are heading out into our communities, our neighborhoods, proclaiming The Good News of the Gospel in the way we demonstrate God's love in our everyday lives.

We have successfully, to a great extent, traveled this rather unfamiliar journey through the Spring and Summer seasons with various degrees of satisfaction, yearning, grumbling, rejoicing, praying, singing, working, helping, wondering when this journey will come to an end. Many of us have found renewed purpose in being a good neighbor, being a responsible citizen, contributing our talents and resources to lift each other up in these uncertain times. But we wonder how long we will be in this wilderness of the unknown.

Our mission as **The Church** remains the same today as it was before coronavirus reared its ugly head among us: to reach out and help others; to selflessly serve our community, friends and family; to recognize a need and step forward to address it; to be Jesus' hands and feet in the world. We have all been given talents, skills and opportunities to serve. The church is at its best when the people leave the building and take Jesus' message of love and service to our community. **We are the Church!**

### **To Be Your Presence, ELW 546.**

Text: Delores Dufner, b. 1939 Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

**To be your presence is our mission here,**  
To show compassion's face and listening ear,  
To be your heart of mercy ever near,  
**Alleluia!**

**To be your presence is our mission bold,**  
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
To be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
**Alleluia!**

**To be your presence is our mission blest,**  
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
**Alleluia!**

**We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,**  
To serve your people is our call and choice,  
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
**Alleluia!**

May we continue to follow Paul's admonition to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Romans 12:12) We are the Church, after all! Who has been more blessed than we?

**Alleluia!**

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist



# Building and Grounds Committee

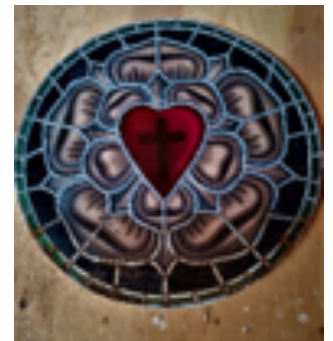
If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Theis or me. If none of us are around, drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's 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** – The new LED Flat Panel lights have been delivered and are stored on 3 pallets in the Fellowship Hall. Building and Grounds will be installing the 123 new fixtures this Fall. If you have electrical wiring experience and would like to help please contact Tom Tuttle. If you are not comfortable dealing with electricity and would like to help carry old fixtures and cardboard out contact Tom Tuttle.
- Exterior LED Lights** – We met with a potential supplier and are waiting for a quote.
- Sanctuary Dimmers** – This project has been put on hold due to the financial uncertainty of the COVID19 outbreak and will be revisited later in the year.
- Exterior Painting** – As the final part of the new roof and siding project, we will be having all the exterior doors, railings and columns around the main (and back) entrances, and the ceilings in the Portico and breezeway.

## Building Maintenance

- Front Entrance Vestibule Window** – The left-hand window next to the bench was broken earlier this year when the crew was installing the new siding. Admittedly, it did not get ordered as soon as it should have, but now has been and will be installed as soon as it is available.
- COVID19 Response** – The Council earlier this summer authorized the purchase of an electrostatic disinfectant sprayer to be used around the church. It has been ordered and we are awaiting its delivery. The advantage of the electrostatic sprayer is that the spray is a much finer mist and it wraps around an object due to the electrical charge.
- Folding Fire Door** – The annual inspection of folding fire door that separates the Narthex from the Sanctuary in case of a fire was completed without any issues found on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Zion Church Stained-Glass** – I am looking for any historical information available about this circular stained-glass window that was above the Portico drive through. It was removed from its opening in March when we were putting on the new siding. When it was removed, it was found to be just hanging on in its opening. Without attention it may have fallen out in another year or two. It had sagged over the years to the point where it had cupped about 1-1/2 inches at the edge. It has been laying on the floor of the Portico attic since it was removed and is no flat. After a good cleaning and painting of the light box behind it, it will be mounted back into its place above the drive through, sandwiched between two pieces of clear glass for support. We don't want it to fall out of the opening in the future.



**Garden Club** – New volunteers are always welcome! Join the Garden Club on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10.

**Poison Ivy Alert** – The southeast corner of the property from Humbug Road west along the southern property line up to the parking lot is loaded with poison ivy. As a result, the walking path in that area is not being mowed. The Garden Club has started spraying to eradicate the problem, but it is going to take all summer.

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



# Youth and Family Ministry News

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



## A message to our church family from Lynda

In our Website, my predecessor wrote something beautiful. I could not have said it better:

*"Shepherd of the Bay is here to partner with, to support, and to come along side children's true faith developers; the parents. It is Christ-centered, guided by prayer, and ever changing. Through cross generational support, trust, and acceptance, it provides a sense of belonging and grows faith through worship, learning, service, and fellowship. We celebrate Gods gift of Grace through Jesus."*

It is my promise and my commitment to our families at SOTB to support you in whatever way I can as we travel through the pandemic together. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me as you discover ways I can be most helpful to your family, and to answer the question, "How can WE be CHURCH at home, in the community, online, and in small, safe groups?" As we head back to another school year, I am praying for all of you for Gods protection to keep you healthy, to remind you to pray when you feel anxious, and to set time aside to remain connected, and keep your faith formation alive!

## Sunday School

We begin our return to the Lectionary. Sunday School lessons for children will follow what we are learning in Church for that particular Sunday. 11:00 a.m. on Face Book, SOTB Family and Friends. You can participate anytime! Activity kits will be delivered prior to 9/13.

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** No Sunday School today

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** Joseph Helps His Family, Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** The Vineyard Workers, Matthew 20:1-16

**September 27<sup>th</sup>** The Chief Priests, Matthew 21:23-32

**Rally Day/Back to School Blessing!!** Be on the look out for the Shepherd of the Bay van, as we deliver a Rally Day/Back to School Blessing bag to your home! The van will travel during the after school hours September 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>! There will be a little something for all of our kids, from infants to high schoolers!! We love our kids at SOTB!! Watch your email and SOTB FB Family and Friends for more details!

**THEN!! On Sunday morning, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30 a.m. parking lot service, Pastor Jim will be giving a special blessing and praying over all our kids as they head back to school! From preschoolers to high schoolers, bring your family to church today!!**

## Confirmation

A big shout out and thank you to Jeremy and Cindi Schwab for stepping out in faith once again and offering to lead Confirmation again this year! To kick off our time together, we are planning a couple "camp outs" around our fire circle at SOTB. We'll start out in small groups, and evolve as our safety dictates. Watch for upcoming communication via U.S. mail, email, and phone calls!

## High School Youth Group

Mark your Calendar for our first night back, Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for...(drum roll please!) "Six Feet can be SAAAAWEEEEET!!!" A junior Olympic safe distance event of the century! See old friends, meet new ones!! Followed by a hotdog roast and S'mores! And...a kick off to our year, as an amazing gathering of young people!! Watch your U.S. mail and email for invites and more information!! AND...

On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30 a.m. outdoor worship, we will present the winner of our "Outdoor Worship Space" design contest/scholarship. Come to church with your family!

## Heads up for October!

Both Little Lambs and Wonderful Wednesdays will begin! More info to follow.

## Faith-Filled Families on Fire!!

Check out our family album from our last two nights of Faith-Filled Families around the Fire!

Four families gather at a safe, social distance at their own family table, with a prepared picnic basket, devotion, and S'mores for dessert! We've been gathering around the fire, masks on, for great conversation. There is even time for some play in the parking lot for our kids!

We meet promptly at 6:00 p.m. and go until, well, seems like when our little kids are ready for bed time. 8:00-8:30ish. The next dates scheduled are **Wednesday, September 2, 16<sup>th</sup>, or the 23<sup>rd</sup>!** Contact Lynda if you would like to be a part of any one of the following Faith-Filled Families around the Fire!! (or she might call you!)



Gaddes Family



Demarinis Family



Schwab Family



Koehler Family



Appel/Nelson Family



Reisen Family



### Cal & Trish Pierson

Trish & I met at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL and got married on August 30, 1969 after college graduation. I have a M.A. degree in Political Science and Trish an M.S. degree in Speech and Language Pathology. My career was mainly as CEO of the Rhode Island and then Maryland Hospital Assoc. Trish's career in Speech Pathology was in a rehab hospital and public schools, teaching at Towson University. Trish retired in 2002 and I in 2008. My interests include: mineral collecting, landscape work, wood carving and volunteering at church and other organizations. We also travel extensively. Trish's interests include their cockapoo, Mandy, music, mountain dulcimer, Indian flute, biking, and gardening in FL. It is like playing in a sandbox.

## New Members

### Brandon & Aleta Elliott Ellie, Max, Auden & Wren

We were fortunate to relocate from New Glarus, WI to Door County in 2018. This move allowed our family of six to find a better work/life balance and more opportunities to explore the great outdoors. We love to hike, fish, swim, kayak, paddle board, snowshoe, golf, and sled at Hill 17. We are always looking forward to our next adventure. We also love the arts, music and theater and Door County has an abundance of all of that. We enjoy living in Sister Bay in a neighborhood of kids and enjoy the convince of walking to the beach for beautiful Door County sunsets.



### Erik & Tara Torkelson

Erik & Tara have lived for the past 33 year in the southwestern Chicago suburbs, but both grew up in Manitowoc. They moved to Fish Creek in early March. Erik is a retired elementary music teacher. He is a member of the Dudley Birder Chorale in Green Bay and plays sax in the Peninsula Symphonic Band and Swingin' Door Big Band. Tara is head of training delivery for a software company. They have two adult sons; the oldest in in Law Enforcement in Illinois, and the youngest is a Junior High Math teacher in San Diego.

# Shepherd of the Bay Council Zoom Meeting August 3, 2020 7:00 pm

Present: Pr. Jim Honig, Scott Eckdahl, Edee Madsen, Cheryl Becht, Lori Pothast, George Cobb, Dick Burrese, Sue Daubner, Ron Hupe, Les Keeper, Lynda Pietruszka  
Absent: Tim West

Call to Order 7:00 PM by President Scott Eckdahl  
Devotions and prayer: Pastor Jim

Approval of Minutes of last meeting, so moved by Cheryl Becht second by George Cobb. Passed

Add to today's Agenda: Ron Hupe, Treasurer, needed authorization for two signatories for the Thrivent checks, written about once or twice a year. The Council voted on Ron Hupe and Ben Pothaus. Sue Daubner made the motion to accept and Edee Madsen seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Treasures Report: None this week as Ron Hupe had a report at the last meeting 2 weeks ago. See remarks under New Business

Pastors Report: No

Property and Grounds: Tom sent in the report, excellent as usual. Thank you Tom for your terrific work.

Youth Report: Lynda Pietruszka is setting up family meetings, to be held outdoors, limited to 4 families at a time. Also, Jeremy and Cindy Schwaub would like to teach confirmation classes again. Giving the choice to families of in person or on line classes. Lynda is also a grade school teacher and is volunteering her time to families that need the help of a teacher for their children.

Klauds Pantry – Edee Madsen is waiting on proofs for the discreet sign to put outside the entrance of the food pantry. At present, according to Edee, it is being used heavily. She has ordered more basics from the Coalition.

Nativity scene donation from Ellison Bay. The committee discussed this with Tom Tuttle and he agreed that we have the storage space for it and it would not be a problem to put it up and take it down. Cheryl Becht made a motion to accept the Nativity set and Ron Hupe seconded it. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The person who owns the Segway franchise has asked permission to use the SOTB parking lot for a parking and meeting place for their customers. We will ask them to fill out the facility reservation form and verify that they have their own liability insurance.

The Covid 19 numbers continue to rise in Wisconsin, so in person meetings are not possible for now. We will take our cue from Gibraltar Schools. Before our next meeting on August 17, 2020, our task force needs to meet and give us guidance on whether we can allow groups of 10 or 50 into the church. We have ordered disinfecting equipment that has been stuck in Portland, Oregon for the last 10 days.

Comments and kudos on the drive up Service. This past Sunday had 114 people.

## NEW BUSINESS

Considering putting out buckets for loose offerings at the drive in service to help offset the loose offering deficits. Loose and unpledged offerings are in a different category than pledged offerings. So far, we have \$364,000 in pledged offerings with \$218,000 of that paid through July, leaving a balance of \$145,000 needed to be paid by December 31, 2020. We discussed the PPE government loans/grants and again decided not to apply for them. The matter of church and state and not being exceptionally needing them at this point was the basis for our decision.

Health and Wellness: No report

Hansen Memorial committee Meeting scheduled for Friday August 7, 2020.

The next Council Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, Secretary



# Shepherd of the Bay Church Council Minutes

August 17, 2020

*Council Members Present:* Cheryl Becht, Dick Burress, George Cobb, Scott Eckdahl, Pr. Jim Honig, Ron Hupe, Les Keeper, Edee Madsen, Lori Pothast, Tim West. *Absent:* Sue Daubner

*Call to Order:* Called to order by President Scott Eckdahl at 7:00 P.M. *Opening Prayer:* Pr. Jim Honig

*Approval of Minutes:* It was moved by Dick Burress to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Council Minutes, seconded by George Cobb and approved by the council members.

*Addition of Items to Agenda:* Addition to agenda of recommendation of Building and Grounds Committee that Council approve and the Council President sign the contract for painting the exterior doors, railings, aluminum columns and portico/ walkway ceilings.

*Treasurer's Report:* Ron Hupe presented the treasurer's report. Highlighted items were: The church is \$10,000 under budget at this time.; 30% of our offering this month was given online; Envelopes and baskets were set up for drive-in church. It was moved by George Cobb to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Dick Burress. The council approved the motion.

## *Committee Reports*

*Pastor's Report:* Pastor Honig highlighted some of the points from his written report and emailed report to the council.

*Property and Grounds:* Tom Tuttle wrote and emailed his report to the council. There was some discussion by the council about installing lights and dimmers in the sanctuary. This item was tabled until some information can be obtained concerning cost and lead time for the project.

*Worship and Music:* There was no committee meeting, but it was reported that Judy Jackson and Greg Beem will be initiating a series of mini-concert services of 15-20 minutes to be posted on the church's website.

*Education and Youth:* Lynda Pietruszka emailed her report to the council.

*Fellowship:* No Report

## *New Business*

- 1. Council Meeting Frequency:* It was determined that the urgency of the covid closure has passed. The council will now go back to monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month unless it is determined that more meetings are needed.
- 2. Internet Upgrade status:* It was moved by Ron Hupe to accept the gift of the cost of the internet upgrade and approve the expenditure of up to \$10,000 (to be paid by donor) to move forward with this work. It was seconded by Tim West and passed by the council.
- 3. Report from Health & Wellness Task Force:* It was moved by Pr. Jim Honig to accept the recommendation of the Health & Wellness Task Force and move forward in initiating job search for a parish nurse. It was seconded by George Cobb and passed by the council. We would like to like to commend the Task force for their excellent work. The Task Force members were Mark Glasser, Tim West, Dave Boock, Micky Swanson and Julie Rogers.
- 4. Painting of Church Exterior Doors, Railings and Ceilings:* The estimated cost of this project is \$4855 which will be covered by the donor. Tim West made the motion to move forward with this project, was seconded by George Cobb and passed by the council.
- 5. Filling Cracks in Parking Lot:* The building and grounds committee received a quote for \$3000 to fill all the open cracks in the driveway and parking lots. They recommended the expenditure to extend the life of our aging asphalt. It was moved by Ron Hupe to move forward with this project, seconded by Dick Burress and passed by the council.

## Old Business

1. *Re-Opening Task Force:* The main items of discussion from the Task Force Meeting were: The limit on the size of groups in the sanctuary; Recommendations for confirmation; Recommendations for the children's program. The minutes of this meeting were sent to the church council and are available to be seen. At this time after some deliberation, the council has decided to keep the number for groups meeting in the church to be between 10 - 15 people.
2. *Hanson Memorial Update:* It has been determined that the plaque honoring the Hanson family will remain on the Shepherd of the Bay sign at the entrance to the church property.
3. *Klaud's Pantry Sign Update:* The free standing sign for the Food Pantry will be put in a place to be determined when it arrives.

The next council meeting will be on September 21st at 7:00 P.M via Zoom The Council meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Becht



Grace Rossman - President of SOTB  
Unit Women of the ELCA



## WELCA goes Italian!



We held our annual spaghetti dinner in a whole new way this time and offered a drive-thru spaghetti dinner Saturday, August 15th. It was a great success, and we sold out of food in an hour and half! We disappointed many folks who drove in and were turned away, and we apologize for that. But good news! We're repeating this event Saturday, October 3rd.

We will again support the Door County Emergency Response Fund which has been helping Door County families with everything from rental assistance to food pantries.

Thank you to everyone who drove up and were generous with the donation-only event. It was a humbling experience to witness the selflessness you displayed. The event was also supplemented by Thrivent Financial.

Next time, we'll still feature the same amazing sauce, and count on us to be ready for you, rain, sleet, snow, or sun. No worries- you don't even leave your car!

In other news, some of us are stitching and knitting through the pandemic, and sometime when we are able to be together, we'll be assembling quilts and catching up with each other. We've been creating the quilts for Lutheran World Relief and the hats and sweaters for the childcare centers and Boys and Girls Club for years, and we're looking forward to the fellowship that usually goes with it. If you want to know more about how you can help, please contact Barb Tuttle.

***Thank you for reading about WELCA, and we'll see you October 3rd when WELCA goes Italian.***

## 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.



# Lessons for September

## September 6: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**Introduction to the readings:** Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

## September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

**Introduction to the readings:** In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

## September 20: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

**Introduction to the readings:** Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

## September 27 : Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

**Introduction to the readings:** Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

## Grandparent Scam

A few people have mentioned that they have recently received a phone call from someone claiming to be their grandchild and need money. This is an old scam that has resurfaced again.

In a typical Grandparent Scam, a con artist calls or emails the victim posing as a relative in distress or someone claiming to represent the relative (such as a lawyer or law enforcement agent). The "relative" of the grandparent explains she is in trouble and needs their grandparent to wire them funds that will be used for bail money, lawyer's fees, hospital bills, or another fictitious expense. The victim is urged not to tell anyone, such as the parent of the "grandchild" because they do not want them to find out about the trouble they've gotten themselves into. The grandparent never hears from their fake grandchild again and is tricked out of hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

You can find more information about this and other scams at [Fraud.org](http://Fraud.org).



## Amazon Smile

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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 - Faith Formation
- Tuesdays at 9:00am - Pastor's Bible Study
- Wed., September 19th - 7:30 - Theology on Tap

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).

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).