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## New Technology at Shepherd of the Bay!



Thank you for your patience as we finish up the installation of the new audio/video equipment in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. We will soon be able to resume the recording of the service and posting the sermon on the website. Also keep posted as we explore ways to live stream the service in the future. More information can be found in the Building and Grounds report on page 7.

## World Marketplace

Looking for some fantastic chocolate for your Valentine? Check out the World Marketplace in the fellowship hall. We also have coffee, tea and hot cocoa. Everything is organic and Fair Trade.



*Please join Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in honoring Greg and Debbie Casperson for their years of service to our community. See page 2 for more information.*

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).

While the landscape in the outdoors is mostly white as we change the calendar from January to February, stores and restaurants will be all about the red hearts, roses and chocolates. Valentine's Day must be coming! Mostly we think of celebrating romance with a special someone, or love among family members, or best friends who are always there for one another. Our inner-circle folks represent only a sliver of the people Jesus calls us to love. Though our beloveds sometimes get under our skin, relatively speaking, they're the *easy* ones to love.

Jesus calls us to a higher plane of love; to love everyone. Listen to these couple of snippets from the gospels. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Or this even more challenging one: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." This means not just the people about whom we are ambivalent, but our actual enemies and those who persecute us. One of the strongest reactions I ever got to Sunday morning prayers was a Sunday when that verse was part of the gospel lesson and in the prayers we prayed for the soldiers of ISIS. What do you think of that? Did Jesus mean what he said?

Such love is a tall order, especially in the current climate when hatred and demonization of those who disagree with us is rampant. Our political, media and social cultures encourage us to demean everybody with whom we disagree or who is different from us. Though it may be impossible to reach Jesus' ideal, as stewards and disciples of Jesus, we can do better. Here are some suggestions:

- Turn from hate. Maybe it feels too overwhelming to start with loving our enemies; we can start by turning from hatred. When negative feelings arise, refuse to marinate in them. Pray for guidance and strength.
- Imagine your enemy as a broken, imperfect child of God (just like you!), who needs God's love and mercy.
- Pray for them. Ask God to lead them, guide them, fill their lives with healing. Ask God to give them a kind of loving heart.
- While you're at it, pray the same prayer for yourself!

Turning these practices into habits are a sign of God's transforming love at work in our lives. When God is at work in our lives, then we are equipped for our part in God's mission to transform the world.

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for their years of service to our community.*

*Sunday, February 10, worship service at 9:30a.m.  
Following worship (approximately 10:30a.m.), we will  
acknowledge their years of service and conclude in the  
fellowship hall with refreshments and conversation.  
We hope you can join us!*



### When in Our Music God Is Glorified

text by: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

music by: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried *Alleluia!*

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound *Alleluia!*

So has the Church in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, *Alleluia!*

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: *Alleluia!*

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always *Alleluia!*

Singing! That's what the Sanctuary Choir does! It sings! This group of dedicated, selfless, talented singers learns new music for every Sunday service throughout the year at Shepherd of the Bay. The choir's mission has always been to enhance worship and to glorify God, by combining their many voices in a spirit of coordination, cooperation and sheer joy, as they produce a choral vocal sound more beautiful than a single voice could create on its own. *Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King ...* the words of Frances R. Havergal provide all the motivation our choir needs to keep singing throughout the year.

From the beginning of September 2018 to the beginning of Lent 2019, the Sanctuary Choir will have sung thirty-three different anthems for thirty worship services. The range of styles has been extensive, singing music from Baroque through Contemporary periods, accompanied by keyboard instruments and sung A Cappella, voices in combination with tambourines, drums and the Handbell Choir. There have been many expressions of music heard from the choir loft, with many more styles to be explored in the future.

Life is better with music ... and music is more fulfilling when it is created with friends. I am truly grateful for this wonderful group of singing friends at Shepherd. Our circle of friendship is constantly expanding, as we welcome new singers to our midst. What are you waiting for? Come sing with us!

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director

## Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

March 22-30, 2019, Shepherd of the Bay Church will send a mission team to Guatemala for the 6th year in a row. They build and repair homes for widows, supply filters for clean drinking water, efficient stoves for cooking and to warm the houses, audio bibles, warm clothes and blankets, nutritious food and shoes and supplies for school. But most of all, we share the love of God with Mayan people in the mountains of Chichicastenango, Guatemala.

Please pray for the Shepherd of the Bay Mission Team: John & Nora Zacek, Karen & Patrick Egan, Edee Madsen, Sue Meredith, Carol Omernick and the members of Peace Lutheran Church in Antigo, WI who will be joining us on the trip. There is much work to be done. Also please pray for those with whom we will be sharing the love of God.

***Please pray about how you can participate in this mission activity....***

***Think about it..... Pray about it..... Join us .....***

*James 1:27 (NIV) "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*

Women of the ELCA Board is not going to meet in February and March. We, like many groups in the church have snow birds that have flown to warmer climates.

However, the activities of WELCA continue through the winter months. The quilters are cranking out quilts at a rate that exceeds last year. 45+ quilts have been made as of January 8! The bible study on Monday continues as does the meal ministry, rose delivery, Scandia birthday party and prayer chain.

To all our members who are reading this from faraway places, we look forward to your safe return. May God watch over you in your journey back to Door County.

**THE QUILTING GROUP** now has at least 10 members that meet on Thursdays from 9:15-2:00. They would love to have you join them. Although the knitters do not formally meet until summer, some are still knitting items for various charities. Several sweaters were recently donated to the *Northern Door Children's Center*.

**ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY** with Ken on Mondays.

**PRAYER SQUARES are FREE** and available in the Narthex. Take one for yourself and for friends to remind you to pray when you touch it in your purse or pocket.

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, email Bonnie Hanson at [jnbhanson@gmail.com](mailto:jnbhanson@gmail.com) or the church office at [sotboffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sotboffice@yahoo.com). When email is not possible, call Bonnie Hanson at 854-5569 or (763) 567-9559 Or Cheri Boock at 854-5493.

Don't forget to use the **CHANGE BUCKET**- you can make a change in someone's life by putting a donation in the CHANGE BUCKET on Sunday during the Fellowship Hour. Your donation goes to buy Piggly Wiggly gift cards to be given for those things SNAP cards do not cover such as paper products and toiletries.

On Feb. 21st, the **BOOK GROUP** will discuss the Door County "Big Read" book for 2019- Dan Egan's Death and Life of the Great Lakes. The following is an excerpt from the Amazon website:

*"The Great Lakes—Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, and Superior—hold 20 percent of the world's supply of surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work, and recreation for tens of millions of Americans. But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading across the continent. The Death and Life of the Great Lakes is prize-winning reporter Dan Egan's compulsively readable portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening right before our eyes, blending the epic story of the lakes with an examination of the perils they face and the ways we can restore and preserve them for generations to come."*

We will meet in the Church Parlor at 9:30am. Contact Gretchen Farwell for more information.

## February EVENTS

February 4, 11, 18, 25

- **Bible Study w/Ken**  
- 9:00am - Parlor

February 7, 14, 21, 28

- **Quilting Group**  
- 9:15-2:00pm Fellowship Hall

February 21

- **Book Group Discussion**  
- 9:30am (see left for more info)



One of our members will  
be receiving a rose this  
month:

**Magdalene von Zychlin (95)**  
on February 14. Happy  
Birthday and  
congratulations.



**MEAL  
MINISTRY**  
contact  
for

**February**

is

**MARY KAY VARTANIAN**  
854-9150 or 421-2925

If you know of a family or individual who could use our attention for providing a meal when in need or would like your name added to the list of women willing to prepare and deliver meals, please call: PAT SKOGSBAKKEN at 854-1133.

# Community News

## Interfaith Prosperity Coalition

IPC is a relatively new organization represented by members from various northern door churches and the community. It is committed to listening and learning about the issues of those in Northern Door for whom affordable housing is a challenge. The group has been meeting for over a year, doing just that, learning and listening. In the coming months they will begin to expand their efforts to the wider community.

Their mission is: "The IPC is a committed and compassionate group of individuals called to action by our faith, to improve the lives of those in Northern Door County struggling with housing needs. Through education, collaboration, and advocacy with our neighbors, community leadership, and existing agencies, we will improve the accessibility, quality and affordability of housing in our communities, making them stronger today and tomorrow."

If you have any questions or interest in the group contact Pastor Jim or Jane Burress



## Donate your Old Cell Phones

We are collecting old cell phones for HELP of Door County. They recycle them and get credit towards new phones that can be given to domestic violence victims who need them. There is a basket in the narthex for the phones.

## DCA Seeks Singers for "We Shall Overcome" Performance Feb. 19th

Door Community Auditorium (DCA) invites all singers and music lovers onto the DCA stage Tuesday, February 19 to perform with Damien Sneed and his ensemble as they present "We Shall Overcome," a musical celebration of Martin Luther King.

Choristers need not be advanced singers, merely enthusiastic participants. Experience reading music is helpful but not a must. "We Shall Overcome" regularly partners with local choirs and singers in their performances. Singers must be available not only for the 7 p.m. performance on February 19, but also for a 4 p.m. sound check on the 19<sup>th</sup>, as well as one rehearsal. Rehearsals will take February 12 at 7 p.m. at DCA, as well as February 11 and 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Institute. All choristers will receive free admission for themselves and a guest to "We Shall Overcome."

Inspired by the words and action of Martin Luther King, "We Shall Overcome" showcases repertoire from the African-American music traditions that electrified generations of civil rights activists, interwoven with spoken word from Dr. King's recorded speeches. Producer and Musical Director Damien Sneed has collaborated on major original works with Wynton Marsalis, accompanied Jessye Norman, and toured extensively with Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin and the Clark Sisters. In "We Shall Overcome," Sneed weaves together a living lineage of music that includes gospel, classical, jazz, Broadway, and spirituals, acknowledging influences as diverse as Aretha Franklin, Wynton Marsalis, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, and Nina Simone.

With questions, or to purchase tickets for "We Shall Overcome," please contact DCA, located at 3926 Highway 42, Fish Creek. The DCA box office is open Monday-Friday, 12-5 p.m. More information at (920) 868-2728 or [www.dcauditorium.org](http://www.dcauditorium.org).

## Food Pantry Collection for February

**Rise and Shine! Let's start someone's day off right with healthy breakfast items: Oatmeal, raisins/dried fruit, cereal, canned fruit in juice, evaporated milk, coffee, tea, juice, etc.**

We always welcome food donations of every kind no matter what the theme is for the month. We also take cash donations for Piggly Wiggly Cards to buy fresh fruit, meat, milk. etc.



# Youth and Family Ministry News

## from Jane Burress



Thank you to these Magi for helping us celebrate Epiphany.



Little Lambs dressed up as Magi, to bring Jesus gifts. Thank you to Judy Jackson for the special music as they followed the star.

It was great to see so many families at our first Wednesday dinner and Vesper's Circle. Thank you to Jeremy and Cindi Schwab for donating pulled chicken and macaroni and cheese made by Fireside, for our first meal. Thank you to the Lettie's, Gieseler's, Grace Rossman, and Eloise Lindem for helping with serving and clean up. Thank you to Karen Grasse for donating paper products and brownies. Thank you to Jeremy Schwab and Pastor for leading the service. If you would be interested in helping with a meal, please let me know.



These high schoolers went without food for 30 hours, cleaned the nursery at church, watched fifteen children so their parents could have a night out, and cleaned tables and chairs at the Northern Door Child Care Center. They also learned about topics related to hunger. See report below by Nina Sitte. They are still raising money towards their goal of \$7001. If you would like to give a donation, a check can be written to World Vision/30 Hour Famine and sent to church. We will be collecting money until February 6. Thank you to Carol Omernick for helping with child care. Thank you to Dick Burress for delivering pizza to us and to the Birnschein's for offering to pay for it and thank you to Eloise Lindem for providing a yummy dessert to end our fast. It was a great weekend with some great teenagers. I am thankful for the time we shared together.



### Report from Nina Sitte regarding the 30 Hour Famine:

Shepherd of the Bay Youth Group recently participated in the 30 Hour Famine. Throughout the day, we did Bible studies discussing different hunger related topics. We also traveled to Northern Door Child Care Center to clean tables and chairs. We ended our day by babysitting fifteen children for a few hours. We kept them entertained and they did the same for us. But mostly we raised awareness for world hunger and collected money to help starving children. We want to thank the congregation and all who donated for being so supportive. We also want to thank Jane for sticking with us throughout our 30 hours. We have raised \$5000 of our \$7001 goal and end our fundraising efforts on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again for everything.

# Building and Grounds Committee

Building and Grounds committee members, Jon Hanson, 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.

**Pardon Our Dust** – Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks as we near the completion of 3 major projects; 1) the new AV system, 2) new LED lighting in the sanctuary and Narthex, and 3) painting of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor main hallway, narthex and sanctuary. We are nearly complete with all 3 projects.

## Projects

• **Sanctuary New AV System** – The installation of the new AV system is complete with only some finishing touches and system adjustments left. The Fellowship Hall system was used for the first time Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and for the first Sunday, January 27. The youth used the 90in monitor in the Fellowship Hall during their 30hr famine and sleepover playing videos and singing along. The Sunday service combined the use of still slides and live video through the new cameras of the baptism that was performed. The new sound system is fantastic. The choir reported that they could hear the entire service. Members also reported an improvement in the performance of the T-coil system. We did find that somehow the Pastor's headset microphone had mistakenly been left out of the installation, so he had to use one of the new hand-held wireless microphones when away from the pulpit. Some control and delay issues with the microphones were also discovered. Despite these issues our first experience with the new system went smoothly and was well received. Camera Corner will need to address these issues in the near future. I'd like to thank Joel Thomas, Scott Henry, Karl Omernick for their help in the installation of the system. I'd also like to thank Karl, Carol and Jed Omernick for setting camera preset positions that were used for the Sunday service.

• **Sanctuary LED Conversion** – As of Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> about 80% of the old recessed ceiling lights had been replaced with new LED lights. Only the back corner of the choir loft and the low ceiling area over the Chancel remain to be done in the Sanctuary. There will be no burnt out lights in the Sanctuary for a very long time. The Narthex flat panel LED lighting has not yet been delivered, but will be installed when it arrives. There will be no noticeable appearance change with these new lights. This new lighting, made possible through a generous donation, will result in approximately an 80-85% reduction in the electrical power used in this section of the church. Thank you, Joel Thomas for your work with the lighting suppliers on this project.

• **Interior Painting** – Most of the interior painting is complete with only 3 walls left in the sanctuary. Those areas are; the wall behind the cross, the west (organ) wall, and the southeast corner of the sanctuary from the stained-glass windows to the corner with the east wall. All this work was done at no cost to the church. I'd like to thank the volunteer painters; Scott Theis, Tim West, Karl Omernick, and Jon Hanson.

• **Redecorating the Newly Painted Areas** –

○ **Sanctuary** – Only 2 areas have been affected by the installation of the new AV system. The new monitors on either side of the Chancel are recessed in the wall where the side banners used to hang. Those banners will now be hung around the corner on the side walls facing the alter and cross. The second area affected is the back corner in front of the stain-glass windows where the video riser platform was located. A new AV system Control Desk is located in that corner and the riser will be removed when the video recording part of the new AV system is running. The new desk is being built to look like the case around the organ keyboard. The temporary plywood desk is not the longer-term plan.

○ **1st Floor Main Hallway** – Some of the banners have been taken down and stored hanging in a closet upstairs. The plan is to rotate the banners through out the year with the hope that these beautiful pieces get noticed more often. The children's art has been relocated to the hallway leading into the Fellowship Hall hanging in an art gallery type layout.

○ **Narthex** – The 3 bulletin boards that were in the narthex will not be rehung in their old locations. A smaller Usher/Flower/General Announcements board will be hung inside the door of the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. The WELCA board will be hung outside the office in the hallway leading to the choir room.

○ **Fellowship Hall** - The children's tile mural was temporarily taken down to make room for the new monitor. It will be rehung in the Fellowship Hall in the near future after we finish the major projects.

# Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting January 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm.

Members present: Holly Thomas, Scott Henry, Carl Jackson, Scott Eckdahl, Ron Hupe, Jenny Sitte, Alicia Kropuenske, Cheryl Becht, John Skogsbakken, Pastor Honig  
Absent: Barb Meyer

Scott Henry opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion to accept December minutes. Motion by Scott Eckdahl. Second by Carl Jackson. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron Hupe.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Jenny Sitte. Second by Alicia Kropuenske. Motion carried

## Committee Reports

- Pastor Honig's Report: Updates given on Tuesday Bible class, New sound/video system, one on one meetings with families and the new Vespers Circle service on Wednesday nights.
- Property & Grounds: Council approved the painting of the entire sanctuary while they have the lift for the Sound/video/LED conversion. Council discussed proposals and gave feedback for bulletin board placement/ tile mural relocation/narthex layout. Approved the start of recycling pick up as it saves the Church money. Discussion will begin regarding a celebration to honor SOTB 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Worship & Music & Education reports were sent via email.
- Capital Campaign Committee: Given the disappointing end of the year budget report, the committee didn't feel as though it was a good time to kick off the capital campaign. The committee will re-group and re-evaluate the start of the capital campaign. More information to come in the near future.

Motion to approve Committee Reports: Motion by Ron Hupe. Second by Carl Jackson. Motion carried

A job description for the Youth & Family Ministries Director was reviewed and the go ahead given to post the open job position with the ELCA & the East Central Synod.

The 2019 Proposed Budget was presented to council. The proposed budget Total income is set at \$421,794 while Total Expenses are set at \$491,043 for a Net Income of \$ -69,249 . The Council accepted the budget as amended. Motion by Cheryl Becht, second by Scott Eckdahl, motion carried.

The Nominating Committee met and recruited the following people:

Church Council: Edee Madsen, George Cobb, Lori Pothast, Les Keepper

Scholarship Committee: Holly Thomas, Jenny Sitte, Mary Kay Shumway

Endowment Committee: Mark Glasser

Synod Assembly: Scott Henry

We would like to express our thanks to Holly Thomas, Carl Jackson, Jenny Sitte & Barb Meyer for giving of their time and talents to serve on Church Council. We appreciate their leadership and wisdom.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Church Council meeting will be Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00pm.

# Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 27th, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:46am

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Members of Council and Members of congregation

Meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Jim Honig

Introduction of current Council members by Holly Thomas

Introduction of Technology Committee: Pastor Honig, Judy Jackson, Stan Whiteman, Joel Thomas, Scott Henry

Introduction of staff: Pastor Honig, Jane Burress, Carol Omernick, Lynne Buchner, Judy Jackson, Greg Beem and Kim Shumway

Thank you to the painting crew and to all who helped organize, Tom Tuttle, Joel Thomas and Kim Shumway.

Motion to approve 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

- Motion by Dick Burress. Second by Greg Casperson. Motion Approved

Pastor Honig gave an update on the Sanctuary Technology Committee:

The work done was paid for by Carl & Judy Jackson and Don & Lynne Luker. A big thank you to both couples for the generous donations. Pastor asked the congregation to be patient while the kinks are worked out. Pastor is looking very forward to using the system during the Wednesday night vespers service.

Approximately 80% of the LED lights in the sanctuary have been installed. This should have a very positive effect on our electric bill.

Werner Krause gave a report on the Endowment Committee.

2018 is the 4th year in a row that the Endowment Comm. has given a distribution to the Church and the distribution has increased every year. Large donations to the Youth Activities Fund as well as the Music Fund has allowed the account to grow. The account lost a significant amount of money during the market volatility in the fall of 2018. All of that has since been recouped. Thrivent has been doing a great job managing the account. The Endowment Comm. presented the Church Council with the idea of creating a reserve fund for major maintenance and repairs. A thank you to Bill Madsen for his work on the Committee. Werner also spoke about the benefits of honorary vs. memorial giving.

Ron Hupe presented the Treasurer's Report

Income was down approximately \$59,000.00

Budgeting giving was approx 487,000.00 and actual giving was approx 406,000.00

Actual expenses for the year were down.

Motion to approve the 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Werner Krause. Second by Sue Daubner. Motion Carried

Holly Thomas presented nominating committee nominees:

Church Council: Lori Pothast, George Cobb, Edee Madsen and Les Keepper

Synod Assembly: Scott Henry

Endowment Committee: Mark Glasser

Scholarship Committee: Holly Thomas, MaryKay Shumway, Jenny Sitte

Motion to accept the nominees. Motion by Tim West. Second by Jane Burress. Motion carried

Ron Hupe presented the 2019 Budget.

123 pledges were received for 2018 for approximately 275,000.00. 99 pledges were received for 2019 for approx 275,000.00 Less people pledging but also people raising the amount of their pledges. The congregation lost approx. \$6,600 in pledges due to a family moving and \$5,000.00 due to a family's change in financial situation. Regarding expenses, a big effort was made to keep the amount less in 2019 than in the 2018 budget. There have been no staff raises for approx 6 years at SOTB. For 2019 a 3% raise was given to employees, adding approx \$3,200.00 to the budget.

Motion to approve the 2019 Budget. Motion by John Skogsbakken. Second by Lon Kopitzke. Motion carried

Glenn Rossman began a discussion regarding the possibility of allowing members to vote via absentee ballot during congregational meetings.

A motion was made as follows: The constitution should be amended to allow absent members to vote in a congregational vote by electronic means, including but not limited to phone, text or email during the convened meeting.

- Motion by Glenn Rossman. Second by Sue West

Discussion then continued of how to vet who is a member in good standing and who would confirm that during such a vote. Discussion of the possible logistical problems of an absentee vote. Discussion of changing the annual meeting date to coincide with the start of a fiscal year instead of a calendar year. Pastor then spoke to the fact that Council has discussed the possibility of changing our fiscal year to help alleviate the issue of members who are not available in January to attend an annual meeting. Greg Casperson spoke regarding the fact that a new Constitution is in the works and suggested that adding Glenn's proposal to the new Constitution would be a good idea to see if it would be accepted by the Synod. Glenn Rossman then amended his motion to: The newly written ELCA Constitution should include the ability to allow absent members to vote in a congregational meeting via electronic means, including but not limited to phone, text or email during the convened meeting and presented to the Synod for approval.

- Vote on amended motion
- Yea -14
- Nay-35
- Motion denied

Scott Schultz questioned the negative budget for 2018 and 2019. Questioned if the Council has a plan to reverse that trend. Pastor Honig joined the discussion stating that everything but staff cuts have been made. In order to keep the staff we have, income/giving/stewardship has to increase. Also a reminder that a capital campaign for major repairs to the roof and siding will be coming after the budget is addressed.

Dick Burress discussed Jane's work as Youth Minister. He encouraged the continued support of the Youth Ministry and complimented the she job has done, her dedication, as well as thanking her for a job well done. Eloise Lindem also spoke in appreciation of Jane, the need for a quality youth minister and the possibility of having to pay more to find qualified help.

Discussion by Myrma Howard regarding the reason some members are no longer attending and the possibility of creating a committee to contact some of these members.

A thank you from Pastor Honig to Holly Thomas and all members leaving the Council at this time: Carl Jackson, Jenny Sitte and Barb Meyer.

Closing prayer by Pastor Honig.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jenny Sitte  
Council Secretary

## **Ushers :**

**Please contact Cheryl Becht if you can help usher.**

# Lessons for February



## Feb. 3 : Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson : Jeremiah 1:4-10

Second Lesson : 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Holy Gospel : Luke 4:21-30

**Introduction to the readings:** The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

## Feb. 10 : Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

**Introduction to the readings:** The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal the glory of the Lord. "Who will go for us?" queries the voice of the Lord. A man of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is the fact that we are also called.

## Feb. 17 : Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

**Introduction to the readings:** Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the "blessed are" and the "woe tos" are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.

## Feb. 24 : Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

**Introduction to the readings:** Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

## Readers :

Feb. 3	Mary Kay Shumway	March 3	Doris Loss
Feb. 10	Stan Whiteman	March 10	Sue Daubner
Feb. 17	Dennis Lonstine	March 17	Bonnie Hanson
Feb. 24	Edee Madsen	March 24	Gloria Serkland
		March 31	Sharon Pluff

## February Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair:

Bob & Sharon Pluff 854-4292

Gary & Gayle Dooly 854-9675

Wally & Rita Brandt 854-4078

Lynn Brunsen (630) 730-7842

Sue Daubner 854-2109

Clink & Sharon Gall 746-4548

Nancy Goss 854-5776

Jim & Joanne Gustafson 854-6030

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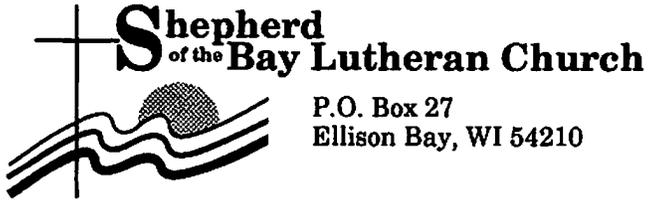
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