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The Parish Door

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Meet our new Members



**Social
Statement on
Women and
Justice: One
In Christ**

**Presented by
Pastor James
Honig**

*Women of ELCA
RETREAT*

**TUESDAY
NOV. 6TH, 2018
BJORKLUNDEN
9:30 AM TO 4 PM**

**Cost
\$15.00**

**Register in
Fellowship Hall
after the Sunday
Service**

Happy



Thanksgiving

Northern Door Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Served at 1 pm
November 22, 2018
First Baptist Church, Sister Bay
2622 S. Bay Shore Drive (Hwy 42)

Happy



Thanksgiving

There is no charge for the dinner; reservations are limited and requested by Thurs., Nov. 15 (No carry-outs, please)

To make reservations, call First Baptist Church at 920-854-2544, ext 10

Donations will be divided between food pantries in Door County
Supporting funds: Cordon Foundation & First Baptist Church

Helpers are also needed for jobs such as poster distribution, food prep on Wednesday, setting tables on Wednesday, and serving and clean-up on Thanksgiving. Most jobs require just a 2 or 3 hour commitment. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Paulson at 920-854-9068 or by email at mjppaulson@charter.net.

On October 22, I learned of the death of a man who has had a great deal of influence on my personal faith and pastoral practice. Eugene Peterson was a pastor, scholar, and prolific author. Many of you may know him as the author of the contemporary paraphrase of the bible, *The Message*.

In his early life, Peterson was destined for a life of scholarship and had no interest in being a pastor. He was working on his graduate degree in Old Testament theology at one of the Ivy League seminaries, and took a part-time position doing pastoral work at a small congregation simply as a way to help pay the bills. When he received his doctorate, there were no academic positions available immediately so he took a job at a small Presbyterian church outside Baltimore, never imagining that he would be there for over 25 years. And never could he have imagined that he would so love the work of being a pastor.

He has written dozens of books, opening the scriptures for the ordinary Christian. One of my favorites is “Leap Over a Wall,” in which he takes all the stories of King David’s life, opens them up, and applies them devotionally for the ordinary Christian. He also wrote several volumes directed specifically at pastors. He wrote a quartet of books that invite pastors to reflect deeply on the nature of their vocation and their pastoral practice. Of that quartet, the one most meaningful to me is “The Contemplative Pastor,” in which he reminds us that to be “busy” is not a badge of honor, but an indication that we have forsaken the nature of our work.

One of his early works bore the title that has become a kind of mantra for my own personal life of faith and my pastoral practice. “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction” is a devotional reflection on several of the psalms and reminds us that the Christian life is not something that we arrive at quickly or perfect in any short amount of time. In fact, as I age and mature both personally and pastorally, I am convinced that there are no easy answers or easy solutions to this thing we call being a Christian and being the church.

I am also convinced that there are a set of core practices that define what it means to be a Christian. None of them are flashy; none of them are particularly easy; all of them require discipline, or as Peterson says, “a long obedience in the same direction.” Here are a few of the most important ones.

Worship — Worship is the core Christian practice. Weekly, we gather to hear the word and share the sacrament. That weekly assembly is not just a voluntary gathering of like-minded folks who like to be together; this is where and how God creates and sustains the church for the sake of the world.

Prayer — Prayer is simply communicating with God and spending time in acknowledgement of God’s presence and God’s desire to be in relationship with us. I think we often view prayer as a way to let God know what we want. However in both the bible and Christian tradition, prayer has been much more about lifting before God the needs of the world and the needs of our neighbor. In fact, the Christian tradition has viewed prayer as that conversation between God and the people of God that upholds the world. Our prayers of intercession in the Sunday assembly give us a model of the various needs of the world and the neighbor for which we pray.

Generosity — Christians recognize that their possessions and the talents we have in this life do not come primarily from our own efforts for are gifts from the Giver of every good and perfect gift. So many of the parables of Jesus teach us to hold on to our possessions lightly and to offer them for the care of the neighbor — both the neighbor we know and the one we don’t — and to offer them for the work of the kingdom.

I’ll close with quote from another writer (the same quote I used in an October sermon). The great poet Maya Angelou wrote, “‘I’m working at trying to be a Christian and that’s serious business.’ It’s not something where you think, ‘Oh, I’ve got it done. I did it all day—hot diggity.’ The truth is, all day long you try to do it, try to be it. And then in the evening, if you’re honest and have a little courage, you look at yourself and say, ‘Hmmm. I only blew it 86 times. Not bad.’ I’m trying to be a Christian. . .I’m always amazed . . . when [people] walk up to me and say, ‘I’m a Christian.’ I always think, ‘Already? You’ve already got it? My goodness, you’re fast.’” And Martin Luther: “This life is not righteous, but growth in righteousness; is not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise; we are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but it is the road; all does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.”

I’ll let you go, dear friends. It’s time to practice.

Pr. Jim Honig

It is that time of year when the “help wanted” signs appear in the windows of businesses in Door County. Young workers have returned to school or to their native countries across the seas. Tourists continue to travel to our communities in search of colorful leaves, more moderate temperatures and a quieter experience in this beautiful northern Wisconsin area. Businesses welcome their autumn visitors with gratitude, but many are stretched thin with limited personnel to make their guests’ experience a positive one. Like the movie “Groundhogs Day”, we awaken each year to the same scenario of a diminished workforce attempting to fulfill all the expectations of a fully-staffed experience for their guests, hoping that THIS YEAR will be an exception to the challenges of all of the previous years. All we need is a clock radio playing “I’ve Got You, Babe” and the scene will be complete!

It seems like we experience this same type of personal loss every year at Shepherd of the Bay. Our summer members begin their expected journeys toward winter warmth, saying goodbye to friends at Shepherd and across the Door County community with clock-like precision. We wish them a good winter and add our hope for an early return in the Spring. Every week we notice their absence in our midst, as “their seats” are unoccupied on Sunday mornings and their voices have become muted in our discussions. We attempt to keep in contact with our now-distant friends through Pastor Jim’s weekly email and include them in the latest news through The Parish Door, viewing sermons on the website, writing Facebook entries, texting and sending old fashioned cards and letters. The loss we feel is genuine and deep.

As your new Sanctuary Choir Director, I have been aware of this seasonal loss most profoundly this year. The Sanctuary Choir at Shepherd of the Bay has begun to experience the seasonal migration of many of our wonderful singers, who will now be adding their voices to church choirs in Arizona, Florida, the Carolinas and other welcoming winter places. We trust that they will return to us after the winter has passed. However they have left a big hole in our choir, one that cannot be easily filled. That’s where YOU come in!

Here is my “HELP WANTED” sign for you:

SINGERS NEEDED.
 SOME PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS HELPFUL,
 BUT WE WILL WELCOME ANY INTERESTED SINGER!
 A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT IS NOT NECESSARY,
 ALTHOUGH A SEASON OF SINGING WOULD BE WELCOMED!
 NO AUDITION NECESSARY,
 NO SOLOS WILL BE EXPECTED OR REQUIRED FROM ANY SINGER!
 A COMFORTABLE CHAIR, A STYLISH ROBE, PERSONAL COPIES OF MUSIC
 AND WONDERFUL SINGING FRIENDS AWAIT YOU!

We need you. We need your voice. Our choir depends on many good people making a joyful noise together. Here is some information to help you make this exciting choice in choral singing at Shepherd: Our weekly choir rehearsal is on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 until 8:00. Our Sunday morning warm-up rehearsal is from 8:45 until 9:15 a.m. Our choir sings at all 9:30 a.m. Sunday services, as well as the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Would you like to know more about it? Come to the rehearsal Thursday evening at 7:00 and discover for yourself what a satisfying experience singing with this choir can be! I know you will find a welcome place in the Sanctuary Choir!

Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth
- ² Worship the Lord with gladness;
 come into his presence with singing.

Judy Jackson
 Sanctuary Choir Director

World Marketplace

News from World Marketplace—yes, we are still just down the hall. We've been working this year to deplete our inventory, hoping that within the next year or two someone with lots of ideas and energy will decide to carry on the tradition of reaching out to artisans all over the world in an effort to help create economic freedom in countries repeatedly dogged by political unrest, poverty, famine and climatic disaster. Our tradition was started over 30 years ago at Shepherd of the Bay. Over the years our shoppers have decorated their homes with our unique designs and have gifted their friends and family. Some like to say that when you buy from the market place you gift twice, once to the recipient and again to the artisan.



We have just over 200 individual items for sale; some beautiful jewelry, scarves, unusual instruments and Nativity sets, priced between \$1 and \$95. We're thinking that if each one of our 400 members at Shepherd of the Bay purchased just one item from our Marketplace this November/December our shop would be empty and we'd be ready to start anew 2019. We wouldn't think of limiting each member to one item, so feel free to come early and finish your shopping early by completing your whole list at the marketplace. If you're lucky it can be done.

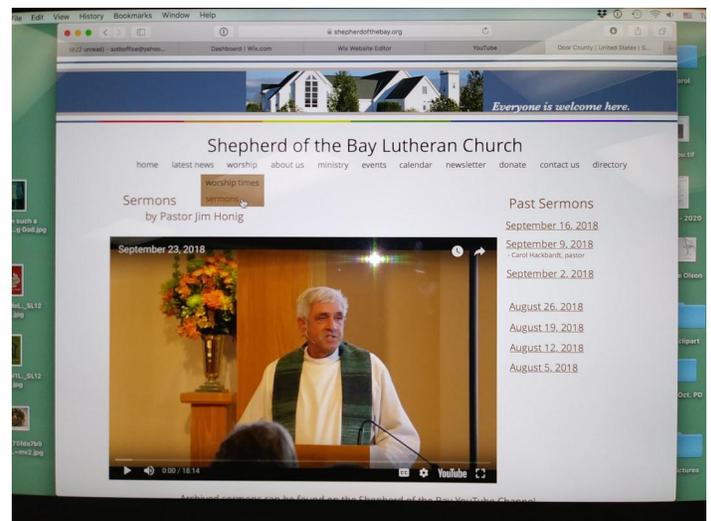
Come browse; perhaps, you'll find just the right scarf for that teacher or friend, a pretty bracelet for a granddaughter, a Nativity for a young couple just setting up their household.

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Go to shepherdofthebay.org to:

- See the latest **sermons**.
- Find the current and the last few issues of the **Parish Door Newsletter**.
- Send a **prayer request**.
- Read the Latest News about the **Sanctuary Technology Update**.
- See the **Calendar**.
- See the **WELCA calendar** of events
- Find times for upcoming **events**.
- Sign up and **manage your online giving**.
- Access the updated **Directory** of current members and friends of SOTB.

See lots of photos of what is happening!



Women's Retreat: On November 4th we will have the Women's retreat at Bjorklunden from 9:30-4:00pm. Please note the time change from previous years. Our program will be Women and Justice: One in Christ. This is a new social statement from the ELCA. It is being presented by Pastor Jim. Please call Carole Bergner (839-2036) to register as soon as possible. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

The Quilters have begun their new year with a couple of new people. They meet on Thursday's and would love to have you join them. Call Barb Tuttle (920-883-7011) for more information.

If anyone would be interested in planning a birthday party for the residents of the care center at Scand on the 4th Thursday in February please call me 854-1133. WELCA has run the February birthday party under the capable hands of Virginia Henz and others for many years, but she is ready to pass this on to someone new. I would hate to have to tell Scand we can no longer do this. Please prayerfully consider this.

UPCOMING EVENTS: On December 4th we will be having our annual meeting and potluck at noon. All women of SOTB are encouraged to attend. We will distribute our funds for the year and elect new officers. This is your opportunity to express your ideas for WELCA. On December 11th we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon. Watch for sign-ups.

SOCIAL 6 is ending for the year. Watch for new groups forming next spring.

The WELCA HARVEST TABLE has ended for the season.

The WELCA Board Meeting will be November 13, at 1pm. If you want to know more about WELCA, you are welcome to attend our meeting.

ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken Bergner

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, e-mail Bonnie Hanson at jnbhanson@gmail.com or the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com. When e-mail is not possible, call Bonnie Hanson at 854-5569 or (763) 567-9559 or Cheri Boock at 854-5493.

BOOK CLUB November 15th at 9:30. They will be discussing **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate. Call **Gretchen Farwell (854-6203)** for more information.

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 is being used to by gift cards for the Piggly Wiggly to give to those in need.

The WELCA Board Meeting will be **November 13 at 1:00pm, in the parlor.**

If you want to know more about WELCA, you are welcome to attend our meeting.

NOV. EVENTS

November 5, 12, 19, 26

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

November 1, 8, 15, 29

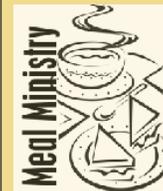
- **Quilting Group**
- 9:15-2:00pm Fellowship Hall

November 13

- **Board Mtg** 1:00 -Parlor

November 15

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



**MEAL
MINISTRY**
contact
for

November

is

Pat Skogsbakken (Nov.1-16)
(920) 854-1133

and

Carol Bergner (Nov. 17-30)
920) 854-2036

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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love can help you get through the confusion, stress, or loneliness that you may be experiencing.

- Is life more than you can handle alone right now?
- Is your health, your attitude, or your relationships suffering?
- Are you adjusting to a new job, change in marital status, a serious illness, the death of a loved one, or a recent move?
- Would you like to have someone in your life who really cares?

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, lay-caring ministry grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Those who are hurting receive love and support through one-to-one caring relationships. The ministry is named after Stephen, one of the first deacons in the early Christian church, commissioned by the apostles to care for the needs of people in the Christian community.



Klaud's Pantry

(aka The Little Purple Blessing Box)

Have you seen the little purple box by the side door of the church? This pantry is in loving memory of Chef Klaudia Crawford, former owner and operator of Klaud's Kitchen in the Country Walk Shops in Sister Bay.

Klaud attended Shepherd of the Bay and planned on joining before her life was cut short by cancer in May of 2017. As her obituary stated, "She found great joy in her life's work, and was never happier than when she was busy creating something in the kitchen." With this Pantry, we feel sure she would find that "great joy" in knowing others are being provided for in her memory.

Please tell your friends and neighbors and help us get the word out about this new pantry box in Northern Door County. Take what you need, or bring what you can. Blessings to all.



Food Collection Sundays



As you know, the first Sunday of every month is Food Collection Day. We collect canned goods and items for the local food pantry. Some months, we are going to focus on more specific items but you are always welcome to donate whatever you like each month. Some items are in high demand at the food pantries and we may not realize it.

Every November, HELP of Door County provides a basket of food for their clients in need. This year the organization they partner with is unable to help. So we are going to step in and assist them. We are asking for donations of items used to make a Thanksgiving dinner. Ex.) Cans of Green Bean, Mushroom soup and French fried onions. Or a boxed pie crust mix (like jiffy) and a can of pumpkin pie filling.

Another way you can help is to save your Holiday Bucks! Rewards from Econo Foods in Sturgeon Bay. See photo right. We will be collecting the receipts until mid December for HELP of Door County.

Thanks for helping to feed and care for those in need Northern Door County!



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Jane Burress



Little Lambs is off to a great start. Thank you to Kit Butz for leading music and to the parents for providing snack. Little Lambs is a great opportunity to invite young families to visit our church or grandparents/care givers of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.



Thank you to Judy Nelson for sharing her time and talent with the Wonderful Wednesday Kids at a sleepover and for the donation of paint brushes. Be sure to check out the children's paintings hanging in the hallway. The children chose one of their favorite Bible stories to paint. Thank you to Connie Glowacki for donating



paper to paint on. Thank you to Carol Omernick for helping out with dinner and clean up at the last minute and to Eloise Lindem for spending the night. The children's lesson for the evening focused on James 1:19: "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry," NIV

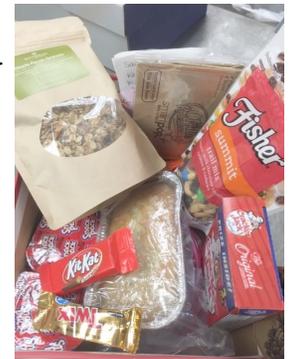
Thank you to the Schwab's for hosting the first confirmation class at their home and for committing to another year leading this ministry.



Wonderful Wednesday Children were met by this Superhero on their first day. This year we are learning to be superheroes for Jesus. Thank you to Leah Gieseler and Eloise Lindem for helping out this month.



Senior high youth met for dinner and devotions. Thank you to Phyllis Fitzgerald for providing dessert. The youth also made care packages for college freshmen.



Thank you to Dennis Piatek for power washing all of the picnic tables without being asked! It's nice to know they are ready for next summer. Thank you to new members, Doris and Bob Loss for keeping the book bags and Playground in order.



Please join us for a pancake breakfast following the church service on November 4. Donations will go towards youth activities.

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, 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.

Building Maintenance

- **Woman's Narthex Restroom Purse Shelf** – One of the folding purse shelves had a broken spring and would no longer fold up to allow the door to open. The shelf has been temporarily removed while I search for a new spring. The yellow "Caution" sign is covering the 2 bolts used to mount the shelf so no one catches their clothing on the exposed bolts. Thank you for your patience.
- **Well Water "Clean Bill of Health"** – We received a "clean bill of health" from the DNR. Thank you, Joel Thomas for overseeing this process.
- **Hard Water Leak Fixed** – Thank you, Joel Thomas for finding this problem and overseeing the resolution.
- **Pray Ground Rug in sanctuary** – After monitoring the wrinkling issue for several weeks and trying different ways of vacuuming and chair placement without success, the Pray Ground rug was moved upstairs to the Pre-school room. This now eliminates the potential tripping hazard in the sanctuary.
- **LP Tank Leaks** – The volume in the leaking 3rd tank is now low enough for it to be replaced. The other 2 tanks have been shut off to preserve their content.
- **Picnic Tables Power Washed** – Thank you Dennis Piatek for cleaning the picnic tables. They look almost brand new! They have been moved into the new Bus Garage, Garden Club Bay for storage over the winter so they will look just as nice when they are used again next summer.
- **Inside Fall Work Day** – Thursday, Oct 4th. Thank you to all those who volunteered. We had 8 people volunteer a total of 18 man-hrs. of work. All the ceiling fixtures (1st & 2nd floor) outside the sanctuary were "de-bugged" and the lenses cleaned. All the sanctuary pews and chairs were cleaned and vacuumed.

Bus Garage/Storage Building - The construction of the building is complete. The Chair met with Action Electric (for the wiring) on Oct 3 to discuss the wiring inside the building and the electrical service to it. Action indicated that the work would be done in October. When their schedule is known, Action will contact JF Construction so that they can trench for the electrical service and do the final grading and finish the driveways. Final building inspection will be done as soon as the electrical work is complete. A 2nd donor has approached the Chair and offered to pay for lining the interior of the Garden Club/Storage Bay with OSB panelling. The spaces between the building posts will be framed with 2x4s and then covered with OSB (plywood). This will prevent denting of the exterior steel siding from objects falling against it from the inside and provide the necessary surface to which shelving, hooks, brackets, etc. can be securely fastened.

Garden Club – Thank to Dwight & Linda Davis and Scot Theis for organizing the Garden Club again this year, and providing the food and coffee. Thank you also to all the Thursday morning volunteers that patched, seeded, mowed, weeded, trimmed, cut brush, trimmed trees, water flowers, edged, spread mulch, sweated and froze this season. The grounds look fantastic thanks to your efforts, especially after the drought this summer! Everything is green and lush. We should all be thankful and proud of the work this group does. Next season will begin a new chapter with the Garden Club equipment moving into their half of the new Garage. The new space will provide;

- electricity for lights and charging electric tools without having to take them home
- space to organize and store the tools
- room to work on the equipment when necessary

Sanctuary Lighting Conversion to LED – Changing all the lights in the sanctuary to LEDs will be done in conjunction with the Technology Task Force work to install a new audio-visual system. The work is tentatively planned for late November or early December. We will be working through the week, so if you are planning meetings there will be some noise. You may want to meet in the Choir Room, Conference Room or upstairs.

Outside Christmas Lights – The Council approved putting lights on some of the evergreens along the highway, so if you want to donate money for us to buy strings of lights mark your check "Christmas Lights" and put it in offering plate.



Garden Club

A wonderful corps of dependable, hard-working volunteers comprised the Garden Club this past growing season! Join us in thanking this year's team for its dedication and good work: Dave Boock, Pete Clikeman, Scott Ekdahl, Jon Hanson, Rob and Becky Lonergan, Jim Marsho, Bill Mirgain, Don Provo, Glen Rossman, Tom Tuttle, and Tim West. We also want to thank Dennis Voigt for his quick response in repairing the lawn tractor after breakdowns with the engine and steering.

Like most people during the summer, Garden Club "members" have visitors, travel plans, appointments to keep, and summer activities to enjoy. Nevertheless, they come when they can on Thursday mornings from mid-May to mid-October to maintain our church landscaping, enjoy the outdoors, and to contribute to a wonderful first-impression for visitors arriving for services and concerts. Consider joining the Garden Club next season!

Scott Thies Linda Davis Dwight Davis



Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

Have you ever thought about coming with us on the Guatemala Mission Trip? The dates for the next trip are March 22-30, 2019. All members, nonmembers, family, friends and friends of friends are welcome to join us. We will be having a informational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4 after the service in the parlor. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. We will answer all your questions. If you can't make it but would still like more information, call John & Nora Zacek.

There is much work to be done. As always, we ask for you to pray for those going and for those with whom we will be sharing the love of God.

John & Nora Zacek

Please contact us at 854-4890 or 421-3346

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."

World Marketplace

It is a good time to stock up on FairTrade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate before you head to warmer climates for the winter. If you don't see what you need, please ask Carol in the church office. We can order it for you before you leave.



Check out the World Marketplace shop down the hall. Along with many unique one of a kind gifts, you'll also find a wide selection of the ever popular Christmas gifts: scarves, fun jewelry, and Nativities.

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.



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting October 15, 2018

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

Call to Order 5:01pm

A presentation was given by Steve Delaney, a representative from Crossways Camping Ministry regarding a Capital Campaign that Crossways will begin in 2019.

- Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting
- Motion by Barb Meyer
- Second by Alicia Kropuenske
- Motion carried

Treasurers Report was presented by Ron Hupe

- Motion to approve Treasurers Report
- Motion by John Skogsbakken
- Second by Scott Eckdahl
- Motion carried

Committee Reports were presented via email.

Discussion regarding the P&G Report. Discussion regarding the removal of brochure racks and possibly moving bulletin boards. A small committee will be formed to make this decision. Pastor Honig will be in contact with Gretchen Klug about how painting by P&G will affect artwork.

Discussion of Worship & Music Report. Christmas service times recommended by W&M are 4pm and 8pm.

- Motion to approve Committee Reports
- Motion by Alicia Kropuenske
- Second by Scott Henry
- Motion Carried

Discussion and review of the SOTB Policy Manual. John Skogsbakken will be working on a mission statement. Council began the review process of the manual.

Initial discussion of the 2019 Budget. During the church service on Sunday, October 21st pastor will present to the congregation a 2018 budget summary, a 2019 budget projection, a cover letter and explanation sheet of how the money in the budget is used.

Discussion of the Sunday School schedule. The council received correspondence from Lynne Buchner and Pastor will follow up with her to discuss timing/scheduling.

Discussions regarding the possible addition of a Wednesday night service. Jeremy Schwab and Jane Burress are working on this idea. Possibility of dinner being served before a shorter, guitar centered service for all ages.

Discussions regarding a job description for the Youth Minister. A small committee will be formed to help define that job description as we move forward in our search for Jane Burress' replacement.

Meeting adjourned 6:53pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Sitte, Secretary

Memorials

Arlene Lawrenz

Gen Follingstad Bonnie Hanson

Yvonne Bevry Olson- Landscaping

Claudia Alt Karen Pelle Thomas Penny Niles & Scott Weborg

Margaret Thompson- Music Fund

Don & Lynne Luker Grady & Tulsa Morein Michael & Kathleen Fairbanks
Kathryn Friedrich Lee & Ruth Telfer

Dorothy Voight - Quilters & Music Fund

Joan Carlson	Thomas & Nancy Doumouras	Anita Franke	Paul & Lynn Hass
Virginia Henz	Robert & Trudy Jischke	Pat Koessl	Bob & Carla Krist
Roberta Kutlik	John & Kathleen Mahoney	Marajen Lee	Heather Olsen
Louis & Betty Sohns	Delores Voight	Dennis & Lisa Voight	Doris Voight
Linda Voight	Jim & Barbara Voight	Jeff Voight	John & Katie Voight
Mary Voight	Ray & Becky Voight		

Meet our Newest Members

Bob & Doris Loss live in Sturgeon Bay and began attending Shepherd of the Bay Church in May.

They were born in the same hospital in Hammond Indiana, went to the same High School, both graduated from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN but never dated. They met at a YWCA event and had their first date that evening. They were engaged 6 months later. They were married August 22, 1964 in Hammond, Indiana.

They moved to Racine, WI in 1972. Bob worked at Western Publishing (Little Golden Books). Doris was an elementary school teacher in the Racine Public Schools. They began coming to Door County in 1972. They have 2 grown sons, William and Jonathan and five grandchildren.

Ushers :

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help usher or contact Cheryl Becht.

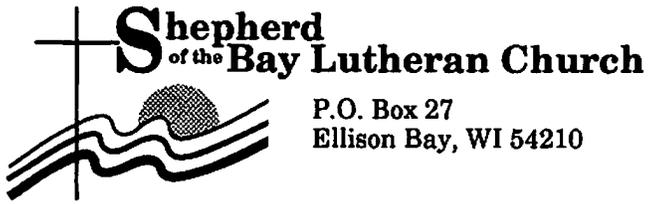
Nov. 4	Scott & Marcia Eckdahl	Dec. 2	OPEN
Nov. 11.	OPEN	Dec. 9	OPEN
Nov. 18.	Rod Synnes & OPEN	Dec. 16	Rod Synnes & OPEN
Nov. 25.	Rod Synnes & OPEN	Dec. 23	OPEN
		Dec. 24	OPEN
		Dec. 25	OPEN
		Dec. 30	OPEN



Readers :

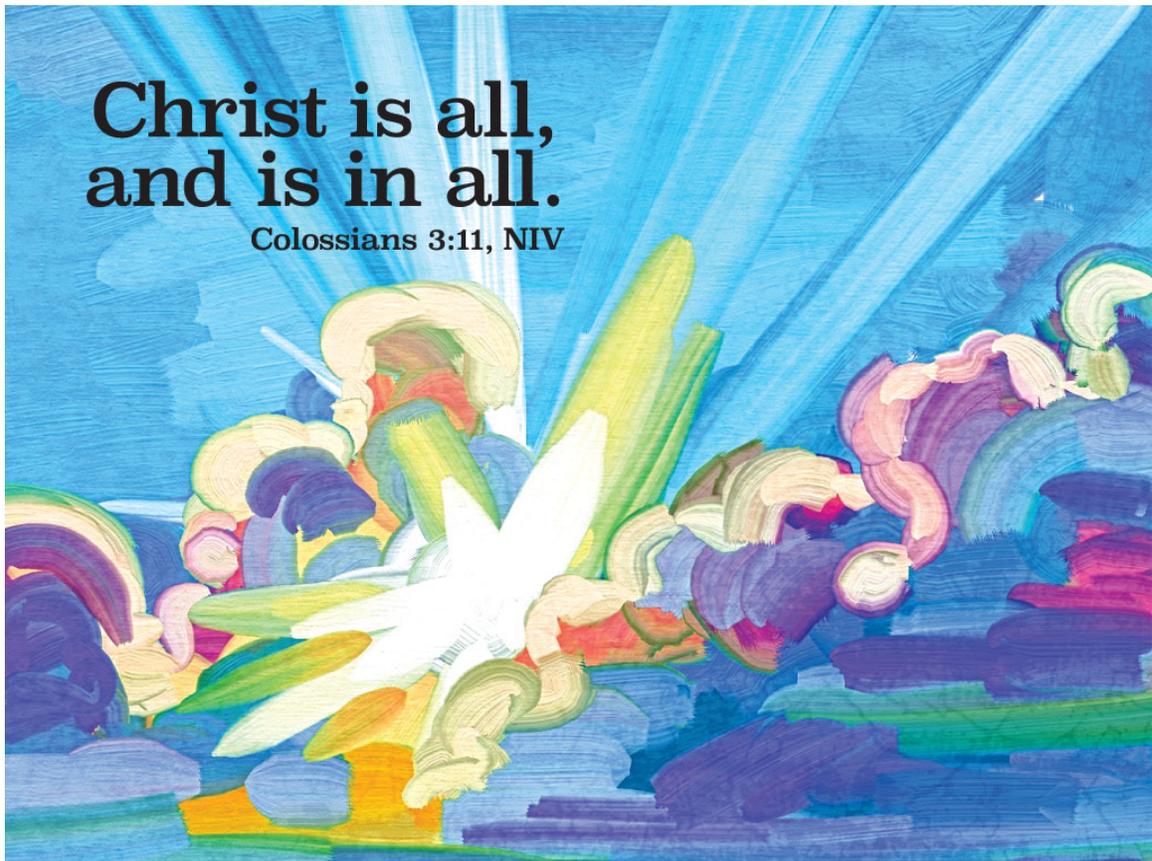
Nov. 4	Paul Lings
Nov. 11.	Carol Weymier
Nov. 18.	Nancy Goss
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Lessons for November

Nov. 4 : All Saints Sunday

First Lesson : Isaiah 25:6-9
Second Lesson : Revelation 21:1-6a
Holy Gospel : John 11:32-44

Introduction to the readings: Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Nov. 11 : Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16
Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28
Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Introduction to the readings: Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Nov. 18 : Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3
Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25
Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Introduction to the readings: November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Nov. 25 : Christ the King

First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8
Holy Gospel: John 18:33-37

Introduction to the readings: Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.



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