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ALL YOU CAN EAT



SPAGHETTI SUPPER

SATURDAY - JULY 29

4:30 - 7:00

ADULT: \$10.00
STUDENT: \$8.00 (12-18)
CHILD: \$6.00 (5-11)
(5 AND UNDER - FREE)

PROCEEDS GIVEN TO:
LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS



The Children singing for Pastor Jim's Installation Service.

World Marketplace Summer Sale

Sat., July 29th 10:00am - 7:30pm

Sun., July 30th after the church service

Stop by the parlor to purchase art work
from around the world.

Notes from the Council President

As I write this, we are looking back at Pastor Jim's installation last Sunday. I owe everyone in the congregation a debt of gratitude. It is the helpful and supportive nature of all of you that made our transition a time of growth and discovery. Thank you!

The installation service was a beautiful time, and the reception really showcased the hard work of the ladies of WELCA as well as the talents of Linda Smith who set up the display about Jim and Sheryl and created all the centerpieces and flower arrangements. You may have also noticed a parking sentry who was keeping cars off the grass, Karl Omernick. The talents of our music staff and volunteers shown as well. A thousand thanks to everyone who helped make that day impressive and beautiful!

Mark your calendars for our summer semi-annual meeting which we'll convene July 30th after the first service. Note that there will not be a coffee hour or second service on that day. The purpose of the meeting is strictly informational. Some of our congregation miss the opportunity in January to attend the congregational meeting. Council feels it's important to offer this up so we all have a chance to contribute and be informed. I hope that everyone will be able to attend that day! Our current bylaws allow for one voting congregational meeting in January, but council is discussing options better suited to our congregation. (A change to the bylaws will be a two year process.)

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to meet with Pastor Jim one on one, please sign up and take advantage of an opportunity to know more about an amazing person. It will help him understand what makes Shepherd of the Bay tick, and you'll have a chance to give him input about the community.

Have a safe and beautiful summer. See you in church!

Thank you- Grace Rossman, council president

July Organ Concert

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. here at Shepherd of the Bay for the second of our summer organ concerts presented by

Mr. William Kuhlman

College Organist and Professor Emeritus of Music at Luther College

Professor Kuhlman has maintained an active recital career, performing most recently in Valparaiso, Chile, Tucson and Sun City, Arizona. He has been featured on many national radio broadcasts and has contributed scholarly articles that have appeared in numerous national music magazines. His academic degrees are from St. Olaf College and Syracuse University with further study at Eastman School of Music, Copenhagen Denmark and Westminster Choir College.

He will present a delightful program including works by J. S. Bach, Brahms, Guinaldo, Kart-Elert, Roberts, Sowerby, Vierne and more. So, make sure to save the date, Saturday, July 22nd, and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music with William Kuhlman. Bring a friend while you're at it. There will be a reception following the concert.

Also, mark your calendar for our next and final event of the season here at Shepherd of the Bay:

Hymn Festival with Dr. John Behnke

Saturday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon

These events are only possible because of the efforts and support of many individuals here at Shepherd of the Bay. If you would like to be a part of helping us bring these programs to our community, let us know. Maybe you would be interested in sponsoring one of our guest artists! We would love to hear from you! Please contact Greg Beem or Judy Jackson.

Every rising of the sun signals a new day, and though we often make plans about how that day will go, we are never quiet sure. A bright summer sunrise gives me a sense of optimism for the day, yet the bright sun is no guarantee that the day will be good; nor is a cloudy gloomy morning a warning that the day will be full of hardship and sadness. We just never know. Yet, as people of faith, we live in hope trusting in God's presence and goodness.

These first few months of serving with all of you at Shepherd of the Bay have been like that bright, sunny morning. I have such a sense of expectation that good things will grow and flow from our work together. Like that early morning of a new day, we don't know what lies ahead, yet we live in hope trusting God's presence and goodness.

On Sunday, it all became official in a more public way with the Rite of Installation, and today as the sun rises both literally and figuratively, I am full of gratitude. Thank you for welcoming Sheryl and me so warmly. Thank you for your kind words and generosity of spirit. Thank you for plates of cookies and fresh strawberries. Thank you for your willingness to take an hour and sit down for conversation and the beginnings of relationships. Thank you for being in the pew on Sunday mornings, singing and praying and listening together. Thank you for mowing and weeding and tending to flowers and making the grounds so beautiful. Thank you for cups of coffee and the moments when we share small joys. Thank you for a beautiful installation service and for welcoming Bishop Gerry and Anita Mansholt so warmly. Thank you for praying for Sheryl and me. Thank you for your grace when my flaws and foibles bring inconvenience or frustration. Thank you for your strong commitment to be the people of God in this little part of God's good world.

Psalm 136 rehearses the long story of salvation history for God's people. With each remembrance of God's action, the psalmist exclaims, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures forever."

Yes. What he said.

Pr. Jim Honig



Pastor Jim and his wife, Sheryl.



Local clergy praying for Pastor Jim at his installation.

Theology on Tap. Beginning in July, Pastor Jim will convene a monthly, very informal conversation on a question at the intersection of theology and practical life. Pastor Jim says, "I believe that theology is not an esoteric, abstract subject. Every decision, every day is informed by our theology. Understanding how our faith impacts life in the world shapes us to be stronger, more confident people of Faith." We'll gather in a different local pub each month. Join us for the first installment of Theology on Tap at Door County Brewery in Baileys Harbor on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend or neighbor! (The new tap room is supposed to open around July 1!)

As our WELCA begins its work of raising money for projects, please support us by attending and giving generously. Your gifts do make a difference in our community and in the world. A few of our projects are beginning in July.

On **July 2** we are offering our “*HARVEST TABLE*” during the Fellowship Hour.

1. We invite you to contribute any of your garden produce to our *Harvest Table* that will be available in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday until October. Bring your produce and put them on the table before 9:00 each Sunday. Remember not to wash the produce but you can put them in a bag.
2. You can purchase the produce during the Fellowship Hour. Everything may be purchased by donation. Please check out the *Harvest Table* every Sunday.

On **July 29** we will be serving our annual *SPAGHETTI SUPPER*. Servings start at 4:30 until 7:00. The proceeds will be going to the Missions of our WELCA unit.

TRY TO SUPPORT THESE MISSIONS PROJECTS OF WELCA

The *WELCA 2017 HANDBOOK* is available on the church web-site. Go to www.shepherdofthebay.org on your computer or device - Click on - “Ministries” and then - Click on - the WELCA site and the handbook will appear with all of the events and opportunities offered by WELCA for this month of July. It is a good way to stay informed. Take a look – you will like it! If you need help getting into the site, please call Carol Frakes – Omernick at the church office.

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

PRAYER CHAIN is for you to request prayers to be raised by our Prayer Chain Members. Contact Bonnie Hanson , Cheri Boock or Carol Omernick with prayer requests.

PRAYER LABRYINTHS are available for a \$10.00 donation to the WELCA Women’s Relief Fund. They can be found on the WELCA table going into the Fellowship Hall during Social Hour.

LIFE IS FRAGILE - HANDLE WITH PRAYER

July Events and Opportunities

- JULY 2 , 9, 16, 23, 30 – Harvest Table– Fellowship Hall**
- JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Bible Study w/Ken 9:00 -Parlor**
- JULY 20 – Book Group – 9:30 – Place TBA**
- JULY 29 – Spaghetti Supper – 4:30 – 7:00**

**NO JULY BOARD MEETING
NO BIBLE STUDY WITH VERNAMAE**



Preparing the reception for Pastor Jim’s Installation

MEALS MINISTRY –

The *MEALS MINISTRY* contact for **JULY** is **PENNY SCHELLER** at **920-634-9955**.

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**.

The Garden Club

(Thursday Mornings, 8:30-10:30)



Thought You Would Like to Know.....

As the saying goes, “A friend in need is a friend indeed!” Paul Jones of Ephraim and Wausau (WI) came to our rescue last month with advice on repairing over an acre of church lawn seriously damaged by grubs; he owns a very successful landscape business (Landart) in Northcentral Wisconsin. Paul generously took time to test our soil, advised us on seed mixture, trailered a special piece of seeding equipment from Wausau, and himself applied professional-grade fertilizer – all at no cost to us! Although we will have to reseed in the fall, at least we have a respectable-looking lawn to enjoy this summer when so many activities are held and church attendance peaks. Our thanks to Paul for his interest and invaluable help! A SOTB church friend, indeed!

Operating the seeding machine was a strenuous job, and we want to thank Tom Tuttle for pitching in to help. Tom is a regular at Thursday morning Garden Club activities in addition to frequently contributing his time and effort on indoor building tasks.

While all the rain and cool temperatures have hampered many outdoor summer activities, the weather has been a true blessing for our lawn repair efforts! On the other hand, the abundance of rain has caused plants and shrubs to flourish more than normal. We’d welcome your help keeping things trimmed in the weeks ahead! Garden Club volunteers do not need to make an every-week commitment nor stay longer than the hours scheduled on Thursday mornings, 8:30 to 10:30. Activity is organized and focused, and there are tasks for many abilities – sweeping and “dusting” the main entrances, trimming shrubs (no experience necessary – we will show you how!), edging, deadheading spent flowers, and a small amount of weeding. Of course, the Garden Club always takes a fellowship/coffee break! Come join us!

Dwight and Linda Davis Scott Thies



Directory REPRINT August 4th !!!

We will be printing a current paper copy of the online directory on August 4. To have an accurate directory, we need your most up-to-date information.

We need new photos. Is the baby sitting in your lap in the current directory photo now a high school senior? Please send a current photo to the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com or call the church and I can take a photo of you. Photos taken with smart phones work great!

If your email address, physical address, home phone or cell phone number has changed in the past 4 years please let the church office know. You can call (854-2988) or email (sotboffice@yahoo.com).

To access the directory, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app and download the correct app for your phone. You can also find detailed directions on our website at www.shepherdofthebay.org/directory.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

With back to school sales starting in July, please think about purchasing some of the following items to donate so the Wonderful Wednesday children can pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief.



- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approx. 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

A CALL FOR HELP---BRIDGES EVENT, TUESDAY, JULY 11

We will be serving 180 plus international students a dinner of grilled chicken, oven roasted potatoes, salad, fruit and ice cream bars at Shepherd of the Bay. Your help is needed in set up, food preparation, serving, clean up, helping with leaf printing, flying kites and just making a connection with an international student. 😊

Pastor Jim will be sharing his faith story, students will be able to try riding a Segway, fly kites, play volleyball and make leaf print note cards. It has always been a fun evening for the students and the helpers.

If you are able to help, look for Gail Prine or Barb Meyer in the Narthex after church or call Gail Prine at (854-8053) or Barb Meyer (388-9010) to see how you can help.

Thanks 😊



Pat Skogsbakken leads a group of International students on a hike in Newport State Park.



Enjoying a bonfire at Newport State Park during a Bridges event.

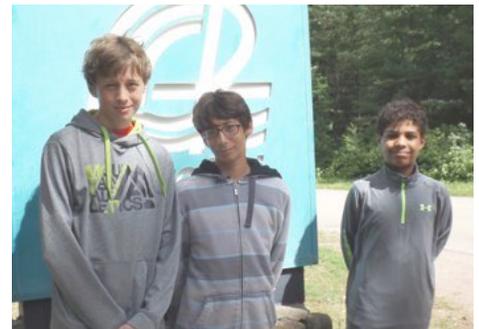
Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



Once again, V.B.S. was well represented by volunteers from Shepherd of the Bay: tribe leaders, craft helpers, cleanup crew, bakers, skit participants, storytellers (Jim), lunch providers, game helpers, tent set-up and take-down volunteers, etc. I'm grateful for the many people who worked together to share Christ's love with the children. Kristi Appel and Carol Omernick did a great job planning and coordinating all of the crafts (and volunteers for leading them). Lynne Buchner energetically led the skits and included younger children this year, which was very successful. The skits are something the children look forward to each day and Lynne has done well, keeping the tradition going.



right: 7th Grade Confirmation Youth spent a week at camp.
left: Thank you Ron Stromen for building a large Kerplunk game for the youth.



Friends in Faith playing an adult size version of Hungry, Hungry, Hippo. Thank you to everyone who brought food and helped with clean-up.

High School Youth Group on their way to the Sawtooth Mountains, MN for an adventure trip.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with Wonderful Wednesday and for those who are providing snacks: June Waller, Patti McCain, Ed Stone, Kristi Appel, Carol Omernick, Cindi Schwab, Christy Reisen, Lynne Buchner, Cheryl/Alicia Doudna.

I am still looking for someone to lead and help with the library program from 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. and people to lead activities for our "Peru Day" August 2. I have ideas, I just need people.

WORLD MARKETPLACE SALE IN THE PARLOR

**all day Saturday, JULY 29
and between services
Sunday, JULY 30**



June 2017

Dear members and friends of Shepherd of the Bay,

In November of 2015, I decided after 18 years with 3rd World Marketplace at Shepherd of the Bay, that it was time for me to hand over the work to someone else. I did not have a replacement as a leader although several committee members had expressed an interest in helping out in some way. It is now June of 2017 and while the church has no formal leadership for the marketplace, Carol Omernick has worked to keep our efforts alive with the sales of coffee, teas and some merchandise.

I guess you could say I am mourning for the loss of this valuable resource at Shepherd of the Bay. Many of you know that the marketplace has existed as part of the church's Social Ministries since an enthusiastic committee of volunteers started the work in 1984. While the faces of the committee members have changed over the years, many women have played an important role on the committee over the years.

In the 18 years that I was personally involved we sold over \$70,000 worth of merchandise and raised additional monies, over \$20,000, to fund artisans experiencing severe conditions because of natural disaster and political upheaval. In the past few years, we've watched as artisans lost their homes to hurricanes in Haiti, to tsunami in the Philippines, to earthquakes in Nepal. In my travels, I have seen the value of sales to artisans in impoverished countries. I know that each dollar makes a difference.

Sometimes, the concept that one dollar has value is hard to understand when here in Door County that dollar doesn't even cover the cost of an ice cream cone. Our dollars have helped these artisans rebuild their homes, send their children to school, enabled communities to develop water resources and better health facilities. Our dollars have helped artisans gain a sense of economic freedom. They have helped them get back to work, one of the greatest gifts of normalcy. This year the plight of the Haitians really caught my attention. Nothing had been even close to normal for them since the 2010 earthquake when over 140,000 Haitians died and many additional thousands lost their relatives homes, health, livelihood. Since that earthquake the Haitians have fought against cholera, losing over 9500 additional to that epidemic which, unfortunately came to the island with the United Nations aid workers. Then in the spring of 2016 just as recovery started to surface, Hurricane Matthew brought destruction to the island once again.

Those Haitians affected say work helps to provide a sense of normalcy on that island when day to day life is such a struggle. Since in the past few years, I'd become familiar with the Haitian steel drum folk art, that became my gift of choice this year.

Metal drums, once used for transporting oil or other products are purchased near the port in the capitol city of Port au Prince. They are brought to the neighboring town of Croix-des-Bouquets by hand cart or on top of a taxi to the metal artist's workshop. Using these recycled 55-gallon oil drums, the artist first removes both round ends of the drum and places these inside the cylinder along with the dried banana or sugar cane leaves. He sets this on fire, to burn off any paint or residue. When cooled down, the artist then cuts the round drum from top or bottom. In order to flatten the drum one of the artists' helpers will climb inside the drum and using all his weight, push with feet, legs, arms and shoulders to open it up. It is then pounded into a flattened "metal canvas" of approximately 3" x 5". With chalk, the design is drawn onto the metal sheet. At this time, the real art work begins. Using hammer, chisel and various primitive tools, the shape is cut and the various decorative patterns are pounded into the metal, creating a unique and treasured piece of primitive art. The finished design is signed by the artist and coated with a professional finish.

This drum art is just one of many unique, one of a kind, creations which we sell at the marketplace. Our inventory includes, games, instruments, fabric, baskets, decorative items.



We also show the work of Wendy Carpenter who works with the indigenous artisans of Antigua, Guatemala (pictured left). Her fair trade wage and volunteer teaching time provide a specialized skill and higher standard of living for the women, their families, and the community as a whole! She travels to remote Mayan communities in order to purchase their hand woven Jaspe' fabric directly.

During the years that I was involved with the marketplace, a woman from Sturgeon Bay would drive up and spend one day in our marketplace buying her Christmas presents for the family; each summer visitors from Texas would choose gifts for their entire family. While I don't expect that everyone would/could make that kind of a commitment, I would like to propose that each one of us, make a goal to make one of the gifts we give this year a purchase from the marketplace. To

help you reach that goal, **the marketplace will be open on the weekend of July 29 and 30. We will set up in the parlor of the church and be open all day Saturday, the 29th from 10 a.m. until the end of WELCA's spaghetti supper and after church on the 30th.**

Guatemala Mission Trip 2018

The dates have been chosen for the next Mission Trip to Guatemala, April 6-14, 2018!

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

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

Please contact us at 854-4890 or 421-3346 for more information.
John & Nora Zacek

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."



Help Needed at the Door County Triathlon handing out Freeze Pops to runners.

Sunday, July 16 from 11:30-4:30.

For your help, you will receive a free Tee shirt, which will get you all the pulled pork and roast corn you can eat after your shift, a bag lunch, great company and all the freeze pops you care to eat!

We have great parking across the street at Sarkis Realty so we can come and go as needed. Help for an hour or stay all afternoon. **We will raise \$500 for projects for the Guatemala Mission Trip.**

Open to only the first 10 people to sign up! For more info, talk to Carol in the church office.



The *CARING SHEPHERDS* Committee is providing services to the homebound and those not able to attend our church services on a regular basis. Video of our first service each Sunday along with bulletins and often a short visit help our members stay connected with our church during these times in their lives. The videos of the sermons are also available to you on You Tube on the Shepherd of the Bay Web Site. www.shepherdofthebay.org - check it out.

Thank You to Dick Luther for helping with the videoing of the first service.

If you would like to join the *CARING SHEPHERDS* Committee or would like to help with videoing a few church services, please contact Cheri Boock.



Stephen Ministry

It is not a sign of weakness to ask for a visit or the care and attention of a **Stephen Minister**. Pastor Jim told us last week that we should be asking for help when we need it rather than "tough it out" alone.

Jesus taught that we are all responsible for our brothers and sisters and that we were indeed our brother's keeper. It is written in Matthew Chapter 22 verse 37..."Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and in verse 39..."Love your neighbor as yourself."

Stephen Ministers are available to help as we travel all on life's journey. If you are interested in a visit from a Stephen Minister contact Pastor Honig or George Cobb.



The JULY SOCIAL 6 groups are completing their group meetings in July. There are seven groups that have been meeting during this session of *SOCIAL 6*. The "THEME MEAL" recipes for the month of July are posted on the WELCA Bulletin Board – the month of June is GERMAN! You do not have to use the recipes and can do any type of meal that you choose.

This is a great way to get to know your fellow church members through Christian Fellowship during these three meetings.

The new *SOCIAL 6* groups will be formed for AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. Plan to sign-up to join a group of fellow members of Shepherd of the Bay.

**Want to have your cake and eat it too?
Join Social 6!**



Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry

Now That's Something to Chew On!

Come and hear Dr. Timothy Tishler, DDS, talk about how your oral health can affect your overall health. He will also focus on changes he sees in older patients and what you can do to minimize these problems.

**Sunday, July 30th at 4:00pm
First Baptist Church, Sister Bay**

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 19, 2017

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Carl Jackson, Grace Rossman, Scott Henry, John Skogsbakken, Jenny Sitte, Holly Thomas, Alicia Kropuenske, Ron Hupe and Greg Casperson.

Absent: Barb Meyer

The council meeting opened in prayer at 6:00pm.

Pastor Honig's report: Pastor continues to make visits with members of the congregation. He helped out with Vacation Bible School and attended confirmation camp. Pastor also reported that he will plan on launching a couple of new offerings in July. One of those offerings would be a mid-week Bible study and the other is "Theology on Tap" which would be an informal meeting at a local restaurant to discuss the intersection between faith & life. There was also discussion about proxy voting for members absent during the annual meeting. The council will look at the constitution again and also check with the ELCA to verify protocol

Grace Rossman passed out a "They is Us" pamphlet from Door County Community Foundation. We reviewed and discussed how Shepherd of the Bay could be a part of future planning for Door County.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Hupe reported that giving was down slightly but expenses were in budget for the month. We reviewed the balance sheet and the revenue statement. Motion to accept the report was made by Holly Thomas, second by Carl Jackson. Report approved.

Minutes from the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed with a motion made by Greg Casperson, second by Alicia Kropuenske. Minutes approved.

Property & Grounds report: Greg Casperson provided updates on projects around the Church. The blacktop continues to be repaired with crack sealant and top sealer. The new table and chairs for Pastor Honig's office arrived and have been put to use already. There will be a presentation at the mid-year congregational meeting to discuss the need of new siding and a new roof.

Worship & Music Report: Scott Henry reported information from their meeting on June 6th. The main discussion was to look at revamping the Sunday schedule. There were several representatives from the Worship & Music committee along with the Education Committee. They are proposing the following change:

8:30 First Service

9:30 Fellowship & Social Outreach (in fellowship hall)

10:00 Faith Formation (Sunday school, Adult Education, etc..)

11:00 Second Service

The service time would not change anything until after Labor Day. The council decided not to vote on this tonight as we felt we should get more feedback from the congregation. The congregation is encouraged to please talk to your council members and give them your feedback. We will revisit this proposal at a future meeting.

The Dorothy Peterson Youth Ministry Award pencil is ready to be awarded, but will wait until the fall when Sunday School begins again.

Education & Youth Report: VBS went great. Shepherd of the Bay was represented by lots of volunteers. Three youth attended confirmation camp the week of June 18. Pastor Honig attended Wednesday -Friday. Jane will be heading to the Saw tooth Mountains in Minnesota with 12 High School Youth for a backpacking trip June 25-July1. Plans for the Youth Gathering 2018 in Houston have already started. The cost is about \$1200 per youth. Friends in Faith met for a dinner and fellowship. 34 Children have registered for summer Wonderful Wednesday, which begins July 5th. Campfires at Sister Bay Beach begin June 25th at 7:30pm under the leadership of Jeremy Schwab. The evening consists of camp songs, a short story or devotion and s'mores.

Health, Outreach & Bridges : Greg Casperson is working on establishing this committee. This is a committee that could encompass WELCA, Caring Shepherds, Stephen Ministry and other people wanting to get involved in Outreach. The goal would be to meet approximately 4 times a year. This is a work in progress.

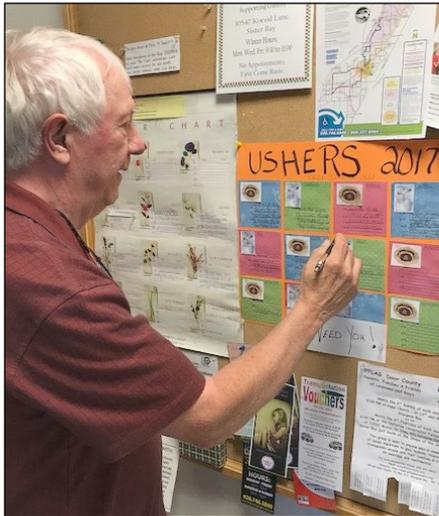
There was a motion made by Holly Thomas to accept the reports as given, second by Greg Casperson. Reports accepted.

Council Minutes continued.

We discussed a date for the mid-year annual meeting. The tentative date will be Sunday July 30th immediately following the first service. There will not be coffee hour that Sunday as to allow time for the mid-year Congregational Meeting.

The next Church Council meeting will be held Monday July 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM.
Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Alicia Kropuenske, Church Council Secretary



Be Like Dave

Dave sees we are in desperate need of ushers for the summer. Dave is considering when he can sign up to help out. Be like Dave. Consider ushering and sign up on the bulletin board in the back of church.

9:00am Service Ushers :

July 2	Ron & Loraine Quarnstrom	Aug. 6	OPEN
July 9	Barbara Keller and Judy Perkins & Dave Keen	Aug. 13	OPEN
July 16	OPEN	Aug. 20	OPEN
July 23	OPEN	Aug. 27	OPEN
July 30	OPEN		

Readers :

<u>Early Service</u>		<u>Late Service</u>		<u>Early Service</u>		<u>Late Service</u>	
July 2	Cindy Acker	Scott Henry	Aug. 6	Ken Bergner	Cindy Lawrence		
July 9	Paul Lings	Ron Lawrence	Aug. 13	Dale Johnson	Karl Omernick		
July 16	Dave Boock	Mary Kay Shumway	Aug. 20	Werner Krause	Gladys Austgen		
July 23	Robin Butchart	Linda Zielke	Aug. 27	Cindy Acker	Marilyn Peterson		
July 30	Dick Scheller	Gladys Austgen					

Memorials

Jon Peterson

Bob Zoschke Bonnie Hanson Gladys Austgen Gen Follingstad Dennis & Mary Fales
John McDonald Gloria Serkland Roy & Bunny Sheahen William Parr Bonnie Bras Golf League

Donna Henning

Gloria Serkland Gen Follingstad Gladys Austgen George & Sharon Cobb Dennis & Mary Fales
Roy & Bunny Sheahen

Marianne Smith

Roy & Bunny Sheahen Virginia Hanson Philip Hardy Susan Eick

Bryan Follingstad

Gen Follingstad Frank Korblick Ken & Sue Issel Roy & Bunny Sheahen

Karl Johnson & Claire Baack

Roy & Bunny Sheahen

Sundays Lessons for July

July 2: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Second Lesson : Romans 6:12-23

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Introduction to the readings: The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world & to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

July 9: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Introduction to the readings: The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with lowly & outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires & seek God's mercy & forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

July 16: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-13

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Introduction to the readings: God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

July 23: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Introduction to the readings: It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

July 30: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Introduction to the readings: As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In the gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!



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July - Bunny & Roy Sheahan

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Vacation Bible School Skits by Lynne Buchner

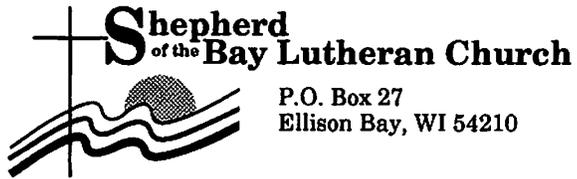
We had a great turnout for our skits for Moses and the Ten Commandments in June. This year we opened up the opportunity to perform the stories of Moses to children entering 6th grade and up. A total of 13 children from several churches acted out the daily Bible lessons. A big thank you to Billy Appel who brought the fire department field truck to help with the “parting” of the Red Sea skit. There is great anticipation for next year with children already signing up.



above: VBS Cast “Moses & the 10 Commandments”.
below: Moses and the Israelites singing Praises to God after a safe and dry crossing of the Red Sea.
right: Pharaoh and her army not able to cross the Red Sea.



Fireman Billy Appel and the parting of the Red Sea.



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