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Sunday Morning Worship

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service at 9:30am. We have opened up seating in the sanctuary or you can continue to stay in your car in the parking lot and listen on your radio.

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

We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for view later.

Sunday Worship services can be viewed live on our website at

<https://www.shepherdofthebay.org/services>

New Member Reception

New Members will be received on Sunday, June 13th. We have 3 families who will be received as New Members and 1 family who will be upgrading their membership from Associate Members.

If you would like more information about joining our church by becoming a Member or Associate Member please talk to Pastor Jim (920) 421-2845 or call the church office (920)854-2988.

Altar Flowers

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

Youth 30 Hour Famine Sat., June 12th - Sun., June 13th!!

Please support our youth as they go hungry for 30 hours, partake in community service, and travel through the Bible, and have some quirky fun all in the same time frame, right here, under the stars at Shepherd of the Bay! To help the youth meet their goal of \$3000.00 to feed hungry kids across the globe, through World Vision, please check out the back cover for how to give.

I've been struck through this Easter season with the lessons about transition. For the last four Sundays of the Easter season, in one way or another, Jesus was preparing his disciples for a time of transition. The short version, it's going to be hard, and eventually it's going to be better.

On Sunday, May 16, I had the chance to sit in on the virtual installation service for Pastor Asher O'Callaghan, new Associate to the Bishop for the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The bishop also talked about times of transition and called them hard and holy.

I find these words meaningful as we transition from a long season of precaution and physical distancing to fewer restrictions and more physical gathering and a return to some sense of normalcy. This past year has been hard – in so many ways it has been hard. I have experienced my own difficult days and difficult times.

Yet, I also want to hold on to the promise that it has also been a holy time. We have seen God at work in so many different ways. And I trust that we will continue to uncover ways that God was at work that we didn't even realize. As Jesus said to his disciples, it will be hard and its eventually going to be better. The Spirit is at work, and I look to the days to come with hopeful faith.

As the calendar turns to June, a few things are going to be added to the in person schedule. Beginning Tuesday, June 1, we will transition to in-person bible class on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. Because we have gathered a community that is dispersed, we will attempt to continue to include our far-flung friends via Zoom while all are in the same room.

We are also going to resume the 3rd Thursday Theology on Tap conversations. Watch the weekly email for location details.

Blessings to all as we continue to be the body of Christ in this hard and holy time of transition.

FROM THE MUSIC



CORNER

I have been reflecting on the long season of uncertainty and change that had been forced upon us, now that we seem to have turned a corner toward "normal" again. This past year has been for me like a very long Advent season, filled with yearning, anxiety, questions, fears, hope, seeking light in the darkness, feeling impatient with all the obstacles in our way. It has been difficult some days to rest in God's promise and to accept God's timing. Being human, we seem to want our lives back ... NOW!

And yet, in the Advent of this experience, we have been offered great lessons of patience, endurance, faith, trust and creativity. We have needed to find new ways of worship in our church and to celebrate these new expressions with optimism and community. We have been in a season of preparation for what is to come at Shepherd of the Bay!

There's a Voice in the Wilderness, ELW 255

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod;
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
Make straight all the crooked places where God, our God, may go!*

*O Jerusalem, herald good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their king.
Like flowers of the field we perish, like grass our works decay;
The power and the pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.*

*But the word of our Savior is faithful, the arm of our God is strong,
Who stands in the midst of the nations and soon will right the wrong.
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd, the lambs so gently hold;
In pastures of peace now lead them, and bring them to your fold.*

In this season of reopening and restoration at Shepherd, let us be mindful of God's leadership and unbroken promise to be with us always. God has presented "new wine" to us as we have traveled through a year of isolation and deprivation, offering us new ways to worship, reminding us of the joy we experienced in these strikingly different venues, in our cars, at our computers, on social media platforms, in tiny Zoom boxes. We continue to be the church in the world!

Of the Father's Love Begotten, ELW 295

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.*

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, Holy Spirit, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory
Evermore and evermore! Amen.*

So what shall we do with the "new wine" of change and creativity that has been prepared for us during this wilderness experience? Shall we attempt to pour it back into our comfortable, traditional "old wine skins" of our ways of worship and community? (Note to self: the old skins will burst with this new, life-giving wine!) Shall we embrace and celebrate what we have discovered, having been forced by circumstances to envision new ways of gathering together and praising our God? I believe that the change that we have undergone together will serve to move our faith community forward in a bold new adventure of worship and communion!

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You, ELW 312

*Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.*

*Jesus, come! in new creation, heaven brought near in power divine;
Give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith of your disciples – come, our first and greatest Sign!*

*Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!*

Jesus, come! Lead us in your pathways! Restore our souls! Remind us of the joy of our salvation! Fill us with patience and perseverance! Let us be bold in our new ways to express our gratitude and worship!

*O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Psalm 96*

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist

‘Let’s not keep doing things just because we always have.’ That’s the idea many service groups are pondering, and WELCA is no different. What makes sense and builds a stronger and more cohesive congregation? How does WELCA fit in with the mission of the church as a whole?

The pandemic gave us a chance to see our activity in a new light. The months of minimal activity gave us a chance to reflect and refresh. We’re still deciding and researching our next steps.

Many thanks to Barb Tuttle who convened the mighty quilters for some fast assembly in April. They are now adjourned for the summer. And thanks to the WELCA board as we ask the big questions and determine what’s next.

WELCA Prayer Chain

The WELCA Prayer Chain continues to serve all the members and friends of SOTB for prayer requests.

To send a Prayer Request:

1. **Send an email to Cheri Boock at cheriboock@gmail.com**
2. State the request with wording that you want for the request. Make sure you have received permission from the person in need of the request.
3. The request will be sent when received by Cheri.
4. The Prayer Chain members always are glad to receive a report of how the person is doing as they are sending out their prayers, so if you request a prayer for someone, please let us know how that person is doing.

If you want to be included as a recipient of the Prayer Chain, and pray for those in need, contact Cheri Boock at 920-854-5493 or cell 920-421-1210 or the above email.

Knit and Crochet

We have received a donation of yarn. If you would like to knit or crochet sweaters for Lutheran World Relief or winter hats and scarves for various local organizations, please stop by the parlor and pick out some yarn. If you need a sweater pattern, talk to Barb Tuttle or see Carol in the church office.

Book Selections for Shepherd of the Bay Book Group – 2021

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

June 17, 2021

Benedict, Marie. **The Only Woman in the Room**. 2019. – Novel based on adventurous life of Hedy Lamarr, who escaped from the Third Reich in Austria, where she had married an arms dealer for the Nazis. When she became a major film star in Hollywood few knew that she was a scientist who could help the Allies in the war effort to defeat Nazism.

July 15, 2021

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

Building and Grounds Committee

Building Maintenance

Sanctuary AV System – The issue with the Pastor’s microphone broadcasting to the Fellowship Hall despite the system being turned off has been resolved. It turned out that there were a couple of paths within the software that were not correct.

HVAC System – A minor problem with the furnace supplying the offices was fixed the last week of April. The AC system annual maintenance has been done, so we will be comfortable inside this summer.

Grounds

Walking Paths - A new path from the east end of the parking lot leading to the path along the south property line has been cut. This new path avoids the SE corner of the property where the poison ivy is located.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

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

Sanctuary AV Operators

If you would be interested in learning how to operate the sanctuary AV system, please contact Tom Tuttle. The system is very easy to use. Operating the system involves showing the presentation for the service, operating the microphone controls and cameras. We are Live Streaming the Sunday morning service now, so no editing is required. You will not be involved in creating the presentations. Familiarity with presentation software (Power Point) is helpful. Ideally, several operators are needed so that a rotating schedule can be established.



Klaud's Pantry

Thanks to everyone who has faithfully donated items to Klaud's Pantry this past year. The need is great and we could not have done it without you. This Golden Heart Award from the United Way of Door County is shared by everyone.

Thanks for helping take care of our community!

Klaud's Pantry Wish List

Small packages of ground beef or chicken for the freezer

Cottage cheese

Milk

Eggs

Butter and/or margarine

Lunchmeat

Carrots and celery

String cheese

Hummus

Tortillas

Fresh or frozen fruit

Fresh or frozen juice

Fresh or frozen veg

Frozen Dinners or Pizzas

Lunch type items for kids now that school will be out soon.

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

May 17, 2021

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Dick Burress, Les Keepper, Edee Madsen, Ron Hupe, George Cobb, Cheryl Becht, Sue Daubner

Members on Zoom: Scott Eckdahl, Lori Pothast

The meeting was called to order by Les Keepper, standing in for Scott Eckdahl who joined the meeting remotely. The Council met in person at SOTB. Pastor Jim opened with a devotional on Acts 1 regarding the choosing of Mathias over Justice and a reading from the book of Isaiah. Also led in opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTHS MINUTES

There was an approval of last months minutes by Dick Burress and seconded by George Cobb

ADDITIONAL ITEMS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Scott Eckdahl added a move to add the permission to the Arbor Condo Association to hold their owners meeting at SOTB. This is the same weekend that Linda P. And the youth group will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine held at SOTB on that date, but she will meet in the sanctuary.

Les Keepper brought up the subject of Missions. Pastor Jim acknowledged the creation of a Strategic Planning Team.

Sue Daubner moved to accept the Agenda as given and Cheryl Becht seconded. Passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Ron Hupe gave out the treasurers report. We are down as of last month. Currently we are trending the same as last April. Motion to approve the Treasurers Report by Dick Burress, seconded by George Cobb Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PASTORS REPORT - In accordance with CDC revision of the guidelines, we will be continuing to observe social distancing but will be relaxing mask and Pre-registration. Because of the continuing attendance, we will continue the Parking Lot Church where parking will be at the parkers discretion.

Confirmation will be held on June 6 with 5 confirmands from 2020 and 1 from this year.

We will be cancelling the Sunday AM Zoom conversations. In person Tuesday Bible class will resume June

Also, Theology on Tap will start again in June and continue once a month.

We do not know at this point, when indoor Fellowship Hour will resume.

Cheryl Becht and Pastor Jim attended the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly. Four resolutions were passed "Opening the Way for Women, People of Color and LGBTQIA," "Support for ELCA World Hunger Efforts", "Participation in WELCA" and "On Becoming Anti-Racist". The four resolutions passed with a 97% majority vote.

2. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Tom Tuttle

The issue with Pastors' microphone has been resolved.

AA has been notified that they will need to meet in the choir room May 29 because of the Northland Condo Owners meeting.

Klaud's Pantry- 3 wall cabinets that used to hang in the Conference Room will be place in the curtain closet to provide additional shelf space.

A minor problem with the HVAC system has been resolved.

A new path from the east end of the parking lot leading to the path along the south property line has been cut. This avoids the area of poison ivy.

Tom will check with Camera Corner regarding what can be done to be able to support the FM broadcast directly from the Sanctuary System.

3. EDUCATION AND YOUTH – The high school youth group will participate in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine on Saturday, June 12.

Adopt a bench and a daffodil bulb sale begins July 1st to raise funds for those youth from SOTB who will participate in the National Youth Gathering July of 2022 in Minneapolis.

Summer "Wonderful Wednesdays" and "Four Families Around the Fire" plans will be announced in the June newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominating Committee Report – due before this Sunday, May 23. There are 4 openings and 1 acceptance so far.
2. Scholarship Fund Discussion – Werner Krause has expressed concern that this fund, is not being used. The suggestion, which he has noted in the past, is that these monies be handed over to a Community Association that would have the mechanics in place to advertise and distribute. Scott and Pastor Jim will verbally discuss this again with Werner. This account has different rules than the remainder of the Endowment Fund.
3. Edee Madsen presented a Golden Heart Award given by United Way to SOTB and to the various churches and organizations who were so helpful during the food drives.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Worship Plans – see Pastors report
2. Annual Meeting Update - Annual Meeting is this upcoming Sunday, May 23, 2021 after Sunday service. A member has requested time to speak during the Annual Meeting, it was agreed that he should speak to the Council as there will be no open mike during the Annual meeting. We also discussed the possibility of a Town Hall type of meeting in the future.

The next Council Meeting will be held Monday, June 21 at SOTB in the Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Daubner, Secretary



GARDEN CLUB

“Coffee. Garden. Coffee. Does a morning need anything else?”

by Betsy Canas Garman - author

YES!!! We need more volunteers to help maintain and improve SOTB grounds. Join us on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30. We're an equal opportunity group accepting all workers of various skill levels. We provide coffee, treats, weeds, dirt, tools, and camaraderie. We value your time commitment. Garden Club
920-854-9816



Vacation Bible School

Due to the inability to gather in large numbers and with younger children not being able to get vaccinated the community wide VBS - Paul & 1st Corinthians will be postponed until June of 2022.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Do you sometimes feel the need to talk to someone about a specific concern, be it a loss, major change, feeling alone or any number of things? Well you can. A Stephen Minister can be there for you, to listen, support and encourage you through whatever it may be.

For more information call Pastor Jim Honig at 920-854-2988 or Stan Whiteman 920-839-5481. All conversations are confidential

“What a Glorious Lord! He who daily bears our burdens also gives us our salvation.”

Psalms 68:19



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka
920-854-2988 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com



Sunday School
for ages 3 through grade 6

Sunday School!! Joyful Joyful Sunday School, in the Garage!!

Each Sunday throughout the summer at 9:25 a.m., we will meet in the big Garage for an outdoor Sunday School adventure! Parents sign in your children at drop off and sign out at pick up! Be sure to adhere to safety protocols; masks, hand sanitizing, etc. Check out the line up, and the fun we will have learning and growing in our faith formation!!

Sunday, June 6th Please join us in the Sanctuary this Sunday. Children remain with their families. Our children will have the opportunity to witness Confirmation!

Sunday, June 13th Today we will have Sunday School with the High School Youth who will be participating in the 30 Hour Famine! Come join them in the Garage for Sunday School!!

Sunday, June 20th Today we will partake in something special for the “dads” in our life! Including the ultimate Father; God!! Meet in the Garage!

Sunday, June 27th Today we will begin our Summer series on “Biblical Character Traits”! Our first theme, “Be Courageous Like Daniel”!! See you in the Garage!

HEADS UP! Mark your Calendars!!

“Parables in the Park”

a summer Wonderful Wednesday program coming up, beginning July 28th through August 25th!! Safety protocols in place, all day program for ages 4 thru grade 6!

Bible Stories and Skits, Arts and Crafts, Games and Recreation, Missions and Outreach, Music and more! Based on 5 special Parables! Stay tuned for details and registration information!!

Confirmation

Please join us for Confirmation Sunday, Sunday, June 6th! Our students have waited a really long time for this day to come, and we are so excited for them! If you have a card you would like to give to them, please leave them in Lynda’s office prior to June 6th and we will be sure they are presented to them!

Aria Lea Nordahl

Chloe Claire Alexander (date to be announced)

Jamie Sue Appel

Abigail Jean Nelson

Cailey Suzanne Reisen

Cooper Frederick Gaddes

Vanessa Arietta Demarinis

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

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

Little Lambs end of summer Reunion Picnic!! Dates and Time to be announced!



Congratulation to our High School Seniors!
May God Bless you on your next adventure!!



Rachata (Ray) Michael Birnschein

Fun memories pranking people on the youth trips to Texas and Kentucky.

Planing to attend NWTC in Green Bay for Auto Mechanic program

"Jesus wept." Is Ray's favorite bible verse because it's short to read.



Jackson Lee Hitzeman

Favorite memory: confirmation class with Jeremy Schwab and my classmates

Plans after HS: Double major in Computer Science and Math at UW Madison starting Fall 2021

Bible verse: Psalm 16:8
I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.



Payton James Thomas

Favorite memory: Youth backpacking trip to Lake Superior

Plans after HS: Attend the Marine Maritime Academy in Castine ME for Marine Transportation operations.

Bible Verse: Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth.



Eva Grace Olson

My favorite memory is making the quilts/blankets.

Plans after High School is to attend NWTC for dental hygiene.

Favorite Bible verse: *"I can do everything through in who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:13



Halleigh Lhost

Halleigh enjoyed Wonderful Wednesday and Confirmation.



A HUNGER-FREE WORLD
BEGINS WITH YOU | WORLD VISION'S
30 HOUR FAMINE

Youth 30 Hour Famine Sat., June 12th - Sun., June 13th!!

Please support our youth as they go hungry for 30 hours, partake in community service, and travel through the Bible, and have some quirky fun all in the same time frame, right here, under the stars at Shepherd of the Bay! To help the youth meet their goal of \$3000.00 to feed hungry kids across the globe, through World Vision, please see below for how to give.

WHAT: For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world.

WHY: Every 7 seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Give.** Every \$40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. You can make checks out to World Vision and give them to a participating youth, Lynda, bring them to the church office, or visit our fundraising page at 30hourfamine.org/team/23644, or text **GIVE30HF** to **44888**.
2. **Volunteer.** We need your help to make our weekend a success! There are lots of ways to help out.
3. **Pray.** Ask for God's grace over our event and our fundraising, and that we grow deeper in our love for Him while helping change the lives of kids who are hungry.

WHEN: Saturday, June 12th-Sunday June 13th

OUR GOAL: We're raising \$3000 to help feed and care for 75 kids for a month.

CONTACT: Lynda Pietruszka Txt 720-227-4079 sotb.lynda@gmail.com

ENOUGH
FOR ALL

Synod Assembly

The Synod Assembly of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin was held virtually on May 14-15. Pr. Jim and Cheryl Becht were the delegates from Shepherd of the Bay. This was the annual business meeting of the synod. The budget was passed as proposed. Dr. Ann Madsen was the plenary speaker and bible study leader. Elections were held for synod council and other committees, as well as delegates to the Churchwide Assembly. The following resolutions were passed, all with more than 97% assent.

Resolution #1

Opening the Way for Women, People of Color, and LGBTQIA+ Candidates For Rostered Ministry

WHEREAS, the body of Christ is made of a collection of diverse images of God; and WHEREAS, God calls us to work for peace for all people through justice; and

WHEREAS, women, people of color, and LGBTQIA+ candidates wait longer for calls than their white, straight, male, cis gendered colleagues; and

WHEREAS, the ELCA is one of the least racially diverse denomination in the US (see below); and WHEREAS, representation in leadership matters; and



QUICK FACTS AT A GLANCE

Opening the Way

This resolution aims to have rostered leaders in call facilitate discussion with their congregations regarding future openness to diverse candidates.

A discussion guide for these conversations is in the works.

Average Wait Times FOR 1ST CALL CANDIDATES

White Male Candidates



On average, white male candidates receive a call within 6 months of assignment

Queer Candidates



On average, candidates identifying as members of the LGBTQIA+ community wait for 2-5 years for a first call

Female Candidates



On average, female candidates wait for 7-12 months for a call

People of Color



On average, people of color wait for 7-12 months for a call

Intersectionality

The theory that the overlap of various social identities, as race, gender, sexuality, and class, contributes to the specific type of systemic oppression and discrimination experienced by an individual.

When candidates are any combination of queer, female, or a person of color, they experience greater wait times for call.

Sources: • Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries
• Data retrieved from the ELCA Office of the Secretary
• Dictionary.com

How Racially Diverse Are U.S. Religious Groups?

% of each religious group in each racial/ethnic category, and each group's diversity score on the Herfindahl-Hirschman index

	White	Black	Asian	Mix/ Other	Latino	Index
Seventh-day Adventist	37%	32	8	8	15	9.1
Muslim	38	28	28		3 4	8.7
Jehovah's Witness	36	27	6		32	8.6
Buddhist	44	3	33	8	12	8.4
"Nothing in particular"	64		12	5 5	15	6.9
Catholic	59	33 2		34		6.7
All U.S. adults	66		12	4 4	15	6.6
Assemblies of God	66		3 5		25	6.2
Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.)	65		3 3		28	6.2
Churches of Christ	69			16	4 10	6.1
American Baptist Churches USA	73			10	5 11	5.5
Atheist	78			3 7 2	10	4.7
Agnostic	79			3 4 4	9	4.5
Presbyterian Church in America	80			6 3 5	6	4.4
Orthodox Christian	81			8 3 2	6	4.2
Anglican Church	83				12 4	3.7
Church of God in Christ	5	84			4 8	3.5
Southern Baptist Convention	85			6 5 3		3.4
Mormon	85				5 8	3.4
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	88			5 3 4		2.8
Church of the Nazarene	88			2 3 7		2.7
Unitarian	88			7 4		2.7
United Church of Christ	89			8 2		2.5
Jewish	90			2 2 4		2.3
Episcopal Church	90			4 3 2		2.3
Hindu	4 2		91		2	2.1
United Methodist Church	94				2 2	1.4
African Methodist Episcopal Church	2	94			3	1.4
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	95				2 2	1.2
Evang. Lutheran Church in America	96				2	1.0
National Baptist Convention		99				0.2

Source: 2014 Religious Landscape Study.

Note: Figures may not add to 100% due to rounding. Blacks, whites, Asians and others/mixed include only those who are not Latino. Latinos include people of all races.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

▲ MORE DIVERSE
▼ LESS DIVERSE

WHEREAS, the covid-19 pandemic is leading to burnout of clergy and a push toward transitions of call; and WHEREAS, faithful discernment in the calling of pastoral candidates takes time and discussion facilitated by trusted leaders; and

WHEREAS, the first time many congregations engage in conversation about calling women, people of color, and LGBTQIA+ candidates is when they are just about to or have already entered the call process

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that all congregations of the ECSW, especially those with a called pastor, begin conversation and discernment on the future calling of women, people of color, and LGBTQIA+ candidates; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that congregations in conversation also create action plans for making their congregation a safer working, living, and ministry environment for women, people of color, and LGBTQIA+ pastors through a commitment to education, training, continued prayerful discernment, and systemic change; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that congregations will utilize an *Opening the Way* discussion guide that is in process of being developed and will be made available to all congregations .

Resolution #2

Support HCA World Hunger Efforts

WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger provides immediate relief to those who are hungry, and connects people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, for long-term, sustainable change, and

WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger effectively reaches more places than we could ever do alone by working with congregations, global companion churches, Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service , Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, and by funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, and

WHEREAS, ELCA World Hunger engages members of the ELCA through education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty, and we believe that God uses our hands to serve and love our neighbor, and uses our voices through our advocacy efforts to restore our world, and that through faithful advocacy we live out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that our synod congregations support ELCA World Hunger through deliberate giving opportunities, engaged education and meaningful advocacy at

[http:// www.elca.org/ hunger](http://www.elca.org/hunger). and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that our synod congregations are encouraged to increase their giving to ELCA World Hunger by participating in Souper Bowl Sunday, Good Gifts, or the 40 Days of Lent ; and educate members by encouraging members to sign up for Action Alerts at [http:// support.elca.org/](http://support.elca.org/) , hold an adult or confirmation education hour about ELCA Daily Bread grants and to follow ELCA World Hunger on Facebook at [https:// www.facebook .com/ ELCAworldhunger/](https://www.facebook.com/ELCAworldhunger/)

Submitted by the Global Mission Team of the East Central Synod of WI.

Resolution #3

Participation in WELCA

WHEREAS, all confirmed female members of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) are members of the Women of the ELCA (WELCA), and

WHEREAS, the WELCA Purpose Statement is "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world." And

WHEREAS, as members, women have a voice in determining funding of the Women of the ELCA projects their offerings support,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that women in ECSW congregations be encouraged to contact our synodical women's organization (SWO) of the East Central Synod's board members for information regarding forming a congregational unit or enhancing their connections. (Board member info is on the synod website: <https://ecsw.org/welca-2/>) . and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that we encourage members to use resources about upcoming events, devotions, Bible studies, such as The Open Door (quarterly), subscribe to the Gather magazine, the Daily Grace email devotions or Bold Cafe.

Resolution was submitted by Women of the ELCA of the East Central Synod of WI. Deb Martin, SWO President debmartin04@gmail.com

Supporting information referenced above:

Open Door : SPaulson1949@gmail.com

Gather : <https://www.gathermagazine.org/>

Daily Grace: [https:// www.womenofthelca.org/blog/news/daily-grace](https://www.womenofthelca.org/blog/news/daily-grace)

Bold Cafe: [https:// www.womenofthelca.org /?s=bold+cafe](https://www.womenofthelca.org/?s=bold+cafe)

Resolution #4

ON BECOMING ANTI-RACIST

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that racism exists in our country, our state, our communities, our churches and within each of us, and

WHEREAS, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) has actively promoted anti-racism by providing opportunities for clergy and lay persons to receive anti-racism education, and

WHEREAS, by our baptismal promise, we are to "care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace", and

WHEREAS, we know that any change requires action , and

WHEREAS, anti-racism best occurs in relationship, and

WHEREAS, the churches of ECSW have few Black/Brown/Asian members,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

THEREFORE, that the ECSW churches:

- provide opportunities for conversation with indigenous groups in our synod, such as the Church of the Wilderness, the sole indigenous church in our synod,
- search out ways to forge relationships with people of Black, Brown, and Asian descent, bridging new understandings,
- provide opportunities for discussion and learning about anti-racism with their members,
- take action to reach out in their communities, engaging in conversation to consider the steps needed to bring justice and equity for all, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

THEREFORE, that as the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, we elevate our efforts to work collectively toward becoming anti-racist, striving to grow in relationship as peoples created in the image of God and sharing the love of God with all the people of our global family.

Initial Actions for Consideration:

- Access the Diversity Coordinator available in larger communities, i.e. Appleton & Green Bay.
- Community Facebook pages will announce events where you are likely to meet members of minority communities.
- Attend local meetings often held in community centers or local libraries - listen, learn and make connections.
- Through United Way or local school district data, become aware of ethnic populations, and where they live in your city or county .
- Research which indigenous people once lived on the land where your church is built.

Lessons for June

June 6 : Second Sunday After Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13- -5:1

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Introduction to the readings: A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

June 13 : Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13]14-17

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Introduction to the readings: The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

June 20 : Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Job 38:1-11

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Introduction to the readings: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

June 27: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:22-33

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Holy Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Introduction to the readings: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Readers

6/6	Connie Glowacki
6/13	George Cobb
6/20	Gail Prine
6/27	Paul Lings

Memorials

Gladys Austgen - Music Fund

Tom MacDonald

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

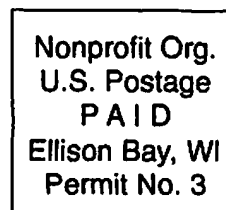
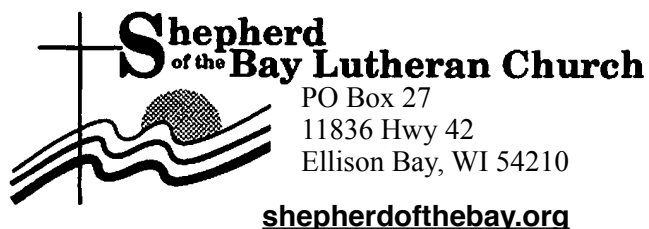
Beginning June 1st, Pastor Jim's Bible study will again be held in person in the fellowship hall at church.

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

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

30 Hour Famine





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30 Hour Famine

WHAT: For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world.

WHY: Every 7 seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Give.** Every \$40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. You can make checks out to World Vision and give them to a participating youth, Lynda, bring them to the church office, or visit our fundraising page at 30hourfamine.org/team/23644, or text **GIVE30HF** to **44888**.
2. **Volunteer.** We need your help to make our weekend a success! There are lots of ways to help out.
3. **Pray.** Ask for God's grace over our event and our fundraising, and that we grow deeper in our love for Him while helping change the lives of kids who are hungry.

WHEN: Saturday, June 12th-Sunday June 13th


OUR GOAL: We're raising \$3000 to help feed and care for 75 kids for a month.

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