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ALL YOU CAN EAT



SPAGHETTI SUPPER
& BAKE SALE
SATURDAY - JULY 27
4:30 - 7:00
SHEPHERD OF THE BAY LUTHERAN CHURCH
HWY. 42 ELLISON BAY
ADULT: \$10.00
STUDENT: \$8.00 (12-18)
CHILD: \$6.00 (6-11)
(5 AND UNDER - FREE)
PROCEEDS GIVEN TO:
MISSIONS PROJECTS
DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS
Assisted by THRIVENT FINANCIAL

25th Anniversary of Shepherd of the Bay Church

Please join us for the weekend of July 21st for our formal celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church. On Saturday evening, Mark Mummert will be our recitalist for an anniversary organ recital. Mr. Mummert is one of the most well-known and accomplished church musicians within the ELCA. He is a performer, composer, and one of the strongest voices in shaping the worship life of our church. He has put together a program that honors our anniversary, including a set of improvised variations on a hymn that has become important to the Shepherd of the Bay community, "This My Church Shall Be."

On Sunday morning, we'll celebrate with festival worship. We'll recognize the anniversary of the church and also honor those who were so instrumental in the success of the early years of our congregation. In particular, we'll recognize Virginia Hanson whose donation of land made this site possible, Erv Hitzeman for his role in shepherding the building of the first church, and Pastor Bruce Foster whose pastoral leadership carried the congregation through those first important years. We will also have good news to propel us into the next 25 years. What a great celebration this will be!

Finally, it's beginning to feel a little more like summer. We had some sunny weather last week, and some warmer temperatures; the combination turns my thoughts to grilling out on the deck, to packing a lunch and heading to our favorite picnic spot.

And it makes me think of that time when Jesus provided a picnic lunch for a crowd of thousands. Remember that story? (You can read it in Matthew 14: 13-21. Go ahead.

I'll wait.) (Thanks for coming back.) The crowds were following Jesus and he was taking care of their every need. Though he was trying to get away for some R and R, Jesus put away his own needs and responded to the needs of the crowd. Jesus opened his hand and satisfied their desires. For the morning, through lunch, through the heat of the afternoon sun, the deaf, the blind, the lame, the demon-possessed, waited in line to receive what Jesus had to offer. And then it came to the end of the day. And they didn't go home. They sat and waited for their own turn, to see what would happen next, for who knows what.

The disciples, on the other hand, just wanted the day to be over. The crowd stood in the way of their own comfort and rest. As long as the crowd was there, they would not be able to knock off for the day. Jesus asks those same weary and impatient disciples to feed the crowd. And the response of the disciples brings a chuckle of recognition, for I see myself in their response. I hear sarcasm borne of frustration and exhaustion. "Yeah, right, Jesus. Feed them. We have these five tiny loaves of bread and a couple of fish that are about to go bad. Yeah, that'll be enough." (In your best sarcastic voice.)

To their surprise, it was enough. It was enough. Jesus took what they had and it was enough. In that wilderness setting — itself an image of lostness and wandering and scarcity — Jesus took what they had and it was enough. Enough for everyone. Jesus took meager supply of food accompanied by the disciples' frustrated disbelief and he served and it was enough. Jesus set the table and gave the people what money could not buy. To the crowds he served dignity and compassion. To the sick and the ones caring for them, he served healing and hope. To the hungry he served real food. Jesus, in compassion for those around him and trusting in God's goodness and provision, saw possibilities where the disciples only saw limitations. He takes what is there, gives thanks, and gives it away trusting that God will find it to be enough.

What a powerful lesson for us, the ones who have been called to carry on that mission of Jesus. It's not a zero sum game. God doesn't operate on the notion that providing for others means less for me. We don't have to fret about whether we will have enough. Instead, we are invited to give thanks for what we have, put it to use for those around us, and see just how far God might stretch it and multiply it. Jesus' action with the crowd on that day is a promise to be heard and received. God promises to take what we offer with thanksgiving and use it, stretch it, even multiply it to make sure it's enough. Enough for us, enough for those around us. God intends to be at work in us and through this community of faith. God is not done doing good to us and for us and through us. What we have is enough. You are enough. We are enough. Good news indeed!

In the middle of June, we had a great celebration to honor and give thanks for the ministry of Jane Burress. We wish her God's richest blessings as she moves into the next chapter of her life. In the meantime, you may be wondering how things stand with the next person to serve as our Director of Youth and Family ministry. In short, that search has been frustrating. Since January, the leaders of the church have been putting out the word that we are looking for someone new. After finding no one locally, we made a commitment to making the position full-time in the hope that we could attract a young, gifted person from outside the area. We posted the job position on dozens of our ELCA college placement services. To this point, the response has been disappointing. We are now exploring a number of options for recruitment and will let you now how that goes. In the meantime, we are making plans for the fall to insure that the most vital ministries to our youth and families are covered on an interim basis.

I hope you have marked on your calendar the weekend of July 21. It's the weekend of our formal celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church. On Saturday evening, Mark Mummert will be our recitalist for an anniversary organ recital. Mr. Mummert is one of the most well-known and accomplished church musicians within the ELCA. He is a performer, composer, and one of the strongest voices in shaping the worship life of our church. He has put together a program that honors our anniversary, including a set of improvised variations on a hymn that has become important to the Shepherd of the Bay community, "This My Church Shall Be."

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And what an exciting time to be the church! And what a gift for all of us together to be called into ministry in this place. Thanks be to God!!



The season of Choir Lite is upon us. In the busyness of summers, church choirs often take a vacation from organized singing, cancelling their midweek rehearsals and offering solos and small ensembles instead of a full choir for Sunday services. Everyone needs a break, right? Not the Sanctuary Choir at Shepherd of the Bay!

For many years, a tradition of year-round singing has been embraced by this dedicated choral group. Every Sunday, no matter the season, this choir participates in the worship of the church by singing an anthem and helping to lead the assembly in song and praise. But if you look closely, the membership of the choir changes in the summer. Familiar faces disappear for a Sunday or two (these singers are off visiting family and friends), new faces appear during the season (friends who vacation for a week or two in Door County, who sing in their home congregations and sing with us when they are here) and our seasonal singers return (those folks who spend their winters in warmer climates and are welcomed home to Shepherd in the beauty of summers in Wisconsin). What a delightful time of year to be a singer at Shepherd of the Bay!

So how does the concept of Choir Lite work? Who is invited to sing with this group? What's the commitment required in order to participate? It's simple, really. Here it is: Y'all come!

Come to the choir rehearsal room at 8:45 Sunday mornings. There is no audition process, no long-term commitment for Choir Lite, no robes to wear. We gather together, rehearse the anthem of the day and any other special music needed for the service and then proceed to the choir loft for the service. That's Choir Lite in the summer at Shepherd!

If you love to sing with your home choir and find yourself in northern Door for a Sunday or two, you are welcome to sing with us. If you are a member of Shepherd of the Bay and love to sing, but normally sit in the assembly pews, come and sing with us for a Sunday or a season. If you enjoy listening to this choir and would like to experience this group from the inside, come and lend your voice to our efforts. You will find a comfortable seat in the season of Choir Lite.

Y'all come! We'll look for you on Sunday mornings in the summer months. We'll save a seat for you.

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director

July Organ Concert

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m.** here at Shepherd of the Bay for the first of our summer organ concerts presented by

Mark Mummert

Cantor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester, MA

Mark has maintained an active career as an organist, conductor, professional singer, and composer. As a composer, Mark was involved with composing the first musical setting of Holy Communion in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006). As an organist, he has appeared at the conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Institute of Liturgical Studies At Valparaiso University. He will present a wonderful program of organ music in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church. His program will include works by J. S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Dietrich Buxtehude, Janet Correll, David Aaron Miller, Gerald Near, Ned Rorem, and Charles-Marie Widor.

So, make sure to save the date, **Saturday, July 20th**, and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music with Mark Mummert.

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:

Dr. Steven Wentz **Saturday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Professor of Music at Concordia University in Chicago (River Forest)

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.

Women of the ELCA are busy planning the Spaghetti Supper to be held on **July 27 4:30-7:00pm**. Please plan on attending this event and bring your friends. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year for WELCA. All of the proceeds will benefit our missions. WELCA is also planning on participating in Lutheran World Relief's School Kit Ministry. Watch this space next month for more information. The Knitting/Crochet group continues to meet on Thursday morning in the parlor. Please join us as we knit or crochet hats, scarves, mittens and sweaters to keep children warm this winter. Some of you have noticed that we have had perennial plants for sale in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday after Church. A big thank you to Grace Rossman and others who have generously donated these plants. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Change Bucket. WELCA was able to buy \$150 in Piggly Wiggly gift cards last month for our struggling neighbors.

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

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

Don't forget to use the **CHANGE BUCKET**- you can make a change in someone's life by putting a donation in the CHANGE BUCKET on Sunday during the Fellowship Hour. Your donation goes to purchase gift cards for the Piggly Wiggly that are given to help those in need to purchase needs not covered by SNAP cards.

Social 6 Continues in July. Watch for announcements when new groups start in August. Also check the WELCA bulletin board outside the church office for more information. Questions? Call Cheri Boock (920) 854-5493.

Book Group Selections

July 18 - Michelle Obama's Becoming, 2018 - Story of a young girl from the South Side of Chicago who grows up to become the First Lady of the United States.

August 15 - David Grann's Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, 2017. - True story of the Osage tribe of Oklahoma. In the 1920's oil was discovered beneath their land bringing the tribe members great wealth. Then they began to be killed off - one by one. The FBI, newly formed, began to investigate with local help and uncovered a sinister, deadly conspiracy.

Knit and Crochet

Join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am in the church parlor for knitting and crocheting. All abilities are welcome.

We are also accepting donations of yarn (partial skeins are ok). You can put them on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall or bring them to the church office. If you have any questions, talk to Barb Tuttle.

Thanks! The Knotty Knitters

The WELCA Board will meet on July 9th at 1pm in the parlor.

If you would like to know more about what WELCA does, you are welcome to join us.

JULY EVENTS

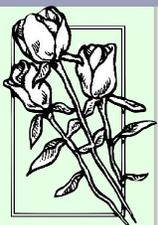
July 9 - **Board Meeting**
- 1:00pm Parlor

July 11, 18, 25
- **Knit & Crochet Group**
- 9:15 - 11:15am Parlor

July 18 - **Book Group**
- 9:30am Call Gretchen Farwell (920) 854-6203 for more information and location.

July 27 **Spaghetti Supper**
- 4:30 - 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

A very happy birthday to two of our Rose Club members in July. Virginia Hanson



will turn 95 on July 15th and Gen Follingstad will be 93 on July 28th. You both are an inspiration and a blessing to us all.



MEAL MINISTRY
contact for
July is Penny Scheller
(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.

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, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Theis or me. If none of us are around, drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you for using the message holder and helping to identify things that need to be done.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will not be meeting this summer. We will reconvene if events warrant or in September.

Projects

- Sanctuary New AV System** – Camera Corner came in May 28th to service the system. They installed an updated version of software that to date has resolved the issue we had with the display screens not working earlier in May.

- Available** – the old sound system amplifiers and speakers are available for anyone interested. All the components are in working order. Contact Tom Tuttle.

Building Maintenance

- Narthex Bubbler** – Unfortunately the bubbler was found leaking 3 days after the plumber came in to repair it. It has been turned off and may need to be replaced.

- Siding** – Thank you, Tim West for washing the NW wall of the sanctuary behind the alter. It looks really good.

- Kids Tile Mural** – The tile mural was rehung in the Fellowship Hall it time for Jane's retirement party. It needs a little grout work to replace the grout that came off when the frame was removed. The morning prayer sign has been relocated to the southwest wall of the Fellowship Hall.

Garden Club –

- Repaired the north lawn behind the alter from the damage done when the electrical trench was dug for the Bus Barn.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

Garden Club VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

While the Garden Club has a small corps of regular volunteers gathering each Thursday morning, more help is needed! Please, if you enjoy working outside with yardwork, are looking for a way to serve SOTB, and would enjoy camaraderie with a nice group of fellow church members, join us for this great opportunity! The Garden Club meets Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 and works on many assorted landscaping tasks. "Members" mow, trim, sweep, fertilize, tidy up, edge, weed-wack, blow the walkways and driveway, etc. – efforts that show church pride and present a neat, attractive property as we welcome hundreds of church members and visitors each week for services, meetings, concerts, and weddings.

There is no weekly commitment or experience required, and you can come for part of the scheduled time or all. Tools and direction are provided, and there are activities for all abilities. Garden Club members especially enjoy our break for conversation and refreshments! Shepherd of the Bay is the place to be on Thursday mornings! Church members and friends are all invited!

Thank you to Brandon Vanderlinden of Wedges. He donated his time, skid steer, and labor to level the trench to the new garage.

Thank You

To the Wonderful Wednesday Kids and Jane!

Words can't express what a pleasure it has been working with Jane and the Wonderful Wed Team for approximately 20 years! We were blessed by Jane's strong faith and her love for Jesus.

The beautiful tied soft flannel blankets that you made and surprised us with brought tears to our eyes when you presented them to each of us at our last wonderful Wed Super Hero party. We are indeed grateful and thankful to the many children who honored us with this special gift.

Jesus Love You and we do too!

Kristi Appel & Eloise Lindem



Vacation Bible School

Thanks to everyone who helped with VBS. It truly takes a village. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up, all the tribal leaders, all the crafters (adults and teens), everyone who helped with the skits, all the kids for being in the skits, the pastors who were storytellers, those who helped with the lunch on Friday, and those who helped with the preparations and planning. We couldn't do it without you!

We have already started planning for next year. Join us for the stories of Paul and 1st Corinthians: Faith, Hope and Love!

World Marketplace

Check out our selection of Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate Bars located in the fellowship hall.

The Marketplace is open every Sunday across the hall from the Pastor's office. We have that perfect gift for any occasion. All proceeds go to help artisans around the world support themselves and their families.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

CONFIDENTIAL!

Stephen Ministry is confidential!

Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship. We all experience situations that may leave us feeling vulnerable. When we discuss our feelings and open up to others, we trust the other person. This trust is based on feeling confident that the information is not going to be shared.

Stephen Ministers take a vow of confidentiality! They do not share vital information about the relationship. They walk with the care receiver, not talk about the care receiver. The identity of care receivers is not shared.

Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry!

If you want to talk to someone about having a care giver, talk to Pastor Jim, Stan Whiteman or call the church office.

Food Pantry Collection for July

Food Pantry Collection - July - Amber Waves of Grain

As we celebrate the birthday of the USA, let's remember what a great country we live in by donating healthy whole grains to the food pantry. For ex. Brown Rice, Canned Kernel Corn, Popcorn, Bulger Wheat, Pearled Barley, Whole Wheat Crackers, Whole Grain Pasta, etc.

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

Pray for families who struggle to make ends meet.



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Jane Burress



This will be my last youth ministry news. I want to thank you for the wonderful retirement celebration and all of the wonderful cards/messages, gifts, and the generous gift of money you gave me. I appreciate all of the details that went into the worship service and fellowship afterwards. It was a special and memorable day for me. It's been a joy being part of this ministry at Shepherd of the Bay. I have always felt the support of our church family and for that I am very grateful. I have so many wonderful memories to take with me. I'm thankful to God for leading me on this journey and for all of the lives that touched mine along the way.

Thank you to everyone who supported Vacation Bible School. It takes a lot of people to make it happen and Shepherd of the Bay is always well represented.



Thank you to Pastor Jim for taking the confirmation youth to camp and to all those who support our fundraising efforts throughout the year. It sounds like it was a great week for them. *Confirmation pic left. Youth Group Louisville pic right.*



The youth group trip to Kentucky went well. I had a great group of young people to share my last trip with. Our group went separate ways during the week. Below is an entry from Anthony Casanas, one of the youth members on the trip. Thank you to John Zacek for going along with us, to Dick Burress for cleaning the church bus when we returned, and to the congregation for supporting fundraisers that keep the costs affordable for our families.



Submitted by Anthony Casanas
 The Shepherd of the Bay Youth Group went on a mission trip to Louisville Kentucky, led by Youth Works. This mission trip was the last trip for the Seniors and the youth leader, Jane Burress. The mission trip included having the participants have devotion time, group talks, and service hours. The service hours were all of the participants going to a wide variety of places to help. Our youth group split up for the service hours with other groups. Half of the group went to a program called Salvation Army. The Salvation Army had a program that reaches out to kids in the community to help them learn and grow to have a healthier life. They continued going to the Salvation Army the whole week, while the other half of our youth group went to a multitude of places. Consisting of a soup kitchen called Franciscan Kitchen, Thrift & Thrive, and playing games with elderly at a nursing home, to have an entertaining afternoon. All through June 9th to June 14th. This will always be a memorable week for everyone in the youth group that attended the trip. Thank you!



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting June 24, 2019

Scott Henry, President called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Scott Henry, Les Keepper, Ron Hupe, Cheryl Becht, George Cobb, Alicia Kropuenske, Lori Pothast, John Skogsbakken, Pastor Honig, Edee Madsen & Scott Eckdahl.

Cheryl Becht opened our meeting with a devotion on Matthew 10.

A recommendation was made to change the next council meeting to Monday July 22, 2019 at 5:00pm. Ron Hupe made a motion to accept the agenda with the meeting change, second by George Cobb. Motion carried.

We took a few minutes to talk about what we loved most about Door County summers. We also discussed the assigned reading from Chapter 5, Pastor/Congregation. There was good discussion on what shared ministry looks like. The assigned reading for next month is Chapter 6: Planned/Discerned. Several council members talked about their experience with relational meetings with members/non-members of the congregation.

Minutes from the May 21st, 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Eckdahl, second by Les Keepper. Motion carried.

Ron Hupe presented the Treasurer's report. Expenses were lower than budget but income was also lower than budget by more than \$5,400 this month. There were no unusual expenses during the month of May. Ron wrote off the A/C Bus Barn & A/C Enhanced Worship accounts against the A/C Memorial Fund. He also merged the concert fund with the music fund. Motion was made by John Skogsbakken, second by Cheryl Becht to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Committee reports were given by the following with a motion made by Cheryl Becht second by Alicia Kropuenske to accept the reports as given.

1. Pastor Honig reported on the success of Confirmation camp for the four girls that attended. They embraced all the opportunities and got a lot out of the week. There was a nice response to the first of 4 Earthkeeping studies at adult Faith Formation. There was also a great turnout for Jane's retirement service. It was great to see all the families there. The Stewardship for All Seasons process has kicked off. There is a lot of work to do between now and August 18th. The campaign will go for 6 weeks starting August 18th. We are moving forward with the film series with St. Lukes Episcopol and the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Door County.

2. Property & Grounds: Camera Corner came to service the system and install an update. The old sound system amplifiers and speakers are available for anyone interested. Many items have been accomplished over the past month. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped keep Shepherd of the Bay looking great. Preparations are in the works for the 25th anniversary celebration. Questions regarding outside groups using the Church are being clarified by Council.

3. Education & Youth: Jane thanked everyone for the support over the years. She had a great mission trip with the High School Youth. Thank you to John Zacek for chaperoning.

New Business: The Council spent a little time in small groups discussing what our strengths are as a Church, where we see opportunity and where we would like to be in the future. The is in preparation for the Stewardship for All Seasons campaign that will be kicking off August 18th.

Old Business:

1. Leadership for Bridges: Jim & Nancy Marsho will be leading the July 9th Bridges event at Shepherd of the Bay.

2. Youth Director update: Nothing new to report at this time. There is a great need to keep up the programming while we are looking to fill this position. We will need to cover Sunday School, Wonderful Wednesdays, HS Youth group, Confirmation & the mentor program. If anyone would like to help out with these programs in the interim, please contact one of your council members.

3. Outside use of Church fee was agreed upon as follows with a motion made by Alicia Kropuenske to accept the new fee structure, second by Cheryl Becht. Motion carried. The below schedule will be printed out and kept in the church office.

Shepherd of the Bay welcomes community groups and other organizations to use our building for a variety of purposes. Because each outside use must be approved by the Shepherd of the Bay Church Council, please make your request as soon as possible so that approval can be obtained and the reservation for your event assured.

Each organization must provide a certificate of liability insurance at the time of the request.

While there is no formal fee for the use of the building, Shepherd of the Bay still incurs the cost of utilities, upkeep, and maintenance. In order to help pay forward the use of the building well into the future, we suggest a donation be made to the church according to the following schedule:

- Use of classroom or meeting room, \$50 suggested donation, \$50 custodial fee
- Use of Fellowship Hall, \$150 suggested donation, \$75 custodial fee
- Use of Sanctuary, \$250, plus \$100 custodial fee
- Use of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, \$350 plus \$150 custodial fee

Checks for the custodial fee should be made payable to our custodian, Kim Madke-Shumway.

If the use of the sound system or projection system is required, an additional fee of \$125 is required to secure the services of one of our trained system operators. That check is to be made out to the individual operator whose name will be supplied a few weeks prior to the event.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer & singing of the Doxology. Next meeting will be Monday, July 22, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Sincerely,
Alicia Kropuenske, Council Secretary

Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAM

THE CONVERSATION PROJECT

WHEN: Sunday July 28 @ 4:00pm

WHERE: First Baptist Church, Sister Bay

SPEAKERS: Jim Honig, Pastor Shepherd of the Bay

The Conversation Project was launched in 2010 to bring people together to talk about end of life decisions and how people want to express their individual wishes. As recently as a 2018 study, 92% of Americans surveyed said it is important to discuss this topic; 32% have had that discussion and 53% say it is a relief to discuss. **Come hear Pastor Jim Honig talk about how to start this important conversation with your family and friends.**

www.NorthernDoorHealthWellness.com

Lessons for July



July 7 : Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14

Second Lesson: Galatians 6:7-16

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Introduction to the readings: God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

July 14 : Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Introduction to the readings: To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

July 21 : Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Introduction to the readings: Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

July 28 : Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Introduction to the readings: Persistence in prayer evoked the admiration of Jesus and wins the attention of the Lord when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus the Lord—is to be rooted in prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

July Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: Greg & Debbie Casperson 854-4123

Ken & Carole Bergner 839-2036

Fred & Cindy Acker 839-9170
 Joan Carlson 854-2419
 Dwight & Linda Davis 854-1182
 Jim & Joanne Gustafson 854-6030
 Gail Klima 421-3141
 Paul & Anne Lings 854-5334
 Don & Lynne Luker 421-0591
 Jim & Dorothy McDowell 309-532-4460
 Eugene & Cheryl Olson 854-2490
 Jan Peterson 309-824-1673
 Scott Theis 854-9816
 Ashton & June Waller 868-1777
 Curt & Roxie Wiltse 854-5143
 Joyce & Lance Voeltner 854-3024

August Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: John & Pat Skogsbakken 854-1133

Tom & Barb Tuttle 920-883-7011

Greg & Cindy Beem 854-3530
 262-914-5628
 Mark Follingstad 421-1422
 Don & Myrma Howard 854-5487
 Judy Perkins & Dave Keen 414-530-4210
 Trish & Cal Pierson 727-543-2157
 Mary Perdue 421-0390
 Gail Prine 608-213-4946
 Dennis & Joan Lonstine 854-9389
 Terry & Linda Zielke 854-2775
 Lynne Buchner 495-1600
 Susan Grandgeorge. 920-574-1846
 Sue Woerfel 854-2957
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