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"Choral Chills and Symphonic Scares: Music from the Movies!"

Saturday, October 28th!

Our very own Char and Dan Bogda are performing with the Civic Symphony of Green Bay, in a joint concert with the Dudley Birder Chorale featuring movie music selected for the Halloween holiday at St. Norbert College.

If you would like to join us, the van will depart the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. at St. Norbert College. The program lasts until 9:00 p.m. The van will return by 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 Seniors, \$25.00 Adults, \$15.00 Students.

Seating on the bus is limited so please sign up in the Narthex to reserve your seat. Lynda will driving, and will be purchasing tickets. You can pay her the night of the concert by cash or check.

Coming up in October!

- 10/2 Tuesday Ladies Bible Study moves to **Mondays at 2:00pm**
- 10/5 Sanctuary Choir Practice begins
- 10/7 Lars Larsen Memorial Service
- 10/15 Bible Sunday: Kids in 3rd & 4th grades and Confirmation students receive bibles.
- 10/26 Quilting Begins!

Guatemala Mission Trip 2024

We are beginning the plans for the next mission trip in early 2024. If you would like more information or are considering joining us, please contact Nora Zacek at norazacek@gmail.com or call the church office.

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

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

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



All Saints' Day

This year, All Saints' Day will be Sunday, November 5th. We will be remembering those church members who have died in the last year, since November 2022.

If you would like to remember friends or family members by having their name read in the service, please call the church office at 920-854-2988 and leave a message or by email at sotboffice@yahoo.com by Wed. Nov. 1st.

Technology Class

After many requests, it is finally going to happen! Carol Omernick is going to teach a technology class. We will meet from 3:00-4:00pm on Thursday, Oct. 12th in the Fellowship Hall. The first class will focus on downloading the Church directory app on your smart phone. We will also talk about apps in general. What they are and how to use them. They are not just for playing games.

What should you bring to class: 1) Your smart phone and 2) **ALL** of your passwords. This includes for your email account, google play store, apple app store, (just bring them all)

We will also discuss what you would like to learn in future classes. Contact Carol in the office if you have suggestions.

**The falling leaves drift by the window
The Autumn leaves of red and gold**

October has arrived, proudly announcing its many qualities of change, renewal and unexpected beauty. The multi-colored leaves on the trees, the crispness of the air, the shortening of the days ... all these things announce a new season, holding new possibilities for us all. It is a season when we can begin, once again, and reimagine our lives through a new, colorful lens.

Perhaps this is the opportunity you have been waiting for! The Sanctuary Choir season begins this month! We leave the Choir-lite model of the summer season and begin to embrace our Thursday afternoon rehearsals, from 4:00 until 5:30. Even though Sunday mornings throughout the summer have been exciting adventures in anthem-learning for that same day, meeting as a choir on Thursdays gives us all a little breathing room and extra time to learn our anthems ahead of time! Breathing room is good! We always sing better when we're able to take a good breath!

Here's an invitation to you in this season of Autumn. The musicians of Shepherd of the Bay are looking for YOU! Have you ever sung in a choir before? We are looking for YOU! Do you love to sing in the shower? We are looking for YOU! Do you play an instrument? We are looking for YOU! So many opportunities await your participation each and every Sunday of the year. Will you share your talents, your interests, your friendship with us? You will find the Shepherd family of singers and instrumentalists a lovely, welcoming lot! As the song goes, with a nod to the author, Bill Staines:

**All God's children got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
And some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now!**

As the leaves begin to fall and transform the world around us, wouldn't it be lovely to imagine that our musical world at Shepherd begins its transformation as well? There is plenty of room in the choir loft for your involvement (we have more than enough seats and music for everyone, everyone, everyone). We have tambourines and "eggs" and bongos and snare drums to satisfy your rhythmic ambitions ... we would love to share these with you! I have dreams ... of trumpets and flutes and violins and cellos enhancing our worship services ... as prelude, postlude, special music or supplying instrumental needs in our choir anthems.

What do you think, Children? Is there a place in the choir for you? Is this the perfect opportunity you have been waiting for? The timing is right, the new season has begun, you are welcome to join our family of singers and instrumentalists, you even get a dandy robe to wear on Sunday mornings. Now is a great time to say yes!

All God's children got a place in the choir!!!

**Thursday afternoon rehearsals, from 4:00 until 5:30.
Sunday morning worship at 9:30, with choir rehearsal beginning at 8:45.
Preludes, Postludes, Special Music (both vocal and instrumental)**

**Contact Judy Jackson or Greg Beem with your interests ... or just show up on Thursdays!
Everybody, everybody, everybody is welcome in this family of singers and instrumentalists!**

**I look forward to building a bigger, more colorful boat for All of you, Children!
Blessings to you all in this beautiful season of renewal and hope,
Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist**

Building and Grounds Committee

Garden Club – Still looking for volunteers to adopt a flower bed. If you could spend some time weeding a flower bed your help would be greatly appreciated. You do not have to commit to every week. Come when you can or when your flower bed needs attention. Talk to Scott Theis or Tom Tuttle. We can set you up to do what you like, whenever it is convenient for you.

Ash Tree – If you have not noticed the ash tree has been taken down. The tree was cut up and split for firewood for one of the members of the church. The branches were chipped for mulch around some of the trees on the church grounds. A huge thank you to Karl and Carol Omernick, Cal Pierson and Tom Tuttle for their work.

Mortgage Burning – The event highlighted the need for electrical power near the fire pit. We had to run a 200ft extension cord from the Bus Barn. An electrical outlet will be added to the light pole closest to the fire pit.

The plywood used for the walkway to the fire pit for the mortgage burning celebration has been stored in the Bus Barn for future use. Some of it will be used inside the Bus Barn. The Youth & Family Ministry has been using the Bus Barn during the last few summers for the Wonderful Wednesday program. Covering the inside of the wall will provide a smooth surface for chalkboard paint and pinning various art projects to the wall.

Fellowship Hall Carpet – It has been a couple years since the carpet was steam cleaned as evidenced by some of the old coffee stains that keep reappearing along with some new ones. It will be scheduled for sometime this Fall.

Solar Power for the Church – The second of three potential suppliers has submitted their quotes. One for a 25kW system and another for a 50kW system. They would cover between 40-90% of our annual usage. The payback on both is +15 years on an investment of \$90,000 to \$170,000. Because of our northern Wisconsin location, we must install a larger system (more panels) than would be needed in southern areas of the country to produce the same amount of electricity. Peak solar power generation here occurs between May and August, whereas peak consumption occurs between December and April. The initial review of the quotes started at the September meeting of Buildings and Grounds. The Council has been requested to provide guidance as to what we expect to achieve and at what level of investment.

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, Dick Burress, 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). The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new member, ladies you are welcome. New perspectives are always welcome. Contact Tom Tuttle if you are interested.

Thank you.

Thriving Congregations

During September the Thriving Congregation Team completed our House Meetings. About 90 people participated in 9 meetings, although they ranged from 4 to 18 people at individual meetings. We focused on two questions. The first was to discuss a time when you felt connected to a church, and the second was to talk about your hopes and dreams for Shepherd of the Bay in the future. The discussions lead to people getting to know each other a little better (thickening the relationships within the church) and to coming up with lots of ideas to consider as we move forward (thickening the relationships in the church and thinning the walls between the church and the community). We will use this input at the next Thriving Congregation training program in North Carolina the first week of October, and then with the church council and the congregation when we get home. I'd like to share the results in a high level way this month.

The first question was a time when you felt connected at a church. My take away was that people felt connected when they were involved. The most common responses were about choir and music; followed by Sunday school (themselves or their children), small groups, and gatherings of the church community; and lastly when the congregation was friendly and felt like a church family. Of course there were many other individual responses such as specific service projects, work at the church, or a pastor that endorsed Jesus Christ Superstar.

The second question was about hopes and dreams for Shepherd of the Bay. The most common responses were about opportunities for people to connect with each other and to take care of each other, whatever those needs may be. There was also a focus on using our facilities and grounds for programs that would serve our church family and the community- like a resource fair of what the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Door County (also know as the Senior Center) offers the community, a Wonderful Wednesday Program for Seniors, and exploring childcare/daycare scenarios. The third frequently mentioned item to explore is an alternative worship service. And the fourth area mentioned frequently was a new member orientation and/or a pamphlet/brochure/ kiosk of church programs and activities so that members and visitors would have that resource available to them in one place. Other ideas less frequently mentioned were to hire a parish nurse or social worker, to build a gym, and to add solar panels.

The Thriving Congregation Team wants to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the one to one meetings and the house meetings. I know that I enjoyed every interaction I had and have heard many positive comments. This next six month period will be about discernment. Please pray that we have a safe trip and learn what we need to learn about discernment and how to lead us through this next phase of the program, and also pray that we all listen for God's voice and not our preconceived ideas.

As always, please contact me at 920-839-5013 or amundsonv@aol.com if you have any questions. Or contact any of the team members. We love to talk about this!

Vicki Amundson



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 4:6-7

Recalling this past year, when Pastor Jim placed word cards out for us. The cards were face down and randomly chosen. With “prayer and petition,” has your word become a “Holy Spirit” word that would have guided you through the year? My word was “choice”. No irony here. “Choice” flies alongside “Discernment”. I have read many definitions for this word, this past year. Wouldn’t you know. Google, hits home today! “Discernment, in a Christian context, is perception in the absence of judgement, with a view to obtaining spiritual guidance and understanding.” This past week, I have come to the prayerful conclusion that I will not be pursuing Seminary. A personal fork in the road. I am grateful for the grace and guidance I have received from the staff and faculty at Wartburg Theological Seminary, from Bishop Ann’s staff in the ECSW, from our church council, Pastor Jim and the staff at SOTB, church family, and my personal friends and family members. God provides abundant love, patience, and guidance. Moving forward, I can put my energy into the promptings we are receiving for a deeper connection with our surrounding community, and with the people who call Shepherd of the Bay, their home for faith formation! Thank you all so much. Let’s build the kingdom together!

October Sunday School (outside of third Sunday!)

Following Children’s message, we will head to the classroom on the first floor for our Sunday school lesson. We’ll travel through the gospel bible story, and enjoy time together!

Ages 4-grade 6.

Sun. 10/1 The Chief Priests Matthew 21:23-32

Sun. 10/8 The Parable of the Vineyard Matthew 21:33-46

Sun. 10/15 Third Sunday Pancakes and Praise!

Children in grades three and four as well as our Confirmation students will receive their Bibles at Children’s message today! Following Communion, families head upstairs for a delicious pancake breakfast! Today, we will explore “The Pumpkin Prayer”, and we will hear all about Crossways Camps!! On your way home by 11:15 a.m.!

Sun. 10/22 Paying Taxes Matthew 22:15-22

Sun. 10/29 The Greatest Commandment Matthew 22:34-46

Wonderful Wednesdays

“A Travel Guide to the Full Armor of God”!

For school children grades 1-6, join us after school each **1st & 3rd Wednesday** of the month for a special time of being together, learning and growing in faith, and having a blast all at the same time! We’ll enjoy music, snacks, arts and crafts, games, faith formation stories, service to the community, and more! Currently those who already ride bus #12 may be dropped off, after school, at Shepherd of the Bay. Others will need to form car pools. We follow Gibraltar School District protocol for health and safety. Parent pickup/sign out at the front entry way at 5:30 p.m. For registration and more information, please contact Lynda Pietruszka at 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com.

October 4th and 18th

Full Armor of God Journey 1: No Fear! And Journey 2: Resist! Along with our God Armor, each time we are together we will empower ourselves with wellness for the mind and body!

Something New For Parents and Care Providers this year!

A quiet space has been set aside for just you, to be, with God. Please come to the Sanctuary anytime between 5:00 and 5:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday. There will be a devotion just for you, candle light, soft acoustic guitar music, and an opportunity just...to be still...our kids will still be upstairs when you arrive. Just pop in...and be...

Confirmation

Confirmation will meet upstairs in room B, the **1st & 3rd Wednesdays** of the month after school til 5:30 p.m. beginning October 4th. Additional service learning and camp opportunities will be posted in addition to meeting twice per month.
Bible Sunday is October 15th!!



High School Youth Group

This year's highlights!! Let's gather, **Wednesday night, October 11th** at 6:30 p.m. to kick off the year with a campfire and info session! Tonight's verse Joshua 1:9

- Choices for trips! Youthworks to Milwaukee/Chicago in June, And/Or The National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July!
- 30 Hour Famine through World Vision
- Journey with Jesus, a weekend in the winter at Imago Dei!
- Cooking Challenges!
- Partnering up with other youth groups in service, & fun!
- Fund raising

Saturday, October 21st Trek to Red Barn Maze, corn maze with Bayview Lutheran from Sturgeon Bay! Lunch provided, and transportation in the SOTB van! Time TBD

Wednesday, October 25th First Cooking Challenge! Halloween treats! Tonight's verse Philippians 4:6-7.

Little Lambs Bible Story Time

Little Lambs gather every **FRIDAY** morning from 9:00-10:15 a.m.! All parents, or care providers, and their little ones (infant through PreK) are welcome! Each hour includes time to visit with fellow care providers, free play, bible story, music, and art to take home! For safety measures, and so that we may keep in touch, please be sure to complete a registration form. For questions, or if you are seeking prayer, parenting and/or mental health resources, please contact Lynda Pietruszka at 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com. We follow the Gibraltar school district for school closings.

Fri. 10/6 Let's Get Acquainted! God Made Me Special!

Fri. 10/13 God Is Always With Me/Noah's Ark!

Fri. 10/20 I am Jesus' Little Lamb!

Fri. 10/27 Harvest Party today! Wear your costume AND enjoy a special breakfast treat!

Partners in Ministry

Are you looking for an opportunity to help out at Shepherd of the Bay or in our community? Here are a few ways you can help and support SOTB and community programs.

Cut Up Club will meet here at Shepherd of the Bay, **Thursday, October 26th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Join us as we gather in fellowship over afternoon snack.

We will organizing supplies, filling treat bags, doing small, administrative tasks, writing cards, or making phone calls. We've even been known to deliver the task to your home if you are not able to get to the church building! There are tasks for all levels of physical ability! You might even make some new friends, and hear all about what our children, youth, and families are up to!

RSVP to Lynda and invite a friend!

Sanctuary Altar Flowers

The 2023 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



*We are on a journey, our journey through life.
Everyday on this journey, we encounter challenges.
Some more difficult than others.
There is no need to walk alone,
invite a Stephen Minister to walk with you.
Jesus extends his hand to us all ... Take it!*

If you want to talk to someone about Stephen Ministry or having a care giver, talk to Pastor Jim or Carol in the church office, 920-854-2988.

Klaud's Food Pantry

There continues to be an increase in Pantry use, so any and all donations are gratefully received. Items needed include:

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| Rice side dishes | Boxed Potato side dishes |
| Condiments, especially ketchup | |
| Canned meat and fish | Hamburger (1 lb pkg.) |
| Snack bars | Oatmeal |
| Bread or rolls | Lunch meat |
| Dairy products - butter, cheese, yogurt, milk | |
| Freezer food - pizza, pot pies, frozen veggies and fruit, tv dinners | |
| Any type of cleaning products | |
| Hygiene products, especially toothbrushes and toothpaste | |

Thank you for your continued support!

Lessons for October

October 1: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Prayer of the Day: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

October 8: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer of the Day: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

October 15: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-4

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Prayer of the Day: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

October 22: Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Prayer of the Day: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.


October 29: Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

Introduction: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Women of the ELCA 
Grace Rossman - President of SOTB
Unit Women of the ELCA

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.

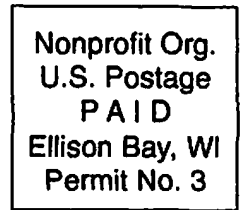
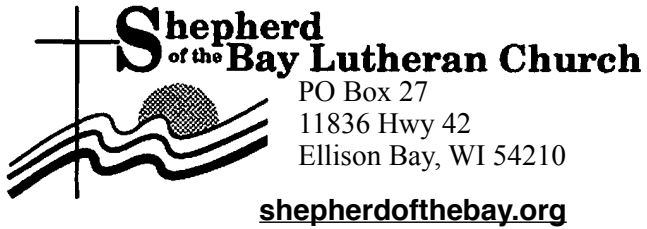
WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

All meetings will begin at 9:30am, the 3rd Thursday of the month. Please contact Gretchen Farwell if you have any questions regarding the Book Group and its meetings.

October 19

- Kingsolver, Barbara. **Demon Copperhead**. 2022. A modernized David Copperfield set in southern Appalachia, rife with drug and alcohol addiction, poverty through the eyes of a boy and his teen-aged single mother living in a single-wide home.





ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Guess Who!

Can you guess who has been mowing the lawn at Shepherd of the Bay for the last 18 years!?! If you would like to help out with the Garden Club, you don't need to commit for 18 years. One week would be fine.

By the way, Happy 80th Birthday, DP, from the Garden Club!

