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## Praying Thru Art

The Wonderful Wednesdays Kids learned about praying thru art with their project, Prayer for peace for Ukraine.

These works of art will be displayed in the narthex and then throughout the church. More photos on page 5.



## Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or in your own home.

**After the Service, we will begin a scaled down Fellowship after the service serving only coffee to begin.**

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service on [shepherdofthebay.org/services](http://shepherdofthebay.org/services) beginning at 9:25am. We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for viewing later.

As a third option, you can continue to listen on your radio in your car from the parking lot. Communion will be available.

## VBS is Back!!!

Community Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 from 9:00am to Noon.

To sign your kids up or to find out how you can help, see article on page 7.

## WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

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

### May 19 -

Hannah. Kristin. **Four Winds**. 2021. Novel about a woman who survives the Depression in the Dust Bowl. "...seems eerily prescient in 2021 . . . Its message is galvanizing and hopeful: We are a nation of scrappy survivors."

### June 16

O'Farrell, Maggie. **Hamnet**; a novel of the Plague. 2020. Novelized life of Shakespeare's early marriage and life of his young son, Hamnet.



**COMMUNITY: A feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals. (Oxford Dictionary)**

I have been thinking about the concept of community as it relates to a gathering of singers ... in other words, a choir. What does it mean to come together around the activity of singing? What transformative properties does the act of singing carry to those involved in creation of song? How does singing in a choir magnify each one's efforts and create something bigger and better than any one individual can create on one's own? How does a church choir become a community of friends, a community of believers, a community that becomes a family?

So many questions!

What brings this subject to mind is a conversation following a recent Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, where we were once again reminded of the legacy and contributions of our members, both past and present. Whenever we begin a new piece of music, we are reminded of a legacy of singers who once sang from the same music as that which we are holding in our hands. We see their names written on the anthem cover, we find their markings on every page, their written observations help to guide us through the music. We are literally standing/singing on the shoulders of our ancestors! Claire, Rudie, Gen, Robin, Dorothy, Gladys, Barb, the list goes on and on! Finding their copies of music is like visiting with them once again and accepting their little hints about what is important about the music. I love watching our current choir members acknowledging the value of their copy and offering to trade it with a singer of a similar voice type ... tenor markings need to be shared with tenors! Our former choir members continue to make valuable contributions to our current singers. How marvelous, how wonderful! This current choral experience brings to mind an old hymn that echoes a deeper gift given to us by our Savior, which reminds us of the ongoing presence of Jesus' voice and influence in our daily lives:

*I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me, a sinner condemned, unclean.*

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!***

*For me it was in the garden, He prayed: "Not my will, but Thine."  
He had no tears for His own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine.*

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!***

*In pity angels beheld Him, and came from the world of light  
To strengthen Him in the sorrows He bore for my soul that night.*

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!***

*He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone.*

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!***

*When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy through the ages to sing of His love for me.*

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!***

Like the refrain of this old hymn, I find the experience of sharing music with my choral family of friends ***marvelous ... wonderful!*** The act of offering our gifts of song to our worshiping community every Sunday morning is a blessing beyond belief! God has given us certain talents and abilities ... and then has provided us an opportunity to contribute something beautiful and meaningful for our family worship ... for our siblings in Christ!

***How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love for me!  
Amen!***

Blessings to you on this day!  
Judith Jackson, Choir Director and Principal Pianist



## Volunteers Needed For Bridges 2022

Thankfully, Door County is expecting over 400 International students to come and work in in local businesses again this summer. (SOTB Has been part of the bridges program for many years) The bridges program helps students to be exposed to the people and way of life in the US. They do that by offering:

- \* Meaningful cultural experiences
- \* Assistance in Improving English
- \* Connection with American families
- \* Help students resolve problems
- \* 5 free events, including transportation a meal
- \* Build a network of friends

SOTB will join forces with Immanuel Lutheran Church of Baileys Harbor to plan a sporting event on July 19th 2022 for International students.

- \*NEED HELP to plan/ host/ set up/ referee/ games
- \*NEED HELP to serve a meal
- \*NEED HELP to bake deserts for the meal

Please consider being an AMERICAN CONNECTION FAMILY/PERSON to enrich the life of a student or students while they are here by:

- \* Inviting them to experience American culture
- \* Sharing a meal
- \* Exploring the beauty of Door County
- \* Being a friend

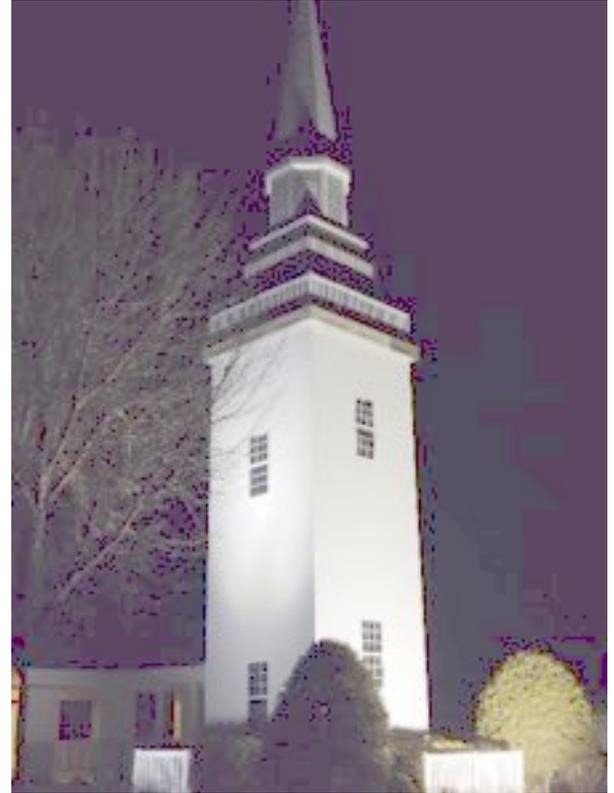
Questions??? Willing to help???

Call or email Gail McCallum-Prine at [gmccallumprine@gmail.com](mailto:gmccallumprine@gmail.com). (608) 213-4946. or Barb Meyer [bmeyer1010@gmail.com](mailto:bmeyer1010@gmail.com). (920) 388-9010

# Building and Grounds Committee

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.

**Flood Lights** – A sample LED light was installed on the south side of the steeple the last week of March. The new energy efficient light uses about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the power of the old light. The temperature range (warm white, cool white, sun light) of the light is adjustable and was initially set at the same level (sun light) as the old metal halide bulbs. This was done to get a direct comparison of the appearance of the light on the steeple and to compare the light pattern between the old and new. The photo to the left shows that the new light (right) does a better job of uniformly lighting the entire side of the steeple facing the parking lot. It also casts some light on the upper part of the steeple including the cross at the top (not shown). The old light is on the left side and does not light the steeple as evenly. The lower portion is dimly lit with the center lit brightly with very little carrying up to the top.



The temperature range on the new sample light was changed to a more “Night Sky Friendly” setting on Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>. The light pattern is the same, evenly lighting the steeple, but does so in a “warmer” light. A second sample light will be received soon and will replace one of the flood lights on the building for a similar comparison.

The steeple is lit every night from dusk until midnight, so please take a look as you drive past. I’d also be interested in your comments.

## Building Maintenance

**Organ Window** – If you notice that the center strip separating the windows looks a little different, it is. The wind blew off a 12ft length of aluminum trim on Maundy Thursday. It was just barely hanging on at the bottom. This was not something that was touched when the new siding was installed 3 years ago. It was a wonder it had stayed on so long. It was only glued on with some window caulk between the wood and the aluminum. There wasn’t a nail hole to be found.

**Road Sign** – The 2022 budget that was approved at the beginning of the year included money to have the road sign repainted. The south side is worse than the north, but both sides will be done. The repainting will require the sign to be removed temporarily, so don’t be alarmed if you see it missing sometime in the near future. We will also be adding two new hanging signs below for our 3 service formats (In person, Live Stream, Parking Lot) and Klaud’s Pantry. This will allow us to remove the sign trailer (the Garden Club says “Hallelujah”) that has been parked by the road for the last 2 years!

**Garden Club** – The new tractor was picked up and returned after its Spring cleaning and tune-up. It’s ready (as we all are) for green grass!

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, 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.

## Garden Club

Weather permitting, the Garden Club will resume Thursday, May 19, from 8:30-10:30am. We have a list of tasks to accomplish in order to ready our lawn and landscape for the season.

Your help is needed! At Shepherd of the Bay, all mowing and landscape maintenance is done by volunteers. Come on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am. No ongoing commitment is necessary. Tools and supplies are furnished but if you own a clippers or other tools, bring them along. We always have a list of jobs and conversation to share during coffee break.

Being part of the Garden Club is a nice way for seasonal members to volunteer time on a worthwhile cause and to connect with other church members. Please contact Scott Thies (920-854-9816) if you have questions. Thank You!





## Praying thru Art

Prayers for peace in Ukraine from our Wonderful Wednesdays kids and our WELCA Quilting group.





## Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

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Congratulations to our students who will be Confirmed Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>! May this day thrust you forward into discipleship, serving God and your neighbor, as you continue your faith formation journey! Please join us for a cake/coffee reception in Fellowship Hall, following worship to celebrate the following confirmands: Aria Nordahl, Kai Nordahl, David Olson, Kuper Tesnow

**Confirmation Students who are attending Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei, June 12-17<sup>th</sup>, together with your parents, please attend a very important meeting, Wednesday evening, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. We will close up the paper trail, cover details, and answer questions! Let's get ready for camp!!**

### Sunday School

Sunday School, for children ages 3 ½ to grade 5, gather during the children's message at our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Children process upstairs to Sunday School. Dismissal at the end of worship. Please meet your child upstairs and sign them out. Masks are recommended, but optional at this time.

**May 1st** Meet for Children's message, however because of Confirmation, Today, we will not meet for Sunday School.

**May 8th** Peter and Tabitha Acts 9:36-43

**May 15th** Peter's Dream Acts 11:1-18

**May 22nd** Lydia Acts 16:9-15

**May 29th** Paul and Silas Acts 16:16-40

**Last day of Sunday School until Fall!**

### Little Lambs Bible Story Time

For infants, toddlers, preschoolers,  
and their care providers

Play time, Bible stories, arts and music, games and more!

Meets **Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.**

**May 4th** Jesus Loves His Little Lambs

**May 11th Our last day of Little Lambs until the fall season!**

We will meet at the Open Door Bird Sanctuary, 4114 Cty. Rd I, Sturgeon Bay, at 10:00 a.m. Dress for the weather. We will take in a guided hike (an appropriate distance for littles!), and experience God's creation in the woods! We'll follow up with a visit from our bird friends! Pack a picnic lunch!

### Wonderful Wednesdays "Journey Together"

For school children **grades 1-6**, preregister to ride the Gibraltar School Bus to Shepherd of the Bay, after school each **first and third Wednesday** for a special time of being together, learning and growing in faith; and having a blast all at the same time! Music, snacks, arts and crafts, stories, service to the community, games, and more!

**May 4th.** Today is GAME DAY!! We will finish our hiking stix today, and test them out on the SOTB grounds in preparation for our big hike coming around the bend!

**May 18th** Our last day of Wonderful Wednesdays. There will be NO bus service for our WW as we are asking families to arrive together, or carpool, after school, for our hike and picnic!! Watch your email for details on location. Please bring a picnic dish to pass. Tableware, hotdogs, buns, beverages, and everything we need for s'mores will be provided!

**Registration and Details for Summer Wonderful Wednesdays, coming around the bend! Mark your calendars for the following Wednesdays: July 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## High School Youth Group Students in grades 9-12

All deposits for our summer trip to South Dakota should be turned in by now. Mark your calendars, parents and students for a very important/mandatory meeting, **May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30** to finalize all plans/paper work for our summer trip.

“Pieces of Me” and campfire to follow!

Be on the look out for our service/out reach project dates and summer calendar!



## Vacation Bible School

We will be having Vacation Bible School this summer. But we need your children, your grandchildren, your friends and their children and grandchildren! Please invite them all!

Kids (Ages 4 through finishing 6th grade) enjoy games, crafts, worship with great music and songs, and skits, all centered around this year's theme - **Paul and 1st Corinthians (Faith, Hope, & Love)!**

Please preregister by calling the church office or by filling out the Registration form online. The link will be on our website at [www.shepherdofthebay.org](http://www.shepherdofthebay.org). VBS is held at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay, 9am -noon, Monday June 13 through Friday, June 17.

This is a big project which is made much easier by the willing support of many volunteers. There are so many ways that everyone in the congregation can help. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help. We still need helpers for :

**Tribal parents** - Adults who shepherd their tribe of kids between the activities. They also help kids discuss the Bible lesson, skits, etc.

**Kitchen help** - Help put together the snack for the day.

**Craft Helpers** - Work at a craft station. Crafts include working with clay, wood, mosaic and tie dye. No previous craft experience required. All instructions and supplies are supplied to you.

**Setup and Take Down** - We need help for a couple of hours before on Sunday 6/12 and after VBS on Friday 6/17 at noon.

***Call the Church office or talk to Kristi Appel if you can help. Thanks! We couldn't do it without you!***

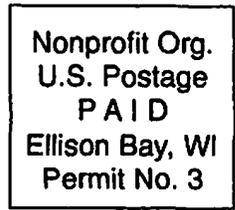
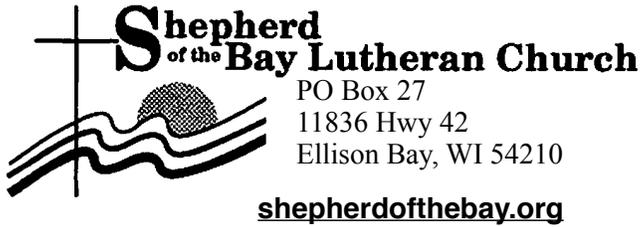
## Klaud's Food Pantry

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our SOTB members and friends. Our deepest thanks to everyone.

Klaud's Pantry would appreciate the following items:

Fresh or frozen fruits and veggies  
Cheese, Yogurt, Butter, Milk  
Juice-bottles or frozen  
TV dinners, pot pies, Frozen pizza  
Boxed cereal  
Coffee  
Crackers  
Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickles

Cat and Dog Food  
Laundry Detergent  
Shampoo and Conditioner



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## *Geranium Order Form*

It is time to order geranium plants for Pentecost decorations. They will be on the altar Sunday, June 5. If you order you may take your plant following the service.

The deadline to order is Sunday, May 29th.

The price this year will be **\$11.00** each. Please fill out the form below and send or bring it **with CHECK** attached to the church.

Thanks for helping decorate the church!

Please Print -

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_



The Parish Door monthly newsletter can be found in full color on our website, [shepherdofthebay.org/newsletters](http://shepherdofthebay.org/newsletters). If you would like to be added to the monthly email list, contact the church office at 920-854-2988 or [sotboffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sotboffice@yahoo.com).

# Lessons for May

## May 1 : Third Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Holy Gospel: John 21:1-19

**Introduction to the readings:** The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

## May 8 : Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Holy Gospel : John 10:22-30

**Introduction to the readings:** The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## May 15 : Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 11: 1-18

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6

Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

**Introduction to the readings:** Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

## May 22 : Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 15:9-15

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22 - - 22:5

Holy Gospel: John 14: 23-29

**Introduction to the readings:** Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

## May 29 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-32

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

**Introduction to the readings:** It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 2022 Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2022 is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Please sign up for the date you would like to sponsor the altar flowers.

It will be \$25 for one bouquet or \$50 for 2. Please indicate if the flowers are in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, etc or in memory of someone. You may take the flowers home after the service.

# VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



## Donate your Old Cell Phones

Did you get a new cell phone for Christmas? We are collecting old cell phones for HELP of Door County. They recycle them and get credit towards new phones that can be given to domestic violence victims who need them. There is a basket in the narthex for the donated phones.

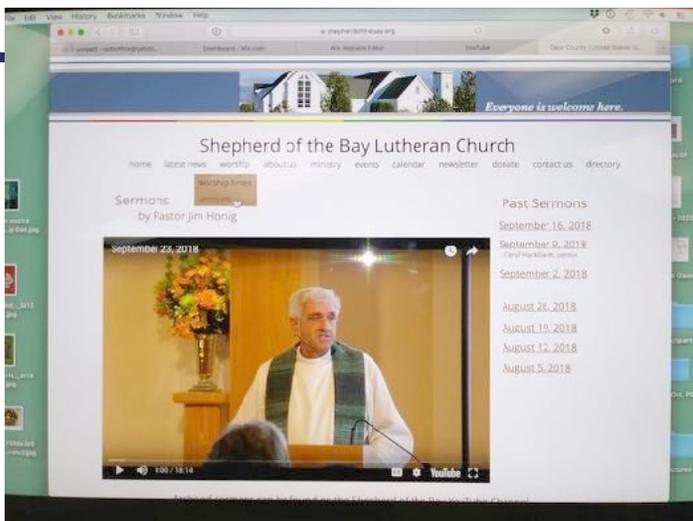


## AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that Amazon has a donation program called Amazon Smile? Just make sure to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop through Amazon and choose Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Ellison Bay, WI as your charity, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to us. Easy with no additional cost to you!

If you prefer using the Amazon App, update to the newest version and you can shop Amazon Smile through the app without having to go on the website.

## [shepherdofthebay.org](http://shepherdofthebay.org)



Go to [shepherdofthebay.org](http://shepherdofthebay.org) to:

- See the **live stream** of the Sunday Service.
- Find the current issue of the **Parish Door Newsletter** and archive of the last 2 years.
- Read the **2020 Annual Report & watch a recording of the Annual Meeting**
- Send a **prayer request**.
- See the **Calendar**.
- Sign up and **manage your online giving**.
- Access the updated **Directory** of current members and friends of SOTB.

**See lots of photos of what is happening!**