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Lenten Season Continues

We are continuing our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation into our lenten observance with reflections on Martin Luther's Small Catechism which is a simple explanation of the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. He included basic prayers for morning and evening, and suggested ways to worship and honor God during each part of the day.

We will be blessed once again to have the confirmation students leading our midweek Lenten worship. The schedule is as follows:

<i>March 7</i>	<i>Evening Prayer with reflection on the Lord's Prayer</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Evening Prayer with reflection on Holy Baptism</i>
<i>March 21</i>	<i>Evening Prayer with reflection on Holy Communion</i>

Each service will begin at 7:00pm and will last about 1/2 hour. All services will be preceded by supper in Fellowship Hall at 6:00. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us.

All Services Preceded by a Warm Meal at 6:00pm

Come and enjoy a good hot meal in the middle of winter which you don't have to cook. Cost is \$5.00 per person with children 10 and younger eating for free!

There will be a different menu every Wednesday night including Lasagna, Corned Beef and Empanadas. All meals include beverage and dessert.

The proceeds from each meal will help fund Youth Camps, Guatemala missions and other activities of the church and community.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday - 7:00pm

Saturday, March 31 - Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00

Lent and Holy Week

Holy Week gives us the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection for our lives and for the ongoing life of the world. Holy Week and Easter celebrations remind us that these central events of the Christian faith are not mere historical events, but God's plan of salvation that is continuing to be worked out.

In our baptism, we were joined to Jesus' death and resurrection. In the Early Church, Lent was the time of baptismal formation, teaching people the Christian way and showing them what it meant to live as a Christian. We, too, have been on retreat for the past several weeks. We have looked at ourselves, guided by Scripture, and we have asked basic questions of ourselves and our spiritual relationships. Who am I? Who is God? What is my relationship with God?

All along this time of shaping for baptismal life has been leading to Holy Week and the Great Vigil of Easter. This year, plan to participate vigorously and fully in the rich menu of Holy Week services.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday.

The Passion Sunday service centers on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We begin the service in the narthex with the reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel. In a procession reminiscent of the first Palm Sunday procession, we process into the church, singing *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, and waving our palms. As we progress through the Service of the Word, the celebratory feel of the procession changes into the somber tone of the passion as we change the paraments on the altar and read Mark's record of Jesus' suffering and death. The final prayer and benediction usher us into the solemnity of the rest of the week.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week can be times of heightened awareness, increased prayer, and scripture reading focused on preparation for the passion. There are designated readings for each of the days, and will be provided.

Now we come to the Great Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, the day of the Great Vigil of Easter. While most of us have thought of these services as three services on three days and free to pick and choose among the services, they are really a single service that lasts for three days. There is an invocation on Thursday, but no benediction. On Friday, there is neither invocation nor benediction. On Saturday, you'll hear no invocation, but finally the benediction. The Great Three Days is the fulcrum of the entire church year, the span of days in which the salvation of the world is the focus of the church's contemplation. During these three days, the whole history of salvation comes into clearest focus as we watch the agent of God's redeeming activity – Jesus Christ – bring to completion all the divine promises from Eden, through the Torah, and now embodied in his own passion and triumph.

But the church does more than watch during these final three days. The church participates in this drama. We know the outcome of the story. That much does not change from year to year. At the end of the story Jesus is breaking the bonds of death, crossing over from death to life, and grabbing hold of all those united with him in baptism and dragging them out of the clutches of their own death into the shining resurrection light of new life.

We could think of the Three Days as a family reunion of sorts, gathering around the memory and rehearsal of those events that have made us family. In particular, we gather around a cross that gives us life. The cross was a means of cruel torture and death for hardened criminals. But on this cross hangs the salvation of the whole world. The cross is many things to many people; for us the cross is the throne of the Lamb. It is not a sign of morbidity or of grief; it is the sign of triumph, the noblest tree of all.

Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word for commandment, *mandatum*. Gathered around the table for the Passover meal, Jesus told his disciples, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another," and then he knelt down to wash their feet. Maundy Thursday is the beginning of the three-day service. During Lent we spoke the confession and held in suspension the absolution. Now at the Maundy Thursday service, we begin with confession and then the absolution. The powerful symbol of forgiveness of sins that comes from Jesus' invitation will be made to those who wish to come forward for the laying on of hands and the speaking of the words of absolution. Then comes the foot washing. John's Gospel records that Peter didn't want his feet washed. We can relate; we don't either. We don't want other people to see our dirty feet, nor smell them. But Peter and all of us need to be clear that we need to be washed.

As a sign of the way Jesus has served us and of our call to serve, we will wash one another's feet. With towel and basin we serve while the assembly sing songs and hymns that reflect our call to serve. Then we go on to the Eucharist. On Maundy Thursday, the Eucharist is not a reenactment of The Last Supper. Rather, it is a celebration of the gift given in these Great Three Days. Maundy Thursday ends with the stripping of the Altar – a sign of the stripping of Jesus at the hands of the criminals. All adornment is taken away.

Good Friday At the heart of the *Liturgy of the Cross* is the reading of the passion according to St. John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The gospel enables us to call this Friday "Good," for it celebrates Christ's victory on the cross. Jesus final words were not ones of desolation, but of triumph: "It is finished." As Jesus is lifted up from the earth, he draws all people to himself. On this solemn day, we use the ancient Bidding Prayer, offering petitions for the whole world for which Christ died. Finally, we honor the cross as the sign of the world's redemption: from it flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the final component in this three-day service. Here everything comes to dramatic conclusion. Here in the darkness, Jesus passes from death to life, and our celebration passes from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of the resurrection. The Vigil is rich in symbol, rich in action, rich in liturgical movement, rich in story.

The service begins outside with lighting of the new fire and dedication of a new paschal candle. After a sung Easter proclamation and retelling of the great stories of redemption, the paschal candle is then carried into the dark church – this is the light of Christ and proclaims that Jesus has conquered sin and death. This newly dedicated paschal candle will adorn our baptismal font for the entire year until the next Easter Vigil. It will be lit every Sunday during the Easter season, and then at each celebration of baptism, reminding us of the connection between baptism and Jesus' resurrection.

After we enter the darkened sanctuary with our candles aglow, after we hear the musical proclamations of the miracle that took place in the darkness of Easter morning, then we tell the great stories of redemption. Throughout salvation history, there have been the great stories of God's miraculous deliverance. The retelling of these stories all at the same time, in the same place, gives dramatic rehearsal of our salvation. For after all, these stories are not ancient history, they are the stories of our own salvation.

Then we celebrate baptism and remember our own baptism. The Easter Vigil is the great baptismal celebration. In the Early Church, this was the only time of the year when baptisms took place. Those who had been preparing during the entire previous year, and who had intensified their preparation during Lent, were now brought into the church.

After the baptismal celebration, we read the Easter Gospel for the first time. At the Easter Vigil, we read the story from Mark's gospel, where the story takes place in the dark, and the women go from the empty tomb afraid. Finally, we celebrate the Eucharist for the first time as the Easter Eucharist. The service ends in full light with full organ, singing for the first time our songs of Easter triumph.

Mark your calendars and make your plans to participate fully in these events at the heart of the Christian faith. Here you will meet God, in the person of the Father who has created us, the Son who has redeemed us, and the Spirit who continues to give us life.

Holy Week & Easter Services

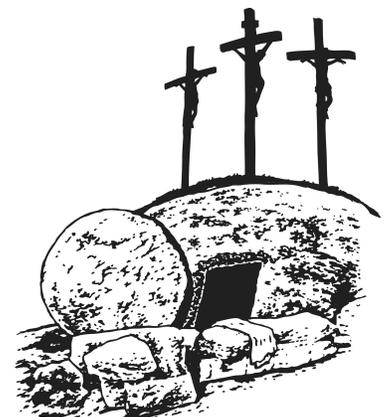
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Church Directory Update!

Its not too late to update your listing in the directory with new phone numbers and photos.

Follow the directions to the right to put the directory on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Contact the office (854-2988) for more info.

Sync Our Church Directory to Your Mobile Device

Now you can sync our church directory directly to your Apple, Android or Kindle Fire device with a FREE app!

Search for other members, and then email, call or text – right from the directory app.

It's Easy!

1. Go to your device's App Store.
2. Search for Instant Church Directory.
3. Enter your email as it's listed in our church directory.
4. Follow the directions on screen to complete the login process.



News from the Music Corner

LENTEN REFLECTIONS Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Lent is a wonderful time during the church year where we have the opportunity to reflect upon God's goodness and grace as demonstrated through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a Lenten offering to our community, the musicians of Shepherd of the Bay will present an hour-long program of music and words for the Lenten season. The Sanctuary Choir under the direction of Gladys Austgen, organist Greg Beem, pianist Judith Jackson and others will be featured in this Sunday afternoon presentation of contemplative music and readings. As in the past, this program will be a free event, open to members and friends of Shepherd of the Bay. No offering will be taken. Please plan to join us for this time of quiet Lenten Reflections.



Building and Grounds Committee

Building Maintenance

Thank you, Alter Committee, for cleaning the cabinets and countertops in the Sacristy.

Thank you, Greg Casperson for serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and helping us get re-established. Welcome, Jon Hanson who has joined the 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, 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.

Thomas Tuttle
Chair Buildings and Grounds

World Marketplace

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate make great Easter Basket stuffers for any age. Serrv's collection of delicious Divine Chocolate comes from the Kuapa Kokoo Cocoa Cooperative in Ghana - the first farmer-owned chocolate company in the world. Check out our selection in the Fellowship Hall.



On February 22, Virginia Henz and her volunteers hosted a birthday party for all the care center residents at Scandia Village. They had birthday cake and all residents with February birthdays received a small gift. Virginia has done this for 3 years and has decided to retire. If you would like to do this once a year job please call Virginia at 854-2164 or Pat Skogsbakken at 854-1133. Thank you Virginia.

The Quilters have been very busy. Since they resumed in the Fall of 2017 they have made 91 quilts! The knitters also are holding their own. 5 blankets, 14 sweaters, and 7 caps were sent to Knit for Kids World Vision on January 16. Great job ladies. Keep up the good work. The quilters meet on Thursdays and would love to have you join them.

MARCH EVENTS

- 26 — BIBLE STUDY WITH KEN - 9:00 —PARLOR
- 1, 8, 15, 22 —MISSION PROJECTS - 9:15 — 2:00 - FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 15 — BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION 9:30 - SOTB PARLOR
- 20 — VERNAMAE'S BIBLE STUDY- 1:00 — PLACE TBA

AND OPPORTUNITIES

ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY Monday Bible Study with Ken on March 26 only due to Ken being out of town. Also, March 20 with Vernamae.

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 is for you to request prayers to be raised up by our Prayer Chain members. 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

If you would like to have your name added to the telephone prayer chain to pray for those in need, contact : Scott Henry at 920-659-3297. If you would like to be added to the email prayer chain, contact Bonnie Hanson at jnbhanson@gmail.com.

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 the local Food Pantries and not for coffee at the coffee hour.

Social 6 will start in March if there is enough interest and continue through May. Call Carolyn Hitzeman at 854-5052 or 421-1144 if you are interested

40 Days of Giving continues during Lent. There is a display in the Narthex and a donation box.

**THERE WILL BE NO
WELCA BOARD
MEETING IN MARCH.**



**MEAL
MINISTRY**
contact for
March
is

Alicia Kropuenske
421-0528 or 839-2559

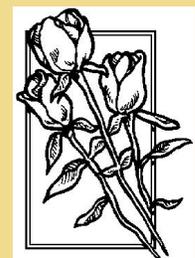
If you know of a family or individual who could use our attention for providing a meal when in need or would like your name added to the list of women willing to prepare and deliver meals, please call: PAT SKOGSBAKKEN at 854-1133.



**ROSE RECIPIANTS FOR
MARCH:**

**Virginia Johnson will be
93 years young on
March 18.**

**Happy Birthday
Virginia!**





Little Lambs celebrating God's love.



Family night: Frosting cookies to share with others. Thank you to Eloise Lindem for making cookies.



Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



Thank you to adult leaders Cindi and Jeremy Schwab for attending the East Central Synod Youth gathering with the confirmation class. The theme was "Unmasked", and based on *1 Thessalonians 2:4-5(NIV)*



"On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness."

The weekend included a speaker, music, worship, Bible study, workshops, service opportunities and fun! Rachel Follingstad and Gabby Lettie our high schoolers representing Shepherd of the Bay on the youth board.





Thank you to everyone who helped the high school youth meet their goal of raising \$6000 for world hunger. Besides Bible studies and educational activities, during the 30 hours the youth volunteered at Bargains, cleaned the church nursery, and babysat so parents could have a night out together.



Guatemala Mission Trip

April 6-14, 2018, will be the 5th year that Shepherd of the Bay Church will send a team to help the Mayan people of Guatemala thru the organization Pray America/Manos de Jesus. Pray America began its ministry with its feeding programs. They have grown to include three feeding and discipleship programs in the communities of Paquixic, Xepocol, and Saquilla in the Chichicastenango region. Most of the people served suffer from malnutrition due to the poor rural area, not starvation. Corn tortillas are too often a common staple that only fill the stomach leaving children and widows malnourished. Twice weekly, each program provides a nutritious meal of meat, fruits, and beans, along with bible education programs for children and widows. These programs collectively serve over 750 meals twice a week and are staffed by the local church and by local young Mayans with a heart to pour into their own people.

We are blessed to be able to visit, participate, and interact with the children at the Feeding Programs.

Please pray for the mission team and all the children we will come in contact with. Help us to show the love of Jesus to all.



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting February 28, 2018

Present: Grace Rossman, Carl Jackson, Holly Thomas, Scott Henry, John Skogsbakken, Barb Meyer, Cheryl Becht, Pastor Honig, Scott Eckdahl, Jenny Sitte and Alicia Kropuenske. Absent: Ron Hupe.

Past President, Grace Rossman, called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Pastor Honig opened the meeting with a prayer.

Welcome to our new council members, Cheryl Becht & Scott Eckdahl.

Pastor Honig shared a few updates with us:

1. "God's work. Our hands.", will be held on Sunday September 9, 2018. Details will be available as the day approaches.

2. The Maundy Thursday service will include a traditional foot washing and Pastor is looking for volunteers from the council to participate.

3. The Sanctuary Technology committee has received 4 out of the 5 proposals. The Church was given a generous donation of \$35,000 to upgrade the technology throughout the Sanctuary. The council will need to discuss if there are additional funds available if the \$35,000 is not enough to cover the proposals. Discussion will be tabled until next month.

4. Pastor would like to implement a retreat for the council to attend. Discussion occurred regarding dates of this event. A proposed date of Friday June 8th to Saturday June 9th was given and council will discuss more at the next meeting.

Grace Rossman asked for nominations for the officer positions of President, Vice-President & Secretary. The treasurer's position is an appointed position and Ron Hupe will be filling that position again with Cindi Schwab as an assistant. Jenny Sitte was nominated for Secretary with a motion made by Alicia Kropuenske, second by Scott Henry. Motion carried. Alicia Kropuenske was nominated for Vice President with a motion made by Jenny Sitte, second by Holly Thomas. Motion carried. Holly Thomas was nominated for President with a motion made by Alicia Kropuenske second by John Skogsbakken. Motion carried. At this point, past President Grace Rossman was thanked for her service and the new President, Holly Thomas was thanked for her commitment. At this point, Holly Thomas is presiding over the meeting.

The minutes from the January 2018 council meeting were reviewed with a motion made by Jenny Sitte to approve the minutes as presented, second by Carl Jackson. Approved and motion carried.

Ron Hupe was absent for the Treasurer's report. President Holly Thomas reviewed the reports with the council. Giving for the month of January was down slightly from budget, but expenses were also down. No other questions at this time from council. Motion made by Alicia Kropuenske to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Carl Jackson. Approved and motion carried.

Property and Grounds report was read by Pastor Honig. The LED lighting project continues to move forward and they continue to review the Capital project list. Evan Henry will be discussing options/ideas he has for his Eagle Scout project and different projects he could do at the Church.

Worship & Music report was given by Scott Henry. Lenten meals continue through the 21st. There will be a Maundy Thursday service on March 29th and a Vigil of Easter service on Saturday March 31st. There will be a Lenten Reflections Piano, Organ & Choir concert on Sunday March 18th at 3:00pm.

Education & Youth report was given by Jenny Sitte. Little Lambs had a pool party/outreach event. High School raised \$6,000 for World Vision. High School Youth, going to Houston, had an overnight in Oshkosh with other youth from our synod. Confirmation youth attended a youth gathering in Manitowoc. Sunday school is consistently averaging around 10 children per Sunday.

Health/Outreach/Bridges report was given by Barb Meyer. She has met with the Bridges group several times to discuss summer programming and possible meal dates for Shepherd of the Bay.

No report from Finance & Stewardship.

There was a discussion about looking at the structure of our committees. There will be an ongoing discussion regarding the organization and purpose of the existing committees.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Scott Henry, second by Cheryl Becht. Motion accepted and carried.

The next Church Council meeting will be Monday March 19th at 5:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Kropuenske, Secretary

Note: These are draft minutes that shall be approved, amended or corrected at the next regular council meeting

Memorials

Don Franke

Peter Franke

Shirley Rosenquist

E. Jones

Jackie Hoekstra

Virginia Hanson Chuck & Lana Tencate
Tom & Barb Tuttle

Jim Wilkinson

Dennis & Mary Fales Bill & Gretchen Klug

Wayne Ault (Youth Fund)

Cheryl Becht Judy Miller
Deloris Horn Gladys Austgen
Greg & Cindy Beem Ken & Carole Bergner
Keith & Christine Bridenhagen Dick & Jane Burress
Douglas & Celeste Defenbach Dan & Gretchen Farwell
Ron & Donna Hupe Bill & Cathy Johnson
Lon & RuthAnn Kopitzke Roberta Kutlik
Edith Madsen John & Pat Skogsbakken
James Strutz Rod & Sandy Synnes
Stan & Jane Whiteman Curt & Roxann Wiltse
Cathy Mangan Dick & Penny Scheller
Virginia Hanson Myron & Pat Marlett

Bradley Buff Gary & Cheryl Doudna
David & Jeanne Aurelius Lawrie & Mary Kull
Wally & Rita Brandt Alysanne Burkhardt
Greg & Debbie Casperson George & Sharon Cobb
Gen Follingstad Bonnie Hanson
Vernamae Juel Thomas Kolp
Eloise Lindem Tom MacDonald
Linda Smith Ron & Jan Stromen
Tom & Barb Tuttle Ken & Luanne Western
Robin Butchart Werner & Sue Krause
Gloria Serkland The Peninsula Bookman
Thomas & Grace Ann Hinnenthal

Easter Lilies, Tulips & Daffodils Order Form

The Easter plants can be picked up after the last service on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Please list your name, phone number and if the flowers are in memory or are in honor of someone.

Enclose your check with the form below and return it to the church office. The deadline for ordering plants will be Sunday, March 25.

Circle one: LILY - \$16 TULIP - \$18 DAFFODIL - \$18

Please Print -

NAME _____

PHONE _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Sometimes we need someone to talk to.
 Sometimes we need someone who will listen with an open heart and mind.
 Sometimes we need someone who won't judge.
 Sometimes we need someone who won't try and fix it or us.
 Sometimes we need someone to confide in and trust.
 If NOW is your SOMETIME a Stephen Minister can do all of these things.



Call George Cobb at 920-421-2702 if you would like more information about talking to a Stephen Minister.

WELCA Book Group

We will meet in the church parlor at 9:30am for the next two months. For more information about the book group or if you would like to join, contact Gretchen Farwell at gfarwell@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 15 in the church parlor

Just Mercy, by Bryan Stevenson.

Story of justice and redemption – a memoir (2014) - “ When Stevenson was a 23-year-old Harvard law student, he started an internship in Georgia where his first assignment was to deliver a message to a man living on death row. This assignment became his calling: representing the innocent, the inadequately defended, the children, the domestic abuse survivors, the mentally ill—the imprisoned. – features the story of a man who was on death row for six years.”

Thursday, April 19 in the church parlor

What Alice Forgot, by Liane Moriarty - a novel about a woman who "loses" 10 years of her life through amnesia. (2011)

You might want to place a HOLD in the Library System - <https://www.infosoup.org> - especially for the Moriarty book. You just need to use your Library Card and your PIN number to reserve a book. If you do not have a PIN number, there are instructions on the website on how to create one. OR you could call your local library for assistance.

Happy Reading!
 Gretchen Farwell

8:30am Ushers :

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help usher in 2018.

March 4	OPEN	
March 11	OPEN	
March 18	David Daubner & Dick Burress	
March 25	OPEN	
3/29 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday	Wally & Rita Brandt
3/30 7:00pm	Good Friday.	Bob & Sharon Pluff
3/31 7:00pm	Easter Vigil Service	OPEN
April 1	Bob & Sharon Pluff	
April 8	OPEN	
April 15	OPEN	
April 22	OPEN	
April 29	OPEN	

Readers :

	8:30am Service	11:00am Service
March 4	Scott Henry	Ben Pothast
March 11	OPEN	Karl Omernick
March 18	Dave Boock	Gladys Austgen
March 25	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
3/29 7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Gretchen Farwell
3/30 7:00pm	Good Friday Service	Werner Krause
April 1	Cindy Beem	Cindy Lawrence
April 8	Gloria Serkland	Gladys Austgen
April 15	George Cobb	OPEN
April 22	Dale Johnson	Lori Pothast
April 29	Carolyn Hitzeman	Scott Henry

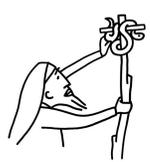
Sundays Lessons for March



March 4: Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17
 Second Lesson : 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

Introduction to the readings: The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.



March 11 : Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10
 Holy Gospel: John 3:14-21

Introduction to the readings: The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



March 18 : Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10
 Holy Gospel: John 12:20-33

Introduction to the readings: God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.



March 25 : Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

Processional Gospel : Mark 11:1-11
 First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11
 Holy Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Introduction to the readings: The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.



March Coffee Hour Group

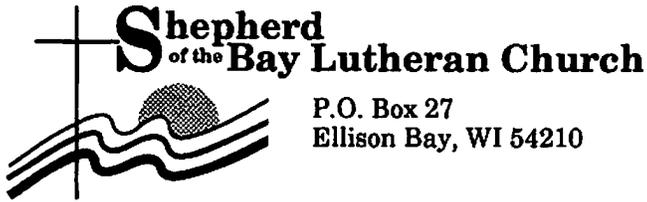
Co-Chair:	
Ron & Janet Stromen.	854-4427
Suzi Hass	421-1379
Robert & Joan Carlson	854-2419
Carol Champeau	854-4578
Sharon Donegan	854-9320
Lorraine Hoyt	854-5673
Don & Donna Koepsel	854-9489
Eloise Lindem	854-4458
Jan Mielke	854-5308
Jay & Vicki Olson	421-2161
Jody Olson	854-2353
Gordon & Judy Reeves	(920) 495-7372
Sherry Wilson	421-0431

April Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: Lon & Ruth Kopitzke	854-2469
Stan & Jane Whiteman	
Jim & Kristi Appel	421-0377
Steve & Julia Chomeau	854-9543
Collin & Jennifer Dahl	854-7979
Lynn Hanson	839-9601
Virginia Henz	854-2164
Sandra Olson	421-1657
Carl & Pat Lee	854-5345
Judy Nelson	854-2507
Lynn Pluff	421-2205
Glen & Grace Rossman	854-5574
Jeni Tveten	854-5740
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Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ 3:00pm

Easter Services

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday 7:00pm

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday - 7:00pm

Saturday, March 31 - Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00