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An Affirmation of Faith for the Advent series "What do you fear?"

We have seen the valley.
We have seen a sky without stars.
We have seen the longest night,
and still we believe.
We believe in a with-us God.
We believe in the hope of tomorrow.
We believe that good news is louder
than fear.
We believe this good news is for all
people.
So even when our knees shake,
even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us,
we will hold onto that good news.
We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst.
We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim:
Unto us, love is born.
We have seen the longest night,
and we have seen unimaginable love.
So still, we believe.
Amen.



Blessing of the Quilts

Remember the quilts were on the pews and blessed on September 28th? They were boxed up and 28 were taken to First English Lutheran Church in Appleton. Together with many other churches in Northeast Wisconsin, we filled a semi-trailer for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will be distributed to various locations across the U.S. and around the world in times of crisis. Thank you to all who donated for postage, sending warmth and hope through these quilts to those in need.

Homes for Hollars

Seven boxes filled with linens and 30 quilts, were sent off to the "Homes for Hollars" North Carolina flood recovery program. Thanks to our quilting ministry, and all those who were able to donate supplies and funding for postage. We truly are the "hands and feet" of Jesus out in the community!



Advent Devotional

Join with us in our Advent worship series "What do you Fear" beginning Sunday, November 30th. Throughout the accounts of Christ's birth, angels bring a powerful message: "Do not fear."

In a fearful world, can we truly embrace fearlessness? When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are called into God's story, they confront their fears and move forward with courage. They question, trust in the good news, and respond, "Here I am, Lord." Let us find strength in acknowledging our fears while also choosing hope.

A daily devotional book will be available again this year. You can pick up a copy at the church beginning Nov. 23rd. If you'd like one mailed to you or prefer a link to a digital flipbook for your phone or computer, please call (920-854-2988) or email the church office at (sotboffice@yahoo.com).

Daily devotions will also be posted on the Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Facebook page.

What is November? The leaves have gone through their bright, vibrant colors and, while still colorful in many cases, they are moving towards their winter dormancy — either brown or gone. The temperatures fall and give us a foretaste of the cold that is to come. Perhaps we even see a few sprinkle of snow here and there. The month ends with one of the favorite American holidays, A Day of National Thanksgiving.

November is also a rich time for worship. The month begins with All Saints Sunday and ends with Christ the King and Thanksgiving. November gives us space to pull out our church's family album, to remember where we came from and where we're going. Isaac Newton said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." The church's giants – the saints, our church family – are uplifted in November with a force unlike any other part of the church year. *Saints* comes from the Latin *sanctus*, which means holy. In the Lutheran tradition, we think of saints as God's holy people, living or dead, who have been baptized into Christ, not so much the martyrs or famous Christians who have died.

Those saints we remember, from the past and present, are the ones who have passed on the faith to us, who have given us words to describe our faith, whose examples help us live out the faith. Here at Shepherd of the Bay, we stand on the shoulders of generous and faithful people who have handed off to us this vibrant ministry that we now enjoy and which we now build on. The saints have shown us how to express our faith, how to stand up for what we believe, and how to care for others.

It is awe-inspiring to think of how this picture of the saints is so large, so old, so methodical, and that we are part of a long journey and an ongoing story. Looking at the saints and where we sit in the picture both inspires us to live out our lives in holiness and to get outside of ourselves for a moment to catch a glimpse of God's plan for the world. On November 4, we will remember the saints who have meant so much to us, those of our Faith family who have died in the past year, but also our own family members and friends.

Christ the King Sunday, on November 23 is the final Sunday in the church year. The gospel texts for that day take us back to Good Friday and to the picture of the crucified Jesus talking to two criminals, one on either side of him. This strange image of a crucified king brings to mind the central good news of our faith, that we have been invited into relationship by a God who does not sit high on a throne separated in time and space from the people of the kingdom, but one who desires to be with us, the saints of the kingdom, in all moments of our lives.

November is also the month of our National Day of Thanksgiving. While we don't have a Thanksgiving service at Shepherd of the Bay, every Sunday service is a thanksgiving for all God has done and continues to do in our lives in our church, in our community and in the world. As you gather with family and friends in whatever way you celebrate Thanksgiving, I know your table will be filled with prayers of gratitude for so many blessings.

Also, starting in November, we're going to launch an initiative for growth and enrichment. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, we'll gather after our coffee and fellowship time — 11:00-ish — in the choir loft for an Adult Forum that will take a look at our ELCA social statements. We'll take one statement each month and look at what our church believes, teaches, and confesses about a broad spectrum of social issues. In November, we'll study one of the earliest social statements, "The Church in Society."

Finally, thanks to all who participated in our Fall Giving Campaign, "A Chorus of Generosity. On Sunday, October 19, we received approximately 65 intention cards, over halfway to our goal of 120 intentions. Thanks for your generosity and faithfulness in supporting the ongoing vitality and growth of our ministry in 2026. And if you haven't yet returned your intention card, please do so today and add your voice to our "Chorus of Generosity."

Peace,
Pr. Jim Honig

Greetings from Your Congregation Care Coordinator

I am a few weeks into my role as your new Congregation Care Coordinator, and I want to express my deep gratitude for the warm welcome, kind words, and helpful information I have received so far. It has been truly appreciated!

You can find my office in the hallway next to Lynda's office. I will be on-site during the day on Wednesdays, but I am also happy to meet at other times as needed, please feel comfortable to just reach out. I have started scheduling coffee and conversation meet-ups with members of our congregation to better understand the needs within our community. These conversations also help uncover the many wonderful resources we already have among us. I would love to connect with more of you, so if you have ideas, know people in need in our congregation, or know of services we could use, please reach out. And yes, I am always up for a coffee or tea date!

In addition to my Wednesday office hours, you can contact me anytime via email at **sotbcare@gmail.com** or by calling the church at **920-854-2988 (Option #2)**.

Each month I am going to highlight a local service or issue that may impact our congregation. This month I want to focus on the health care changes that were just announced in October. If your Medicare plan is the United Healthcare Advantage plan, please note they will no longer include Door County Medical as part of their plan effective January 1, 2026. Here is a link to an article on this which includes contact information at Door County Medical to discuss health care alternative plans and how to enroll in them if you would like to stay with Door County Medical health care providers. Please read this link for more information: <https://www.dcmmedical.org/news-and-events/united-healthcare-medicare-advantage-plans-to-exclude-door-county-medical-center-from-network-in-2026>

Be on the lookout for a brief survey coming next month. It will be a wonderful opportunity for everyone to help shape how we focus our care efforts as a congregation. Additionally, we will be on the lookout for cookie makers, bakers, and carolers as we get closer to the holiday season to spread holiday cheer. In the meantime, keep this message in mind and thank you for being part of this caring community.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

And we have the good fortune of having angels all around us.

With gratitude,

Amy Hennings
Congregation Care Coordinator
Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church

IT'S ME!

Today is one of those days where a tune has grabbed my attention and is firmly attached to my ears! (Think "ear worm".) Whenever this happens (and it happens quite frequently, I must admit), I try to figure out when the song first grabbed my attention and then why it won't let me go! So this is one of those "visits" from my past, which I will share with you. (You're welcome!)

IT'S ME (it's me), IT'S ME, O LORD, STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER!**African American Spiritual**

**It's me, (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.**

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;**

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me, (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer;
(Sing it again!)**

**Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;**

**Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me, (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer;
(Sing it once again!)**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer;**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.**

**It's me, (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer;
(And yet once again!)**

**NOT THE STRANGER, NOT MY NEIGHBOR, BUT IT'S ME, O LORD,
STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER;**

**NOT THE STRANGER, NOT MY NEIGHBOR, BUT IT'S ME, O LORD,
STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.**

**IT'S ME, (IT'S ME), IT'S ME, O LORD, STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER;
IT'S ME, (IT'S ME), IT'S ME, O LORD, STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER.**

How often we meet on a Sunday morning to worship God, to sing together, to pray and then to pray specifically for each other during the service. We pray for guidance, we pray for health and healing for our neighbors, we pray that God would restore peace and harmony to our world. But perhaps the true healing is not found by seeking to change others (noticing the speck in our neighbor's eye), but by seeking God's direction in order to change ourselves (recognizing the log in our own eye - Matthew 7:3). **IT'S ME, O LORD, STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER!**

John, in his first letter, declares: **GOD IS LIGHT**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that GOD IS LIGHT AND IN HIM THERE IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE HIMSELF IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS HIS SON CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN.

Lord, help us to seek you in the light of your truth. Change our hearts. Give us peace. Let us realize that "It's me, (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer." Amen.

Blessings to us all,
Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist

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 Shepherd of the Bay and community programs.

The Salvation Army needs volunteer bell ringers in Northern Door.



We are looking forward to another successful Red Kettle campaign this year, but we rely on our enthusiastic volunteer ringers to make it happen.

The holiday season red kettle campaign is a major source of the funds that the Salvation Army uses to provide emergency services to your neighbors in need. When you volunteer to ring the bell, you help the Salvation Army provide direct financial support to people in critical situations. This could be for rent, utilities, transportation or other urgent needs.

All donations collected in Door County stay in the county.

Please consider helping by ringing a two-hour shift on a Friday or Saturday from November 28 – December 20. Locations are: Piggly Wiggly, Al Johnson's, and the Christkindlmarkt at the Corner of the Past Museum in Sister Bay, and Baileys 57 BP in Baileys Harbor.

Check for open time slots and sign up at RegisterToRing.com, or call Mary Rosecky at (920) 473-5006.

If you would prefer to ring at a time not on our "official" schedule, feel free! But please let Mary know when you are done so we can arrange to pick up the donations.

Klaud's Pantry

November can be a challenging month in Door County. Many seasonal employees are finishing their jobs just as the weather turns colder, and delays in SNAP benefits may occur. As the holidays approach, the food pantry expects to serve more community members than ever. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in their time of need through your generous donations.

Always needed:

- Fresh and frozen fruit and veggies
- Dairy products (cheese, milk, yogurt, etc.)
- Juice (bottled and frozen)
- Soups like Chunky that can be eaten as a meal.

Non-perishable needs are:

- Canned veggies (low sodium) especially carrots, and peas
- Canned fruit (low or no sugar)
- Canned meat (tuna, chicken, spam, corned beef)
- Jam and jelly
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing)
- Crackers
- Pasta, Rice, and Potato Side Dishes

Also asking for personal hygiene products.
Thank you so much!

An Important Reminder: Please put all non-perishable food in the shopping cart across from the refrigerator.

WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

WELCA Book Club will be welcoming Door County author, Ann Heyse, for a conversation about her book, The Light is Ours. The story takes place in 1871-1872 at a fictional lighthouse on Lake Michigan in Door County. We will be meeting in the church parlor on Thursday, November 20 at 9:30am. You do not need to be a book club member to attend. Everyone is welcome to join us and there will be snacks!!!

Please contact Gretchen Farwell if you have any questions regarding the Book Group and its meetings.

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

November brings the anticipation of so many wonderful moments for Children, Youth, and Families at Shepherd of the Bay! We begin preparation for the Children's Christmas program, launch our Cereal Box Challenge for the Door County Food Coalition, celebrate the first Sunday in Advent, and give thanks with our families and friends, acknowledging our gratitude to God for all of God's provisions.

Little Lambs

For infants, toddlers, PreK, and their parents or care providers. Each hour we will enjoy a Bible story, creative play, music, games, and art to take home! **Wednesdays, from 9:30 am to 10:45 a.m.**

Nov. 5 Baby Moses

Nov. 12 the Ten Commandments for Littles

Nov. 19 I am Thankful!

Nov. 26 Little Lambs will **not** meet today.
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday School

For Children ages four through grade six. We gather at Children's message within worship, and head to the classroom. We return for Communion. Parents please pick up your children in the classroom after worship. Join us after in fellowship hall as we gather with our church family for good conversation and treats!

Nov. 2 Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10

Nov. 9 The Sadducees' Question Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 16 God's Love is Forever Luke 21:5-19 Today is Pancakes and Praise! Our littles will receive a "prayer pillow"!

Nov. 30 God will Bring Peace, Isaiah 2:1-5 First Sunday in Advent

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays will take place **every 1st and 3rd Wednesday after school** until pick up time at 5:30 p.m. The Shepherd of the Bay Van will arrive at Gibraltar School for pick up. Watch your email for transportation communication! We will have a delicious snack, followed by games, art, Bible stories, service, outreach, and more! Please sign your child out at pick up time, and be sure their registration forms are up to date with Lynda.

Nov. 5th and 19th The Forgiving Prince, and God to the Rescue! Thankful Grateful, are we!

***Time to sign up for the Christmas program parts!
Watch for rehearsal dates!***

Confirmation

The first three Wednesdays of each month, the church van will pick students up after school and head over to Shepherd of the Bay! We'll enjoy a snack, highs and lows, and a multitude of faith formation conversations, preparing students for Confirmation. Pick-up time is at 5:30 p.m.

Confirmation will meet **November 5, 12, and 19th**

High School Youth Group

Sunday, November 9th, campfire, bible check-in, and s'mores at 6:00pm.

Wednesday, November 19th, 6:00 p.m. Bring a pie home, AND we will learn to make Communion Bread! Sign up for the Children's Christmas program (readings, ushering, helping with the littles).

The Great Cereal Box Challenge is Back!

Our children and youth will start collecting boxes of cereal for the Door County Food Pantry Coalition on Sunday, November 9th. The collected cereal will be shared with food pantries in Northern Door County. Let's work together to surpass last year's total of 110 boxes! Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those who rely on these food pantries.

Join us for the cereal box domino run on Sunday, December 7th!



Jr. High Blast! Love God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might. And love your neighbor as yourself. Thank you to the staff at Imago Dei for making this such a rich experience for our kids!



Introducing...drum roll please!
The Confirmation class! Learning
the first article of the Creed, we
believe in God almighty, creator
of heaven and earth.
Stacking Genesis chapter one in
order, well...sort of.



Shepherd of the Bay Youth in the Community



New Members

On October 26th, we welcomed five new families into membership at Shepherd of the Bay: Matt, Alex, Katherine, Anna & Ben Hockers; Eric & Lori Jeppson; Sid, Kelly, and Reece Johnson; Lauri Smith; and Joyce Voeltner.



Sid, Kelly & Reece Johnson

We were born and raised in Door County and reside in Sister Bay. We welcomed our beautiful baby boy, Reece, in February and are enjoying every moment of being his parents. On our off time, you can find us enjoying any and all outdoor activities. We love to hike with our dog, fish, bike - you name it. Spending time with family and friends is always a priority. We love Door County and being a part of such a great community. We feel fortunate to have lived here our whole lives!



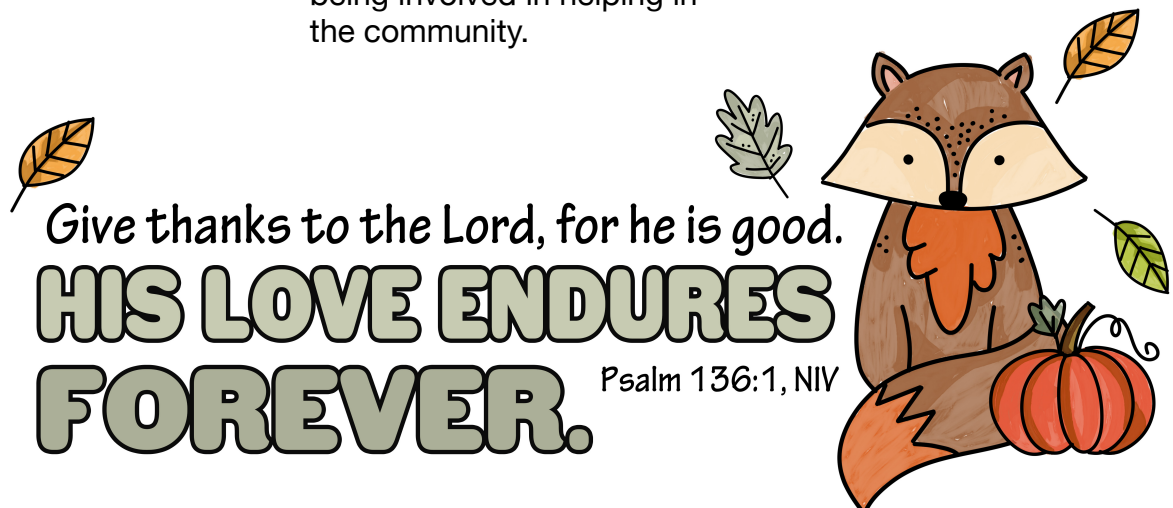
Lauri Smith

I grew up on a farm in Central Illinois and moved to Bloomington/Normal, IL for a job at State Farm (after a divorce) with my two children. I met and married Dex Smith and we raised our family there. We have been coming to Door County since the early 1980's. We moved here permanently in Jan. 2017 after retiring. Dex passed away Jan. 2025 from lung cancer. I enjoy walking and enjoying the nature given by God. I have a pug named Bentley and am interested in being involved in helping in the community.



Joyce Voeltner

I was a previous member of Shepherd of the Bay when I resided in Meadow Woods. My heart still remains in Door County. Pastor Honig has remained a special friend and why I would like to return. I still make several trips to Door County every summer.



Shepherd Of The Bay Council Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

Present: Tara Torkelson, Pr. Jim Honig, Grace Rossman, Mark Beecher, Jane Burress, Jeff Johnson, Adam Johnson, Lynda Pietruszka, Jane Mohit Absent: , Scott Henry, Cheryl Becht, Julia Keeper

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Torkelson

Opening Devotion

Minutes of the August 18, 2025 meeting approved.

2 Items added to the agenda by Tara Torkelson AED Awareness and Red Cross Shelter.

Treasurers Report was presented by Grace Rossman

The Committee reports were reviewed.

Discussion about opportunities for social interaction in the upcoming months included afternoon gatherings for games. Pr. Honig offered to be among the volunteers to help organize. Dates were discussed for the upcoming year.

Old Business.

1. Security cameras have arrived, testing is upcoming with the updated connectivity.
2. Motion approved to hire Amy Hennings as Congregational Care Coordinator as recommended by the interview team.
3. "Leading with love, serving with heart, spreading hope through God's grace. Everybody, everybody, everybody is welcome here." as offered by Julia Keeper was discussed as an updated Mission Statement for the congregation. Motion approved

New Business.

- A. Motion approved for the Peninsula Music Festival request for facility use August 21, 2026.
- B. Motion to approve \$500.00 dues to our Synod regional sub-group, The Green Bay Conference, for mission projects, was carried. The area ranges from Washington Island to Manitowoc.
- C. Potluck is scheduled for Oct 5, 2025.
- D. Bus use request Oct 10, 2025. Scott Henry to drive anyone interested to the Dudley Birder Chorale concert in Green Bay. No conflict in the bus schedule was identified.
- E. An AED and Blood Pressure Cuff are available in church. AED and CPR training is available from the Red Cross. The council will discuss further at the next meeting.
- F. The Red Cross has inquired about use of the church as an emergency disaster shelter. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:08 PM. Next meeting date Oct 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Johnson, Council Secretary

From the Treasurer:

A budget is a best guess prediction of what the next year holds, and it's a great science to get it 'right'. Actual results will always vary.

As I do during every monthly council meeting, I reported our financial condition as of the last of September during our last council meeting. We are currently running a deficit, meaning our expenses have exceeded the income. Expenses are very close to what we budgeted, but our income has not kept pace with our budget. We are currently seeing a deficit of about \$60,000, roughly 8% of the annual budgeted income.

As I told the council, this is the hardest part of the year for a treasurer, as results become very real and sometimes painful. Typically, the last three months of the year are very strong for Shepherd of the Bay, and we see deficits melt. I'm not in a panic yet, since there are three months of the year still remaining.

Do you need information about a charitable rollover or appreciated stock? Contact me. I can help you.

Thanks for reading,
Grace Rossman

Building and Grounds

Quantum Technologies – Extending the WIFI network throughout the entire building is complete. The new Phone service has been installed.

Security – Door Locks and Cameras - The security camera equipment was delivered on Saturday, September 13th and is in the church office. Installation is pending. The B&Gs Committee agreed at their last meeting to reopen the discussion with Premier Lock and Door to have them update their quote to include the 2nd floor after the discussions with the Fire Department. Their initial quote for the 1st floor was the least expensive. Waiting for their updated quote.

Exit and Emergency Lighting – Vans/Marimic Fire and Safety has been hired to do the routine inspection of all the Emergency backup lights and Exit signs. They had previously only inspected the fire extinguishers. The lights and signs were inspected October 14th. Two emergency lights were replaced (expected), and 2 Exit signs were replaced. New batteries for the backup lights have been ordered. Twelve old style Exit lights that do not have battery backup and no longer meet code will need to be replaced next year at an estimated cost of \$2500.

Stained Glass Windows – Conrad Schmitt Studios is expected to inspect the windows the 1st week of November. An exact date has not yet been established.

Outside Maintenance – Karl Omernick has agreed to trim all the trees immediately around the building this Fall or Winter. A couple Tree Service companies have been contacted (waiting for responses) to grind out the stump on the west side of the steeple. Scott Theis and Dick Burress cleaned the siding on the north side of the building outside the Choir Room to remove the green mold. They also cleaned the outside of the sanctuary windows. Les Keepper has agreed to shovel the sidewalks again this winter. Steve Neuy has been hired again to do the snow plowing this winter.

Sanctuary Ceiling Insulation – The Council was asked last month to approve adding a second layer of insulation above the sanctuary last month. This would increase the R-value from 38 to 50 and in conjuncture with the spray foaming of the recessed lights done last Fall would significantly reduce the heating and cooling costs. I am waiting to hear whether it will be done this year or next.

AC for 2nd Floor – The smoke and humidity this summer made the youth summer program a little uncomfortable. Some of the participants have asthma which was aggravated by the smoke. Next year's budget should include \$9000 for a new AC unit. I have not heard of the Council's decision.

Furnace Maintenance – Eagle Mechanical has been under a "gentleman's agreement" to service the HVAC systems in the Spring and Fall. I have confirmed that they will continue doing so until informed otherwise. They will be doing their Fall maintenance on all 8 furnaces this year.

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, Carol & Karl Omernick, Don Provo, 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



Lessons for November

November 2 : All Saints Sunday

Lesson : Ephesians 1:11-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Introduction to the readings: In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

November 9 : Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson : Haggai 1:15b - - 2:9

Haggai called on the exiles who had returned from Babylon to rebuild the temple. The rebuilt temple, however, pales in comparison with the first temple, built by Solomon. Haggai’s message of encouragement and promise of future splendor gives hope to the people and to their leaders.

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Introduction to the readings: We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

November 16: Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Addressing the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem from Babylon, the prophet proclaims a vision of a future time of peace and prosperity. Though the returned exiles are experiencing hard times, God is about to do a new thing.

Second Lesson : 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Introduction to the readings: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

November 23 : Christ the King Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today’s reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah’s unjust rulers have caused their people, their “flock,” to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

Second Lesson : Colossians 1:11-20

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Introduction to the readings: Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

November 30 : First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Lamentations 3:55-57

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:5-13

Prayer of Confession: Ever-present God, we long to feel you close. We long to feel your presence in our lives. We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world. However, if we’re honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst. Forgive our rushing and distractions. Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space. Remind us that even in the time of Herod, even on the longest nights, you are always there. Amen.

Readers:

Nov. 2	Tara Torkelson
Nov. 9	Robert Loss
Nov. 16	Sharon Pluff
Nov. 23	Jeanne Aurelius
Nov. 30	Nancy Megan

Ushers :

Nov. 2	OPEN
Nov. 9	Joel & Gidget Schauske
Nov. 16	OPEN
Nov. 23	OPEN
Nov. 30	OPEN

Altar Guild:

Nov.	Carol Williams
Dec.	Sharon Pluff

Communion Helpers :

Please talk to Pastor Honig if you can help with communion.

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.



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