

# The Parish Door

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Announcing a new opportunity for worship at  
Shepherd of the Bay:

## The Vespers Circle

Please join us weekly on Wednesday evenings for an informal, family oriented worship service. We will begin the evening at 5:30pm with dinner (no charge). A low-key, prayerful worship service will begin at 6:15, have a topical message and finish with communion around the table by 7:00pm.

**Invite your friends and neighbors! All are Welcome!**

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## Annual Congregational Meeting

Please join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 10:45am (after the 9:30am service. There will be no coffee hour).

The Annual Report for 2018, which includes reports from the committees of the Church, will be available on Sunday, Jan. 20 (both online and in church) for you to look over before the meeting.



## Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap returns to the calendar in January. Join us at Mink River Basin on Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. for a conversation at the intersection of Faith and Life.

I recently read Charles Dickens' classic novel, Great Expectations. It is a profound story of transformation and redemption. Transformation and redemption are two major themes of the Christian faith. In our discussion, we'll explore these twin themes. Do you have your own favorite stories? What stories from the bible come to mind? Do you have your own experiences of transformation and redemption? Come and join the conversation!



I have never been much of a New Year's resolution kind of person. For many of us, the resolutions are as quickly broken as they are made. Still, this new month of a new year is a symbol of new things, and provides us with a natural opportunity for a little pause, a little reflection, and some thought about what we'd like to be different going forward.

Here's an encourage to use this time to reflect on what you'd like to be different in your spiritual life. The Christian faith is more than assent to a body of doctrine; it is also a set of practices. The practices are how we live our what we believe.

One of the practices is to be in the Word. How about resolving to spend regular time reading your bible devotionally. We just had an encouragement in one of our lessons the First Sunday of Christmas. The Apostle Paul counseled the Colossian Christians, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." To let the Word dwell in us richly requires more than an occasional contact with that Word. To dwell means to let it abide, linger, make a home in us. There are so many tools out there; there's even an app for that. You can research your own, but the one I use is YouVersion. Not only is it a full text of the bible, in more versions than you can imagine, it also provides a large number of daily reading plans. You can read a book of the bible, set up a plan to read the whole bible, or even pick a topical reading plan. You can set up your phone to send you an alert to remind you to stay with your daily scripture reading.

Another essential Christian practice is prayer. My own practice is to get up early and go to my quiet spot in the house and spend the first half hour of my day in quiet prayer. After the quiet, I spend some time journaling, which for me is an extension of my prayer time. My journaling begins with a reflection on something that day for which I am grateful. I find I don't need an app for my prayer practice, but if you do, there are a number of them available. Prayer is simply conversation with God. While God certainly wants to hear our desires and requests, God also is the object of our praise and the receiver of our thanksgivings. I think an essential part of prayer is simply sitting quietly in silence to listen for the voice of the Spirit.

A third essential Christian practice is being a part of corporate worship. The writer to the Hebrews encourages his readers, "Do not forsake the assembling together, as is the custom of some, but exhorting and encouraging one another." Our culture tends to think that worship is about our own likes and dislikes. Both the Old Testament and New Testament consistently teach that the gathering of God's people for worship is about God, about our duty of honor and reverence, and about being open to what God might have to say to us and how God will form us and shape us. The Christian faith is about being part of a people and the people gather each week around God's gifts. So, how are you doing in regular participation in worship? Take this chance to resolve to be part of the people of God each week.

As you make your own resolutions for your spiritual life, know that I am praying for you. And if you'd like to talk about any of these things, let me know. I'd love the conversation. Blessings in the new year!

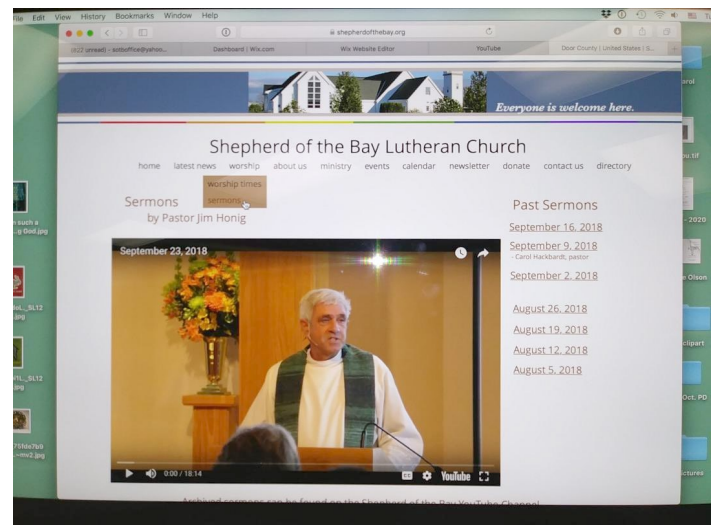
Pr. Jim Honig

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- Find times for upcoming **events**.
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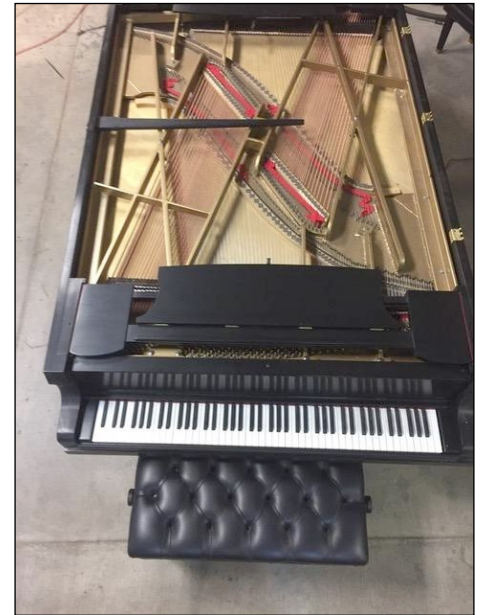
**See lots of photos of what is happening!**





One of the delights of a new year is the opportunity to honor past accomplishments and embrace future challenges. The sanctuary choir began the new year by taking its music “on the road” on January 3rd, performing an evening of Advent and Christmas anthems for our neighbors at Scandia Village. The singers from Shepherd of the Bay presented a full program of seasonal music from our December worship services before hosting a cookie and punch party for the guests in attendance in The Gathering Room. We are pleased to embrace the tradition of sharing an evening of music twice a year with our neighbors and friends at Scand, a tradition begun by the choir’s former Music Director, Gladys Austgen, and continuing with the present choir members and their new conductor.

You may have noticed a big difference in the sanctuary of Shepherd. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, Peninsula Music Festival’s beautiful 9-foot Steinway traveled to Washington Island to have its case refinished over the winter. Since nature abhors a vacuum, a beautiful double piano was installed in the empty space in the sanctuary. This unique instrument, called The Omega, was created and constructed by Peter Nehlsen, a piano tuner-technician with an impressive career with Steinway and Sons. The single rectangular body contains two complete pianos installed over a single soundboard, which serves to marry the two pianos and enhance the sheer volume of sound. Both pianos were created with identical materials (strings, hammers, dampers), and yet there are distinct differences between the instruments. You may notice that I occasionally move from one piano to the other during the course of a worship service, preferring to play certain pieces with the distinct “voices” that each piano speaks with. It is a puzzlement why these differences are present in the two pianos, but present they be! It speaks to the unique nature of instruments, offering subtle and sometimes striking differences to the ear and the hands. You are welcome to come and take a closer look any time The Omega is open! I will be glad to “take you on a tour” of this impressive instrument.



The sanctuary choir has bid a fond adieu to many of our seasonal members, as they continue to seek warmer locations for the winter. As a result of their absence, there are a few choir seats waiting to be filled by some of you, for this season or longer! We would welcome your participation on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. The beautiful thing about membership in the choir is that you have a terrific community of great people all around you, a reserved seat for services on Sundays and a nifty robe to wear when you sing. I highly recommend that you come and lend your voice to this group! You won’t be disappointed with your decision!

See you in church!

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director



## 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 phones.



# World Marketplace

News from World Marketplace—yes, we are still just down the hall. We've been working this year to deplete our inventory, hoping that within the next year or two someone with lots of ideas and energy will decide to carry on the tradition of reaching out to artisans all over the world in an effort to help create economic freedom in countries repeatedly dogged by political unrest, poverty, famine and climatic disaster. Our tradition was started over 30 years ago at Shepherd of the Bay. Over the years our shoppers have decorated their homes with our unique designs and have gifted their friends and family. Some like to say that when you buy from the market place you gift twice, once to the recipient and again to the artisan.

We have just over 200 individual items for sale; some beautiful jewelry, scarves, unusual instruments and Nativity sets, priced between \$1 and \$95. We're thinking that if each one of our 400 members at Shepherd of the Bay purchased just one item from our Marketplace this November/December our shop would be empty and we'd be ready to start anew 2019. We wouldn't think of limiting each member to one item, so feel free to come early and finish your shopping early by completing your whole list at the marketplace. If you're lucky it can be done. Come browse; perhaps, you'll find just the right scarf for that teacher or friend, a pretty bracelet for a granddaughter, a Nativity for a young couple just setting up their household.



## *A note from the Handbell Corner*

As autumn has passed and we reflect upon the joy and wonder that we have experienced this Christmas season, I want to stop for a moment and say thank you to our handbell ringers who have willingly given their hands as instruments to ring forth praise and thanksgiving to our God above. With a fresh start this fall, our ringers are slowly growing in numbers and skill. We have, so far this season, had the privilege to present the uplifting sound of the handbells on both Christ the King Sunday and Christmas Eve. It is exciting to know that the handbells will continue to be a meaningful part of our worship experience here at Shepherd of the Bay!

I would like to acknowledge the following individuals for their participation as ringers during the past three months: Cindy Beem, Christine Bridenhagen, Sue Daubner, Scott Henry, Ruth Ann Hjelle, Cathy Mangan, Jim Marsho, Nancy Marsho, Mary Purdue, and Grace Rossman. Many thanks to each one of you!

As we move into the next few months, we would like to keep the momentum moving forward. There is always room for more ringers. More ringers means more bells. Whether you are a former handbell ringer or someone who would just like to give it a try, please consider becoming a part of the Shepherd of the Bay Handbell Choir. For more information, you can contact me at: (920) 854-3530.

Hope to hear from you!  
Greg Beem, Handbell Choir Director



Dale Erickson  
Virginia Hanson  
Eugene Olson  
Conrad Johnson

Margaret Thompson  
George & Sharon Cobb  
Joan Fisher  
Roberta Kutlik

Dorothy Voight  
Virginia Hanson



## Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season. W.E.L.C.A. had a busy but wonderful December. Our annual meeting and potluck held December 4<sup>th</sup> was attended by 13 people. We elected the Board for 2019 and had a delicious lunch. I want to thank all the people who volunteered to be on the board again: Grace Rossman, Karen Wilkinson, Cathy Mangan, Carole Bergner, Barb Tuttle and myself. Thank you ladies for your dedication to Women of the ELCA. Cheri Boock retired this year after many years on the Board. Thank you, Cheri and God Bless you in your future endeavors.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> we had our annual Christmas luncheon. About 40 ladies enjoyed a delicious catered lunch put on by Bill Fairchild and crew. We also enjoyed a wonderful and informative program presented by Connie Glowacki. Thank you to all the people that made this a wonderful day. My only regret is that more of you couldn't be there. Put **December 10, 2019** on your calendar so we can see you next year.

**The Quilters** continue to meet on Thursdays and have completed more than 31 quilts. They would love to have you join them. Call Barb Tuttle (920-883-7011) for more information.

If you attend any function in the Church where the white tablecloths are used, thank **Grace Rossman** for hemming all of them. This saved the Church having to buy new ones.

**SOCIAL 6** has ended for the year. Watch for new groups forming next spring.

**The WELCA Board Meeting will be January 08, at 1pm in the parlor.**  
**Anyone who would like to know more about what we do is welcome to attend.**

**ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY** Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken Bergner

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

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

**BOOK CLUB** will meet January 17<sup>th</sup>. Call **Gretchen Farwell (854-6203)** or see **next page** for more information.

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 is being used to buy gift cards for the Piggly Wiggly to give to those in need.

The WELCA Board  
Meeting will be  
**January 8 at 1:00pm,**  
**in the parlor.**

*If you want to know more about  
WELCA, you are welcome to  
attend our meeting.*

## JAN. EVENTS

January 7, 14, 21, 28

- **Bible Study w/Ken**  
- 9:00am - Parlor

January 8

- **Board Mtg** 1:00 -Parlor

January 10, 17, 24, 31

- **Quilting Group**  
- 9:15-2:00pm Fellowship Hall

January 17

- **Book Club**  
- 9:30am - Parlor (see next  
page for book information)



**MEAL  
MINISTRY**  
contact  
for  
**January**  
is

**Gretchen Farwell 854-6203**  
**Or (920) 246-9127.**

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.

## Women of the ELCA book club

At our November meeting, we chose a couple of books to read in the New Year. For January 17, we will read the novel News of the World, by Paulette Jiles - the story of a man who wanders around the West after the Civil War, stopping in towns to read the current newspapers to audiences. Along the way he is "given" a girl who had been kidnapped in an raid by a Kiowa tribe, but was now being sent back to her kin in Texas. Poses many questions of nurture and resilience in a historical context.

On Feb. 21st we will read the Door County "Big Read" book for 2019 - Dan Egan's Death and Life of the Great Lakes - from the Amazon website: "*The Great Lakes—Erie, Huron, Michigan, Ontario, and Superior—hold 20 percent of the world's supply of surface fresh water and provide sustenance, work, and recreation for tens of millions of Americans. But they are under threat as never before, and their problems are spreading across the continent. The Death and Life of the Great Lakes is prize-winning reporter Dan Egan's compulsively readable portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening right before our eyes, blending the epic story of the lakes with an examination of the perils they face and the ways we can restore and preserve them for generations to come.*"

Both of these meetings will be in the Church Parlor at 9:30. Please make a note of these dates in your calendar.

We also want to read the bestselling book, Educated, by Tara Westover, but the book is in such demand in the library system, we decided to wait on it. It is the memoir of a woman who was raised by her family of survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, without benefit of any formal schooling. She was eventually educated at Harvard and Cambridge Universities.

At our next meetings we will compile a list of books to read for the remainder of the year. Please come to our meeting with some suggestions, or if you are not able to attend, send them to me.

Happy Advent Season to all.  
Gretchen Farwell



## Sunday School News

by Lynne Buchner

We wrapped up our Sunday School season with our annual Christmas program. The preschoolers told the story of Jesus birth in The Christmas Skit according to Luke as angels and shepherds. The upper grade schoolers presented The 12 Symbols of Christmas which correlated how we decorated our trees and homes for Christmas has a meaning rooted in the bible. Fun was had by all and it was a great finish to 2018.

Sunday School resumes January 6th. We will be doing bible stories not often heard through the rest of the year ending with Esau and Jacob which will prepare the children for the summer Vacation Bible School! Sunday School is from 10:30-11:15 in the upper classrooms. Bring the kids and stay and have some fun with us or enjoy your own faith formation with Pastor Jim's classes or commune with others during coffee hour while your child connects with God! Happy New Year!







STEPHEN MINISTRY

Some years are hard. Maybe you've lost someone dear, maybe you're in the middle of an illness or injury, or maybe things just aren't going well right now. If that's you—or someone you know—let our trained team of Stephen Ministers help. All care is confidential. Please contact Stan Whiteman at 920-868-2997 or Pastor Jim at 920-854-2998 to get you connected with a Stephen Minister.



## Klaud's Pantry Has Expanded

(aka The Little Purple Blessing Box)

Have you seen the little purple box by the side door of the church? This pantry is in loving memory of Chef Klaudia Crawford, former owner and operator of Klaud's Kitchen in the Country Walk Shops in Sister Bay. **The pantry has moved inside the doors of the church for the winter.**

Klaud attended Shepherd of the Bay and planned on joining before her life was cut short by cancer in May of 2017. As her obituary stated, "She found great joy in her life's work, and was never happier than when she was busy creating something in the kitchen." With this Pantry, we feel sure she would find that "great joy" in knowing others are being provided for in her memory.

Please tell your friends and neighbors and help us get the word out about this new pantry box in Northern Door County. Take what you need, or bring what you can. Blessings to all.



## Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

Have you ever thought about coming with us on the Guatemala Mission Trip? The dates for the next trip are March 22-30, 2019. All members, nonmembers, family, friends and friends of friends are welcome to join us.

There is much work to be done. As always, we ask for you to pray for those going and for those with whom we will be sharing the love of God.

John & Nora Zacek

Please contact us at 854-4890 or 421-3346 for more info.

***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."*

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# Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



above: Little Lambs acting out the Nativity at their Christmas Party.



above: Confirmation Youth enjoying a night of bowling.



below: Confirmation Christmas Party/breakfast



There was a lot of celebrating the birth of our Savior this past month with Little Lambs, Wonderful Wednesdays, Confirmation, and Friends in Faith. Thank you to Eloise Lindem, Kristi Appel, Jeremy/Cindy Schwab, Pastor Jim, for helping with these events and the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> graders and their mentors for providing food and clean up for the mentor meal.



High school youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine the end of January. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be written to World Vision and sent to church. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for funds toward our pancake breakfast, Al Johnson's for making sausage, and Annie Alberts/Thyme for making the pancake batter.

Let me know if you would like to be involved with any of our ministries for children/youth this year. Counting my blessings for all of the ways you support this ministry. Happy New Year!



# Building and Grounds Committee

If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Jon Hanson, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Theis or me. If none of us are around, drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you for using the message holder and helping to identify things that need to be done.

**Pardon Our Dust** - Starting in late December and continuing through January, we will be working on 2 major projects made possible by generous donations to the Church; 1) a new digital Audio-Visual system which will enhance our worship experience and provide new capabilities. Pulling the new wires for the system has already started, but the bulk of the work will be done in January, 2) new LED lighting for the all the sanctuary. You may have noticed a number of burnt out lights in the sanctuary. We have not been ignoring them. We knew we were going to be replacing them all with LEDS. Unfortunately, we didn't anticipate it taking so long for the pricing and availability of the new bulbs. This work will also be done in January. Because we will have a hydraulic lift platform available, we will be starting to paint the sanctuary tall east wall. Throughout this work we will strive to have everything back in its proper place for Sunday worship, however this may not always be possible, especially in the east wing. The hydraulic lift there will need to be parked there. We appreciate your understanding and patience. The improvements will be worth the inconvenience.

## Building Maintenance

- **Furnace Repaired** – 2 weeks after the furnace that supplies the Choir Room and Music Director's office was repaired (frozen bearing in the blower motor) it failed again due to a cracked heat exchanger. It was repaired for approximately \$400 and is now back in service.
- **Music Director's Office** – Has been painted the color she selected.
- **Interior painting** – help is needed for the Fellowship Hall and sanctuary in February and March. The majority of the work is reachable from the floor with some short ladder work. Contact Tom Tuttle.

## Projects

- **Garage/Storage Building – Finished**, Final inspection done Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. The electrical work connecting the main building and Garage was completed on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> and the bus moved in. The Garden Shed was vacated Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and is ready to be moved. Electrical and Final inspection was completed Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. The (donated) material to panel in the inside of the Garden Club bay was ordered Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and received Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. Final grading will be done in the Spring. The only issue found/verified after the bus was moved into the garage was that the curve for the rear driveway starts too close to the building. Drivers entering or exiting do not have enough straight length to enter or exit the building cleanly. The drivers have been informed.
- **Outside Christmas Decorations** – Lights for 1 of the medium size trees have been donated and the tree has been decorated.
- **Dormer Leak** – Still waiting for the leak from the Church Office dormer over Carol's desk to be fixed.
- **Sanctuary New AV System and LED Conversion** – Work on the new AV system has started. All the new control, data, video, and speaker wires have been pulled and labelled according to Camera Corner's directions. Excess wire was left (above the ceiling) at each end to allow Camera Corner to terminate the wires in their appropriate equipment. Thank you to Joel Thomas, Scott Henry, and Tom Tuttle for 3 days of work. We discovered and confirmed with Camera Corner that the existing microphone wire in the floor was OK, to reuse. Camera Corner informed us that they expect receiving their last item on order Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. A meeting of the Task Force was held Dec 3 to discuss when Camera Corner should do the installation. The Task Force agreed not to try to have the system installed for Christmas, as there would be no time for error or time to learn how to control the new system. The Taskforce requested Camera Corner do the installation in January. Camera Corner has scheduled the installation for the week of Monday Jan 21. The LED lighting conversion work will be done prior to the Camera Corner installation.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

# Shepherd of the Bay Church Council Minutes Monday, Dec. 17th, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:00

Members present: Scott Eckdahl, Ron Hupe, Holly Thomas, Scott Henry, Alicia Kropuenske, Carl Jackson, Pastor Honig, John Skogsbakken, Jenny Sitte      Absent: Cheryl Becht, Barb Meyer

Council discussion regarding things each member is thankful for.

Addition to the agenda: under New Business, #6 Financial Distributions

Motion to accept last months minutes. Motion Carried

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron Hupe. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion Carried

Discussion regarding sending a letter to the congregation regarding end of the year giving.

## Committee Reports

Pastor's Report, Property & Grounds and Worship and Music Reports presented via email. Education & Youth Committee - no report, Outreach - no report

Capital Campaign Report given by Pastor Honig.

Property & Grounds - discussion regarding recycling bins/dumpster vs. hauling recycling to Going Garbage.

Discussion regarding the possibility of ADA Operators being installed on the rear entrance. Prices were \$4440 and \$5999. Council decided that was not financially possible at this time.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Honig made a request to change the January Council Meeting to January 14th at 5pm. The Council agreed to the change. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 27th.

Council made the decision to set a Budget Meeting for Saturday, January 12th at 10am at Holly Thomas' office.

Capital Campaign Report - Discussion regarding a recommendation to the Council to increase the goal of the Campaign from approx 450,00.00 to 950,000.00. This addition would allow the church debt to be retired and to create a fund for future capital expenses. Discussion of where the 2019 pledges stand.

Motion to make a recommendation to the Capital Campaign Committee that the campaigns goal be changed to \$950,000.00 Motion by Holly Thomas. Second by Scott Eckdahl. 8yea,1nay. Motion carried.

Motion to accept council reports. Motion Carried

Council discussion regarding the work being done to create a new policy manual for SOTB. Pastor Honig brought a copy of a Policy Manual that we will use as a template for our own manual. A committee was created to work on the manual. The committee includes, Alicia Kropuenske, Cheryl Becht and Pastor Honig.

A Nominating Committee was made to find replacements for the 4 members that are leaving the Church Council in January: Holly Thomas, Carl Jackson, Jenny Sitte and Barb Meyer. A meeting will be held Thursday, January 3rd at 8:30 am @ Holly Thomas' office. We need 4 Council Members, 1 Endowment Committee Member and 3 members of the Scholarship Committee. We also need 1 member of the Synod Assembly.

Discussion of Wednesday night services to begin January 16, 2019 and referred to as the Vesper Circle. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the service will begin at 6:15 and will conclude by 7pm. The services will be informal and will target families but all are welcome. There will be communion at each Wednesday night service.

Discussion by Ron Hupe of financial distributions to be made to the following: Bridges, Crossways, DC Habitat for Humanity, Help of Door County, Ministry Fund (formerly Katie's Fund) Koinonia Cupboard and Northern Door Child Care Center. Approximately \$8000.00 will be distributed between these groups.

Discussion of the 2019 budget. Discussion of keeping the budget the same as 2018, \$495,000.00 with cuts being made to make this possible. The Budget Committee continues to work on the budget.

The next Church Council Meeting will be held January 14, 2019 at 5pm.



# Lessons for January

## Jan. 6 : Epiphany of Our Lord

First Lesson : Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Lesson : 1Ephesians 3:1-12

Holy Gospel : Matthew 2:1-12

**Introduction to the readings:** Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

## Jan. 13 : Baptism of Our Lord

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Introduction to the readings:** The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

## Jan. 20 : Second Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

**Introduction to the readings:** The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan’s banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God’s people “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride.” By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

## Jan. 27 : Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

**Introduction to the readings:** The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

## Ushers :

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help usher or contact Cheryl Becht.

Jan. 6	Gary & Gayle Dooly	Feb. 3	<b>OPEN</b>
Jan. 13	Gary & Gayle Dooly	Feb. 10	<b>OPEN</b>
Jan. 20	<b>OPEN</b>	Feb. 17	<b>OPEN</b>
Jan. 27	<b>OPEN</b>	Feb. 24	<b>OPEN</b>



## January Coffee Hour Group

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## February Coffee Hour Group

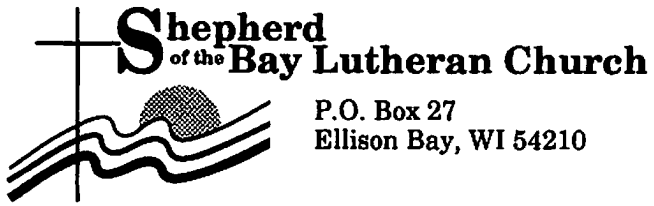
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Wally & Rita Brandt	854-4078
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Robert & Sara Larsen	854-4586
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Richard & Beverly Tesnow	854-2197
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