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Save the Date

On Sunday, September 2, we will be celebrating Gladys Austgen and her 26 years of service as the Minister of Music at Shepherd of the Bay. Join us for the service at 9:30 and reception to follow at 10:30 in the fellowship hall.



Guest Musicians



We are looking forward to having the following musicians join us in August for special music during our worship. Please join us.

- Aug. 5 - Eric & Ellen Olson, oboe and viola
- Aug. 12 - Terry, Peter & Lori Everson, trumpets and violin
- Aug. 19 - Paul Bellino & Bradley Ward, trombones
- Aug. 26 - Dan Grantham, trumpet



ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.
Read more on pages 9 & 10

It's one month since I joined 13 of our high school youth and Jane Burress and John Zacek to head for Houston for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. As I reflect on the experience, here are three important takeaways that point to the importance of the experience.

1) The youth got to live an object lesson about what it means to be part of a larger church. Often congregations are isolated from the larger church of which they are part. We rightly focus on what God is calling us to do and to be here in the local setting. Still, whether we realize it or not, we are part of something bigger than ourselves. We have sister congregations across the country who are also doing great ministry in their contexts. And, together we do things that we could not do alone: we support church affiliated colleges, we support seminaries which provide pastors for our congregations, we provide resources and oversight, we are involved in mission work around the world. Our students captured a vision of this larger church when they walked into the stadium where the NFL Houston Texans play their football games, and experienced worship with 30,000 other students and adults. They also got a sense of that larger church in the exhibit hall where hundreds of church related offices and organizations had set up experiential exhibits to help the students understand the work they do on behalf of the whole church.

2) The youth got to hear testimony from people whose journey has been very different from theirs. Door County is a wonderful place to live, and I can imagine that it would be a wonderful place to grow up. Yet, it is a unique culture and is isolated from the experiences of much of the rest of the country and world. In the daily worship, the students heard testimonies and faith sharing from several persons whose experiences were different and who endured struggles that in some cases the students had never heard of. The speakers bore powerful witness to the power and presence of God in their lives and what a difference their faith had made.

3) They got to experience the presence of God, the love and redemption they have in Christ, and the empowering Spirit in a very intense few days of being together and, especially, intense worship experiences each evening. In short, while the trip was fun, exciting, and offered new adventures and new experiences, most important was the impact that the trip had on the students' faith. And there is no question that we all grew in our faith. My prayer is that the seeds of faith that were planted in Houston will grow and bear fruit in our congregation and community.

Some thank yous are in order. Thanks to Jane Burress for the amazing work she does in taking care of all the logistics. There are a thousand details that need to be arranged to pull off a trip like this, and she had them all covered. Inevitably there are things you can't prepare for, but making sure the things you can prepare for are covered allows a measure of calm response when the unexpected happens. Thanks to John Zacek for his wise and calming presence with the students and for taking time off from the busy season for business owners to be there for our students. Thanks to our high schoolers. Throughout the trip, they were cooperative, engaged, and affirming. They allowed me in to their circle of friends and their lives. Thanks to the congregation for their strong support of our youth and this important experience in their faith formation. Finally, thanks be to God for God's immeasurable grace and mercy that calls us into this community of faith.

On a different note, a different word of encouragement. When we passed the current budget in January, we knew it was an ambitious budget, yet the council recommended the budget believing two things: that the budget reflected in numbers what we believed we are being called to do as a congregation, and that it was within the capacity of the congregation to support this budget. As we all know, while it takes many things to support a strong, vibrant, and vital congregation, money is one of them. As we pass through these busy summer months, we are still behind in our giving at a time when we expect to be catching up. So, to those of you who are supporting the congregation with your financial gifts, thank you. To those of you who pledged and are current with your pledge, your gifts are so important. Thank you. And to those who have the ability to step forward to catch up with and perhaps even to increase your level of support, we deeply appreciate your generosity.

Pr. Jim Honig



MUSIC NOTES

Gladys Austgen, 26 years of faithful service as Minister of Music

September 1992 marked the initiation of a fruitful journey between a multi-talented musician and her church. It all began when Shepherd of the Bay hired Gladys Austgen to be its organist and choir director. Twenty-six years later we have the opportunity to celebrate all that she has brought to the worship experience in this Northern Door Lutheran congregation.

When she began her tenure at Shepherd, an electronic organ was the instrument available for her to inspire congregational singing and lead the liturgy. It served the church's needs for many years until one fateful year, one Sunday at a time, it began to lose its voice, one stop after another and then the organ quit completely. The indomitable Gladys was not defeated, but moved her talents to the upright piano in the sanctuary and continued to lead the worship services with spirited playing and an enthusiastic manner. Over time, several grand pianos have made their way into the sanctuary, to compliment the sounds of the church's treasured Dobson pipe organ. When Greg Beem was hired as organist, Gladys became the fulltime Minister of Music, dedicated choir conductor and second service pianist.

The seasonal choir became a year-round choir at Shepherd of the Bay, when Gladys proclaimed the summer season as "Choir Lite" and invited all interested singers to arrive a bit earlier than the posted worship service time, rehearse the anthem for twenty minutes and then sing the selected music in the service. On any given Sunday, the choir seats were filled to capacity and the beautiful choral sounds emanating from the west wall contributed much to the high quality of worship at Shepherd. During the rest of the year, regular Thursday evening rehearsals have been held, marked with hard work, dedication and much laughter. This choir loves its director!

What about the bells? There was some interest expressed by several musicians in the choir that Shepherd of the Bay should really have a bell choir! So Gladys said, "Great!" and she led a drive toward the purchase of a five-octave set of beautiful bells. Just like the movie "Field of Dreams", she built upon the dream and "ringers" came to rehearse and play under her leadership for many years.

One of the beauties of Gladys Austgen's many talents is her ability to play the piano ... TO REALLY PLAY THE PIANO! Her style and sheer abandon inspires those around her to stop whatever they are doing and simply listen in awe. For years Gladys provided the primary inspiration for the style and joy of the second service, affectionately called the Contemporary Service by many. She occasionally collaborated with other instrumentalists, was often supported with a group of singers, and always encouraged the worshipers to enter into the spirit of joy that she elicited.

Gladys has many gifts, but perhaps her greatest talent is the gift of inclusion. She has boldly and enthusiastically invited visiting musicians to participate in the Sunday services, such as Peninsula Music Festival's Terry and Lori Everson, Eric and Ellen Olson, Dan Grantham and the Cincinnati Academy musicians, Lyric Opera of Chicago's Desirée Hassler, Pamela Williams and John Concepcion and violinist Alicia Doudna, to name only a few! Gladys is an amazing encourager, celebrating years of Bach Cantata Sundays as a singer in the Kleinen Chor, knowing that this was a special opportunity to celebrate the music of J. S. Bach in the beauty of Martin Luther's church in Ellison Bay. This is a gift that I will never be able to repay completely, because Gladys gave me the opportunity to create this annual service with her encouragement and blessing, as well as her participation in the soprano section. Thank you, Gladys!

On Sunday, September 2 at 9:30 a.m., we will all be given the opportunity to celebrate the many gifts of Gladys Austgen. We will sing enthusiastically some of her favorite hymns, she will conduct "her choir" for the final time, we will bless her service to Shepherd of the Bay and then we'll have a party! What joy she has brought to this church over these twenty-six years! What an amazing legacy she has built through the music department. What a joy it will be to honor this organist, pianist, choir director, bell ringer, singer, encourager ... friend!

We love you, Gladys.

Judy Jackson, "your PP" (Principal Pianist)

STEPHEN MINISTRY



The following are excerpts from real life stories that were have been published by Stephen Ministries. They give two examples of the care Stephen Ministers can provide.

What do Stephen Ministers do? Below are two examples of how individuals were cared for by Stephen Ministers. Our congregations Stephen Ministers are here for each of you. Please feel free to contact George Cobb, Stan Whiteman or Pastor Jim if you would like to have a Stephen Minister call on you.

Megan's Story

"Stephen Ministers do a lot of listening and ask really good questions that help you talk through your thoughts and emotions. Stephen Ministers are there for you when it seems that no one else is. Just having someone to talk to—week after week—to bounce ideas off of, can help bring clarity into your life and help you sort through whatever it is you're dealing with." Megan continued "I began to feel God's love again." From St. Louis Headquarters of Stephen Ministries.

Helping dad hang on during personal earthquake

"I don't know what I would have done without Joe (Stephen Minister)," continues Jay. "It has been wonderful to be able to talk with another man, who experiences things in the same way. The truth is that our grief has to be expressed, like Jesus in the garden at Gethsemane. I think many men have a need, but feel afraid to seek help. I was afraid, too, that my grief would have a bad effect on my relationship with God. But instead, it has been enriched. I look at the cross very differently now, with greater understanding of how Mary felt and for the enormity of the Father's sacrifice." From UPC Seattle Washington.

Do You Know Someone Who Is Hurting?

If you know someone—perhaps a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative—who is going through a difficult time, there's a wonderful way you can help them receive the care and support they need. Tell them about Stephen Ministry! Our Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Tom MacDonald, George Cobb, Sharon Cobb or Stan Whiteman. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!



Thank You!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped hand our Freezie Pops at the Door County Triathlon. We raised \$500. for the Guatemala Mission Trip 2019.

Our next fundraiser is at Marina Fest in Sister Bay over Labor Day Weekend. If you would like to help us at our walking tacos booth, talk to John Zacek .



As you read this, the Spaghetti Supper has already happened. But as I write this it is still a week away. I expect it was a great success due to the many volunteers who made it happen. I would like to thank everyone: workers, the businesses who donated door prizes and all who came and ate spaghetti. Without you we could never have done it. But, I would especially like to thank Grace Rossman and Cheri Boock, who did all the organizing so I could spend precious time with my children and grandchildren who decided to visit the week before the Spaghetti Supper. God Bless You!

The **WELCA HARVEST TABLE** continues on Sundays, after worship, in the fellowship hall. We have had some wonderful veggies so far. Please consider bringing your extra produce to share with the congregation and help us help others.

The **knitting/crochet group** will continue to meet on Thursday mornings through the summer. Check out the bookcase at the back of fellowship hall and see all the beautiful knitted and crocheted items that will keep children warm this winter. Please consider joining us for a morning of fellowship and fun as we work to help

OPPORTUNITIES

ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken and June 19th 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 If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, e-mail Bonnie Hanson at jnbhanson@gmail.com or the church office at 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.

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.



MEAL MINISTRY contact for **August**
are

**Ruth Ann Kopitzke (854-2469) and Cindy Beem
(854-3530)**

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.

The WELCA Board Meeting will be **August 14th, at 1:00pm**, in the parlor.

August EVENTS

August 6, 13, 20, 27

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

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- **Knitting and Crocheting**
- 9:15 - 11:15- Parlor

August 14

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

August 16

- **Book Group - 9:30**
Call Gretchen Farwell
854-6203 for location.



ROSE RECIPIANTS FOR AUGUST:

Vi Olson

who has attained an
incredible 102 years!
Happy Birthday and
God bless you.



**Do you have an old cell phone laying around in a drawer?
HELP of Door County needs them.**

We are collecting old cell phones for HELP of Door County to recycle. They get credit towards new phones that can be given to domestic violence victims who need them. You can drop off your old phones in the basket on the table in the narthex.

WORLD MARKETPLACE

BY CINDY SCHAULIS



World Marketplace is open and located down the hall from the office.

The marketplace features fairly traded items from around the world. We work to support artisans and farmers thru fair trade cooperatives in parts of the world where poverty and natural disaster continue to take their toll.

The Marketplace features work from several cooperatives including:

SERRV, a global community empowering artisans/farmers from over 36 countries to support their families and communities. SERRV'S goal: to create a more sustainable world together.

MAYAWORKS, a weaving cooperative creating bright, colorful fabric items, based in Guatemala,

WORD MADE FLESH, a faith based ministry in Sierra Leone which "responds to the needs of the world by building community for those who lack sustainable access and opportunity". Their goal to make Jesus known to the most vulnerable of the world's poor.

EQUAL EXCHANGE, an organization featuring fairly traded coffees, teas, and chocolates.

World Marketplace invites the public to join the growing community of fair trade buyers who are working to break the cycle of poverty to build a stronger world.

Organic, fair trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolate are also located in the fellowship hall.

BRIDGES Event- July 10, 2018

SOTB once again hosted a BRIDGES event sponsored in coordination with seven local churches.

BRIDGES is an outreach program for Door County international student workers to provide friendship and American experiences through nine summer social events, weekly English classes, and bicycle loaning, as well as exposure to our Christian beliefs. These university students all have housing provided through their employers- our mission is to be friends and share a little of ourselves and our community.



A huge thank you to all the SOTB members and friends who volunteered their talents to make this event a big success. We served a "from scratch" delicious spaghetti dinner to nearly 180 people, flew kites, rode Segways, printed beautiful cards with painted leaves, and learned about our sanctuary organ. Pastor Jim gave a warm-hearted welcome and relayed the story of the Good Samaritan as an example of kindness to a stranger.

A thank you again to SOTB family and friends who helped to make this event happen- Sharon and Bob Pluff, Michele and Dale Johnson, Greg Beem, Pastor Jim, Grace and Glen Rossman, Sharon and George Cobb, Jan Peterson, Micky and Jerry Swanson, Vernamae Juel, Pat and Myron Marlett, Kathy and John Westberg, Eileen True, Carol Omernick, Tom Tuttle, Emily, Mary, Megan, Anna, Bill, and Barb Meyer.

Northern Door Health & Wellness Ministry COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAM

Keep on Moving: Correct Walking and Outsmarting your Back Pain

WHEN: Sunday, August 12 at 4:00pm

WHERE: First Baptist Church, Sister Bay

SPEAKER: Keith Fischer, PhD, with a doctorate in Physical Therapy and specializing in Musculoskeletal Management, will present on two important topics: correct walking technique and also the different types of back pain and ways to improve it. Join us!



School Supplies

Lutheran World Relief and Guatemala Mission Trip.

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Or trying to decide which of your children will continue to go to elementary school because you can not afford the supplies for both of your children.

School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future and help children stay in school.

With back to school sales starting, please think about purchasing some school supplies to donate.



We would like to reach the following goals:

Lutheran World Relief - 30 school kits

**Guatemala - 50 school kits to go with 50 pairs of shoes
PLUS 20 to give to the families we will serve.**



That's a total of 100 School Kits! We are looking for the following items:

School Supply List for LWR School Bags:

1. One 30" centimeter ruler; or one with both inches and centimeters
2. One pencil sharpener
3. One blunt scissors; child size
4. 5 unsharpened pencils; standard yellow type
5. 5 black or blue ballpoint pens; No gel ink
6. One 16 or 24 count crayon box
7. One 2 1/2" eraser
8. 4..... 70 count notebooks; wide or college lined; No loose leaf



Additional School items needed for Guatemala School Bags:

9. Colored pencils
10. Markers
11. Socks



Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

How would you spend your dollar?

Each week, 50 elementary age kids from neighboring communities come to the Shoe Factory at Manos de Jesus, in Chichicastango, Guatemala. Here they are given a pair of shoes so they can go to school. Kids in Guatemala can not wear sandals or open toe shoes to school. The cost of one pair of shoes is \$10.

Many families live on \$1.00 a day per person in their household. How would you spend your dollar? On Food? On Clothes? On blankets to keep you warm? On wood to cook what little food you have? On Medicine for a sick child? On food for the chicken or seeds to plant and hope they produce food? To Send one of your children to school?

Education is so important to all peoples everywhere. By helping with school supplies and shoes, it also reinforces that an education is important. When you are forced to choose between spending money on food and spending money on school, the immediate need always wins.

When our team travels to Guatemala in March 2019, we will give out 50 pairs of shoes and we hope to give each child a backpack of school supplies.



Kids being fitted for a pair of school shoes at the Shoe Factory in Guatemala.

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Jane Burress



Wonderful Wednesday is going well, thanks to all of our volunteers. There are 30 children registered and 6 middle school helpers. The children made snacks for Habitat Humanity workers and are raising money for the Northern Door YMCA Summer Lunch Program.

Thank you to everyone who supported the youth participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston (The report they read in church is included in this newsletter). There have been many positive conversations regarding the experience. I was grateful to have John Zacek and Pastor Jim join us. Youth brought children's books to donate to Houston, donations of money for the ELCA Global Farm Project, and Sunday offering, which went to several organizations. The speakers were inspiring and there were many opportunities for educational experiences and fun.

School supplies are on sale now. If you would like to bring donations of supplies (or donations of money for us to purchase them), there will be a box in the narthex. The children will be putting together kits in the fall. A list of items to fill the backpacks, are included in this newsletter. If you like to sew, we could use backpacks. The pattern can be found on the ELCA website: https://lwr.org/wp-content/uploads/SchoolKit_DrawstringBackpackPattern.pdf

It's time to start thinking about fall ministries. Please keep Lynne and I in your prayers as we prepare for the next school year. If you would like to lead story hour for preschoolers, lead the Wonderful Wednesday Program, help with confirmation, or teach high school youth group, please contact me. If you would like to provide a salad or dessert for a high school meal or host a dinner in your home let me know. It would be great to have someone to take care of the pray ground (keep it organized, change seasonal items, add new items, etc.). If you love children and want to spend time with them, let me know and I can work with you to find a place to serve. If you would like to help with Sunday School, contact Lynne.

I'm so grateful to everyone who is a part of these ministries. Thank you for listening to God's call and supporting us through prayer, donations of money, time, and talent. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Bible Stories led by Ed Stone.



Snack time led by Leah Gieseler



Games led by Justin Burress



(teachers) June, Jan, and Kristi lunch time



Snacks made for Habitat for Humanity workers



Imagination Station led by Jan Peterson.



Having fun!





Singing ...



...and praising in the Houston Astrodome with 30,000 others!



ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas

Report read in church, by the high school youth group following their trip to Houston, Texas for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Written by Gabbie Lettie and Rachel, Krista, and Kayla Follingstad.

Our mission as a youth group was to grow in our faith in God and serve others through His work. We learned how the power of God's hope, grace, and love really does change everything. Hearing powerful speakers, listening to amazing music, and seeing everyone all together for one purpose, opened our eyes and changed our perspective on God's true power.

During our 24 hour journey, we were able to bond with our peers from Bay View Lutheran Church of Sturgeon Bay and First Lutheran Manitowoc. One of our favorite moments was when we went to Lampert's to eat dinner in Missouri and had "Hot Rolls" thrown at us.

During the gathering, we had a designated day to do a service project. We were not assigned the service project until that day. Our service project was to help better the Buffalo Bayou State Park. We did this by picking dead and invasive grass. Yes, I know what you're probably thinking, "picking dead grass, really?" We thought the same thing. As the day went on, people were commenting on how much of a help we were and how it is really making a difference. Then we began to see we didn't need to do a big project to make a difference.

Our first day in Houston, we went to the Houston Space Center where we learned what God is doing through the incredible people of NASA. We also had the opportunity to tour Project Row Houses located in the Third Ward. They use these houses for aspiring artist to assist their dreams and for single mothers to get their feet on the ground.

The next day we were scheduled for the interactive learning portion of the gathering. Here we participated in many games and activities and met many new people. Even though all of this was fun, we did learn quite a lot when, as a group, we went through the simulation of a life as an immigrant or refugee. We learned what the ELCA is doing for them, and it was truly inspiring. There were many booths dedicated to other work the church is doing to break down these previous stereotypes that people of a certain gender, race, sexual orientation, political stance, or certain purity of action are allowed in the church. The day emphasized the message of all are welcome, always.

On Synod day we met with churches from our synod, The East Central Synod of Wisconsin. We sang songs and worshipped God, led by some of our peers and Bishop Mansholt. The day shined light on the idea of unity not only as a single church, but as a synod and as a national church through the ELCA.

One of the coolest things from this trip was that each and every one of us took away something different. These are just some of the things that our group was impacted by (These are some quotes): Whether it was "seeing how powerful 30,000 people can be," "the ability to talk and interact with so many like-minded kids," "how one of the speakers talked about how unconditional love isn't unconditional if there is conditions on it," "Mikayla (speaker) creating a support group for people fighting life threatening illnesses in the middle of her illness was so inspiring." "was truly impacted on the number of volunteers who took their time to help others." Will (speaker) taught us through all hardships that "there's hope for that".

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ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas, continued

We would like to thank our families and the church for aiding us to get to Houston and let us show the people of Houston God's work through our hands. We would like to thank Jane Burress, John Zacek, and Pastor Jim for joining us and guiding us on our journey, keeping us safe, vigilant, and helping us to get what we could out of the week. We are grateful for the countless number of volunteers that helped put the whole week together through their time and talents. We thank the musicians and speakers who bravely shared their stories and inspired each and every person involved in this week. Lastly, we thank God for the opportunity to share his love through the week and the ability to spread that to each other and the people of Houston.

If you have any questions or want to know more please don't hesitate to come up to any of us after the service, we are happy to talk to you and give you insight on the week where we learned how much God's call, God's love, God's grace, and God's hope changes everything. Thank you!



service day in Houston



Putting together personal care kits for victims of human trafficking.



Shepherd of the Bay Church Council Meeting Special Meeting Sunday, July 22 @10:56am

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

Motion to approve, on the recommendation of the Technology Task Force, the signing of a contract with Camera Corner prior to 8/1/18 for a new sound and technology system for Shepherd of the Bay which will be paid for by 2 donors at the approximate cost of \$87,000.00.

Motion by Holly Thomas. Second by Scott Henry. Motion Carried

The Council would like to extend our gratitude to the donors who have made this project possible. Many thanks to all of you!

Meeting adjourned 11:05am
Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sitte, Secretary



Readers :

Aug. 5 Bill Klug
Aug. 12 Jan Stromen
Aug. 19 Dan Farwell
Aug. 26 Wally Brandt

Ushers :

Aug. 5 Bill & Gretchen Klug
Aug. 12 Judy Perkins and David Keen
Aug. 19 Judy Perkins and David Keen
Aug. 26 **OPEN**

Altar Guild :

August - Debbie Casperson



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting July 16, 2018

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

The minutes from the last meeting 6/18/18 were approved.
Treasurers Report presented by Ron Hupe and approved.

Worship and Music Report given by Pastor Jim Honig. Discussion of the time change for Sunday worship. It was noted that the process for changing the worship time was the same process that was used when the worship time was changed to 8:30. This change was discussed at length, not entered into lightly and recommended by the Worship and Music Committee. Discussion regarding a retirement party for Gladys Austgen. The date that has been selected with input from Gladys is Sunday, Sept 2.

The Capital Campaign Report was given by Holly Thomas. Holly advised that she had met with Greg Casperson, Ron Hupe and Carol Omernick. As a group they updated the Church Registry. Discussion of the tentative schedule for the Capital Campaign. The decision was made that the Campaign will not be using the services of an outside consultant, in part due to the cost and past experience.

Pastor Honig, Jane Burress (Youth and Family Ministry), Barb Meyer (Outreach Committee) and Tom Tuttle (Building and Grounds) all sent Committee Reports to the Council via email. A motion was approved to accept all reports.

Discussion regarding committee organization. A list was presented and referred to as the "Who does What at Shepherd of the Bay" list. The committee updated the list and decided when updates have been completed the list should be accessible through the SOTB website. The list will be updated annually. The list will be finalized at the next Council Meeting.

Further discussion of the retirement party for Gladys Austgen. Cheryl Becht will discuss plans with members regarding planning. John Skogsbakken will write about the celebration for the Ellison Bay news. Scott Henry will be contacting papers who may be interested in writing a story on Gladys.

Discussions regarding job description at SOTB. Are they necessary, what should be included, what should be omitted? A sub-committee of Pastor Honig, John Skogsbakken, Stan Whiteman and Holly Thomas will continue that process, revise the descriptions and bring new versions back to the Council at a future meeting.

A request was received for the Europe Lake Land Owners Assoc. to use our multi-purpose room on Sept 1 from 9-11am to host their annual meeting. A motion was made and approved.

Discussion regarding "God's Work, Our Hands" day of service. It was decided that SOTB would again take part in this day. The date set is Sunday, September 9, 2018

A Technology Task Force update was given by Pastor Honig. The 2 possible proposals include upgrading the sound, system, video capture of the service and video projection capabilities. Both proposals are approx. 85,000.00. The anonymous donation we received towards this project is 35,000.00. Discussion regarding what would be most important to the congregation of SOTB. The Task Force is waiting on prices for only the sound system upgrades to see if that could be done through the 35,000.00 donation. The Council will meet again on Sunday July 22nd at 10:45 to vote on that issue.

Discussion regarding a new Council Member Packet. Council will continue the discussion regarding what should be included.

Barb Meyer and Alicia Kropuenske will be coordinating the maintenance of our AED (defibrillator).

Shepherd of the Bay will be sponsoring the docks-ology at the Fish Creek Dock on Wednesday August 8th. Pastor will be speaking and Jeremy Schwab will be providing music.

Meeting adjourned 6:58pm

Respectfully submitted, Jenny Sitte, Secretary

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

LEGACY ---

Last month we briefly touched upon some of the many aspects of estate planning. This month let's discuss some of the various aspects of our "Legacy"

How do we WANT to be remembered when all is said and done?

How WILL we be remembered when all is said and done?

Will our legacy be based upon what we individually accomplished or what we caused to happen/change while on this earth? Or will our legacy be based upon the ideas, inspirations and directions for future action along with the supporting resources? Or will our legacy be all of the above or none of the above. The choice is ours to make.

Will our legacy be that of a loving and caring person who always made sure that the smell of freshly made cookies was in the air along with the full plate and cold glass of milk when-ever the children, grandchildren or great grandchildren came home or came to visit. Or will our legacy be that of the curmudgeon who coldly states: "I was born, did what I did, died and was buried. It's DONE"

For most of us our Legacy will undoubtedly be somewhere in between these two extremes. We may be remembered for what we accomplished while on this earth with God's given talents and gifts. We may be remembered for how we treated others, family, friends, strangers, etc. Our Legacy may even be based upon criteria that others deem to be important and we never thought of, or an unrecognized impact that we made on people's lives.

As we go through life many of us find a "Cause"; something that ignites that preverbal "Fire in the Belly". "Causes" are as numerous as the stars in the sky and are dependent on "our" life experiences and how we use God's given talents and energy. It makes little difference whether the "Cause" is spreading God's word; helping the deserving poor of Sturgeon Bay, Milwaukee, Chicago' or anywhere in the world; educating children; making sure that music and the arts are alive and well and remain so; or any other "cause" that we deem to be important, are all worthy of our support.

One of the many questions re: "Causes" is will they die when we die or can they and will they grow and develop down the road; and can we have an impact on that growth and development? The answer is obvious; of course we can have an impact, even after we are gone! By the proper and efficient planning of our financial resources we can ensure support for "Causes" well into the future.

Legacy gifting can be arranged thru: Private Foundations, Community Foundations, SOTB Endowment Fund, or many other arrangements.

If you have an interest in learning more about any of the issues discussed above please contact one of the members of the Endowment Committee or Pastor Honing.

Thanks for reading the above.
Werner Krause

Lessons for August

August 5 : Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson : Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Second Lesson : Ephesians 4:1-16

Holy Gospel: John 6:24-35

Introduction to the readings: Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

August 12 : Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25 - - 5:2

Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Introduction to the readings: Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

August 19 : Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

Holy Gospel: John 6:51-58

Introduction to the readings: Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

August 26 : Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Holy Gospel: John 6:56-69

Introduction to the readings: In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.



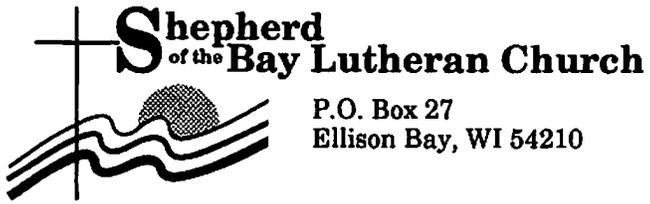
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