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God's work. Our hands.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 9, 2018. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Projects this year will include:

Scandia Village - Weeding and Spreading Mulch

Newport State Park - Trail Maintenance

Bargains Unlimited - Sorting and pricing Christmas items

Peninsula State Park - Painting and replacing campsite number signs.

Call the church office (854-2988) or use the sign-up sheets at church.



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Concert Series presented by

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Principal Organist here at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.



Welcome to the world of
the not-too-distant future.
Imagine the unimaginable.
What would Shepherd of the Bay
look like without volunteers?

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Thanks to everyone who knitted and crocheted almost 200 hats, scarves and mittens for the Door County Boys and Girls Club.



If you've been around church on Sunday mornings the last month, you know that we've had a five-week reflection on John 6, the bread chapter. I've joked the past couple of Sundays about whether you're getting tired yet of hearing about bread. And here I go, extending the reflection. But there's a reason, and I hope you'll indulge me. (If you want to take a break here and go read John 6, go ahead; I'll wait.)

In past years, I remember getting tired of this theme and the work of having to preach on it over and over again. I remember feeling relieved when we could move on to something different. This year, strangely, I feel a little sad, like saying good bye to an old friend. I think I'm going to miss it.

One of the things these lessons have allowed us to do was linger over Jesus. Each week, in different ways, we were invited to taste and see, to remember and reflect, to experience and be drawn into the life-giving truth that Jesus is at the very center of our faith. Jesus is the One who has come to make God known to us, the One who embodies the grace and mercy of the Divine Creator who has given us this rich and beautiful Life.

It's been good to have this extended reflection because I know how easy it is to become distracted. Because the church is both a divine creation and a human institution, we can get side-tracked — as human institutions often do — into dwelling on the things that are pretty unimportant in the big picture, and push to the sidelines those things that are at our very center.

I have a youth ministry colleague who published a book a few years about what youth in our church know about Jesus. She went around to several ELCA churches and to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans and interviewed youth and adults, asking them a series of questions about Jesus. What she found was a shocking lack of even the most basic understandings about Jesus.

Here's why that's important. Without Jesus, we are just another human institution. Maybe we do good work; maybe we offer something to our members socially, maybe even religiously. But without Jesus, we are not church.

I suspect there are a lot of reasons why you show up for church on Sunday, and I suspect that for you those things are important, whatever they are. I hope we can continue to fill those expectations for you. And I want to remind you even as I remind myself, that the primary reason we gather every Sunday morning is to be drawn into an encounter with the living Christ. Our Sunday morning assembly is not about what we do or don't like, not about the choir or the banners or the pastor. It's not about musical styles or aesthetic preferences. It's about Jesus. Our music is to draw us to Christ. Christian preaching at its best is not primarily about information, not about education, not even about inspiration. Christian preaching is intended to use the spoken word to draw you into an experience with Jesus. And that's why we gather at the table for Eucharist every Sunday, because there in the bread and wine we experience the living Christ. Church is ever and always about Jesus. (If you'd like to review the sermons from the past 5 weeks, you can find them on my website: www.jameskhonig.com/blog.)

By the time you get this newsletter, we will have had our retirement celebration for Gladys Austgen. What a gift she has been and what a run she has had. She is an incredibly talented servant and a wonderful human being besides. And she has built an extraordinary music ministry over these past 26 years. We will miss her, and we wish her the best for this next chapter in her life.

I also want to assure you that the council is moving forward to make sure that the outstanding music ministry at Shepherd of the Bay continues. While it's too soon to make any kind of announcement, you can be assured that your congregational leaders understand the importance of our music ministry. In the meantime, Judy Jackson and Greg Beem will see that things keep going on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Speaking of the ministry of music and worship, make sure you read the report elsewhere in this newsletter summarizing the exciting news of an upgrade to our sanctuary technology. We are so grateful to be able to move forward with this project and so grateful to the donors who are making it possible.

As always, I'm grateful, too, to be in partnership with you all in our ministry for the sake of the gospel of Jesus. Grace, mercy, and peace to you, dear Church.

Peace,
Pr. Jim Honig

Update and Installation of Sanctuary Technology

In July, 2017, a gift of approximately \$35,000 was given to the congregation to address the needs of technology in the sanctuary. The donor gave explicit instructions that the gift was to be used for upgrading the sound system and the possibilities of installing a system to capture video of worship and other events in the sanctuary; in addition, the donor indicated a priority for the installation of a video projection system in the sanctuary. Conversations with the donor led to the agreement that the council would appoint a task force to investigate these possibilities and make a report to the council who would make the final decision about how to proceed. The donor also stipulated that there must be a decision about the upgrade of the sanctuary technology by August 1 of 2018; if not, the money would instead go to the Endowment Fund.

The council then drafted a task force charter and enlisted members to serve on that task force. They were: Scott Henry, Judy Jackson, Payton Thomas, Joel Thomas, Glen Rossman, Stan Whiteman, and Dick Luther. Through the course of the year, a few members self-selected off the task force. The formation of the task force was announced to the congregation at the semi-annual meeting in August 2017, and regular updates were provided to both the the council and the congregation, including an update at the annual meeting in January 2018.

In the beginning the task force outlined the potential scope of the project. Without making a commitment to any of the components of the project, they provided the outline of the project scope to 7 different vendors and invited them to come to the church, look at the the physical space, offer their comments and suggestions regarding the project scope, and finally, to provide a proposal and an estimate for the project. Throughout this process the task force was in conversation with each other, with members of the council, members of the congregation, and persons from other congregations, as they sought to provide the best possible outcome for Shepherd of the Bay. There was early agreement among the members of the task force that the sound system needed an upgrade. A high level of excellent sound amplification would be the first priority. The task force members also agreed that a system of fixed cameras to provide a video record of Sunday morning was important. Providing a video playback/projection system in the Fellowship Hall was also deemed a priority.

However, the members of the task force had more mixed opinions about the need and wisdom of video projection capability for the sanctuary. Initially, the majority of members of the task force were either neutral or opposed to such a system. However, as time advanced, as conversations ensued, and as the members of the task force began to imagine the possibilities, a consensus emerged that a video projection system could be a great gift and asset to the ministry at Shepherd of the Bay. (Those reasons are outlined in the FAQs below.)

It was a challenge to keep the various vendors on task and to get responses to requests for modifications to their original proposals. By early May, the task force had decided to pursue all of the sanctuary technology upgrades in the original draft proposal, and by the end of June the task force had decided on two finalists, and had gotten updated and finely tuned proposals from each. In the end, the task force recommended to council that the proposal from Camera Corner in Green Bay be accepted.

However, the proposal for completing the entire project exceeded the amount of the original gift. So, the recommendation was made to proceed with the upgrade of the sound system and the installation of a video camera system, with the rest of the project to move forward when the funds were available. Shortly after that decision was made, a donor came forward to cover the remaining cost of the project. The council agreed to accept that gift and move forward with the entire project immediately.

When will the system be installed? Camera Corner in Green Bay is presently working on the details of installation and ordering equipment. The installation should take place in November.

What will this upgrade to the sanctuary technology cost the congregation? No funds from the congregational budget or reserve funds will be used for the project. The entire project is being funded by two gifts to the the congregation specifically given for this project.

What can we expect? In terms of disruption to Sunday morning services, not much. The work will be done midweek and the sanctuary will be available on Sundays.

Will we be able to hear and understand people better? Yes! That has been the highest priority for the task force. And while the details of the various proposals differed, there was a consistent theme that our sound system is outdated and past its expected life span, and that new equipment will bring good results so that everyone can hear and understand. We are confident that the new equipment will be much better.

Is there anything that will help sound amplification for children's programs? Yes. Specific microphones have been proposed that will help to amplify the voices of the children. Wireless microphones have come a long way and will be used not only for children's programs, but for a variety of events where sound amplification is needed.

Why do we need projection capability? Our worship is really good the way it is! Yes, that is true. And we envision no major disruptions or changes to the way we presently worship. We have heard over and over, "We don't want to follow the bouncing ball on a screen." We hear that. What we imagine is using technology to enhance worship, not to change it fundamentally. When air conditioning was introduced to cars, it didn't change the driving experience, it just made it more comfortable. In the same way, video projection won't change the way we worship; it imagine that it will make it better and more meaningful.

Here are some of the ways we imagine video projection to enhance and build on our ministry:

- Funerals/visitation. With increasing frequency, families are making video collages of family photos that include the deceased. They have asked for equipment so that they could project the video during the time of visitation. To this point, we have not been able to accede to their request.
- Occasional visual enhancements for the sermon. There will be no outline projected; there will be no text; however, occasionally, it would be helpful to project a photo, a work of art, or a brief video clip to enhance the sermon.
- At present, some parts of the service are not printed in the bulletin (e.g., the eucharistic prayer). These could be projected for those who would like to follow along.
- video projection into the Fellowship Hall when there are events that exceed the capacity of the sanctuary (e.g., large funerals).
- A few recitalists have requested the use of projection capability. They have wanted to project images to accompany they music they have played.
- The ability to provide video messages from our churchwide staff. When matters important to the church take place, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton often issues video statements that are intended to be played for congregations of the ELCA. We will now have to capability to share those messages with the congregation.

Will the new technologies require people to operate them? Yes! And we hope you will volunteer. At least 3 people will be required for each service: sound system, video capture system, and the video projection system. As time goes on, we may discover that one person can operate more than one of this systems, but for now, we are expecting to need 3 volunteers for each service. Training will be provided.

We are excited to have this new technology to make a good ministry even better.



News from the Concert Series Committee

September Organ Concert



Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. here at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church when we will have the final concert of our 2018 Concert Series presented by

Greg Beem

Principal Organist here at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

Greg has served as Principal Organist of Shepherd of the Bay for the last three years and oversees the care and maintenance of the church's beautiful Dobson organ. Over the past four decades, he has had an active career as a music educator, church musician, and performer. His academic degrees are from Butler University, Concordia University-Chicago, and National Louis University. Greg will be performing works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms, François Couperin, Gordon Jacob, Felix Mendelssohn, Louis Vierne, and Johann Walther.

The concert is offered free to the public. A free-will offering will be received to support the ongoing music programming of the Shepherd of the Bay Concert Series.

Please be sure to join us on **Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** for a delightful evening of music here at Shepherd of the Bay. Make sure to spread the word to your friends and family. There will be a reception following the concert.



September begins as a celebration of the life, legacy and musical contributions of our esteemed Director of Music, Gladys Austgen. During the twenty-six years of her ministry, Gladys was instrumental in establishing a vibrant, multi-faceted music program at Shepherd of the Bay. An adult volunteer choir, the envy of many visiting musicians, sang all year round to contribute to and enhance the worship services. An enthusiastic bell choir rehearsed together, laughed together, gained skills together and added their beautiful silver voices on many Sunday mornings. Gladys has worn many hats during her many years at Shepherd -- organist, choir director, singer, bell director, ringer, pianist, collaborator, worship enhancer, encourager, friend. Gladys was bold in reaching out to visiting musicians, inviting them to participate in worship in many ways. There was always an opportunity for musicians to contribute their talents in Gladys' programs – from Peninsula Music Festival to Lyric Opera of Chicago to Birch Creek to visiting organists, the invitation was enthusiastically offered to all – and once offered, they were all “hooked” for life!

We will have the distinct pleasure and extraordinary opportunity to express our gratitude, admiration and love to Gladys on September 2, 2018. The 9:30 worship service will feature many of Gladys' favorite hymns, choir anthems and visiting guest musicians. A program will follow at 10:45, where friends, colleagues and admirers will be able to share their thoughts and experiences about Gladys with the gathered assembly. AND THEN WE'LL ALL HAVE A PARTY, WITH BEAUTIFUL FOOD, A BIT OF MUSIC AND CHOCOLATE CAKE ... LOTS OF CHOCOLATE CAKE!!! Please mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event. What a morning this will be – a true celebration of a truly exceptional woman, shared together with her church family.

You may have noticed! The choir at Shepherd of the Bay is extraordinary! Sunday after Sunday they contribute their time, talent and beautiful singing to the worship experience. During the summer months they rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and then sing for the 9:30 service. This “choir lite” experience has enhanced many summer church services over the years, lifting the musical expression of worship through choir anthems, adding leadership in the Psalms and encouraging hearty congregation singing through their vocal presence. The “choir lite” model will continue for the first four Sundays of September, where we would encourage any interested singer to come to church at 9:00 on a Sunday morning and “give it a try”. You would be very welcome!

On Thursday, September 27 at 7:00, the choir will begin its schedule of Thursday evening rehearsals for the regular church year. This hour-long rehearsal affords us the opportunity to learn some new music, revisit some favorite compositions and to develop lasting friendships through our singing together. You don't have to audition to join the choir. You don't even have to read music well – we'll help you! You just have to be interested in singing together and creating something more impressive than you could do on your own. There are so many reasons to join the choir – you always have a reserved seat on Sunday mornings, you get a robe to wear, you can add your voice to contribute to a beautiful sound and you get to become a member of the nicest group of singers you will ever encounter! Come! Try the choral experience for a month, a season, a year, forever! Oh, by the way, did I tell you that one of the rewards of choir membership is the abundant laughter shared every Thursday evening? We'll look for you and save you a seat in the choir loft.

Save the date! Our Principal Organist, Greg Beem, will present a beautiful program of music on Saturday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. We always enjoy how Greg's music enhances our services every Sunday morning, but this is such a special opportunity to see how he demonstrates the many sounds and colors of the Dobson instrument with a well-crafted program of music for the organ alone. Please plan to attend and invite your friends and neighbors to this beautiful evening of music.

September will be a month of celebration and thanksgiving, with new opportunities and abundant musical enjoyment. Come join us! We invite you to be part of it all!

Judy Jackson

Can you believe it's September already? It's now time for fall activities to begin.

As we leave summer behind, the knitting/crochet group is ending and the quilters will be starting up. Some of our faithful quilters have moved from the area. The remaining quilters would love to have you join them. All abilities are welcome and training is available. If you are interested, please call Barb Tuttle for more information (920-883-7011). Thank you to all in the knit/crochet group who made almost **200** items including hats, sweaters, mittens and scarves to be given to the Boy's and Girl's Club in Sturgeon Bay. Great job ladies. The quilters need your help carrying the quilts down from upstairs on September 13 in preparation for the Blessing of the Quilts on September 16. Also the quilts will be folded for shipping on September 17 at 10am. Call Barb Tuttle for details. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

I am happy to report that the **Spaghetti Supper netted over \$2300!** Thanks again to all the volunteers who made this happen.

Put September 11 at noon on your calendar. WELCA will be having our **MISSION FEST POTLUCK LUNCH**. All are invited and encouraged to bring a friend. The program will be presented by Amy Kohnle from United Way of Door County. She will be sharing with us the need in this county that many people don't see. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Let's have a great turnout to support our speaker. Call Grace Rossman (854-5574) for more information. I look forward to seeing you there.

SOCIAL 6 – New groups will be forming for September – November. Call Cathy Mangan (854-4215) for more information.

The **WELCA HARVEST TABLE** continues on Sundays, after worship, in the fellowship hall. The produce is finally coming in full now. In spite of no rain, we should see more items on the table. Please help us help others by contributing or buying.

OPPORTUNITIES

ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken

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.

The WELCA Board Meeting will be **Sept. 11th at 10:00am, in the parlor.**

We will set up for the potluck immediately following the meeting.

SEPT. EVENTS

Sept. 10, 24

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

Sept. 11

- **Board Mtg** 10:00-Parlor
- **Mission Fest Pot Luck** Noon

Sept. 20

- **Book Club**
- see next page for details



MEAL MINISTRY
contact for
September
is

Carole Bergner
(920) 839-2036

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

Rose Club

A rose will be given this month to **Joyce Teskie**

who celebrates her 92nd birthday on September 23.

Happy Birthday and God bless you!



WELCA Book Group



CONFIDENTIAL!

Stephen Ministry is confidential!

Here are the books we will be reading in the following months. Please join us! Call Gretchen Farwell for more info 854-6203.

Meeting on **September 20th** at Trish Pierson's - *Piece of the World*, by Christina Baker Kline - Novel about the woman behind Andrew Wyeth's painting, *Christina's World*.

Meeting on **October 18th** at Raetta Mirgain's - We are going to try again for *The Elephant Whisperer: my life with the herd in the African wild*, by Lawrence Anthony, with Graham Spence.

Meeting on **November 15** (Place TBD) - *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate - . This novel is based on a real-life scandal involving the kidnapping of poor children and selling them to wealthy families. *This book is still a hot item for the Library system with 99 holds on one of the copies, but again they will be purchasing additional copies, and we have until November, so please put your name of the list for this one as well.*

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship. We all experience situations that may have leave us feeling vulnerable. When we discuss our feelings and open up to others, we need to trust the other person. This trust is based on feeling confident that the information is not going to be shared with others.

Stephen Ministers take a vow of confidentiality! They do not share names or vital information about the relationship. They walk with the care receiver not talk about the care receiver. The identity of care receivers is not shared, only the Stephen Minister, the Stephen Leader and pastor know who is receiving visits and care from Stephen Ministry.

Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry!

If you want to talk to someone about having a care giver, talk to Pastor Jim, Stan Whiteman or call the church office.

Food Collection Sundays

As you know, the first Sunday of every month is Food Collection Day. We collect canned goods and items for the local food pantry. Some months, we are going to focus on more specific items but you are always welcome to donate whatever you like each month. Some items are in high demand at the food pantries and we may not realize it.

Things we will be focusing on include:

- Feminine Products - Can you imagine being worried about affording these? Tampons, panty liners, etc.
- Baby toiletries - Diapers (especially size 4 & 5), wipes, shampoo, soap, etc.
- Protein Items - Canned meats, tuna, chicken, salmon, canned chili or beef stew, peanut butter, etc.
- Toiletries - Food stamps often don't cover these. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.
- Breakfast & Lunch items for kids - Juice boxes, applesauce containers, granola bars, instant oatmeal, low-sugar cereal.

Here is the collection schedule for the next few months:

- September - School lunch items. Individually wrapped items like: Fruit rollups, pudding cups, fruit cups, bread sticks and cheese, crackers w/peanut butter or cheese, granola bars, nut packets. Even if you only send lunch once or twice a week with your child, these items can be expensive.
- October - Feminine Hygiene products & Diapers - Tampons, Diapers (Size 4 & 5), Diaper Wipes (Part of this collection will go to HELP of Door County)
- November - Protein Items - Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, canned chili & beef stew, peanut butter, beans, etc.
- December - Toiletries - Individually wrapped bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste (& toothbrushes), deodorant, etc.

We always welcome food donations of every kind no matter what the theme is for that month. We also will always take cash donations/Piggly Wiggly Cards to give out to purchase fresh fruit/veg, milk, bread, etc. With another cold winter looming some people are forced to choose between heat and food. Thanks for helping to feed and care for those in need Northern Door County!

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Jane Burress



We had a great summer at Wonderful Wednesday, led by an amazing group of adults and young helpers, sharing God's love with the children. The summer ended with a day at Cana Island exploring the lighthouse, swimming, a scavenger hunt, bubble prayers, a story on staying connected to God, and a picnic. It was a beautiful day in God's creation and fit in with our summer theme. The song below was one of the children's favorites this summer.

My Lighthouse

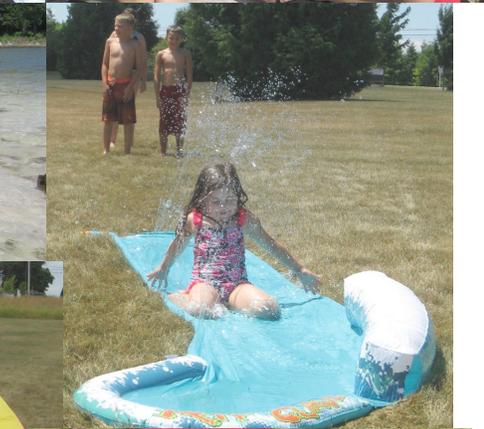
Rend Collective

In my wrestling and in my doubts
 In my failures You won't walk out
 Your great love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence, You won't let go
 In the questions, Your truth will hold
 Your great love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
 Shining in the darkness. I will follow You
 My lighthouse, my lighthouse
 I will trust the promise
 You will carry me
 safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
 Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
 Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)
 Safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
 With each morning I'll rise and sing
 My God's love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 You are...



The children raised \$256.44 for the Northern Door YMCA Summer Lunch Program with their summer offering. Thank you to the Doudna's for making special treats, Wilson's for donating ice-cream, and Schwabs for donating snack supplies.

I am excited to see some new names on the time and talent sheets and look forward to more forms coming in. If I don't contact you for something you sign up for, it is because the position or activity is filled. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support!

In "Sticky Faith" by Dr. Karen E. Powell, Brad M. Griffin, and Dr. Cheryl A. Crawford several of their research findings stand out:

1. "Involvement in all-church worship during high school is more consistently linked with mature faith in both high school and college than any other form of church participation.
2. The more teenagers serve and build relationships with younger children, the more likely it is that faith will stick.
3. High school seniors don't feel supported by adults in their congregations.
4. By far, the number one way churches made the teens in our survey feel welcomed and valued was when adults in the congregation showed an interest in them.
5. Contact from adults in the church makes a difference (for those who are off to college and out of sight)."

I share this to let you know how important you are to our young people and to think about how including them in the worship service and in our conversations can have a significant impact on their faith. I think most of us can look back on our faith journey and see relationships along the way, that influenced our faith in a positive way. I am grateful for those people.

Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

If Matthew 25 were to be paraphrased based off the mission trip to Guatemala:



"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me clean water to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me ... "



"... I was homeless and you built me a house, I was unable to cook and you built me a stove, I was without shoes and you washed my feet and gave me new shoes, I was hurting and you comforted me..."

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.' - Matthew 25:40

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."

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting Aug 20, 2018

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

Call to Order at 5:00pm

Approved the minutes from the last meeting 7/16/18.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Ron Hupe and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Honig presented his report to the Council via email. In addition to the emailed report, Pastor discussed the recent Theology on Tap gathering. An additional 18 people attended and it was considered the most "powerful" gathering yet.

Property & Grounds Report – presented via email from Tom Tuttle.

Worship & Music – no report

Education & Youth report was presented to the Council from Jane Burress via email.

Outreach – no report

Capital Campaign Report – Information was included in Pastor Honig's report. Included were discussions of the rollout out to the congregation including proposed timelines and the financial goals of the campaign.

- A motion to approve all reports
- Motion carried

Further Discussion of the technology upgrade rollout to the congregation.

A date was set for the Semi-Annual Informational Meeting at Shepherd of the Bay. It will be held on Sunday, September 23rd @ 10:45 following the church service.

Discussion regarding the change over of duties and responsibilities in the music dept. after the retirement of our current Minister of Music, Gladys Austgen. A decision was made to form a small committee to discuss the options with Judy Jackson and Greg Beem. A meeting date will be set by Holly Thomas.

Discussion regarding coffee hour. Concerns have been raised regarding certain issues including what is offered and expected during coffee hour, in addition to portion sizes, clean up and coffee overflow. A group will meet to discuss future options and possible changes.

Discussion of the New Council Member Packet being a work in progress.

Discussion of the SOTB Policy Manual being a work in progress.

Further discussion of the retirement party for Gladys Austgen. The catering will be provided by The Fireside restaurant. Food will be provided for approx. 250 people. An invitation will be sent to Scand.

Barb Meyer informed the Church Council that the new parts for the defibrillator have arrived and Chris Hecht will be installing. Thanks to Barb for coordinating that effort.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Sitte, Secretary



World Marketplace

It is a good time to stock up on FairTrade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate before you head to warmer climates for the winter. If you don't see what you need, please ask Carol in the church office. We can order it for you before you leave.

Check out the World Marketplace shop down the hall. Along with many unique one of a kind gifts, you'll also find a wide selection of the ever popular Christmas gifts: scarves, fun jewelry, and Nativities.

Building and Grounds Committee

Thomas Tuttle
Chair Buildings and Grounds

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.

Building Maintenance

•**Well Water** - The well was chlorinated August 17 and flushed. We believe that the issue that caused our problem with the June water sample was due to a spot in the plumbing near the sample faucet where the water was not circulating. A new sampling faucet location was added as part of the hard water leak plumbing changes to correct the problem. Thank you, Joel for taking care of this issue.

•**Hard Water Leak** – The leak was not able to be repaired because it was in one of the 2 pipes beneath the sanctuary floor. As a result, the hard water circuit has been eliminated for everything, except 1 new outside faucet located on the west wall (NW corner) of the sanctuary near the well. The 2 outside faucets on the east end of the building have been cut-off and are no longer usable. The remaining outside faucet on the south side near the front entrance, has been connected to the soft water circuit. All outside water faucets will be labeled “Soft Water”, “Hard Water”, or “Disconnected” as appropriate in the future. The narthex drinking fountain has also been connected to the soft water circuit. Thank you, Joel for taking care of this issue.

•**HVAC and damp/wet carpet** – we continue to monitor this condition and hope that it will get better with less humid weather.



•**Carpet Cleaning** – The carpeting in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, Front Entrance, Main Office Hallway, Rear Entrance and Main Stairway will be steam cleaned Friday, Aug 24th. The sanctuary and 2nd floor carpeting was cleaned last Fall and do not need cleaning at this time.

•**Outside Lighting and Door Locks** – Outside lighting is now working again after being off (except for the Steeple) through June and July. A photo cell replaced in March was faulty and replaced Thursday, Aug 9th. The church ground lights shutoff first at 11pm, followed later by the Steeple lights, and lastly the road sign.

•**LP Tank Leaks** – At the end of July the smell of LP was noticed while mowing the grass around the LP tanks. The Service provider was notified and they sent out a technician to investigate. No safety concern was found, however he found that the gages in 2 of the 3 tanks were leaking. The gage in 1 tank was tightened down to fix the one leak, but the leak in the other could not be fixed. Valves on the 2 tanks without leaks were turned off to preserve their LP. The leaking 3rd tank will be replaced in the near future. Thank you, Joel for taking care of this issue.

•**Sidewalk Seams** – 2 new sidewalk squares have been poured to replace the 2 that had settled and caused a trip hazard. These new squares were pinned to the adjacent concrete to prevent future settling.

Bus Garage/Storage Building - The construction has started with the completion of the excavation, installation the electrical conduit under the concrete and pouring the concrete. Framing of the building is expected to start the week of Aug 27th with completion soon thereafter. Completion dates for the electrical work, final grading and finished gravel on the driveways will be determined after the building is complete.

FALL INDOOR CLEAN-UP DAY

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- Clean all ceiling light lenses – on step stool or ladder, open hinged lenses, vacuum out flies, wash lens
- Plane off bottom of west exit door in Fellowship Hall – take door off hinges and plane off bottom to clear carpet
- Replace missing vinyl molding in Choir Room – cut new piece and glue in place
- Rebuild/replace toilets so that they flush properly – replace flapper valves and handle arms as necessary
- Tighten all toilet seats
- Put carpet slides on white Conf Rm chairs –
- Put new leg feet on Conf Rm tables and some old wood tables in Fellowship Hall – flip tables over, remove old feet and replace
- Remove 2nd floor rotten window dividers
- Take down pleated shade on RH side of chancel for repair – 2 person, 2 ladders
- Clean/polish pews – vacuum upholstery and hymnal holders, clean/polish wood seat backs
- Move choir chairs and damp mop floor
- Clean inside steeple tower – remove stored items, sweep down stairs and ground floor. Replace store items.

Thank you for volunteering to spend an hour or all morning with us.
Thomas Tuttle, Chair Buildings and Grounds

Memorials

Bob Carlson - New Roof Fund

Ken & Carole Bergner Sara Drew Wesley & Sara Drew Charles & Christine Linnell

Jackie Hoekstra - Quilters Fund

Gen Follingstad Lucille Kostka Eloise Lindem Carol Omernick Sheri Rasmussen

Judy Robison

Jon & Bonnie Hanson Gary & Carol Kreml Gloria Serkland

Jim Wilkinson

Gladys Austgen	Ken & Carole Bergner	Dick & Jane Burress	George & Sharon Cobb
Dennis Ehlert	Dan & Gretchen Farwell	Gen Follingstad	Jon & Bonnie Hanson
Lawrie & Mary Kull	Werner & Sue Krause	Roberta Kutlik	Eloise Lindem
Jan & Bruce Mielke	Robert Olson	Bob & Sharon Pluff	Gloria Serkland
Carol Weymer	Rod & Sandy Synnes	John & Pat Skogsbakken	Dee Sinnett
John & Beth Skinner			

Ushers :

Sept. 2	Rob & Becky Lonergan
Sept. 9	Tom MacDonald
Sept. 16	OPEN
Sept. 23	Rob & Becky Lonergan
Sept. 30	Rob & Becky Lonergan

Readers :

Sept. 2	Karl Omernick
Sept. 9	Werner Krause
Sept. 16	OPEN
Sept. 23	Robin Butchart
Sept. 30	Don Luker

Altar Guild :

Sept. - Cathy Mangan & Jill
Lhost
October - Ronnie Robinson

WE NEED YOU!!!!



Without you, Shepherd of the Bay would have no fellowship/coffee hour.
Without you, we would have no choir.
Without you, there would be no one to help hand out communion.
Without you, no one would video the services to give to shut-in's that can't come to church.
Without you, the grass and bushes around the church would be overgrown.
Without you, we would not have any Sunday school teachers or helpers.
Without you, there would be no prayer chain or meal ministry to help people recovering from illness.
Without you, there would be no Vacation Bible School or Wonderful Wednesday program for the kids.
Without you, there would be no bus to Scand to bring people to church on Sunday morning.
Without you, we offer no outreach to the community.

With you, Shepherd of the Bay has a welcoming time of fellowship after the service.
With you, we have a great music program.
With you, we can minister to those who are not able to come to church on Sundays.
With you, we have a beautiful grounds and are good stewards of God's creation.
With you, we have a thriving children's program with activities going on almost every week of the year.
With you, we have a bus that will pick up those in wheelchairs at Scand who are unable to drive.
With you, we offer prayers to heal the body and spirit of those in need.
With you, we offer hope to the community.

Please fill out the "Things I Would Love to do at Church" form included in this news letter and return it to church by Sept. 16. I challenge you to pick one or two new things to try this year. See how much of a difference you can make in the life of the church. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Eagle Scout Project

Hi, my name is Evan Henry and I am a boy scout in the local troop 1120. I have started working on my Eagle Scout project which is placing permanent flag holders for veterans gravestones at two cemeteries in Egg Harbor.

About 10 years ago the troop was asked to help place flags there for Memorial Day. We've helped every year since. Placing the flags involves a member of the veterans organization poking a hole in the ground and a scout placing a flag. Installing the flag holders would make this process easier each year and help ensure that the tradition will continue into the future. This is why I chose this project.

In order to purchase the markers for the 80 headstones, I need a good chunk of money. My goal is to raise 1000 dollars. I'll be sitting in the back of church for the first few weeks in September to collect donations. I hope to have the markers placed by Veterans Day. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Thanks!



Lessons for September

Sept. 2 : Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson : Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
 Second Lesson : James 1:17-27
 Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Introduction to the readings: Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Sept. 9 : Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a
 Second Lesson: James 2:1-0, 14-17
 Holy Gospel: Mark 4:24-37

Introduction to the readings: James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

Sept. 16 : Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Second Lesson: James 3:1-12
 Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Introduction to the readings: Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Sept. 23 : Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20
 Second Lesson: James 3:13 - - 4:3, 7-8a
 Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Introduction to the readings: Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Sept. 30 : Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
 Second Lesson: James 5:13-20
 Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Introduction to the readings: Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.



September Coffee Hour Group

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