

# The Parish Door

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## Artists in Action, Art Expressing Love

Calling all artists!! You are welcome to join in the silent auction we are calling Artists in Action, a month long silent auction of donated original art work by our members and friends of SOTB. They will be displayed in the fellowship hall for the month of November (starting Nov. 6, with a sign up bidding sheet with information about the artist, the art work and the minimum bid. On November 27, we will distribute the art work and collect the monies that were bid.

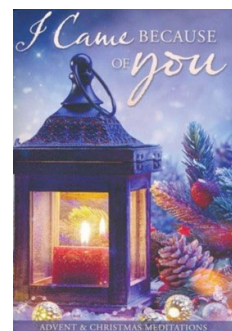
The proceeds of this silent auction will go to the Riesen family in their ongoing medical expenses for Carena. Artists in Action, Art expressing Love.

If you would like to participate by donating a piece of original art, please contact Sue Daubner at (920)421-0004

## Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us as we begin our Advent Study on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd at 2:00pm in the Parlor. We will be reading "I Came Because of You". This will be a light study with readings, poems, and scriptures that focus on Advent and Christmas.

Books available in the church office for \$3.00. Join us for the study or pick up a book to read on your own.



## The Salvation Army needs bell ringers in Northern Door

The holiday season red kettle campaign is a major source of the funds that the Salvation Army uses to provide emergency services to your neighbors in need.

When you volunteer to ring the bell, you help the Salvation Army provide direct financial support to people in critical situations. This could be for rent, utilities, transportation or other urgent circumstances. All donations collected in Door County stay in the county.

Please consider helping by ringing a two-hour shift on a Friday or Saturday from November 25 – December 24. Locations are: Piggly Wiggly, Al Johnson's, and the Christkindlmarkt at the Corner of the Past Museum in Sister Bay; Baileys 57 BP in Baileys Harbor; and the Pioneer Store in Ellison Bay.

Check for open time slots and sign up at RegisterToRing.com, or call Mary Rosecky at 854-5480.



Our Reformation celebration is a good reminder that for us as church, everything depends on grace. There's not a thing we can do to earn or deserve God's goodness; we trust in a good and kind God who invites us into relationship with God, purely because of who God is.

That grace becomes a springboard for us into a life of generosity and service.

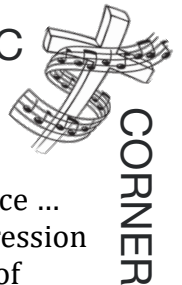
"Grace in Action" is the theme of this fall's giving campaign. We'll explore grace as the idea at the heart of the Christian Gospel: God is a gracious, generous giver, and since we're made in God's image, we're born to be gracious and generous, too. Over the course of the campaign, you will be invited to reflect with the other members and friends of Shepherd of the Bay on three scriptural stories, each of which reveals one of God's tried and true ways of putting grace into action: Creation, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

We'll kick off the campaign on Sunday, November 6, All Saints's Sunday. You'll find "Grace in Action" reflected in our Sunday morning services, in the sermons for the 3 weeks of the campaign, and in letters that you'll receive over the course of the campaign. We'll even provide you with prayer and other devotional resources for you to use at home.

Join me in praying for our fall giving campaign, believing that God invites us into a generosity that will not only sustain but grow our ministry of being the presence of Christ in our northern Door County communities. And that through our fall giving campaign, we will all be shaped and guided in our discernment around giving.

Together in Christ's service,  
Pr. Jim Honig

## FROM THE MUSIC



When there are no words, music speaks an inner language of truth and beauty.

The beauty of a musical phrase, the colorful sound of an orchestra, the purity of the human voice ... all of these elements are able to tell extraordinary stories without uttering a single word. Expression is carried by "Songs without Words" according to Felix Mendelssohn, who wrote two volumes of piano music under this interesting title. Individual pieces were given suggestive titles, leading the listener to imagine a picture of Consolation or a Venetian Boat Song, Reverie, Spinning Song or The Brook, each vignette painted with the colors of sounds, a story being told through images created by pitch and timbre.

Sometimes a musical piece has no specific title connected to it. A story or emotion evolves in the listener's imagination as the music reveals itself. We think of being "taken away" by a beautiful sound or compelling melody. The emotional images are personal, not universally shared by a multitude of people. We are sometimes transported from the busyness of our lives to a more tranquil, introspective moment of imagery and peace by the vehicle of a simple song without words.

Prayer offers a similar experience. Sometimes there are no words to convey our wishes or yearnings to God. We don't have the ability to form our thoughts into cohesive phrases and paragraphs. The petitions that we might offer are without form and verbal organization. It is at these times that a **"Prayer without Words"** might serve to open the connection between us and God. To quiet ourselves and allow God to speak to us through nature, through a bird song, through the breeze gently whispering in the leaves of trees.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

How often we miss these opportunities to hear the voice of God in our daily lives, giving signs of love and comfort and direction to our weary souls.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Perhaps it might be a good time to take a solitary walk in the woods and listen, simply listen for that still, small voice of comfort, assurance, companionship, clarity. When we have no answers and only questions, this might be a time to simplify our process and "pray without words" and find all that we need in the stillness of such a prayer.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 46 *GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.*

***"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."***

*The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God of Jacob is our refuge.*

May our prayers resonate with the voice of God, as we learn to pray without words.

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

## Advent - A time of Waiting

By the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, the whole world is already busy with all things Christmas: shopping, pageants, and parties, often beyond what our energy and time can handle. While the culture around us urges us to hurry and to spend, the scriptures and the traditions of Advent beckon us to slow down and wait. We have this urge to speed towards Christmas. Advent invites us to slow down and wait.

Please join us on Nov. 27th for the First Sunday of Advent. Service begins at 9:30am (in person, parking lot or live-streamed on our website) with fellowship following.





**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
**? FALL RETREAT**  
**Tues. Nov. 8 - FELLOWSHIP HALL ?**  
**"OKAY - WHAT NEXT ?" ?**  
**? JOHN HAUSER ?**  
 Chaplain at Door County Medical Center  
**? 9:30 - Gathering - NOON - Lunch ?**  
**? \$20.00 - Lunch and Supplies ?**  
**Reserve before Nov. 6 - Sign-up Sheet at Church**  
**or Call Cheri at 920-421-1210**

## WELCA Prayer Chain

The WELCA Prayer Chain continues to serve all the members and friends of SOTB for prayer requests.

To send a Prayer Request:

1. Send an email to Cheri Boock at [cheriboock@gmail.com](mailto:cheriboock@gmail.com)
2. State the request with wording that you want for the request. Make sure you have received permission from the person in need of the request.
3. The request will be sent when received by Cheri.
4. The Prayer Chain members always are glad to receive a report of how the person is doing as they are sending out their prayers, so if you request a prayer for someone, please let us know how that person is doing.

If you want to be included as a recipient of the Prayer Chain, and pray for those in need, contact Cheri Boock at 920-854-5493 or cell 920-421-1210 or the above email.

## WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

All meetings will begin at 9:30am, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact Gretchen Farwell if you have any questions regarding the Book Group and its meetings.

**There is NO meeting in November.**

### December 12

Ciszek, Walter. **He Leadeth Me**. Ciszek was captured in World War II by the Russian army and spent 23 years in a Soviet prison. His Christian faith sustained him. There are no copies in our library system, but it is available on Amazon and also as an electronic book. **We will meet at the Sister Bay Stella Maris church from 10-11am with their book group.**

### December 15

Henry, Patti Callahan. **Becoming Mrs. Lewis**; The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis. 2018 - This is a novel. 2018. C.S. Lewis is the famous British lay theologian who wrote, among other works, the Chronicles of Narnia.





## Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

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November is such a great month for all our programs for Children, Youth, and Families! As the Advent season approaches, we take time to “count our blessings”, as we are grateful for our “daily bread” in the form of food on the table, safe shelter, and the love of family, and friends! Watch for November highlights, as we once again launch the “Cereal Box Challenge” and begin rehearsals for the Children’s Christmas program! God is Great, God is Good!

### Sunday School

This year we will meet up at the Children’s Message within worship, and head up to Sunday School after! Parents please be sure your registration forms are up to date with me, and that you sign your children out, before you leave. Kristi Appel will be our assistant teacher again this year!

**Each Sunday in November, we will be learning our music for the Christmas Program!**

**Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>** The Sadducees’ Question Luke 20:27-38

**Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>** God’s Love is Forever Luke 21:5-19

**Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>** Christ the King Sunday Luke 23:33-43

**Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>** **The First Sunday in Advent,**  
God Will Bring Peace Isaiah 2:1-5

### Wonderful Wednesdays “Building God’s Kingdom”

For school children grades 1-6, ride the Shepherd of the Bay van, each first and third Wednesday of the month! (If we reach capacity, we will ask for carpool with driver and background check). This year we will partake in an extravaganza, building friendships along the way, as we play games, sing music, eat delicious snacks, create, hear stories, participate in service, and more!! This year, we will learn a lot about Habitat for Humanity and how we are called by God to take care of ourselves and each other! Parents be sure to check for updated registration, and to sign your child out each night at 5:30 pick up!

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Tonight we will hear “Rosie Revere, The Engineer” by Andrea Beaty, and build a gadget, gizmo, and work on our house project! Building God’s Kingdom!

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**- Tonight, we will launch the Children’s Christmas Program, partake in a grateful hearts outreach project, and get creative with our house project!

**Parents please mark your calendars for the Children’s Christmas Program, Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, with a full morning rehearsal on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

### Little Lambs

Little Lambs gather every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at SOTB! All parents, or care providers, and their little ones (infants through prek) are Welcome! Each hour includes free play, Bible story, music, snack, and art to take home! For safety measures, and so we may keep in touch, please be sure to complete a registration form. Safety protocols remain in place, and are updated as needed.

**Each Time we gather, we will hear a story from Rufus, Hal, Jo, Ava, and Uri; characters from “Frolic, Little Steps, Big Faith” by Lucy Bell.**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Jesus Loves Me!

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**- I Love Jesus!

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**- Thankful Grateful Hearts!

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**- No Little Lambs today,  
Happy Thanksgiving!

### Confirmation

Reaghan, Careenna, Hayden, Xavier, and Bobby! Pastor Jim and I will see you on **Wednesday, November 2, 16, and 30!**

No class, November 9<sup>th</sup>, as our Eighth grade student will be on the Washington D.C. trip with their class! Safe travels! No class, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Happy Thanksgiving!

Important to receive your readings for the Christmas Program, on the 30<sup>th</sup>! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday morning, Christmas Program, and Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> for a morning rehearsal.

## High School Youth

**November 9-** Bible study and Social Justice Discussion in the Upper Room 6:30 p.m.

**November 11-13<sup>th</sup>**-Senior High Youth Gathering Weekend at Imago Dei, "Journey with Jesus"

Please let Lynda know if you have not received your invitation and registration information via email and U.S. mail!

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Come to the kitchen at 6:30 p.m. Bake a pie to bring home to your family! This time, let Lynda know if you are coming so we have enough ingredients! Remember what happened last year? Lol...

Sign up for readings for the Christmas Program, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Mark your Calendars

**Summer 2023 Youth Works Trip, July 9-15/16, 2023**

**Thirty Hour Famine April 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## The Great Cereal Box Challenge is Back!!

Our Children and Youth are challenging our Church family to donate 250 boxes of cereal for the Door County Food Coalition!

Help feed hungry people; good, nutritious breakfast this winter! AND come watch the boxes go down like Dominoes again this year at the Advent Workshop, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall! See the display in the Narthex! Last day to donate, 12/4!



*Thank You Connie and Mike Glowacki for your love for the children and for your beautiful hearts for Jesus; that they may know HIM through this artistic gift. Dedicated to the children of Shepherd of the Bay, October 2022. Connie's beautiful artwork was hung in the preschool Sunday school room. You are welcome to come upstairs and view it anytime you wish.*





# Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new member, ladies you are welcome. New perspectives are always welcome. Contact Tom Tuttle if you are interested.

**Flood Lights** – All the new lights and outlets have been installed. The road sign lights have outlets included to make the



run for the extension cord shorter for Christmas nativity. The building lights are installed with the addition of a light near the back entrance to Klaud's pantry. That was possible because we found an old light base buried under the mulch when we tore out the old long needled pine bushes. The steeple lights have been changed so that they now concentrate the light on the steeple and not cast it out to either side. Now that the lights are working, we discovered 2 issues; 1) the timer for the steeple lights is not working, and 2) the light on the north side of the building behind the chancel is not working. Both issues should be resolved soon.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor AC** – Council approved replacing the AC for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in next year's budget. We have one verbal quote for just under \$8000 but have yet to get it a written confirmation. Calls have been made to 2 additional contractors without a response to date. Will keep trying.

**Narthex Water Fountain** – After the leak from the water fountain was fixed, for about 1 week, it has started leaking again. The plumber has been notified.

**Building Exterior** – The white aluminum trim piece on the big west window behind the organ that blew off earlier in the year has been reinstalled. The rain gutter over the rear entrance to Klaud's pantry has also been reinstalled. It had been taken down for the siding and roof and hadn't gotten replaced.

**AV Desk** – Our processor which had been out for repair since June has now been returned. We had been using a couple of "loaners" to keep us operational. The repaired processor was installed a couple of weeks ago and the firmware was updated to the latest version. I had hoped that the firmware update would resolve an annoying problem we where we lose the video input to our livestream. Unfortunately, that did not seem to resolve it, because we lost the video to the livestream again on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. I think I discovered a fix that will allow us to regain the signal with minimal interruption to the service. Time will tell.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Thies or me. If none of us are around, send me an email or drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you.



Thanks to everyone who supported the Youth Bulb Fundraiser and to those who donated the bulbs to SOTB. The Little Lambs, Wonderful Wednesdays and Youth planted 135 crocus & 150 daffodil bulbs in the gardens around the church with the help of John Skogsbakken, & Tim West. Thanks to Scott Theis who help organize this fundraiser!

Can't wait til Spring to see them bloom!





# Thriving Congregation Update

Our Thriving Congregation Team went to the first retreat in Montreat, NC at the beginning of October. The team was asked to create a poem describing who we are as a congregation and in 15 minutes this is the result.

## We Are From....

We are from a land of orchards, cherry and apple  
A bounty of trees, with red and yellow dapples.

Where diversity means German, Norwegian or Swedish  
And the shape of a hand tells you where we are from.

Our roots are from sons, either E or an O  
Olsens, Andersons, Hansons and Johnsons

We workshop with art, music and food  
Beautiful sunsets and God's grace lifts our mood.

We are shepherds of the bay, where goats live on a roof  
And we wear cheese upon our heads, and no that's not a goof

We are one church that was formed from what was once two  
And the older generation now fills up our pews.

We welcome those who are residents, passerby's or visitors  
We don't care at all your past denomination  
We open our arms to all to join our congregation

Where EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY is welcome.



## Team members

Front row: Raetta Mirgain, Gretchen Farwell, Vicki Amundsen, Les Keepper.  
Back row: Tara Torkelson, Joe Megan, Grace Rossman.

## Klaud's Food Pantry

As we enter the Winter cold and flu season help us to help our neighbors stay healthy by donating cleaning and personal care products. Fresh and frozen food continue to also be a need. Any donations can be placed in the Pantry fridge.

### **Non-perishable needs include:**

Crackers                      Soup (Chunky or soup with meat that can be eaten as a complete meal)  
Ensure Nutrition Drink      Coffee                      Juice  
Broth                      Canned Meat              Frozen Dinners/Pizza  
Toiletries-toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, etc.  
Cleaning products-laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, hand soap, dish soap, toilet cleaner, surface cleaner, etc.

### **Perishable Needs:**

Fresh Fruit                      Fresh Vegetables  
Milk                      Eggs                      Fresh Juice                      Cheese                      Yogurt

# Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

October 17, 2022 7:00PM

Present: President Richard Burress, Youth director Lynda Pietruszka, Les Keepper, Edith Madsen, Vicki Amundson, Micky Swanson, Tara Torkelson, Patricia Pierson, Sue Daubner and George Cobb and Tricia Pierson on Zoom.

Absent: Ron Hupe, Pastor Jim Honig

## Call To Order

**Devotion by Lynda Pietruszka** What is your vocation? Emphasis on God calls us all.

**Recognition of SOTB guests** - none

, **Approval of previous meeting minutes of Sept 19 2022** Motion to approve by Geo Cobb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Micky Swanson. Carried

**Treasurers Report** – no report tonight

## Committee Reports

1. **Pastors report** – Notes on the Thriving Congregation retreat. Cheryl Becht willing to come back on council. We look to recruit 4 new members.

Pastor is involved with a synod theological conference for pastoral leaders .

Preparing for Advent worship

Getting ready to launch the Fall Giving Campaign “Grace in Action” on Sunday November 6.

Confirmation has launched. Lynda and Pastor will team teach

2. **Building and Grounds** – Tom Tuttle

Flood lights and road signs all installed. They will turn on at dusk and off at dawn.

Narthex Water Fountain repaired and working

AV System – The “loaner” processor has been replaced with our repaired unit with a new mother board.

Need a solution for mikes. Additional items discussed.

3. **Education and Youth** – Lynda Pietruszka

31 families sent 4 questions to answer through Survey Monkey regarding the potential for a Wednesday night service and meal.

Discussed a letter from Rev Sharon Cook, Executive Director of Crossways Camps re: a fundraising effort for the camps. Deadline is December.

Lock in – 30 hour famine- Benefits Door County food coalition WCK (World Central Kitchens) April 28 thru April 29. Motion Made to accept the dates and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sue Daubner subject to church calendar

## Old Business

1. Thriving Congregation
2. Council recruitment
3. Transfer of Treasurers responsibilities

## New Business

1. Werner Krause suggestion of combining forces with other churches for Parish Nurse.
2. Use of SOTB for Bridges for August 29 Motion to accept Sue Daubner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tara Torkelson
3. Suggest that in 2023 SOTB has a celebration of Indigenous Peoples
4. A comprehensive list of committees to be drawn up

Lords Prayer

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Daubner, Secretary

## Lessons for November

### Nov. 6 : All Saints Sunday

First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 5:20-31

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

### Nov. 13 : Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Holy Gospel : Luke 21:5-19

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

### Nov. 20 : Christ the King Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

### Nov. 27 : First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

**Introduction to the readings:** The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



## Fair Trade Coffee is Back!!!

Looking for the perfect Christmas Stocking Stuffer or Hostess Gift this holiday season? We have just ordered a fresh batch of Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate and Chocolate Bars from Serrv. You can support small farmers and enjoy some of the best coffee and chocolate from around the world.

*Coming to your local fellowship hall soon!*

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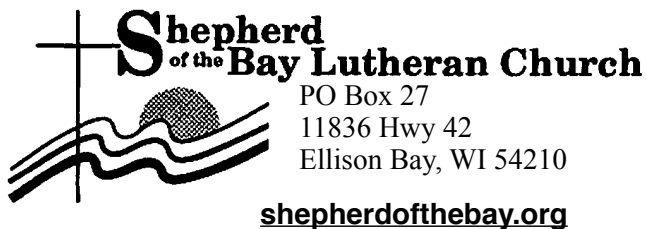


## AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that Amazon has a donation program called Amazon Smile? Just make sure to go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) each time you shop through Amazon and choose Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Ellison Bay, WI as your charity, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to us. Easy with no additional cost to you!

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beginning on Sunday, Nov. 27 with  
the First Sunday of Advent.

In person and drive-in worship at  
9:30am  
Watch each service live-streamed or  
recorded at [shepherdofthebay.org](http://shepherdofthebay.org)

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