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3/30 *Chili Extravaganza*
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4/5 *Pulled Pork or Crab Salad Sandwich*
(Guatemala Mission)

Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or in your own home.

After Easter Sunday, we will begin a scaled down Fellowship after the service serving only coffee to begin.

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service on shepherdofthebay.org/services beginning at 9:25am. We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for viewing later.

As a third option, you can continue to listen on your radio in your car from the parking lot. Communion will be available.

Lenten & Holy Week Services

Mar. 30 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

April 6 5:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

April 10 9:30am Palm Sunday

April 14 5:30pm Maundy Thursday

April 15 5:30pm Good Friday

April 17 9:30am Easter Sunday



TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

On April 12th, we will begin our next book, Traveling Light by Max Lucado. Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear. The Promise of Psalm 23.

If you have been thinking about joining the study, this is a great time. We meet in the church parlor for an hour to discuss a chapter a week. Contact the church office if you would like to buy a book (\$5.00) or learn more about the group.

The New Envelopes are Here! The New Envelopes are Here!

Beginning March 27th, you will be able to pick up your offering envelopes for 2022 in the church narthex. Using the envelopes with your new number will make it easier for the people who count the offering each week.

If you would like envelopes, but were not assigned any, please contact the church office at 920-854-2988 or sotboffice@yahoo.com

“We had hoped. . .” they said. Two men who had been followers of Jesus were walking on the road with Jesus on the same evening that he had risen from the dead. “We had hoped. . .” they said. It’s a powerful thing, hope is. The unemployed woman hopes for a job. The troubled teen hopes for a better relationship with his parents. The young woman hopes to find a suitable life partner. The sick man hopes for a new treatment for the disease that persists in eating away at his body. You all hope that dealing with the ongoing Covid will cause less disruption and that more normalcy will be apparent in all parts your life, including church.

It’s hard to hope without the impish fear that stands in the corner, whispering, “What if?” What if there are no jobs? What if my parents never understand me? What if I never find the right man? What if I die?”

When hope is threatened, we need go no further than the truth and reality of Jesus’ resurrection. To the conscious and the unconscious fears, to the suspicion that life is meaningless, to the doubt that life can be fulfilling, to the cynical mindset that eternal life really doesn’t matter, the Christian proclamation of Easter, of resurrection, is a mind-shivering affirmation. Listen to these words from the First Epistle of Peter, and listen with Easter ears:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of what we believe. It is an historical fact upon which our life with God depends, upon which our hope for tomorrow depends, upon which our confidence of life after death depends. If Jesus did not really come back from life, forget it! Go home, turn on HBO, revel in any kind of self-indulgence. But don’t waste your time on a Christ who simply lives in our memories, simply in our hearts, simply in a sentimental picture on a church wall. That Christ deserves to stay dead.

No, our Christ is alive. Alive now. More alive than you and I have ever been. Alive as God, alive as the human being that shared our humanity. Alive for us, for you and me. Alive for rebirth, alive for transformation.

There’s this one, big Easter event, upon which everything else depends. But God isn’t about just this one resurrection. God is in the resurrection business. God is about transforming our lives every day.

When I was a young pastor, I was invited to a two-week leadership training event. We were required to leave our parishes and spend 6 full days together in a retreat center. I had been out of the seminary only about 4 years, and I remember how so much of what I learned in those two weeks shook so many of my foundational assumptions about the church and ministry.

For instance, I was trained in a system where the clergy were pretty important. Granted, I may not have been listening very well in my seminary classes, but the impression I got, and the teaching that I took away was that the job of the pastor is to have the right answers and teach the people what to think.

I still remember Les standing up in front of the group and telling us that when it comes to ministry, "The gifts are in the people." Now, that may sound self-evident to you, but for me it was news! My "theologian" juices started flowing and I started mentally listing all the ways I would refute his argument.

But here's what happened: over the course of the next several days, the teaching, the experience, the conversations with other participants began to change my mind. And when my mind was changed, it began to open up whole new possibilities for how parish ministry might work. It was for me a moment of transformation, a moment of resurrection, a moment of new life that would influence my life from that moment on.

What are your moments of transformation, of resurrection, of new life? Where have you found them in your faith journey, in your relationship life, in your work life, in your retirement life?

Over the upcoming Easter season, I invite you to look for moments of resurrection and celebrate them. Be keenly aware of how and where God is at work in your life, and using you to bring resurrection to those around you. For after all, Easter is not a one and done event; it is the story of God at work in every day of our life together.



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

Come join us on a Lenten Journey!!

Beginning Sunday, April 10-Easter Sunday, April 17th in Fellowship Hall! Visit each, self-guided table with your family and friends! Experience the many ways to pray, and experience the Holy Week journey from Palm Sunday to the Cross, to the Resurrection, through hands on activities for our entire church family! You may visit on Sunday, or anytime!! It is self-guided and you can stay for as long, or little time you have, and return throughout Holy Week.

Enjoy! Be Blessed!

Palm Sunday! Children, Youth, and Families! Please line up along the sidewalk in the front of the church for our Palm Processional by 9:25 a.m. Sunday, April 10th! Miss Lynda will meet you out there! If the weather is not cooperating, we will line up quietly in fellowship hall! We will wave our palm branches and shout "Hosanna" as we parade through the Sanctuary in celebration of Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem! Sunday School to follow Children's message!

Wonderful Wednesday, Sunday School kids, Little Lambs, and Families!

Please join in on the fun of a traditional Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Easter Sunday, April 17th! Come to worship at 9:30 a.m.! Then, head outside for an Easter celebration! We'll gather our eggs and gather together for the Resurrection Egg reveal, followed by some treats to take home!!

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING GOOD OL' FASHIONED BAKE SALE!

Following Easter Sunday worship, please come to Fellowship Hall for a hot cup of coffee and delicious baked goods presented by our Confirmation and High School Students. Stay or take something home to share with your family. All donations will go toward our High School and Confirmation summer camp, and travel funds!

Little Lambs Bible Story Time

For infants, toddlers, preschoolers,
and their care providers

Play time, Bible stories, arts and music, games and more!

Meets **Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** We meet outside on sunny days. Masks are mandatory for this age group indoors but is subject to change. Please call ahead if you are new to the group. Sometimes we go off schedule and take a spontaneous field trip!

April 6th God Created Spring, Dirt, Sunshine, and Flowers!

April 13th Holy Week journey for Littles

April 20th Resurrection Butterflies

April 27th Field Trip today!

Sunday School

Sunday School, for children ages 3 ½ to grade 5, gather during the children's message at our 9:30 a.m. worship service. Children process upstairs to Sunday School. Dismissal at the end of worship. Please meet your child upstairs and sign them out. Masks are recommended, but optional at this time.

April 3rd Mary Anoints Jesus John 12:1-8

April 10th Palm Sunday, the Processional and beginning of Holy Week. Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-23:56

April 17th Easter Sunday, Children's Message (No Sunday School today) Resurrection Egg Hunt after worship today! The Empty Tomb, Luke 24:1-12

April 24th Doubting Thomas John 20:19-31

Wonderful Wednesdays "Journey Together"

For school children **grades 1-6**, preregister to ride the Gibraltar School Bus to Shepherd of the Bay, after school each **first and third Wednesday** for a special time of being together, learning and growing in faith; and having a blast all at the same time! Music, snacks, arts and crafts, stories, service to the community, games, and more!

Wednesday, April 6th and April 20th.

Follow the Holy Week Journey Part one and Part two! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 10th, Palm Sunday Celebration, and Easter Sunday, April 17th, Resurrection Egg Hunt!

Confirmation

Students in grades 7 and 8

The SOTB van will be outside Gibraltar after school to pick Confirmation students up on **Wed, April 6, 20, and 27!** Note, there will be **no Confirmation during Holy Week, April 13th. Easter Sunday morning, April 17th, please help with the Confirmation Bake Sale by providing baked goods, and helping with the sale.** All proceeds will go to funding our way to camp this summer!

Families! Mark your calendars for Confirmation Sunday, May 1st! And! Confirmation Camp meeting, 5:30 p.m. May 11th to finalize all details!

High School Youth Group

Students in grades 9-12

All deposits for our summer trip to South Dakota should be turned in by now. Mark your calendars, parents and students for a very important/**mandatory meeting, May 11th at 6:30 to finalize all plans/paper work for our summer trip.**

April 13th, No Youth Group as it is Holy Week. Please come freely to the prayer stations in fellowship hall, anytime during the week!

April 17th, Easter Sunday morning. Please come in service to our younger students and Confirmation students by either helping with the Easter Egg Hunt, or selling baked goods, or donating baked goods to the bake sale, supporting those heading to Confirmation camp this summer! Most important, COME TO these Best Worship of the entire year at 9:30 a.m.!! Resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

April 27- Youth Group meets at 6:30! Campfire, check- in and planning our service and outreach project!

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 – The 1st of hopefully 3 quotes has been received. Unfortunately, it did not come with any detail. So, back to the contractor with questions. The 2nd contractor actually called a couple of weeks ago and we discussed getting a sample of the light that we could try, but no quote yet.

Youth and Family Fire Pit – We will be working with the Y&F Director to make some improvements to this area. A grass pathway will be created to be sure that it is flat for better accessibility. An electrical outlet will be added to the parking lot lamp post at the east end of the parking lot, closest to the fire pit. That will provide power for string or patio lights to be used to light the path and create a more festive atmosphere. The Garden Club will move the benches and picnic tables 2 or 3 times throughout the season in order to mow the grass and keep it relatively short.

Building Maintenance

Brush – The stumps left from the brush cutting last Fall will be treated to kill the roots at the appropriate time this Spring. The hope is that will help control the spread and keep the brush from completely taking over the field.

Sunday School Restroom Window – The outer glass in the lower sash broke due to the change in weather. A replacement sash was available and was used to replace the broken one.

HVAC – Two new fan belt pulleys were installed on the sanctuary furnace blower. This was done in the hope of extending the life of the fan belt that was being replaced every 3 months.

Volunteer Help Needed

Wood Sunday School benches need repair.

Picnic tables by fire pit – some of the joints are loose, boards may need to be replaced.

New picnic tables – 2 new steel legged table kits were purchased last year that need to be assembled. There is some leftover treated lumber from the benches that were built last year.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, 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.

Klaud's Food Pantry

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our SOTB members and friends. Our deepest thanks to everyone.

For the next 2 months, we ask **ONLY** for freezer and refrigerator items, and certain hygiene and cleaning supplies. Our non-perishable back stock is overflowing!

Items needed:

Frozen dinners & Pizza

Breakfast meals (& Bagels, English Muffins, Eggs, etc.)

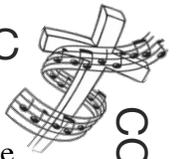
Juice (Fresh and Frozen)

Veggies and fruit (Fresh & Frozen)

Lunch meat

Cheese, Yogurt, Milk

Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Detergent, Dish Soap, Dog/cat food



Spring Thoughts in This Holy Season

It is that time of year again, when our thoughts turn to the sights and sounds of springtime and the renewal of life after the dormancy of winter. Hearing the calls overhead of the migrating birds returning for the summer, or merely passing by on the way to their final destination, gives hope and a sense of joy to this season of the year. Spotting new growth peeking out from the barren winter ground is thrilling to behold. The flowers will soon appear, one by one, as reassurance that there is the promise of new life in a seemingly dead plant. I love this time of year and am willing to enjoy the bounty of the springtime, patiently, one vision at a time. Each new sighting is precious, emerging as a tender gift to both eye and ear. Our Creator is at work in the world.

There in God's Garden

Text: Kirákt Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590-c. 1641

Translated: Erik Routley, 1917-1982

Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

***There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,
Whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.***

***Its name is Jesus, name that says, "Our Savior!"
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
See where the tendrils of our human selfhood
Feed on its life blood.***

***Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
Our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.
Yet, look! It lives! Its grief has not destroyed it
Nor fire consumed it.***

***See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
Hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow,
I will give blessing."***

***This is my ending, this my resurrection;
Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.***

***All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose Passion
Offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!***



May the abundance of God's unfolding creation touch our lives in a rich and personal way during this Holy Season. May we experience love and healing in our broken lives, opportunity and forgiveness of past regrets and sorrows, joy and restoration of weary souls and spirits, renewed hope in the promise and assurance of God's great gift to us all. There is new life, new hope, new opportunity for us all. This is our *blessed assurance ... our song ... and our story!* Praising our Savior all the day long. Amen.

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist

PHOTOS



We had 4 children take their First Communion on March 20th. Erik Wolfe, Kenzie Thomas, & Kinsley and Reagan Buchner.



Little Lambs on a winter morning.

High School Youth bake Eloise's famous cookies for their Lenten Meal fundraiser.



The Shepherd of the Bay Quilting Group was able to coordinate with the Ephraim Moravian Church in mid March to send 75 Quilts to the Refugees in Ukraine. The table welcomed people to the community Prayer Vigil for Ukraine.

WELCA Prayer Chain

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

To send a Prayer Request:

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

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

WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

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

April 21

Kline, Christina Baker. **The Exiles**. 2020. Kline, whose best-selling novel **The Orphan Train**, has now written a historical novel set in 19th century Australia with of two immigrant women British convicts and one aboriginal woman, the daughter of a chief as main characters.

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

February 21, 2022 - Meeting held on Zoom

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Dick Burress, Ron Hupe, Edee Madsen, Micky Swanson, George Cobb, Sue Daubner, Trish Pierson, Scott Eckdahl, Lynda Pietruszka, George Cobb
Absent: Les Keeper, Vicki Amundson

7:00 PM Call to Order

Opening Devotional: Ron Hupe 2nd Corinthians 9:11

Recognition of SOTB guests: No guests attending

Correspondence:

Liberty Grove seeks to change the zoning on 15 acres owned by the Liberty Grove Historical Society and the ½ acre owned by the Greater Escarpment Association of Door County, Inc.

An invitation from Bethel Baptist for March 6, 2022 from 3 to 5 PM to meet and greet their new pastor.

Approval of previous meeting minutes of January 17, 2022

Edee Madsen suggested a correction on the minutes regarding returning to in-person worship with communion bread and wine picked up in the Narthex. The date of the next council meeting was corrected to read was to read February 21, 2022. The motion to accept was made by Dick Burress and seconded by Les Keeper. Motion approved.

Council Development: Postponed until next in-person Council meeting

Treasurers Report: Ron Hupe – we discussed the annual audit. Ron spoke about wanting to retire from his position. Payments have been received earmarked for debt reduction, paying the principal down.

Motion made to accept the treasurers report by Sue Daubner, second by George Cobb, carried.

Committee Reports

· **Pastors report:** Trends are showing a decrease in Covid/Omichron cases and we are looking at going back to our normal settings for services. More discussion in Old Business. Focus on Lent is healing. We shared Pastor Jim with the Unitarian Universalist Church last Sunday. Worship and Music committee recommended we have a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service. No Easter Vigil this year.

· **Property and Grounds:** Tom Tuttle has again given us a very detailed report on the activities of the B & G department. We have a new custodian, Mandi Schuyler. Problems with the holding tank have been resolved. Still waiting for revised quotes from Action Electric, Bay Lake Electrical and Stauber Electrical in regards to flood lights. Brush burning difficult because of cold weather and green brush.

Choir microphones do not have enough cable in the attic to allow the mics to cover the left side of the Choir Loft. Eagle Mech asked to investigate cold air draft in Sanctuary. Also asked to quote replacing steamer for Sanctuary. Council approved B & G budget attached.

Office HVAC The Chair requested a quote from Eagle Mech to add a floor level air return in the Church and Pastors office.

· **Education and Youth** – Lynda Pietruszka: A “Thank You” from Lynda to SOTB for sending her to the 2022 Extavaganza in Minneapolis. Reported on the activities and blessings received from attending this event.

Motion made to approve Committee Reports by George Cobb and seconded by Micky Swanson. Passed.

Old Business

*Covid discussion. Covid numbers are decreasing. Motion made to relax masking restrictions and to return to receiving communion by coming forward to the altar. New protocols will begin on Ash Wednesday and continue indefinitely. Voted yea unanimously by Council.

* Pledge discussion – According to Ron Hupe, Treasurer, no discernible increase in pledges due to Councils phone calls.

New Business

· An individual from the community has requested parking approval for an upcoming wedding for about 15 – 20 cars. Permission given with the caveat that they leave the parking lot as clean as they found it and we will have them sign a holds harmless clause. Dick Burress will draft a reply.

Discussion of a letter from a member of the congregation. They asked if the Council members email addresses or phone numbers should be posted on our web site for the general public. For reasons of privacy and the possibility of misuse, council agreed that they should not. They are available on the membership directory for members.

· Discussion of church audit: An annual audit is a requirement in our church constitution. The finance team will meet and discuss.

· Annual Meeting: This Sunday, February 27 after the Sunday morning service.

· A THANK YOU to Scott Eckdahl for his term as Council President.

· Lynda Pietruszka is scheduled for the next Temple Talk on March 20, 2022.

8:20 PM Conclusion, Pastor Jim leads in the Lords Prayer and we are adjourned.

Next Council Meeting on March 21,2022

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, Secretary

Shepherd of the Bay Annual Meeting

February 27, 2022

Call to Order - Dick Burress, President

Prayer - Pastor Jim Honig

Motion to approve minutes of May 23, 2021 Annual Meeting by Wally Brandt, second by Carol Bergner. Motion carried.

Thanks by President Dick Burress to Scott Eckdahl for his term as Council President. Also thanks to Pastor Jim, staff and volunteers.

Pastor's Letter: What did we learn in 2021 We trusted in Gods' hands. We learned that there are many ways to worship. We experienced renewed connection with each other. We learned that we are able to gather with a common purpose to reach out to the community.

Treasurers Report: Ron Hupe -

The income for 2021 was \$516,144 and the actual expenses were \$501,432.

The budgeted income for 2022 is \$529, 180 with estimated expenses of \$528,508.

A gift of \$50,000 was given to SOTS in the fall of 2020. years ago. The council designated \$25,000 of that gift for local benevolence and it was given to 5 different Door County non-profit organizations in 2021.

A word of thanks to Tom Tuttle and his crew for his continuing care of the B & G Budget, making sure that SOTS continues to be taken care of.

Wages - Carol Omernick, our church secretary, is one of the 2 hourly employees of the church.

President Burress discussed Carols hourly wage and suggested that we bring Carols wages into parity with the going rate of employment in the County at \$20.00 per hour. A motion to accept this suggestion was made by Carol Bergner and seconded by Cathy Mangan. The motion was carried.

A motion was then made to include the \$3,500 in the 2022 budget to cover this raise. A motion was made by Dan Farwell to approve the budget with the increase approved by the previous motion.

Motion to approve seconded by Cheryl Becht. 2022 amended budget approved.

Tara Torkelson has agreed to serve on the church Council. A motion was made to appoint her to a two-year term on the Congregation Council. Motion made by Sue Daubner, second by Lyle Amundson.

Motion Carried.

Dick Burress made a motion to close, seconded by Sue Daubner. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, Council Secretary

Lessons for April

April 3 : Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Holy Gospel: John 12:1-8

Introduction to the readings: Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

April 10 : Palm Sunday

Processional: Luke 19:28-40

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel : Luke 22:14 - - 23:56

Introduction to the readings: Today we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse, or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus the Son of God is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death. We have walked the Lenten pathway these forty days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

April 14 : Maundy Thursday

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Introduction to the readings: This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

April 15 : Good Friday

Lesson: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Holy Gospel: John 18:1 - 19:42

Introduction to the readings: Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

April 17 : Easter Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Introduction to the readings: "The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

April 24 : Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

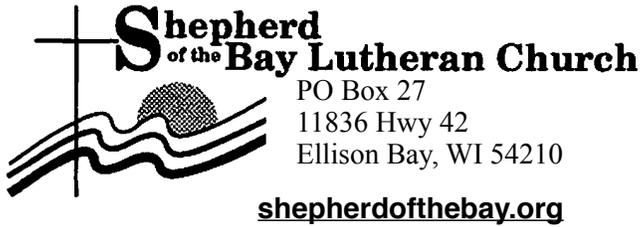
Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Introduction to the readings: In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

2022 Flower Chart

The Flower Chart for 2022 is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall. Please sign up for the date you would like to sponsor the altar flowers.

It will be \$25 for one bouquet or \$50 for 2. Please indicate if the flowers are in celebration of an anniversary, birthday, etc or in memory of someone. You may take the flowers home after the service.



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Easter Flowers Order Form

The Easter plants can be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday, April 17th. Please list you name, phone number and if the flowers are in memory or are in honor of someone.

Enclose your check with the form below & return it to the church office.

The deadline for ordering plants will be Wed. April 6th.

Circle one:

LILY \$20

DAFFODIL \$20

TULIP \$20

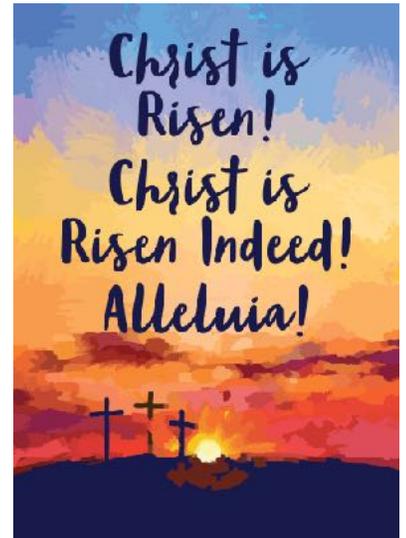
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PHONE _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____



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FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, **OR** if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



Donate your Old Cell Phones

Did you get a new cell phone for Christmas? We are collecting old cell phones for HELP of Door County. They recycle them and get credit towards new phones that can be given to domestic violence victims who need them. There is a basket in the narthex for the donated phones.

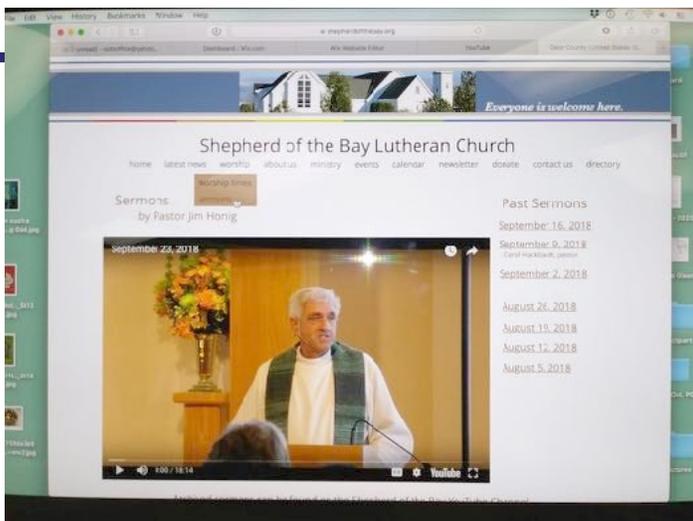


AMAZON SMILE

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 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!

If you prefer using the Amazon App, update to the newest version and you can shop Amazon Smile through the app without having to go on the website.

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- See the **live stream** of the Sunday Service.
- Find the current issue of the **Parish Door Newsletter** and archive of the last 2 years.
- Read the **2020 Annual Report & watch a recording of the Annual Meeting**
- Send a **prayer request**.
- See the **Calendar**.
- Sign up and **manage your online giving**.
- Access the updated **Directory** of current members and friends of SOTB.

See lots of photos of what is happening!