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April Events

Please join us for these events in April. They are also great opportunities to invite your friends and neighbors to Shepherd of the Bay!

Sunday, April 1st **Easter egg Hunt 10:30am**

An Easter egg hunt is planned for 10:30 on Easter for kids up to 6th grade. We will meet in the parlor and proceed upstairs as a group to find the eggs that help us tell the story of Holy Week.

Saturday, April 14 **Concert with oboist, Stuart Sutter**

See page 4 for more information.

Wednesday, April 18 **Theology on Tap**

Pastor Jim will continue the monthly, very informal conversation on a question at the intersection of theology and practical life. He says, "I believe that theology is not an esoteric, abstract subject. Every decision, every day is informed by our theology. Understanding how our faith impacts life in the world shapes us to be stronger, more confident people of Faith." We'll gather in a different local pub each month. Bring a friend or neighbor! Pub location to be yet determined.

Sunday, April 22 **Earth Day**

Join us for a special service with the Sunday school children singing and the First Grade New Readers receiving books.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11:00am

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday

Potluck Dinner at 6:00 & Service at 7:00pm

Friday, March 30 - Good Friday - 7:00pm

Saturday, March 31 - Easter Vigil - 7:00pm

Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00



“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.

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 there 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 violence or sex or any other 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 Ron 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? We believe that God is a God of resurrection, that what happened on that first Easter was not only transformative for all of creation and all of history, but set the paradigm for how God continues to work in your life, my life, the life of this congregation, even in the world. So, I ask you again: 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?

A blessed Easter season to all of you.

Peace,

Pr. Jim Honig

Building and Grounds Committee

Building Maintenance

Thank you using the message holder on the custodian’s closet door in the narthex. I received a note about the faucet handles on the sink in the 2nd floor restroom being loose and they have since been tightened. There were only a couple of other odd jobs done in March.

The Committee is working on several large projects and is developing a multi-year plan for them and ongoing building aging issues, i.e. furnaces, AC units, etc. The goal is to stretch the replacement of some of these things out over several years, while taking their age, replacement cost and potential savings due to increased efficiency into consideration. This plan will then be presented to the Council and Finance, so that it can be used for their planning.

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.

Thomas Tuttle
Chair Buildings and Grounds

A Word from the
Concert Series Committee
April Concert Event

Save the date: Saturday, April 14th at 7:00 p.m. here at Shepherd of the Bay for our first concert event for the 2018 season, performed by

Stuart Sutter, Oboist

along with

Judith Jackson and Friends

Stuart Sutter is a native of Appleton, Wisconsin where he began studying the oboe through the Lawrence Arts Academy. He currently sits as second oboe with the St. Cloud Symphony, as well as subbing with various orchestras in the Midwest including the Quad City Symphony and Fox Valley Symphony. Stuart is also an avid teacher and reed maker in and around the Twin Cities, as well as the head music librarian for Minnesota Youth Symphonies. Stuart holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in oboe performance from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and University of Minnesota Twin Cities respectively. His primary teachers have been Leslie Outland Michelic, Dr. Christa Garvey, Dr. Carrie Vecchione, and John Snow. Aside from playing the oboe, Stuart enjoys exercise, cooking and reading.

Stuart will be performing music by Eugene Bozza, Francis Poulenc, Gilles Silvestrini, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Eugene Goossens.

So make sure to save the date, **Saturday, April 14th**, and come enjoy a wonderful evening of music with **Stuart Sutter** and friends. There will be a reception following the concert.

Also, mark your calendars for these coming events in May presented by the Concert Series Committee of Shepherd of the Bay:

Bobby Valentine, Singer/Songwriter	Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Chicago Lyric Opera Singers with Judith Jackson	Saturday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.

These events are only possible because of the efforts and support of many individuals here at Shepherd of the Bay. If you would like to be a part of helping us bring these programs to our community, let us know. Maybe you would be interested in sponsoring one of our guest artists! We would love to hear from you! Please contact Greg Beem or Judy Jackson.

World Marketplace

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate make great Easter Basket stuffers for any age. Serrv's collection of delicious Divine Chocolate comes from the Kuapa Kokoo Cocoa Cooperative in Ghana - the first farmer-owned chocolate company in the world. Check out our selection in the Fellowship Hall.

The Mission Team will be bringing back Guatemalan Coffee from their trip April 6-14. Quantities are limited to what will fit in Carol's carry-on bag and not get her stopped by customs officials.

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

We welcome the Easter season in the Church. It is a time of rebirth and renewal, both personally and in our community of faith. WELCA looks forward to this time with renewed enthusiasm as our summer members return and our activities continue.

Last September during our fall potluck we had an excellent program by Shirley Senarighi from the Door County Civility Project. It was a very informative program about a very important subject. The DC Civility Project is presenting a program on Wednesday, April 18, from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm at the Stone Harbor Conference Center, Room A&B 107 N. First Ave in Sturgeon Bay. The cost is \$20 and includes Hors d'oeuvres and a program with keynote speaker Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin, author of six books including *Talking Together: Getting beyond Polarization through Civil Dialogue*. For more information contact Kacie Mueller, (920) 746 - 1786 or kacie@givedoorcounty.org. This looks like a great program and includes discussion and music. I hope some of you will be able to attend.

APRIL EVENTS

- April 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 -BIBLE STUDY WITH KEN - 9:00 –PARLOR
- April 05, 12, 19, 26 - MISSION PROJECTS - 9:15 – 2:00 - FELLOWSHIP HALL
- April 10- BOARD MEETING 1:00-PARLOR
- April 17- VERNAMAE'S BIBLE STUDY 1:00- PLACE TBA
- April 19 - BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION 9:30 - PLACE TBA

AND OPPORTUNITIES

ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken and April 17th with Vernamae.

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

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

Don't forget to use the **CHANGE BUCKET**- you can make a change in someone's life by putting a donation in the CHANGE BUCKET on Sunday during the Fellowship Hour. Your donation goes to the local Food Pantries and not for coffee at the coffee hour.

Social 6 There are two groups formed meeting through May. New groups will start in June. Call Carolyn Hitzeman at 854-5052 or 421-1144 if you are interested

The WELCA Board Meeting will be April 10th, at 1:00pm, in the parlor.



MEAL MINISTRY contact for April is

Barb Tuttle
(920) 883-7011

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 RECIPIANTS FOR MARCH:

Margaret Thompson will be celebrating her 99th birthday on April 22!

Happy Birthday Margaret.



Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



Little Lambs with their lion puppets they made after hearing the story about Daniel and the lions.



Wonderful Wednesday making favors for the residents of Scand.



Please keep the elementary age children in your prayers as they travel to camp the weekend of April 13-15.

Thank you to parents of confirmation/ high school youth and high school youth for helping with a Lenten meal in March. Thank you to Thrivent Financial for supporting the meals with funds for purchasing food and supplies. Thank you to Barb/Tom Tuttle for help with baking lasagna's, Alicia Kropuenske for making brownies, and Dick Burress for helping with food preparation. The funds from the two Lenten meals will be divided between Confirmation Camp and the Houston ELCA Youth Gathering.

Thrivent has also given money to support the Easter breakfast following the first service on Easter Sunday. If you would like to donate a coffee cake, please sign up in the narthex or let Jane know. If you would be able to bake some egg dishes on Easter morning to serve at the breakfast, let Jane know. The egg dishes are put together, they just need to be baked. There is not enough room in the ovens at church to bake all of them. Join us for breakfast. All donations will go towards confirmation camp.

Thank you to Tom Tuttle for making a stand- up frame for a flannel board we are using in the Prayground. The children have been enjoying it.

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Houston Literacy Campaign is hoping to collect 100,000 books for the children of Houston. If you would like to make a donation, there will be flyers in the narthex with books on the wish list. Please only purchase books on the list and our youth group will bring them to Houston in June. Thanks for your support.

Easter Blessings!



Water Station for Water Filters

The Mission team is looking for 10-12 volunteers to help with a water station for the Door County Half marathon on Saturday, May 5th from 9:15 - 11:35am.

The race is held in Peninsula State Park and our station will be across the road from the Cemetery. Anyone 5th grade or older can help hand out cups of water and gatorade to the runners. We can raise \$500 which will buy 5 water filters for the 2019 Guatemala Mission Trip.

For more information or to sign up talk to Carol O. in the church office (854-2988).



Guatemala Mission Trip

April 6-14, 2018, will be the 5th year that Shepherd of the Bay Church will send a team to help the Mayan people of Guatemala thru the organization Pray America/Manos de Jesus.

Contaminated water is one of the most common problems in any third world country. Clean water is difficult and expensive to obtain for typical families in Guatemala. Manos de Jesus makes small point-of-use water filters available for our teams to purchase to alleviate this issue for Guatemalan families.

Either activated charcoal or bio-sand filters are utilized to convert unusable water into a clear source of water for drinking and cooking. Health Workers who regularly visit families who have received water filters from our ministry are also employed for upkeep with the filters. Health records are kept on each family to help educate local Guatemalans on the importance of drinking and cooking with clean water. It does not take long for each family to see improved health as a result of a simple water filter.

Please pray for the families our mission team will be visiting. Bless the houses we build, the stoves and water filters we install, the clothes, toys and shoes we will bring to the families. But most of all, pray that the families will see the love of Jesus thru our team.

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 March 19, 2018

Present: Carl Jackson, Alicia Kropuenske, Scott Eckdahl, Tom Tuttle, John Skogsbakken, Barb Meyer, Cheryl Becht, Pastor Jim Honig, Ron Hupe, Jenny Sitte

Absent: Holly Thomas, Scott Henry

Opening prayer by Alicia Kropuenske.

In Holly Thomas' absence, meeting will be led by Alicia Kropuenske.

Pastor Jim's Comments:

Pastor Honig discussed the options for his return trip from the youth gathering in Houston. Possibility of flying back alone to be available for the Sunday, July 1st service. Riding the bus back with the group would not have him back in time.

The Council discussed the process for receiving newcomers into the church. As a group it was decided to start a 4 month (1 day a month) process in June 2018 to help newcomers learn about Shepherd of the Bay and the Lutheran Church. The process would repeat a total of 3 times a year to accommodate newcomers. Pastor gave the Council members a proposal for retreat possibilities. It was decided the Church Council retreat would be held, beginning with dinner on Wednesday, June 6th and continue from 9am-4pm on Thurs., June 7th.

The minutes from the February 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve with no changes from John Skogsbakken, Second by Scott Eckdahl. Approved and motion carried.

The Property and Grounds Report was given by Tom Tuttle. A request was made to be on the agenda for next month's meeting for a presentation on the roof and siding. Discussion of the possibility of new projects including a garage/pole bldg. approx. 35'X30'. 2 bids have been received with a possibility of more to come. Discussion of a member offering to fund this possible project. Also discussion of a vestige room for changing and storage of clothing used during services. Discussion of general questions of responsibility for defibrillators, T-Coil headsets, first aid kits, hand sanitizers.

The Worship & Music report was given by Carl Jackson. The report included the review of the worship calendar. Summer usher calendar is being filled. Concerts by Stuart Sutter, Bobby Valentine and the Chicago Lyric Opera Singers coming up in April and May. A reminder that the audio/visual task force has been meeting with vendors over the last few months to discuss tech needs. Hoping to have a recommendation for Council by May.

The Youth & Education report was presented by Jenny Sitte. Plans for Youth Gathering in Houston continue. 12 youth registered for Confirmation Camp in June. 14 3rd-6th graders going to a retreat in June. Registraton forms have been sent for VBS and Wonderful Wednesdays. Money raised at Lenten meals will go towards Houston and Confirmation Camp.

Finance & Stewardship – No Report

Motion to accept reports was given by Carl Jackson, Second by Barb Meyer. Approved and motion carried.

- Treasurer's Report was given by Ron Hupe
motion to accept treasurer's report was given by Cheryl Becht, Second by Scott Eckdahl. Approved and motion carried.

Old Business

Discussion of committee restructuring: what do the committees do now, what should be added deleted, what new committees might need to be formed. Pastor asked the Council members to take the proposal and consider what might be missing. More discussion to follow at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 16th, 2018 at 5pm

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Sitte, Secretary

8:30am Ushers :

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help usher in 2018.

3/29 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Wally & Rita Brandt
3/30 7:00pm Good Friday. Bob & Sharon Pluff

April 1 Bob & Sharon Pluff
April 8 **OPEN**
April 15 **OPEN**
April 22 **OPEN**
April 29 **OPEN**

May 6 Carol Williams & **OPEN**
May 13 **OPEN**
May 20 Sue & David Daubner
May 27 Stan & Jane Whiteman

Readers :

8:30am Service

11:00am Service

3/29 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service Gretchen Farwell
3/30 7:00pm Good Friday Service Werner Krause

April 1	Cindy Beem	Cindy Lawrence
April 8	Gloria Serkland	Gladys Austgen
April 15	George Cobb	Ben Pothast
April 22	Dale Johnson	Lori Pothast
April 29	Carolyn Hitzeman	Scott Henry

May 6	Cindy Acker	OPEN
May 13	Don Luker	Ben Pothast
May 20	Dick Scheller	Linda Zielke
May 27	Paul Lings	Karl Omernick

Church Directory Update!

Its not too late to update your listing in the directory with new phone numbers and photos.

Follow the directions to the right to put the directory on your smart phone, tablet or computer. Contact the office (854-2988) for more info.

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Memorials

Don Franke - Landscape and Garden Memorial Fund

Gladys Austgen	Gen Follingstad	Ruth Vorpahl	Lee & Jill Lhost
Harvey & Rita Stahl	Virginia Henz	Anita Franke	Eloise Lindem

Don Hanson - Youth Fund

Dick & Jane Burress	Virginia Hanson	Eloise Lindem	Dick & Penny Scheller
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Jim Wilkinson

Alicemary Borthwick	Carol & Marc Champeau	Gil Hartliep	Gary & Carol Kreml
Moonlight Bay Estates	Roy & Bunny Sheahen	Bruce Terrillion	

Wayne Ault - Youth Fund

Roy & Bunny Sheahen

Jackie Hoekstra - Quilters Fund

Roy & Bunny Sheahen

Sundays Lessons for April

April 1 : Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Second Lesson : 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

Introduction to the readings: Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more.

April 8 : Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1 - - 2:2

Holy Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Introduction to the readings: The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

April 15 : Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Introduction to the readings: The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

April 22 : Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

Introduction to the readings: The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

April 29 : Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Introduction to the readings: This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.



April Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: Lon & Ruth Kopitzke 854-2469
Stan & Jane Whiteman

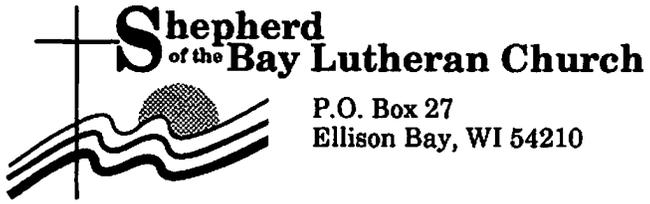
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May Coffee Hour Group

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April - Bob & Sharon Pluff



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