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Open Our Lives, Lord

For our Midweek Lenten reflections this year, we will reflect on that invitation to open ourselves to God. **Open Our Lives, Lord**, will invite us to see several ways in which God calls us to be open. See Pastor's Post on page 2 for each week's topic.

Each service will begin at 6:15pm and excluding Ash Wednesday, will last approx. 45 minutes. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us. Invite your friends. All are welcome!

All Services Preceded by a Warm Meal

Come and enjoy a good hot meal in the middle of winter which you don't have to cook. Cost is \$5.00 per person with children 10 and younger eating for free!

There will be a different menu every Wednesday night starting with a soup and bread buffet with cheesecake for dessert on Ash Wednesday (2/26). Other meals will include Empanadas, Lasagna, Baked Potato Bar and Mac and Cheese. All meals include beverage and dessert. Invite your friends and neighbors.

The proceeds from each meal will help fund Youth Camps, Guatemala missions and other activities of the church.

All Meals Start at 5:30PM and Services at 6:15PM

Annual Congregational Meeting

On January 26, 2020, Shepherd of the Bay held its Annual Congregational Meeting. The minutes from the meeting can be found on page 10 of this newsletter. You can also read the Annual Report & watch a video of the meeting at shepherdofthebay.org/newsletter.



To be open is to know possibility, hope, and growth. To be closed is a sign of rigidity and stagnation. We think of open minds as a good thing, closed minds as a bad thing. When I go to the store expecting it to be open so I can buy that little thing that I need, I'm frustrated when I discover that it's closed and my urgent project suddenly gets put off.

At the heart of our Christian faith is a call to be open – to God, to one another, to the needs of our neighbor, to the care of creation. In short, we are called to be open to the life that God promises and that God intends.

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Week 1: Open Our Eyes, Lord. Paul saw the light of Christ shining around him on the road to Damascus. As individuals and as a congregation, what do we have difficulty seeing? How does our perspective change when we view the world through the eyes of Christ?

Week 2: Open Our Hands, Lord. We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power, and the psalmist reminds us that we are always held fast in God's hands. In Deuteronomy, Moses encourages us to open our hands in service to others.

Week 3: Open Our Ears, Lord. Ancient Greek philosophy notes that we have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak. Jesus reminds us that we sometimes hear but don't listen, listen but don't understand. Opening our ears isn't as easy as it sounds.

Week 4: Open our Hearts, Lord. Listening to Paul's teaching, Lydia opened her heart to God and was baptized. Her willing, trusting faith echoes down through the centuries as we witness her "open heart procedure."

Week 5: Open our Lives, Lord. Moses presents us with a choice: death and adversity, or a life cracked open to the love of God. Writing to the Galatians, Paul tells us that we have died to the law so that we might live to God. It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us.

Join us each Wednesday during Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Each week, we'll gather for dinner at 5:30, and worship at 6:15. We'll worship together and be on our way by 7:00. (Ash Wednesday is the exception to that timing; the Ash Wednesday service will be longer to accommodate the imposition of ashes.)

Join us for this important time of worship and community.



**WORLD VISION'S
30 HOUR
FAMINE**

The high school youth will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine the weekend of February 28-29. Please support them with prayers and by making a donation. Find more information on how you can donate on page 3 & 11. Thank you!

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself. Now that's what I call a Valentine!! Matthew 22:37-39! February 14th. Remember how much God LOVES YOU!!

February events with Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School

2/2 The Beatitudes, Matthew 4:12-23

2/9 Salt and Light, Matthew 5:13-20

2/16 Jesus Teaches about Anger, Matthew 5:21-37

2/23 The Transfiguration, Matthew 17:1-9

Little Lambs

February 5, 12, 19, and 26: we will meet from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for play time, stories, Bible good news, art, and music, and a yummy snack! Our theme for February is "God Loves Me, Jesus Loves Me"!!

Wonderful Wednesdays

February 5th and the 19th, catch the Gibraltar bus to SOTB after school! February 5th we have a very special guest artist joining us, Solbjorg Daubner, aka: Mrs. Daubner, Miss Sue. She'll be teaching us how to paint what we envision from Ecclesiastes 3! On February 19th, we'll embrace Matthew 22:37-39 and the Golden Rule!

Confirmation

February 5, 12, and 19 catch the SOTB van after school to church!

February 5, Registration form and first deposit for Confirmation Camp is due. Mark your calendars for Imago Dei Confirmation Camp, June 21-25th!

February 15-16, Junior High Youth Gathering in Manitowoc!

February 26th is ASH WEDNESDAY. All confirmation students and their families are encouraged to attend worship service on this humble night, as we prepare for the Lenten season.

High School Youth Group

Sunday, Feb. 2nd, the first deposit for the youth summer adventure trip is due.

A big part of our focus for February will be on the success of the 30 Hour Famine. Taking the time to prepare our hearts for the big weekend, please come join in on the following...

Sundays, February 2, 9, 16, and 23 at the fundraising table in the narthex at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 5th and 19th Two preparations for the famine, "God's miraculous provision: Daily Bread, and Unlikely Sources" upstairs in our youth room at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 16th at 11:30 p.m. Join in our "Singing Valentine Fund Raiser with our Choir members!" (Even if you can't sing!) a chance for us to add to our fundraising efforts!

30 HOUR FAMINE 2/28-2/29. Fasting begins Friday after your school lunch time through Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. followed by a delish "Breakfast for Dinner" meal after the fast!

Questions, Suggestions, Concerns, Prayer requests, resources?

I'm here for you!

Lynda Pietruszka (cell 720-227-4079), (church 920-854-2988) sotb.lynda@gmail.com

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

New Members

Lyle & Victoria Amundson

Lyle was born and raised in farm country in central Iowa. He worked in the information services business and lived all over the country. His interests are national well-being, economics, technology, sports, extended family, and music in all its forms. Vicki was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. She has lived in PA, IA, MN, WI, KS, and VA before retiring to Door County in 2003. Interests are reading, walking, paper crafts, travel and of course friends and family.

Dan & Char Bogda

Dan & Char recently moved to Ellison Bay from Batavia, IL. Dan was a carpet salesman & Char was an orchestra teacher. Both are professional violinists, performing with various groups in Chicago and the surrounding area. Dan also is an artist - his medium is acrylics. He has shown and won recognition at man7 art shows in Chicago and Washington, DC over the years. He hopes to find a place in the art "scene" in Door County. Char hopes to perform in many places in Door County.

They have 2 grown children: Carl & wife Eleanor live in the Quad Cities (outside of Davenport, IA). Carl works for John Deere and plays the piano. They have 3 children: Karen, 6th grade; Grant, 2nd grade; and Emmeline, kindergarten. They are grandma and grandpa's pride and joy. Daughter Helen lives in Geneva, IL where she is orchestra teacher at Geneva Middle School. She plays violin professionally, as well. She lives with her 5 cats and has a long-term boyfriend, Zach Nugent.

Tony & Cheryl Furlick

Tony & Cheryl were married June 15, 1985 and honeymooned in Door Co. We have been visiting ever since. We lived in Wauwatosa for 32 years. We were both born and raised in SE WI. Tony in South Milwaukee and Cheryl in a small rural area near Lake Geneva.

Though the urging of Bob & Joan Carlson (who we stayed with since 1994) that we purchased 6 acres of woods in 1997. We would take hikes and sit in the woods. We built a cottage in 2005 and our house in 2014.

Cheryl was a musician & technical trainer. Tony was a retail manager. Both are now retired. We like hiking, canoeing, traveling, dining and cooking.

Gail Klima

My name is Gail... like most, I'm from Illinois... growing up in Chicago and Evanston and going to Schurz High School in Chicago and Evanston High School in Evanston. Once I was married lived in Wheeling and then Algonquin, IL. I have been a widow since 2-1-07. I have 2 children, a son and a daughter. And most important (lol) my little baby girl, "Eli" ... who is a solid black Cocker Spaniel. She is a small girl and as cute as a "bug in a rug"... lol... and I will add this before anyone else says it... she is a little spoiled.

I have been enjoying Door County most of my life. First on Washington Island at my Aunt and Uncle Jacobsen's home with their 3 boys. Once my husband retired, we rented a home on Clark Lake until our home was finished being built; and in 2000 we moved into our home here in Ellison Bay. I'm located on 5 acres, up the hill from the church.

I'm involved with Sons of Norway, Sturgeon Bay, being President for 3 years. Now I just enjoy meetings, luncheons, making homemade soups to pass in the fall and winter, and my famous "Cauliflower Salad" in the summer months. This last fall with the help of 2 others, I also made 700+ of "Gails" Norwegian meatballs for our fall (November 1, 2019) "Lutefisk" dinner being held at Bayview Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay. Through Sons of Norway, I have made many friends, most in the Door County area and hope to be more active (attending church services here) as the weather improves and "Old Age Arthritis" grants my bones to be less stiff...lol.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

*When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*How oft, in making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!*

*And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise;
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!*

This beautiful text, written by Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), appears twice in our hymnal, set to two markedly different tunes. Composers often recognize the significance of powerful words and are inspired to attach them to the melodies that resonate with them personally. The melodies written by Charles R. Anders (born 1929) and Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924) are distinctly different, but equally compelling.

The older Stanford penned a soaring melody, which reaches up from a low note and, after returning to the low point of the first phrase, reaches even higher in the second phrase before again returning to the depth of its beginning note. The third phrase, however, is where the melody turns. It begins from a new place, higher, and reaches up to the top range of the phrase, where the Alleluia lives! This beautiful and compelling melody is designed to be sung by unison voices with an instrumental accompaniment. It is identified as ENGELBERG.

The younger composer, Charles R. Anders, heard a different kind of music in his head as he encountered Green's words and created a melody that inspires a choir's rich four-part harmonies. The range of his melody encompasses basically the same notes as Stanford's, but that is where the similarities end. A mixture of major and minor tonalities add an interesting complication to the expression of the text. The use of three Alleluia's at the end of every stanza begin from the top notes of the melody and beautifully take the singers to a reassuring conclusion, ending where each verse had begun. This setting is known as FREDERICKTOWN.

How do we respond to the words we read? How do we hear the music all around us? What choices do composers make when presented with text and melody? How do these different elements come together in the hymns that we sing every Sunday? I think there is a world of deeper meaning to our singing available to each and every one of us. All we need to do is pay close attention and see the powerful words in front of our eyes and hear the compelling music in our ears. Each hymn offers a personal opportunity for prayer, contemplation, praise, adoration and joy.

May the beauty of music lift us up and give us peace.
Alleluia!

Judith Jackson, Principal Pianist and Sanctuary Choir Director

The Women of the ELCA at Shepherd of the Bay have a new roster of officers. Many thanks to Pat Skogsbakken for her caring leadership the past couple years. I take her place, Char Bogda is our vice president, Barb Tuttle serves as secretary, and Cathy Mangan is our treasurer. Thank you for serving this group!

You may be asking what exactly we DO? Some of our service is almost invisible to the church. As an example, far flung families sometimes convene here for a funeral of a loved one. We can bring a meal for them. If a lady in our church celebrates a birthday beyond 90, we deliver a rose. Many of us gather to discuss a book together on the third Thursday of each month in the parlor, 9:30 AM. This month's book is 'Virgil Wander' by Leif Enger, the author chosen for Door County Reads. Every Thursday, Barb Tuttle and her crew finish off quilts which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. They're already at 78 since Thanksgiving! In the spring and summer, they convene at the same time and knit hats, mittens, and sweaters for kids. We've had a lot of fun delivering these to Northern Door Childcare and Boys and Girls Club.

So, really, the question is 'What aren't we doing?!' Later this spring, we'll again start up the Social Six, a dynamic way to really know your fellow members and have a lot of fun, too. Do you want in on the action? Let me know. We've got plenty to do for the church and the community.

Which brings me to the last point: 2019 saw some successful fundraising, and I'm proud to report that we gave over \$4,000 to local charities that are helping everyday. Stay tuned. There's plenty more good news coming!

Thanks for reading- Grace Rossman, WELCA president

The Quilters meet on Thursdays in the fellowship hall. They would love to have you join them. Call Barb Tuttle (920) 883-7011) for more information.

PRAYER CHAIN If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, e-mail the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com. When e-mail is not possible, call Cheri Boock (920) 854-5493.

BOOK CLUB will meet February 20th. Call **Gretchen Farwell (920) 854-6203** for more information.

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 is being used to buy gift cards for the Piggly Wiggly to give to those in need. Almost \$700 was collected in 2019. Thank you to all who donated. That spare change really adds up.



FEB. EVENTS

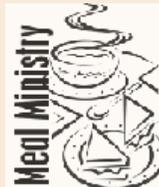
6, 13, 20 **Quilting Group**
- 9:15 - 2:00 - Fellowship Hall

20 - **Book Group**
- 9:30am Parlor



One of our members will be receiving a rose this month:

Magdalene von Zychlin (95)
on February 14.
Happy Birthday and congratulations.



MEAL MINISTRY
contact for February is

MARY KAY VARTANIAN
854-9150 or 421-2925

Marilyn Johnson (608) 322-8047 is the new Meal Ministry Chairman for 2020. Please let her know of someone in our church family who needs a meal.

If you would like to be added to the list of those who would be willing to prepare a meal, please call Marilyn.

Building and Grounds Committee

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, Eloise Lindem, 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.

Projects

- Roof** – Roofing will not be starting work until Spring or at least until the weather improves.
- Siding** – **Note:** *Checkout the church website "What's New" for more photos.* Work has continued as weather has permitted. There have been 2 full days lost and 3 shortened days due to snow and drizzle since the December Newsletter. Approximately 1480 man-hrs. have gone into the insulating and siding as of January 24th. Several weeks of work went into straightening the masonry firewall by the rear entrance and installing the new siding.



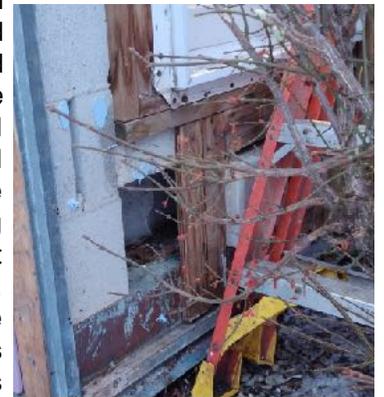
11Jan20 South End of Firewall Finished and Straight!

Now the wall looks straight, the way walls are supposed to be! When the roof is finished it will really look great. Work has shifted from the back of the building to the front. Insulation, Tyvek and new siding have been installed from the rear entrance, around the Conference Room, along the Pastor's and Church offices to the east side of the vestibule. It picks up again on the west side of the Vestibule, along the Nursery Wall into the corner with the Fellowship Hall bump out. Working on the church office wall we discovered that the window frame was rotten. Can't say that it was a total surprise, as the dormer above had been leaking during wind blown rain storms for several years. A new window has been ordered and will be installed when it is available. While we had the siding off above the Conference Room window, we opened the wall to inspect the insulation on the ceiling of the Conference



17Jan20 Carol's Office Wall Complete.

Room. We found 8in of fiberglass in good condition. We did the same over the south end of the Fellowship Hall and found 8in fiberglass batt in good condition. When we removed the siding from the sides of the breezeway, we discovered a little surprise. The concrete block walls were furred out with wood 2x4s. Everywhere else on the building the furring strips were "U-shaped" steel channel. The fact that wood was used is not bad, just different. As long as we had the old siding off, we decided to insulate the breezeway walls, even though that area is not heated. If we add another set of doors at the open end of the breezeway at some future date the insulated walls will help retain some heat that comes out of the building when the inside doors are opened. The biggest hole found thus far was in the wall next to the corner stone. The cornerstone filled about half of the opening left in the masonry wall. Just the old aluminum siding covered the hole. The good news is that it did not adjoin a heated area and now has been insulated and covered properly.



15Jan20 - Siding removed from around the Corner Stone. Found big uninsulated hole to the left and behind the Corner Stone. Filled with fiberglass and then covered with rigid foam insulation.

Building Maintenance

- Kitchen Large Coffee Maker** – When DC Coffee was contacted to have the unit serviced, they informed us that we were no longer buying enough coffee from them to justify the service agreement we had. They have donated the large and small machines to us. We are no longer obligated to purchase coffee from them.
- Well** – New motor controls were installed after the motor resets tripped a couple of times in December.
- Fellowship Hall Painted** – Thank you to Karl Omernick, Scott Thies and Tim West for painting.
- Library** – Thank you to Sharon and George Cobb for boxing up the books so that the bookcases could be moved for painting.
- WELCA Supply Cabinet** – Thank you to Grace Rossman, Cathy Mangan, Carol Omernick, Pat Skogsbakken, and Barb Tuttle for cleaning out the supply cabinet and closets in the Conference Room and 2nd floor.
- Pastor's Office** – Thank you Karl Omernick for your help in moving in the Pastor's new office furniture.
- Children & Youth Ministry Office** - The office recently occupied by the World Market is now the new home for the Director of Children & Youth Ministry. Thank you, Scott Thies for painting and Glen Rossman for your help with the furniture.
- Ladies Narthex Restroom** – Pardon our dust over the next several weeks while we freshen up, rearrange and hopefully improve the usability of this tiny space.

Please contact me or any of the other members, if you would like to serve on the Committee.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds



Stephen Ministry



Life doesn't always give us a "square" deal and at times we're left with an empty feeling that no one cares for me and we need a listening post. This is hard within the family as they are sometimes too close to what may be the problem or may a part of it.

When this does happen and it does for all of us – when you do need a "listener" who will give you that inner feeling that someone does care for you and offers advice through those tough moments then your help is just as close as a call to Pastor Jim, Stan Whiteman or the Church office.

SOCKS for Guatemala !!!

For the month of February, the Guatemala Mission team will be collecting children's socks. We would like to collect enough socks to give each child a pair when we will give away 50 pairs of shoes to school children in need. We will also be taking socks and shoes to each house we build to give to the families. We will have a basket in the narthex at church if you would like to donate a pair of new socks.

Ten members and friends of Shepherd of the Bay will be heading to Guatemala on a short term mission trip March 25 - April 2, 2020.

We will be building homes for widows, providing water filters to clean the drinking water, more efficient wood cooking stoves but most of all we will be sharing the love of God with the Mayan people of Chichicastenango, Guatemala.

There is much work to be done. As always, we ask for you to pray for those going and for those with whom we will be sharing the love of God.

Please contact John & Nora Zacek at 854-4890 or 421-3346 for more info.

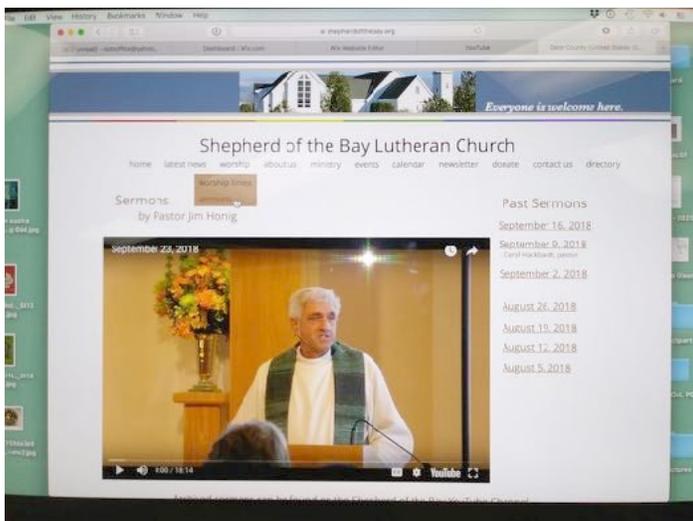


above: Waiting in line to get new shoes.

Altar Flowers

The 2020 Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The Cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. Fill in your name, if it is in memory or honor of someone and if you want one or two arrangements. You can take the flowers home after the Service. Please sign up to donate Altar Flowers.

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Go to shepherdofthebay.org to:

- See the latest **sermons**.
- Weekly Photo updates of the **Siding Project**.
- Find the current and the last few issues of the **Parish Door Newsletter**.
- Read the **2019 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!

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting January 13, 2020

These minutes are being submitted as draft until the Council approves them at the February meeting.

Scott Henry called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and Pastor Honig opened with prayer.

Present: George Cobb, Scott Eckdahl, Scott Henry, Edee Madsen, Lori Pothast, Pastor Honig, John Skogsbakken, Ron Hupe, Alicia Kropuenske & Les Keeper. Absent Cheryl Becht.

George Cobb made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Scott Eckdahl. Motion carried. Our Council round was, how have we seen God work in our Church? We each took turns sharing experiences or examples we've seen happen in our Church.

Minutes from the December 16th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Eckdahl to approve the minutes, second by George Cobb. Motion carried.

Ron Hupe presented the Treasurer's report. We saw an increased amount of giving in December. The total income was \$20,279 over the budgeted amount for the month. Expenses were up slightly by \$3,894 over budget for the month for a net income of \$16,385 over budget for the month. 2019 YTD Net Income budget was -69,249.00 and our actual YTD Net Income was -38,867.00. All roofing and siding receipts transferred to a/c 3121 New Roof Fund. Endowment Fund had earnings of \$19,149. A motion was made by Pastor Honig to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, second by George Cobb. Motion carried.

The committee reports are as follows:

1. Pastor's report: We will receive new members on Sunday, January 19th. Pastor continues Faith Formation, Tuesday Bible class, homebound visitation and Vespers Circle Service along with other Pastoral duties. Christmas services all went well and pleased with attendance for both Christmas Eve services.

2. Property & Grounds: Thank you to Tom Tuttle for a detailed report on items being tended to in the Church. The painting is almost complete in the Fellowship Hall. There have been many discussions about the future of the library in the fellowship hall. It was determined that it is not necessary to continue to keep the outdated materials in the Church library so the library has been taken down. Sharon Cobb and a few other members worked hard at boxing up the books. These books will be placed on tables in the fellowship hall on Sunday January 26th and will be available for people to take. The large coffee makers have been overflowing. A decision will be made as how to proceed with the repairs. Siding work continues and the roof work will start as soon as the weather permits.

3. Worship & Music: Ash Wednesday is February 26th with Lenten services and meals continuing until Easter which is April 12th. We will have a 9:00am and an 11:00am service on Easter.

4. Education & Youth: No report at this time

5. Fellowship: Lenten Meals are being organized to cover Feb 26, March 4, March 11th, March 18th, March 25 & April 1st.

A motion to approve the committee reports was made by Alicia Kropuenske, second by Ron Hupe. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Budget Review: The 2020 budget was presented to the council by the Finance Committee, which is comprised of Ron Hupe, Pastor Honig, Scott Schultz, John Skogsbakken & Grace Rossman. The 2020 budget has a total income of \$516,100 and a total expense of \$516,024 with a Net Income of \$76.00. A request to add \$1000 on the Stephen Ministry budget expense line and add a \$1000 income to the balance sheet allocations line. The council will present a balanced 2020 budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday January 26th. A motion was made by George Cobb to accept the budget as amended, second by Les Keeper. Motion carried.

2. Scholarship Committee: A discussion ensued to discuss the history of the Scholarship committee and the expectations of the committee. We will table this discussion until next month to give us time to gather more information.

3. Pastor Honig will be speaking to several people about the needs of an Endowment Committee member and chair.

4. The Annual meeting will be held Sunday January 26th immediately following the 9:30 am service. No coffee hour that morning.

5. Pastor Honig and council members expressed their gratitude towards Scott Henry, John Skogsbakken and Alicia Kropuenske for their years of service on the Church Council. This will be the last meeting for these three members. The Council voted via email with a unanimous yes vote to present the following names to the congregation for a final vote at the Annual Meeting:

Scott Henry as SOTB Representative for the Synod Assembly.

Dick Burress, Tim West & Sue Daubner as Council Members.

Old Business:

1. Parish Nurse: Work continues on this project with the organization of a task force being at the top of the list.

2. Reserve for Major Repairs and Replacements: A \$10,000 budget line item was placed in the 2020 budget. Council decided to place this allocated money in a designated fund instead of placing it in the endowment fund. Ron Hupe, Treasurer, will look for an interest-bearing account to place this money in.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology. The next meeting will be Monday, February 17th at 5:00pm.

Sincerely, Alicia Kropuenske, Council Secretary

Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26th, 2020

Meeting called to order at 10:35 by Scott Eckdahl.

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, members of the Council and members of the congregation

Meeting was opened in prayer by Pastor Jim Honig.

A motion was made by Tim West to approve the Agenda as presented, second by George Cobb. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 2019 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion by Carole Bergner, second by Greg Casperson. Motion carried.

Pastor Jim Honig gave the Pastor's report. God has abundantly blessed our Church this past year. We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Church building, the siding & roof are currently being replaced, we had a successful giving campaign and we hired Lynda Pietruszka to continue our Youth & Family ministry. Thank you to the Congregation for their continued support and prayers.

Treasurer's report was given by Ron Hupe, Church Treasurer. We started the 2019 year with a -\$69,249 budget. Through generous giving, the deficit was decreased to -\$38,867.00 YTD. We were able to keep our expenses under budget to help the overall Net Income.

A motion to accept the two reports was made by Sue Daubner, second by Wally Brandt. Motion carried.

Ron Hupe presented the proposed 2020 Budget to the Congregation. The total income is budgeted to be \$517,100 with expenses budgeted to be \$517,024 making the Net Income \$76. There is also a 2% increase in wages to the staff. A motion was made by George Cobb to approve the 2020 budget, second by Grace Rossman. Motion carried.

The nominating committee presented the following names to the congregation:

Church Council: Tim West, Sue Daubner, Dick Burress. Motion made by Cheryl Becht to accept the Church Council nominations, second by Judy Jackson. Motion carried.

Synod Assembly: Scott Henry. Motion made by Tim West, second by Jane Burress. Motion carried.

A big thank you to Werner Krause for chairing the endowment committee. He has stepped down from the Chairman position. Ben Pothast will be the new Chairman of the Endowment committee.

Pastor Honig thanked the outgoing Council members, Scott Henry, John Skogsbakken & Alicia Kropuenske for their years of service and leadership.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Alicia Kropuenske, Council Secretary

Why purchase a “Singing Valentine”?

Purchase a Singing Valentine and our youth group and a few choir members will show up at the door of your Valentine on Sunday, February 16th between noon and 1:30 p.m. and sing them a song of your choice; just another way to show how much you LOVE them! (see choices below!)

Because...

On Friday, February 28th-Saturday, February 29th, our youth will team up with World Vision and participate in the “30 Hour Famine”. Your purchase of a “Singing Valentine” will help us in our fundraising efforts to feed hungry kids across the globe! Did you know poverty is about more than just a lack of income? Sometimes a person’s income might be above the poverty line, but their family has no electricity, no proper toilet, no clean drinking water or balanced nutrition, and no access to a good education.

Some hunger facts:

66 million children go to school hungry every day.

815 million people go to bed on an empty stomach every day.

\$40.00 can feed a child for an entire month

Cut this portion off and submit with your cash or check to World Vision with “30 hour famine” in the memo column, and drop in the Valentine Box! Please mark accordingly and we will contact your Valentine and deliver your Singing Valentine on Sunday, February 16th.

Please indicate amount you are able to give(circle) \$10 \$15 \$20 \$25 \$()

This Singing Valentine is from _____ to _____

In honor of _____ who will participate in the 30 Hour Famine.

The singing valentine should be delivered to this address: _____

Phone number of the person receiving the Valentine _____

Place an x by two songs you would like sung to your Valentine.

___ Let me call you SweetHeart

___ Love me Do (Beatles)

___ Love me Tender, Love me True (Elvis)

___ Can you Feel the Love Tonight (Elton John)

___ You are my Sunshine

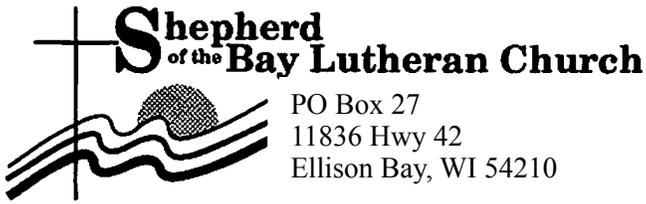
___ Love will Keep us Together (Capt’n and Ten.)

___ L-O-V-E (Nat King Cole)

___ Sea of Love

___ Can’t Help Falling in Love (Elvis)

___ Choir’s Choice



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Wednesdays, Feb. 26 - April 1, 2020

5:30pm Meal & 6:15pm Service
All are Welcome!

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Lessons for February



February 2 : Presentation of Our Lord

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Introduction to the readings: The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

February 9 : Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-2

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Introduction to the readings: Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

February 16 : Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Introduction to the readings: In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.

February 23 : Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

February Coffee Hour Group

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February - Don & Myrma Howard

Readers :

Feb. 2 Cindy Beem

Feb. 9 Nancy Marsho

Feb. 16 Dan Farwell

Feb. 23 Gloria Serkland

Feb. 26 Edee Madsen