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New Gatherings On-Line

With great excitement, we have launched two new opportunities to gather electronically and you are invited to join us.

Sundays at 11:00am - Faith Formation

Tuesdays at 10:00am - Bible Study

Wednesday, May 20th 7:30 - Theology on Tap

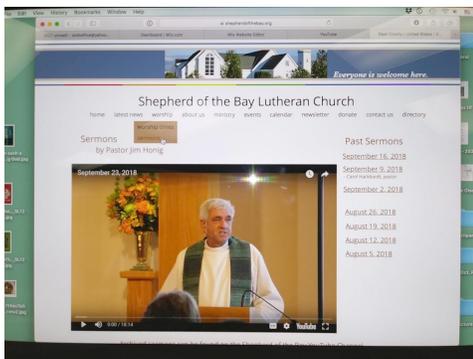
Links to the above online events along with other updates and news will be sent out weekly in Pastor Jim's **News and Notes emails** on Saturday. If you are not getting these emails and would like to receive them, send Jim an email at sotbpastor@gmail.com.

To join the conversations, you can use your computer and click on the meeting invitation; it will take you to the Zoom website and to the meeting that Pastor Jim will be hosting. You can also join by telephone; however, with telephone, you will not be able to see the others on the meeting as you will with the computer.

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Go to shepherdofthebay.org to:

- A recording of the **Sunday 9:30am Worship Service**.
- A **bulletin** of the services.
- See recent **sermons and services** under the worship tab.
- Weekly Photo updates of the **Siding Project**.
- Send a **prayer request**.
- See any up to date changes on **Calendar**.
- Sign up and **manage your online giving**.
- Access the updated **Directory** of current members and friends of SOTB.



Shepherd of the Bay Church FaceBook Page Live

Join Pastor Jim for a time of prayer and worship.

- Tuesdays and Thursday at Noon for Noontime Prayer

- Wednesdays at 7:00 PM for a Night Prayer

(Bulletins for all these services can be found in this newsletter.)

- Sundays for Traditional Worship Service

(The bulletin will be posted on shepherd of the bay.org before Sunday)

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ANY CHANGES AT THE SHEPHERD OF THE BAY WEBSITE CALENDAR PAGE:
SHEPHERDOFTHEBAY.ORG/CALENDAR.

It's been a long year the last month.

At least that's what it feels like to me. So much has changed in our personal life, our civic life, and our church life. Who would have thought that we would be working at being church without even gathering together in person? I must confess that it has been challenging for me as a pastor because most things I'm doing, I'm doing for the first time and trying to figure it out as I go. I'm sure you feel that way, too. None of us were prepared for this, nor do we have any prior experience.

Yet, I've been consistently amazed and thankful to see how God is at work among us. I'm so grateful for the technology in our sanctuary that allows us to provide a quality recorded service. Who would have thought when we installed the equipment a little over a year ago that it would be so important to us? I'm grateful for our website that gives us a central location for you to come and participate in our Sunday worship. I'm grateful for the council, their wise and thoughtful leadership, and their commitment to keep us connected by making weekly phone calls. I'm grateful for our staff for the dedication, hard work, and creativity with which they have approached their callings as we all try to figure this out together. I'm grateful for all of you and all the ways, large and small, that you are reaching out to care for each other and for your neighbor.

I'm particularly grateful for the way you have continued to support our ministry in this time. It's not only a time of disruption for our daily routines, it's also a time of economic disruption. Yet, you have continued to support us with your gifts generously and abundantly. You understand that our vision for what God has called us to do has not changed. In last fall's stewardship plan, we articulated a vision of excellence in our ministry, expanding our ministry to youth and children, starting a ministry of wellness that we hope will include a parish nurse, and support for the larger church. None of those things have changed; your faithful gifts allow us to continue to pursue that vision in these challenging times. I might add that striving to enact that vision may be more important now than it was in the fall. Thank you.

I write this article at the end of the week in which Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers released the plan for the gradual reopening of the state, called "Badger Bounce Back Plan." As I understand it, it's a plan based on guidelines that have come from the federal government, and offers a plan for reopening that comes in three phases. The staff and congregational lay leaders are putting together a plan for what gradual reopening might look like for Shepherd of the Bay. The council will meet on Monday, April 27 to begin formalizing that plan. However, as things continue to change so rapidly, any plans we make will be tentative and contingent. What does seem clear is that any hopes I had (and I suspect we together had) for gathering in the sanctuary for worship anytime soon are unrealistic. Even when the Safer at Home restrictions are lifted at the end of May (if they are in fact lifted), Phase 1 doesn't allow for gatherings of any more than 10 people in a room. It's unclear, of course, how long Phase 1 might last. What you can be sure of is that your congregational leaders are prayerfully and faithfully responding to the situation and will communicate our plans to you regularly, even if they are tentative and contingent.

I am so grateful, dear church, for the partnership that we hold in these times. Truly the risen Christ is among us, empowering us to be the body of Christ in the world when the world so desperately needs God's good news of hope, healing, and new life.



Soup Program

By Eloise Lindem

A special Thank You to Jeni Tveten, dedicated volunteer, who made 27 qts. of beef barley vegetable soup, 18 qts. of 15 bean kielbasa soup, and 40 qts. of chicken noodle and chicken vegetable soup which were delivered to community friends and members of SOTB on Sat., April 11th by church council and other members. Jeni has been cooking delicious soup for various events in our church for several years.

In 2011, Jane Burress, retired Director of Youth and Family Ministry, asked Jeni if she would be willing to make several kinds of soup for a light meal for First Communion children and their families. The soup was delicious and Eloise Lindem asked Jeni if she would cook soup if we could get a program started at church. She agreed and before Eloise could get permission from the council and decide what group would be responsible for the project, Jeni called saying she had 20 quarts of chicken noodle soup ready for the freezer, which the WELCA ladies generously voted to purchase. The council agreed to pay for the ingredients from the Samaritan Fund. From 2011 to April 2020, the total estimated cost spent was a little over \$2000 for 1000 quarts of soup. Please consider a donation, if possible, to the Samaritan Fund to help us with this important mission especially at this difficult time! Thank You!



Thanks to the following people who helped Eloise in the kitchen when Jeni delivered the soup to be put in containers for the freezer: Bonnie Hanson, retired secretary; Cathy Johnson, retired Parish Nurse; and June Nelson, past WELCA Mission Chair for 20 years. June also made all of our hand bell choir vests and sadly, passed away on March 10, 2020.

Thank you to Barb and Tom Tuttle who have joined Eloise in the kitchen this year. Barb (WELCA Mission Chair) made all the Easter wrapped cartons of soup with the beautiful greeting cards she designed. Thanks to Tom for his organizational skills. Many calls were made the week prior to Easter, informing people of the delivery, asking which kind and how many quarts of soup they would like, and when the soup would be dropped off on their porch.

Tom prepared a box with approx. 10 quarts of soup in each along with the names and addresses where to be delivered and even arranged it so the homes were close to one another. The delivery drivers arrived and drove through the porte-cochere where the boxes were waiting on a table in the entrance hall to be delivered. Tom, chairman of the Property and Grounds Committee, has been faithfully looking over the construction crew who have been replacing all of the exterior siding. Thank You Tom!

Thanks to the following Easter Bunnies who delivered the beautifully wrapped cartons of soup: Sue (Council) & David Daubner; Scott (Council) & Marcia Eckdahl; Edee Madsen (Council) & Sue Meredith; Scott Henry; Ann & Ray (Youth Group) Birnschein; Lyle & Vicki Amundson, and Lynda Pietruszka (Youth & Family Ministry).

Thank you dear council members for all your hard work and dedication to serving our Church faithfully at this difficult time. You help us feel we are not alone.

The telephone calls have been really well received. You need to know that you, along with Pastor Jim, have shared your faith and love for Jesus.

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 wildflowerway50@charter.net
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.

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.

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

920-854-2988 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com



A message to our families from Lynda Pietruszka

I wanted to share an observation I've had since we have not been able to meet in person since the latter part of March. Looking at our families through a "God's Eyes" lens, I have witnessed families who are "walking the talk", are the "hands and feet", and who are persistent with their love and care, compassion, and drive to do what is right, keeping their families safe, healthy, and happy. Most are homeschooling, some juggling work schedules at the same time. One family had to move out of their dwelling because the land lord was selling, one started a Master's degree, some are single parents, some are "essential" workers, exposing themselves daily, others lost their jobs and left their pride on the steps and entered a food pantry. I only observe what is on the outside. I can only imagine that there have been days of impatience, and exhaustion, from the overwhelming expectations put on our families to get through this time of uncertainty. It makes us feel less than perfect. But I know this to be true. God sees us as perfect because HE created us in HIS image. He loves us, and I believe, grieves with us. I also believe that he places friends, family, community members, his Bible, his creation, in front of us to see us through. Lean into it all. We'll get through this and come out stronger! We are already doing that! Be on the look out for creative ways we can "reenter" our time together!! In the meantime, our May newsletter will fill you in on the many ways we will stay together via Face Book Family and Friends, Zoom, Email, USPS, and a good old- fashioned phone call! BTW, if you get a call from a Colorado area code...that's me! 720-227-4079. God loves you and so do I! -Lynda

Sunday School - Face Book Family and Friends every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

May 3rd Early Believers Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37

May 10th God's House John 14:1-14

May 17th The Promise of the Holy Spirit John 14:15-21

May 24th The Ascension Acts 1:6-14

May 31st Pentecost Acts 2:1-21

Little Lambs (extended calendar!) - Zoom each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. or follow on Face Book Family and Friends

May 6th God Takes Care of Me

May 13 God Keeps Me Safe

May 20th and 27th Summer Stories

Wonderful Wednesdays - Zoom at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 6th and May 20th! Watch your U.S. Mail for a delivery!

High School Youth - Zoom by grade level, check your email for scheduled times!

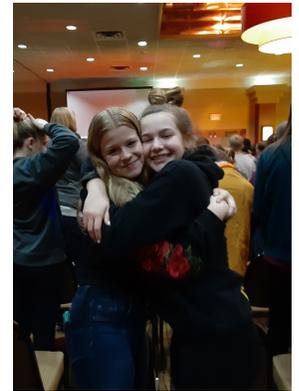
Be on the look out in our June newsletter as we feature our graduating Seniors. Keep them in your prayers. They have missed out on a milestone semester of proms, concerts, spring plays, sports, graduation ceremony, and just hanging out with their closest friends in person. Please send them a note of gratitude and encouragement. Our youth are volunteering in the community with the Door County Fire Chief's Coalition to get us through these hard times, some are involved in the Synod Youth gatherings, and some are babysitting younger siblings while parents juggle work at home. You might not always see them at church throughout the year, but I can guarantee they are out there being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!!

Our Senior High Students: Nina Sitte, Bella Bunda, Will Andersen, Mason Jungwirth, Jolie Fitzgerald, Brady Ash, Bella Vartanian, Will Brandt.

Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday for our 8th graders has been put on hold, however the students remain moving forward, eagerly anticipating the day. In the meantime, let's keep them in our prayers, and celebrate their accomplishments so far. The 8th graders who will be confirmed this year are as follows: Jamie Appel, Vanessa Demarinis, Cooper Gaddes, Abby Nelson, Cailey Reisen, Harrison Schwab, Chloe Alexander,

Can you spot them in any of these amazing pics from the Junior High Youth Synod Gathering and other Confirmation outings? Love these kids!!!



A Big Shout Out and Thank you, Well Done Good and Faithful Servants

to all the people who supported Children, Youth, and Family Ministries this school year, from our mentors, to the congregation, parents, and staff, who held the ministry up in a variety of ways. I know you volunteer because you love our kids and are called to do so!

Kristi Appel, Kit Butz, Kristin Demarinis, Eloise Lindem, Linda Glasser, Cindi and Jeremy Schwab, Jane and Dick Burress, Lynne Buchner, Vicki Gonzales, Vanessa, Caitlin, Makenize, Elly, and Jamie..team sotb kids! God loves you and so do I! Thank you, Thank you!!



Memorials

Betty Ann Heard

Brenda Cox	Jerald Eiserman	Mary Baldwin	Guy Brassart	David Ivens
Donna Griffith	Raymond Hartnett	Mary & Dennis Fales	Robert Lambert	

Gladys Austgen (Music Fund)

Fred & Cindy Acker	Tom & GraceAnn Hinnenthal	Marilyn Johnson	Bill & Barb Meyer
Mary Perdue	James & Ann Reeve	Chuck & Lana Tencate	

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.

COVID 19 Response – Disinfectant concentrate and some spray bottles are now available for commonly touched surfaces. Routine cleaning has been suspended while the church has been closed. We will be working to develop a new cleaning routine that will concentrate on weekly disinfecting.

Winter Snow Plowing – Thank you, to JF Construction for their donation of plowing our parking lots and driveway again this year. This represents a significant savings to the church's budget each year. Thank you, also to Joel Thomas for keeping the sidewalks cleaned and free of ice all winter.

Projects

- Roof** – Not expected to start until late May due to lack of lodging with kitchen facilities for crew.
- Siding** – **Note:** *Checkout the church website "What's New" for more photos.* 3300 man-hrs. have been worked to date. The majority of the work on the main building is complete except for a few areas; inside main entrance breezeway, dormers on the back of the building and some sections of fascia. Work of the Bell Tower started April 23 with the removal of the old siding.
- Stone work** – Thank you to Steve Shumway for the beautiful Door County stone veneer applied to the Portico columns. Steve donated a significant amount of the cost for this work. It is a really nice and welcoming addition to the main entrance of the church.
- Interior LED Lights** – A donor family again this year, has pledged money to allow us to continue to convert the interior lighting to LEDs. The first 8 fixtures for the kitchen have been received and will be installed this month. We are waiting for final pricing on the remaining fixtures as the supplier was surprised when his original source changed his minimum order quantity to 200 fixtures. When completed, this investment will contribute further to lower utility operating costs.
- Exterior LED Lights** – A second donor family pledged to fund converting the outdoor lighting to energy efficient LEDs. The first step in that conversion is complete with installation of new "night sky friendly" security lights over the exit doors. The new lights like the one pictured over the Choir Room door use less than half the electricity as the old metal halite lights. We are working to select new LED ground lights for the building, steeple, parking lot and driveway. As many of those will be replaced as possible within the donated funds. This gift will also contribute to lower utility operating costs.
- Sanctuary Dimmers** – This project has been put on hold due to the COVID19 outbreak.



Building Maintenance

•**Cleaning** – We are taking advantage of the downtime to do some of the heavy cleaning. All the carpeting in the church will be steam cleaned. The 2nd floor was done April 20th. The Fellowship Hall, Narthex and Sanctuary will be done over the next few weeks. The office hallway, Conference Rm and back entrance will be done when the outside siding and roofing is completed. The Kitchen, Nursery and Choir Room will be the next areas to see significant cleaning.

Garden Club – Thank you, Scott Thies for repairing some of the damage from the construction and winter plowing. Members of the Club have gotten an early start (due to cabin fever) in preparation for mowing season.

Please contact me or any of the other members, if you would like to serve on the Committee.
Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

Guatemala Mission Trip

Here is the latest update from Guatemala:

Like in the US, but even more stringent, there are shutdowns. Schools are closed. There is no work in Chichi. All shops and the market is closed. They have strictly enforced curfews from 4:00pm until the next morning. Most all travel within the country is prohibited. Because of this, Manos de Jesus is unable to provide ministry programs (like the feeding program) at this time.

There are the things they are doing to have the greatest impact during these times.

1) They continue to pay and support their staff. This allows them to stay home, safe and to minister to others in their communities. Manos de Jesus is the largest employer in the area. 2) Prior to the shutdown, they received the gift of 50,000 emergency meals from another NGO in Guatemala City and was able to distribute them to the local feeding program communities. They are using them as needed. Most communities do not have a grocery store as we know it and rely on travel to the open air market in Chichi to buy food.

Please continue to pray for our friends, sponsor families and the people of Guatemala every day at 1:27pm.

James 1:27, "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 from the world."

Vacation Bible School

Due to the inability to gather in large numbers, the community wide VBS - Paul & 1st Corinthians will be postponed until June of 2021.

If it becomes feasible, Shepherd of the Bay may do a small group VBS later during the summer. If you would still be willing to volunteer, talk to Carol, Kristi or Lynda.



GARDEN CLUB

Weather permitting, the Garden Club will resume work on Thursday, May 14, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. We will have a list of tasks to accomplish in order to create a lawn and landscape to compliment all the improvements to SOTB.

These are uncertain times dealing with COVID-19. We will be practicing social distancing and all other guidelines issued by the State of Wisconsin. Some of our regular volunteers may not be able to return to their seasonal homes or may need to quarantine. Therefore, your help is needed more than ever.

We have a variety of jobs, from trimming to removing small bits of construction debris. Other jobs require more energy such as repairing sod or filling ruts. Tools and supplies are furnished. However, using your own equipment would aid regarding health concerns.

All mowing and landscaping is accomplished through volunteers. Your time is greatly needed and appreciated. Being part of Garden Club is a nice way for permanent and seasonal members to connect. No ongoing commitment is necessary. If you have questions, call 920-854-9816.

Thank you,
Dwight and Linda Davis
Scott Thies



**Order your Pentecost
Geraniums!
See form on the back cover
for more information.**



Concert Series Committee

Now that spring has arrived and summer quickly approaches, the Shepherd of the Bay Concert Series Committee would like to take this opportunity to give an update regarding Shepherd of the Bay's 2020 Summer Concert Season. As we all know, the Coronavirus pandemic has drastically impacted each of our lives in so many ways, altering the way we conduct our daily business. We look forward to the day when we will once again experience a sense of normalcy, even if that normalcy is somewhat different than what we've known in the passed.

In light of this, and after monitoring the situation surrounding the current pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this summer's concert series. We are disappointed that we will not be able to bring to you what we thought was to be another exciting concert lineup but due to the many variables and unknowns regarding this pandemic, we felt it was important to make this decision in order to maintain the health and safety of both our performing artists as well as the attending audience.

While this is a disappointing decision, we will begin looking forward to our 2021 concert series lineup in the hope that we will be able to present you with a musical venue that respects the wellbeing of all. As always, we appreciate the support from so many and encourage you as you consider your support in the future, whether it be financial or simply helping out behind the scene. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to the day when we can once again bring to life beautiful music performed by talented artist through these concert events.

ANSWERS TO THE MAY "FROM THE MUSIC CORNER" QUIZ No Peeking!

Lead on, **O King Eternal**
Leaning on the everlasting arms
Let all **mortal flesh keep silence**
Let us break bread together
Lift up the cross
Light one candle to watch for Messiah
Lord, keep us **steadfast in your word**
Lord, listen **to your children praying**
Love divine, **all loves excelling**
Morning has broken
My **faith looks up to Thee**
My life flows on in endless song
My Lord, **what a morning**
Now thank we **all our God**
Now **the day is over**
Now **the green blade rises**
Oh, for a **thousand tongues to sing**
O God, **our help in ages past**
O Master, **let me walk with Thee**
O sacred head, now wounded
Oh, worship **the King**
Of the Father's love begotten
On **eagle's wings**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise to the **Lord, the Almighty**

Precious Lord, take my hand
Ride on, ride on **in majesty**
Rock of ages, cleft for me
Savior, like a **shepherd lead us**
Sent forth **by God's blessing**
Shall we **gather at the river**
Shine, Jesus, shine
Softly and **tenderly Jesus is calling**
Soon and very soon
Take **my life, that I may be**
The God of **Abraham praise**
The King of love my Shepherd is
The Lord's **my Shepherd**
The strife is o'er, **the victory won**
There **in God's garden**



Lessons for May

May 3 : Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Introduction to the readings: Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

May 10 : Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Introduction to the readings: As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

May 17 : Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

Introduction to the readings: Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

May 24 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Introduction to the readings: In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

May 31 : Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-23

Introduction to the readings: Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.

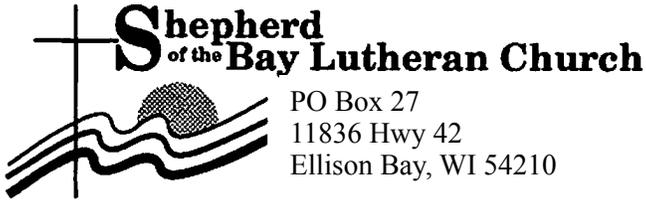
Directory Update !!!

To have an accurate directory, we need your most up-to-date information.

We need new photos. Did you take a great family photo at Christmas time? Is the baby sitting in your lap in the current photo now a high school senior? Please send a current photo to the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com. Photos taken with smart phones work great!

If your email address, physical address, home phone or cell phone number has changed in the past 4 years please let the church office know. You can call (854-2988) or email (sotboffice@yahoo.com).

To access the directory, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app and download the correct app for your phone. You can also find detailed directions on our website at www.shepherdofthebay.org/directory.



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Geranium Order Form

It is time to order red geranium plants for Pentecost decorations. They will be on the altar for the recording of the Sunday, May 31st service. If you order you may take your plant following the recording.

The deadline for ordering is Friday, May 22, 2019. No orders will be accepted after the deadline.

The price this year will be \$10.00 each. Please fill out the form below and send it with CHECK attached to Shepherd of the Bay Church, PO Box 27, Ellison Bay, WI 54210.

Thanks for helping decorate the church for Pentecost Sunday!

Please Print -

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory OR Honor of (circle one)

The Parish Door monthly newsletter can be found in full color on our website, shepherdofthebay.org/newsletters. If you would like to be added to the monthly email list, contact the church office at 920-854-2988 or sotboffice@yahoo.com.

Night Prayer

Join Pastor Jim on Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Facebook Live for a time of prayer and worship. If you do not have access to FaceBook, please join us where you are, knowing all of us are one in Christ.

Almighty God grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

By day, O God,
you grant your steadfast love,
and at night your song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

Night Hymn

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed— but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

Psalmody

Song

Reading

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.

You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
Into your hands I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Into your hands, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Canticle

Guide us waking, O Lord,
and guard us sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ
and asleep may rest in peace.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

Prayers

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

A series of short prayers are spoken or chanted.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Almighty and merciful God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night and forevermore.

Amen.

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Noontime Prayer

Join Pastor Jim at noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays on Facebook live for a time of prayer. If you do not have access to FaceBook, please join us where you are, knowing all of us are one in Christ.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom
come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of
trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.* On the third day
he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he
is seated at the right hand of the Father, and
he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O God,
and grant us your salvation.
Give us the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
Give peace in all the world;
for only in you can we live in safety.
Keep the nations under your care,
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.
Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come before you.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
(Here Pastor will pray several prayers, concluding
with the following:)

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour
you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so
that we, being dead to sin, might live unto
righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the
hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants,
with all others who devoutly remember your
blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this
world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the
life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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