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# The Parish Door

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## Theology on Tap



Pastor Jim will be having a 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. **Join us for the next installment of Theology on Tap at Mink River Basin in Ellison Bay on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:30 p.m.** Bring a friend or neighbor!

## God's work. Our hands.

On Sunday September 10, we will participate with thousands of ELCA congregations around the country in the God's Work, Our Hands Day of Service.

While specific plans are still being made, you can mark the date on your calendar and plan to participate in an outdoor service (weather permitting), a grand church picnic, and then spreading out into the community to put our faith in action. Watch the Sunday bulletin and September newsletter for more details.



A SOCIAL 6 Italian Theme Meal for July plus great Christian Fellowship!

So, have you heard about Gaztelugatxe? (Thanks, Seth Godin.) Apparently, it's an island off the coast of Spain. On the island, a church sits at the top of a hill. You will climb 230 steps to get to the church that sits at the top of the hill. The locals say it's worth the climb.

I like that notion. It's a lot of steps, but worth it.

A fast-paced, instant gratification culture would rather find the fast and easy solution.

It's a lot of steps, but worth it. In the church, we call that discernment; we call it patience; we call it listening to, and waiting for the Spirit.

I've heard a lot of stories in the past few months reflecting on the 19 month pastoral transition. Many of you hoped and deeply desired to get through it quickly and get back to normal. Some of you were frustrated that it took so long. In the end, patience and many steps brought us to a good place.

I wonder what else we might be called to careful discernment, listening for the voice of the Spirit, slowing down in a fast-paced, instant gratification culture. I wonder where and how we are being called to listen to one another? Will we pay as much attention to relationships as we do to results?

Jesus took 3 years to form his disciples and prepare them for his departure. Paul spent 14 years (give or take) from the time of his conversion to the time when he began his missionary journeys.

For what is God preparing us? What is our work in the world? It may be a lot of steps, but it will be worth it.

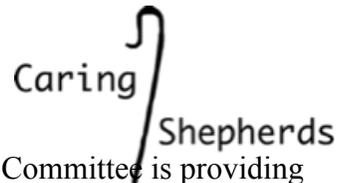


## Can I Trust a Stephen Minister?

Trust is essential to a caring relationship, and Stephen Ministers are people you can trust. Confidentiality is one of the most important principles of Stephen Ministry. What a care receiver tells his or her Stephen Minister is kept in strictest confidence.

If you know of someone who would like someone to talk to, confidentially, call George Cobb at 839-2651.

Be shepherds of God's flock...  
1 Peter 5:2a



The *CARING SHEPHERDS* Committee is providing services to the homebound and those not able to attend our church services on a regular basis. Video of our first service each Sunday along with bulletins and often a short visit help our members stay connected with our church during these times in their lives.

The videos of the sermons are also available to you on the Shepherd of the Bay Web Site.

[www.shepherdofthebay.org](http://www.shepherdofthebay.org) - check it out.

Thank You to Dick Luther for helping with the videoing of the first service.

If you would like to join the *CARING SHEPHERDS* Committee or would like to help with videoing a few church services, please contact Cheri Boock.

## Social

The *JULY SOCIAL 6* groups are completing their group meetings. There are seven groups that have been meeting during this session of *SOCIAL 6*.

The "THEME MEAL" recipes for the month of AUGUST are posted on the WELCA Bulletin Board – the month of AUGUST is MEXICAN! You do not have to use the recipes and can do any type of meal that you choose.

The new *SOCIAL 6* groups are forming for AUGUST, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. Plan to sign-up to join a group of fellow members of Shepherd of the Bay.

IN ROMANS 12:2, Paul stresses to us that we can be transformed and that from that transformation, we can do good in our church, society, and world. The transformation Paul mentions is a powerful idea. Through our giving, we have the capacity to not only to change as individuals but to bring about a great change around us. We make decisions, large and small, about how and where to direct our financial resources. We ask ourselves: What matters to me? How can I make a difference? (July 12, 2007 - Daily Grace)

As our WELCA begins its work of raising money for projects, please support us by attending and giving generously. Your gifts do make a difference in our community and in the world.

- Please support the **GARDEN BOUNTY HAVEST TABLE** every Sunday during Fellowship Hour – donate vegetables (unwashed and in a bag), plants or floral bouquets and/or purchase these items by giving a donation in the basket on the table.

The **WELCA 2017 HANDBOOK** is available on the church web-site. Go to [www.shepherdofthebay.org](http://www.shepherdofthebay.org) on your computer or device - Click on - “Ministries” and then - Click on - the WELCA site and the handbook will appear with all of the events and opportunities offered by WELCA for this month . It is a good way to stay informed. Take a look – you will like it! If you need help getting into the site, please call Carol Frakes – Omernick at the church office. P.S. – If you need a paper copy, it can be printed for you.

PRAYER is a vital part of our spiritual life so please be aware of the programs available here at Shepherd of the Bay.

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

**PRAYER CHAIN** is for you to request prayers to be raised by our Prayer Chain Members. Contact Bonnie Hanson or Carol Omernick for prayer requests.

**PRAYER LABRYINTHS** are available for a \$10.00 donation to the WELCA Women’s Relief Fund. They can be found on the WELCA table going into the Fellowship Hall during Social Hour.

**LIFE IS FRAGILE - HANDLE WITH PRAYER**

Check out the Women of the ELCA website – Women of the ELCA.com for the WELCA Daily Grace Devotions. They are short and to the point.

***AUGUST EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES***

***GARDEN BOUNTY HAVEST TABLE – EVERY SUNDAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL***

**AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28 – BIBLE STUDY WITH KEN – 9:00 – Parlor**

**AUGUST 8 – BOARD MEETING – 1:00 - Parlor**

**AUGUST 15 - VERNAMAE’S BIBLE STUDY - 1:00**

**AUGUST 17 – BOOK GROUP – 9:30 – PLACE TBA**

**MEALS MINISTRY –**

The **MEALS MINISTRY** contact for AUGUST is **RUTH ANN KOPITZKE – 854-2469** and **CINDY BEEM - 854-3530**

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.**

# Youth and Family Ministry News from Jane Burress



Thank you Dennis Piatek for not only power washing all the outdoor tables, but fixing them as well. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you Tom Tuttle for all of the help with organizing the upstairs storage room (what a difference you made) and for moving the projection screen.

Thank you to all of the people who have provided snacks for Wonderful Wednesday: Cheryl/Gary Doudna, Jackie Fitzgerald, Peter Burress, Tina Torcivia, Jen Gaddes, Fawn Fitzgerald, and Alicia Doudna. In addition to volunteers mentioned last month, I would like to thank Amy Savard for leading the library program, Dick Burress and Lana Tencate for leading a small group, and Justin Burress for leading snack time. If you have been to Peru and would be willing to share an activity, stories, music, photos, a game, or anything else about the country with the Wonderful Wednesday children, on August 2, please let Jane know. (Wonderful Wednesday Photos Right)

Just a reminder that we are collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. See list on Page 6 for donation items.



Closing Skit with Lynne Buchner & Abby Nelson



Ed Stone tells the kids Bible Stories relating to the day's lesson.



Waterslide Fun!!!!!!



Our Wonderful Preschool Group!



Thank you Jeremy Schwab and family for leading our weekly campfires at Sister Bay Beach. (right)

## Report of backpacking trip by Sarah Kifer:

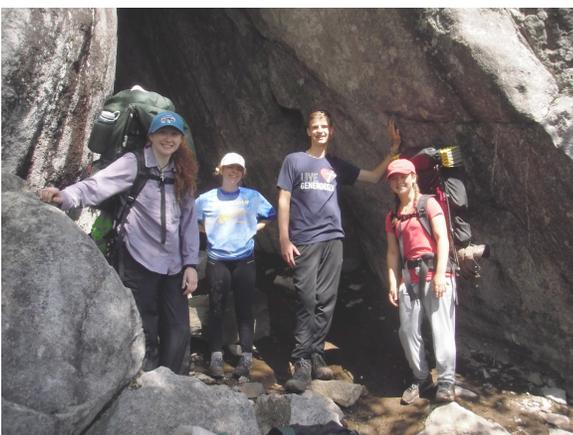
During the last week of June the Shepherd of the Bay Youth Group adventured north to the Sawtooth Mountains of Minnesota to complete a backpacking trip through Camp Amnicon. We arrived at Camp Amnicon after a long but lively bus ride in the glorious new bus. When we arrived we split into two smaller groups and met our guides who would be leading us on the hiking trail. They were very amazing people and throughout the trip we were able to have many interesting conversations with them.



We spent the first night at the base camp which borders the southern shore of Lake Superior. We spent time getting to know our guides, learning how to properly pack our bags, and learning the theme of bible study for the week; living water. The next morning we had a filling breakfast and hit the road again. We arrived at the drop off site around noon and started our long journey. The next four days were spent hiking, camping, and learning in the wild. There are so many

amazing stories that we could tell you but we'd all be here for hours. The moments of amazing grace seen throughout the trip were numerous. The trail was extremely muddy and slippery, with many dangerous parts where falling would have been catastrophic. Many of us did fall in the mud but luckily we were all able to keep going without serious injuries. The beauty we beheld was breathtaking; looking out at the world and seeing the glistening lake, a curving river, and the towering pine trees. It all makes you feel so small and huge at the same time. We also experienced all types of weather from the beautiful sunshine to 20+ hours of rain but we prevailed.

Being out there in the wilderness with such a small amount of people really strengthens old friendships and forges new ones. Some of our favorite memories to name just a few were learning British slang from Rob and Renai (Two of the guides from England), playing the game Catch Phrase whenever an opportunity presented itself, and seeing firsthand the effects of dehydration from a guide Brittney when she lost her water bottle, H2Woah. Many of us will remember this trip for a lifetime, the good times and the rockier moments. Trips like these are incredibly important for us because they aren't only wonderful adventures but offer us opportunities to question parts of our faith, and it is through those questions that we can continue to grow. So thank you. A big thanks to Jane and Peter our adult chaperones, for putting up with us and helping us in our faith journeys. And thank you to this church for investing in your youth. Trust us when we say your money was very well spent. Thank you.



## Lutheran World Relief School Kits

With back to school sales starting in July, please think about purchasing some of the following items to donate so the Wonderful Wednesday children can pack school kits for Lutheran World Relief.



- FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approx. 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose paper
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ONE 2 1/2" eraser
- ONE sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

## Help Need at Marina Fest for Guatemala Mission Trip

We need people to help at our booth at MarinaFest (Labor Day Weekend) selling walking tacos. Sign up for a 2 hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday, September 2nd and 3rd. You can also help by making a donation to purchase hamburger, chips and toppings.

For more info or to sign up contact John & Nora Zacek at 854-4890

**The dates have been chosen for the next Mission Trip to Guatemala, April 6-14, 2018!**

*Please pray about how you can participate in this mission activity....*

*Think about it..... Pray about it..... Join us .....*

## Thank you from BRIDGES

A hearty thank you to SOTB for pitching in and making our two BRIDGES events huge successes.

On June 27th, BRIDGES met at Newport State Park for a hike in the woods followed by a picnic at the pavilion. Some of the BRIDGES students were introduced to a forest for the first time- what a way to spread the wonders of God's great earth!



On July 11th, SOTB was packed with energy as over 200 BRIDGES students and Americans shared a meal of grilled chicken, potatoes, salad, and savory bread accompanied by live accordion music playing American favorites. Following dinner we were treated to a pipe organ demo, Segway riding (in the rain), and a tree full of leaf printing. Leaf printing is always a hit, but it was especially popular during the rain. We can't thank our wonderful, caring, hard-working SOTB members and friends enough for all the work you did. It was truly a team effort and couldn't have been accomplished without every willing hand and every smiling face giving to the fullest. **Thank you!!!**

# Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church Council Minutes - July 17, 2017

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Carl Jackson, Grace Rossman, Alicia Kropuenske, Greg Casperson, John Skogsbakken, Ron Hupe, Holly Thomas, Jenny Sitte and Barb Meyer by phone.

Absent: Scott Henry

The Council meeting opened with Pastor Honig reading the poem "Send Me" by Christina Rosetti and then prayer.

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. Motion made by Greg Casperson, second by Holly Thomas. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: report given by Ron Hupe. We reviewed the Balance Sheet and Revenue Statement. Giving was up for the month of June and expenses were slightly under budget. A Motion was made by Carl Jackson, second by Greg Casperson. Motion approved.

Property & Grounds: Report given by Greg Casperson. Tom Tuttle is the chairman of the committee. They have compiled a spread sheet of maintenance items and upcoming repairs needed for the church. This list will be updated as things are completed. The committee continues to obtain bids to know what prices we may be looking at to replace the roof.

Worship & Music: No meeting this month so nothing new to report. Grace Rossman will be assembling a task force to review and discuss a generous donation which could be used to enhance our worship experience.

Education & Youth: Jane Burress emailed a report. The youth group had a memorable backpacking trip and she is so grateful for the support of the church. Plans for fall ministries have begun.

Health & Outreach-Bridges: Barb Meyer reported that there was a successful event held at Shepherd of the Bay for the Bridges program. They served over 200 people and offered many fun activities for the students. Shepherd of the Bay has hosted 2 events and will start planning on how to improve these events for next year.

Motion made by Holly Thomas to accept the Committee Reports as presented, second by Ron Hupe. Motion carried.

The mid- year congregational meeting will be held after the first service on Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss future capital projects, financial update of the church, schedule change for services and Stewardship. We encourage all members to attend to stay informed on Church items.

Pastor Honig asked for clarification on Shepherd of the Bay wedding policies. Grace Rossman will check on this and we will discuss in a future meeting.

The next council meeting will be Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

## Readers :

	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Late Service</u>
Aug. 6	Ken Bergner	Cindy Lawrence
Aug. 13	Dale Johnson	Karl Omernick
Aug. 20	Werner Krause	Gladys Austgen
Aug. 27	Cindy Acker	Marilyn Peterson
Sept. 3	Janet Stromen	Karl Omernick
Sept. 10	Wally Brandt	Ben Pothast
Sept. 17	Nancy Goss	Ron Lawrence
Sept. 24	Gretchen Farwell	Linda Zielke

## 9:00am Service Ushers :

Aug. 6	Gary & Carol Kreml
Aug. 13	Gary & Carol Kreml
Aug. 20	Judy Perkins & Dave Keen
Aug. 27	OPEN
Sept 3	OPEN
Sept. 10	OPEN
Sept. 17	Don & Lynne Luker
Sept. 24	OPEN

# Sundays Lessons for August

## August 6: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

Second Lesson : Romans 9:8-9, 14-21

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

**Introduction to the readings:** In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

## August 13: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

**Introduction to the readings:** Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

## August 20: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

**Introduction to the readings:** In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

## August 27: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

**Introduction to the readings:** In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.



## August Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: John & Pat Skogsbakken	854-1133
Greg & Cindy Beem	262-914-5628 854-3530
Jerry & Joanne Dommer	839-2879
Mark Follingstad	421-1422
Don & Myrma Howard	854-5487
Jim & Nancy Huebner	868-5151
Ken & Sue Issel	854-2780
Doug & Helen Molzahn	868-1683
Jan & Fred Peterson	309-824-1673
Trish & Cal Pierson	727-543-2157
Mary Perdue	839-2394
Judy Perkins & Dave Keen	414-530-4210
Gene & Gail Prine	608-213-4946
John & Roberta Walgren	623-694-7944

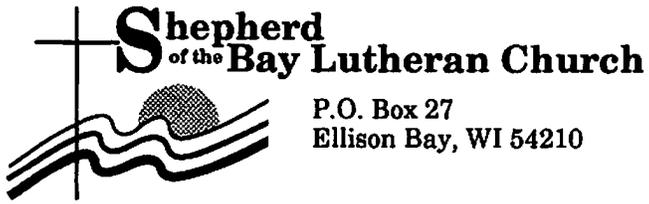
## September Coffee Hour Group

Co-Chair: William & Gretchen Klug	854-2055
Carol Weymier	854-5529
Carol Williams	854-2325
Kristen Demarinis	854-4360
Cynthia Drey	854-2600
Dennis & Mary Fales	854-7042
Audrey Grasse	854-5796
Jon & Bonnie Hanson	854-5569
Janet Johnson	854-7273
Gary & Carol Kreml	(239) 472-0098
Carol cell	(239) 258-1309
Lars & Judy Larsen	868-2871
Jim & Mary Lee Matthes	839-9929
Bob & Carol Olson	743-4346
Sigrid Ostrem	854-2136
Don & Sue Provo	854-9649
David & Arline Ringstad	854-2749
Julie Schell	854-4638
Harvey Stahl	854-4058
Chuck & Lana Tencate	854-5551
Ron & Gerry Weber	854-4506

## Altar Guild :

August - Debbie Casperson

September - Cathy Mangan & Jill Lhost



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## July **BRIDGES** event at Shepherd of the Bay

(left to right) Greg Beem showing the International students the organ, Leaf painting, sharing a meal together.

