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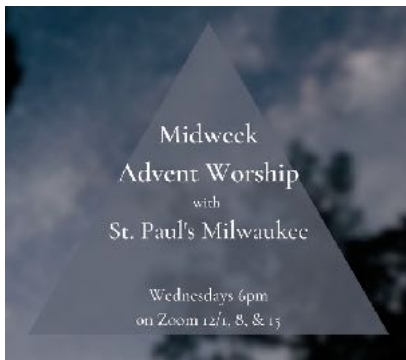
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## Advent Zoom celebrations with St. Paul's Milwaukee

One addition to our Advent celebration this year is a virtual worship experience with the people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Beginning Wednesday evenings during Advent, we will gather by Zoom for some reflection, conversation, and prayer, reflecting on the gift of darkness in these shorter, colder days of the year.

Watch your weekly email for details and the Zoom link to join this virtual worship experience. The service will be recorded and posted on the Special

## Sunday Morning Worship & Fellowship

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or in your own home. Beginning in December, we will have coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after the service. We will feature a different ministry on the first Sunday of each month beginning with the WELCA Quilt group on Dec. 5th.

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

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

## December Services & Events

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed. Dec. 1, 8 & 15  | Advent Zoom Service                                           |
| Sun. Dec. 5          | Advent Workshop & Cereal Box Domino Run after Worship Service |
| Sun. Dec. 12         | Dorothy Peterson Pencil Award                                 |
| Sun. Dec. 19         | Worship w/Children's Christmas program                        |
| Fri. Dec. 24 @4:00pm | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service                             |
| Sun. Dec. 26         | First Sunday of Christmas Service                             |

## From Heaven Above

A Children's Christmas Service for All  
Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m.



What's on your Christmas List? Is your list inspired by ads on television or displays in the stores? Do you long for that new gadget that will make your life so much easier? Maybe you're hoping for some of life's necessities that you can't afford to buy yourself. Perhaps you just want a well-loaded Visa gift card so you can pick out your own gift. Well, it's time to unwrap some gifts; guaranteed you'll receive exactly what you've longed for and everything you need. Because...the gift giver...knows you well!

\*Sandi Geis, Creative Communications for the Parish, Fenton, MO, 2016

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 immediately following the worship service.

The world is filled with the sound of creation's song. Just listen to the wind howling on a stormy winter night. Or hear the deep, bass rumble of the thunder. The staccato pitter-patter of rain falling in a puddle. The roar of the waves crashing on the beach. Or think about our fellow creatures and their songs. The shrill chirping of a cardinal on that early spring morning. The gentle moaning of a whale, the barking of a dog, or the roar of a lion.

We humans are part of this marvelous creation, and we, too, have a yearning to sing. Telling someone they can't sing is like telling a dog they can't bark. We all sing! It's one of the things we most missed during the time of Covid isolation and one of the things we most appreciate about being back together in the sanctuary for worship. When we join our voices in song, our hearts and minds, even the muscles of our bodies are joined, united in a profound, though mysterious way. Every Sunday, I am touched by the sound of our congregation singing together.

Here's why it's important that we sing together. Gabe Huck has written about our culture that we are "surrounded by music, but robbed of song." We get on the elevator and hear music, our shopping is accompanied with music, we pipe music into our ears for the soundtrack of our lives, but is anyone singing anymore? Tragically, the more we will space with music, the less we desire to sing. Music has become filler, background noise. Background noise never demands, or even invites, our participation.

When we sing and when we sing together, the Word gets imprinted on our hearts so that we make the Word visible and audible in the World. And it becomes a way for us to carry the Word with us outside of the church and into the world. Perhaps it's a refrain from the song, or a line from the hymn of praise or a favorite phrase from one of the hymns; the Word goes with us, in our hearts and minds when we sing. Popular contemporary hymn-writer and composer Marty Haugen has written, "What we sing, over time, we come to remember. What we remember, over time, we come to believe. What we believe, over time, we come to live."

Over the past several weeks, we've celebrated some big, weighty church festivals. We've sung big, weighty hymns to help us celebrate, and we've engaged in full, elaborate liturgy and ritual to heighten our celebration.

Now the church year is changing. We begin again with Advent, a time of getting ready for the coming of the promised Savior. Even as we enter a season that is quieter, more reflective, simpler, one which invites us to the interior of our spiritual lives, the world around us is ramping up. Bam! Shopping frenzy, Christmas to-do lists, parties, events, and a never-ending stream of December obligations.

So, how do we get ready in the midst of this frenzy?

Sunday morning is a good time and a good place to make space to get ready. But if our worship is going to provide space for rest, shalom, peace, then it has to be different than what is going on around us.

So, the Advent season at Shepherd of the Bay has a different character. Not only has the church year changed, but the world around us is changing and faith calls us to a different way. Our worship will provide us the time and the space to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.

One addition to our Advent celebration this year is a virtual worship experience with the people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. A strong partnership in bygone years that has for the most part been dormant is being revived. On Wednesday evenings during Advent, we will gather by Zoom for some reflection, conversation, and prayer, reflecting on the gift of darkness in these shorter, colder days of the year. Watch your weekly email for details and the Zoom link to join this virtual worship experience.

Engage in this Advent time of reflection and preparation. Open your hearts, once again, to the coming of God's Word, God's Love, in the flesh of a little baby.

Pr. Jim Honig

## **Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or a Stephen Minister Leader as we move into 2022?**

**There is a need for new Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers at SOTB. The Stephen Leader Team of SOTB is beginning to reevaluate our mission and outreach for the coming years. We want you to help with this project.**

**If you would like a Stephen Minister to contact you regarding a need for a care giver - contact: George Cobb (920-421-2702) Carol Omernick (920-421-1965) or the Church office (920-854-2988)**



Disclaimer: I am not a cradle Lutheran. Everything I now embrace in the ELCA Lutheran Church has been new information, gladly received. My early upbringing as a young Christian was largely without liturgical aspects, without a strong acknowledgement of the seasons of the Christian year (aside from Christmas and Easter), without a recognizable worship format on a Sunday morning. AND THEN I FOUND THE LUTHERAN CHURCH ... AND MY WORSHIP LIFE BECAME RICHER AND MORE SATISFYING. The many aspects of the Lutheran service were so inviting to a person like me, who likes structure and predictability and repetition and beauty – these became my comfort zone in my Christian worship experience. The Kyrie, Gloria, Gospel Acclamation, The Great Thanksgiving, Lamb of God – the spine of the worship format now welcomes me every Sunday to shake off the cares and concerns of daily life and enter into the cathedral of prayer, thanksgiving, introspection, adoration and praise.

The Season of Advent was a fairly new concept to me and which has become one of the cornerstones of my faith journey. How did I miss the yearning, seeking, sacrifice and rich, prayerful aspects of the weeks leading up to Christmas? These four weeks, where music often turns to a minor key, where the colors of the church become more somber and muted, where we light the candles of the Advent Wreath, one by one, looking forward with expectation to the celebration of our Savior's birth – what richness and depth of spiritual growth occur every year at this time for us all! Advent! What an amazing season, a time of reflection, introspection and growth in our faith!

So let us not be in a hurry to “get to Christmas”, to welcome a sweet baby to the world, to sing *Gloria in excelsis Deo* before we spend some time in search of the true gift of the season, to seek the true answer to our common dilemma of greed and impatience and suspicion and hard-heartedness here on earth, to prepare ourselves to receive this miraculous gift of God with open hearts and open hands and open minds. Advent is the time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Let us prepare ourselves well!

**Creator of the Stars of Night Plainsong mode IV, Latin hymn, 9<sup>th</sup> century**

**Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.**

**When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blessed mother mild.**

**At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.**

**Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.**

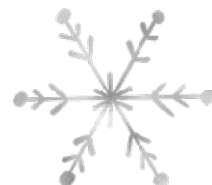
**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.**

**Amen.**

May this Season of Advent prepare our hearts and our minds to receive the richest gift of all – God Among Us, in the form of Christ Jesus.

Blessings to you all, now and always!

Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist





## Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

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**Wishing you and your Family, a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

**Each Week in Advent brings something special to the table for Children, Youth, and Church Family Ministry!  
Come celebrate and invite friends and family!!**

### Sundays in Advent!

Join us for worship each Sunday in Advent which will feature a family lighting the Advent wreath, Sunday school following the children's message, and new events each week.

The first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, A Good Ruler Jeremiah 33:14-17; Rehearsal for Children's program after worship. Remember to bring a cereal box for "**The Cereal Box Challenge**" mission project!

The second Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, Zechariah Luke 1:68-79. Following worship, come to the **ADVENT WORKSHOP!!** Yes, it's back! Create an Advent Wreath, make a gift ornament, select from the Children's Christmas library, cookies, treats, and... witness "**The Cereal Box Challenge Domino Run**"!! Rehearsal for Children's Christmas program time tbd.

The third Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, John the Baptist Luke 3:1-18. **The Dorothy Peterson Pencil Award** will be presented to a dedicated volunteer in Children, Youth, and Family ministry. Rehearsal for the Children's Christmas program following worship.

The fourth Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. worship service, and the **2021 Children's Christmas Program and Worship**. Followed by Christmas treats and coffee in fellowship hall!

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Sunday School, but do come to worship at 9:30 a.m.!

### Christmas Eve

**This year, we are combining our traditional service with our children and family service all at 4:00 p.m. We'll have a special message for our children, worship, music, and candlelight. Come for a beautiful evening with your church family!**

### Wonderful Wednesdays "Journey Together"

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

**12/1 Advent Kick Off! Practice for those participating in the SOTB children's Christmas program practice begins tonight and the following dates: Wednesdays, December 8th and 15th, Sunday afternoon December 5th and 12th. Dress rehearsal, Saturday, December 18th.**

**12/15 Wonderful Wednesday Christmas Party and Advent Celebration!!**

### Confirmation

**Students in grades 7 and 8**

**Wed. 12/1** Confirmation Christmas Party and reader's rehearsal for the Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Children, Youth, and Family Christmas program at 9:30 a.m.

**Sat. 12/18** Dress rehearsal for all children, youth, and family members participating in the Children, Youth, and Family Christmas program. 10:00 a.m. to noon.

**Those students serving in December:**

**Communion**, Carena and Hayden 12/5 and 12/19,

**Ushering**, Xavier and Kuper 12/5, Kuper 12/12, David 12/19

### Little Lambs Bible Story Time

**For infants, toddlers, preschoolers,  
and their care providers**

We meet in person **every Wednesday** morning from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** Until we are comfortable, and safe, our families have chosen to bundle up and play outside! So be sure to dress for the weather! All are welcome! Invite a friend.

**12/1 Creation Stations, God Created the Sky, Moon, and Stars!**

**12/8 The Nativity!**

**12/15 Happy Birthday Jesus Party today!**

**12/22 & 12/29 Little Lambs will not meet.**

## High School Youth Group Students in grades 9-12

We will meet the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of the month. Stay tuned to your email, text messages, SOTB newsletter and our SOTB Youth face book page for updated information!

**12/8 God's Boundless love for us, and practice reading and/or assist with prop building for the Children and Family Christmas program, 12/19.**

**12/18 Saturday rehearsal from 10:00 to noon.**

**12/19 Sunday, church Christmas program at 9:30 a.m. followed by treats in the fellowship hall and youth outing in the SOTB van to our very own Christmas party!**

## Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new member, ladies you are welcome. New perspectives are always welcome. Contact Tom Tuttle if you are interested.

**Custodian** – Our custodian, Kim Maedke-Shumway, has decided to quite. She has faithfully cleaned the building for all the services, memorials, weddings, dinners and special events, for the last 4 years but no longer has the time necessary. The search for a replacement has already begun by word of mouth. The position is part-time (8-10hrs/wk.) involves the interior cleaning of the building and has flexible hours. If you are or know someone who might be interested, please contact Tom Tuttle.

**Volunteer Chores** – We could use your help with some inside chores, especially now that we are looking for a custodian. Vacuuming is a big part of the weekly cleaning, so if you want some alone time or you want to make it a group activity, this is a great opportunity. That's not the only opportunity! How about cleaning pews, vacuuming pew and chair cushions, cleaning the kitchen (cabinets, counter tops, range, refrigerator), cleaning the Sacristy cabinets, cleaning the parlor, clean wood doors, mopping the choir loft. You can work alone, with a friend, or group. Contact Tom Tuttle if you would like to help.

### Building Maintenance

**Exterior Flood Lights** – The new road sign lighting has been ordered. A couple of outdoor lighting companies were contacted about the flood lights for the building and steeple but decided not to quote. During our search the Dark Sky recommendations for our area are in our criteria. I recently started discussions with a US manufacturer of LED flood lights on the west coast, so the search continues.

**Heating** – All the thermostats for the building have been reprogrammed to minimize the heating demand. The sanctuary temperature will be held at a constant 72 degrees due to the organ and pianos. The Narthex will be held at 70 degrees during office hours. The offices will be maintained at 74 degrees for the office hours. The Fellowship Hall will be maintained at 65 degrees, except for Tuesday morning bible class, Wednesday during the day and evening (Little Lambs, Confirmation), and Thursday morning quilting. The Choir room will be maintained at 65 degrees except for Thursday afternoon choir practice, Saturday morning AA meeting and Sunday morning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor will be maintained at 65 degrees except for Sunday morning and Wednesday during the day. All the thermostats have a 3hr over ride button that will temporarily raise the temperature to 72 degrees for any unscheduled meetings.

**Field Maintenance** – The trees in the field south of the driveway and parking lot that will be saved have been identified. Cutting the brush has started along the highway and will work back toward the parking lot. The intent is to clear all the brush from the field and get it piled up so that it can be burned sometime this winter after snow is on the ground. If you would like to help, contact Tom Tuttle.

**Christmas Decorations** – B&Gs will set-up the Nativity Scene on Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>, along the highway, north of the sign, as it was last year. The lighting for the nativity and the pine tree in the middle of the front yard will be lit after the Ellison Bay Tree Lighting on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup>. B&Gs is not planning to decorate the evergreen trees on either side of the steeple this year.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Thies or me. If none of us are around, send me an email or drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you.

# 2021 in Pictures



John Skogsbakken shares music with the Wonderful Wednesday kids.



Thanksgiving Pie making with the Youth Group



Little Lambs fun Fall activities!



WELCA Book Group



WELCA Fall Retreat led by Lynda P.



WELCA held TWO drive thru Spaghetti Dinner raising money for local charities.



John the Baptist baptizes Jesus when a dove appears.



Guatemala Missions raised money by working the DC Half Marathon water station and the DC Triathlon freezie pop station.



Confirmation Class of 2021





WELCA quilters made quilts Spring and Fall. They sent 75 quilts to the refugees at Fort McCoy.



We collected towels, socks and blankets for the Afghan Refugees along with the other Door County Church thru Operation WI Joy.



Char Bogda and Judy Jackson providing beautiful music during the Easter Season.



Summer Choir



Making Quilts for High School Seniors



Klaud's Pantry feeding our neighbors.



Back together again!

Garden Club. Come for the coffee. Stay for the pruning.



left. Cal Pierson sharing his rock collection with the kids.



Summer Wonderful Wednesday fun!



Building and blessing of benches for the outdoor worship space.



WELCA held a women's retreat on November 9th. Lynda Pietruszka, our Youth and Family Minister, led the group of 21 through a fun day of Faith Formation activities. We created journals, sang, shared stories, and had opportunities to think about the important aspects of our own faith journeys. Thank you, Lynda! We enjoyed ourselves, and it was wonderful to spend the day with each other.

We held two drive-thru spaghetti dinners this summer, raising enough to send \$1,200 to five different non-profit groups which the council earlier this year had chosen to highlight. They are the Partnership for Affordable Housing, Northern Door Children's Center, Help of Door County, Stride Mental Health Initiative for Schools through the United Way, and Door CANcer. Thank you, everyone, for your support of our spaghetti dinners. We'll be back!

Thursday mornings are quilting mornings. Anyone who wants to join Barb Tuttle and her merry team can join in the fun. Some quilts have been going to local initiatives lately, groups like Cradle to Career, Family Services, and Help. Lutheran World Relief is still working through Covid issues around the world, and we hope to send quilts to them in the future.

It's winter and a time to settle in with a good book. Call or email Gretchen Farwell to join the Book Club!

Our executive committee has agreed to continue serving in the same capacity for another year. The pandemic changed plenty. If you would like to be a part of the WELCA leadership or you have a great idea for us, please let me know. Thank you to our small and mighty leadership group- Pat Skogsbakken, Cathy Mangan, Barb Tuttle, Char Bogda, Cheri Boock, Sue West, with occasional appearances of many others.

Have a safe and happy Christmas. Thanks for reading-

## WELCA Prayer Chain

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

To send a Prayer Request:

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

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

## Book Selections for Shepherd of the Bay Book Group

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

**We will not meet in December.**

**January 20, 2022**

Larson, Erik. **The Splendid and the Vile:** a saga of Churchill, family, and defiance during the Blitz. Exciting and devastating account of Great Britain's suffering for a year in 1940-41 when the country was bombed by the German air force almost nightly. *This is a long book, so we are putting it on the list to give you much time to read it. It was a New York Times best-seller in 2021-21.*

# Opportunities

## Help the Salvation Army help your neighbors!

This year the Salvation Army Christmas kettle campaign in Northern Door County has a special need for volunteer bell ringers. Funds raised through donations at the red kettles are used to serve people with assistance that includes putting food on the table, paying bills, providing shelter and helping place gifts under the tree. All money collected stays in Door County to fund local Salvation Army projects.



We need more volunteer bell ringers to step up. Help is needed for locations in Sister Bay (Piggly Wiggly, Al Johnson's Restaurant), Ellison Bay (Pioneer Store), and Baileys Harbor (Baileys 57 BP Station).

You can help by ringing a two-hour shift on a Friday or Saturday from November 26 – December 18. Times are 10am–12pm, 12-2pm, or 2–4 pm (At Al Johnson's we will ring from 9 to 3).

Please sign up at [RegisterToRing.com](http://RegisterToRing.com) or call Mary Rosecky at 854-5480 to volunteer for an open slot.

## Women's Bible Study

Tuesday evenings 6:45pm-7:45pm beginning on Jan. 11th.

After attending the WELCA Retreat on Nov. 9th, a group of women were inspired to continue learning together in the Bible. We are planning to have a 1 hour Study with optional fellowship afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

We will begin with the book, "One Minute after Every Mile: Running the Race" by local author, Jo Anna Rieger. Contact the church office for a book or for more info.

## Klaud's Food Pantry

Thank you all for your continued support of Klaud's Pantry. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated.

God's Blessings to you!

Seasonal Holiday Items  
Pet Food  
Cleaning Supplies  
Soap & Shampoo

Baking Items  
Frozen Dinners  
Eggs

## Poinsettia Order Form

It is time to order poinsettia plants for Christmas decoration. They will be on the altar from **Sunday, Dec. 19th to Sunday, Jan. 2nd.**

You may take your plant beginning Sunday, January 2nd after the service.

Place your order soon! The deadline to order is **Wed, Dec. 8th** and the number of plants is limited. No orders will be accepted after that date and no orders will be taken by phone.

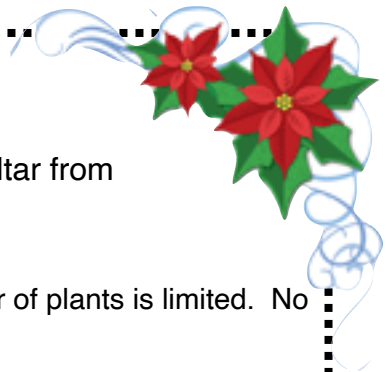
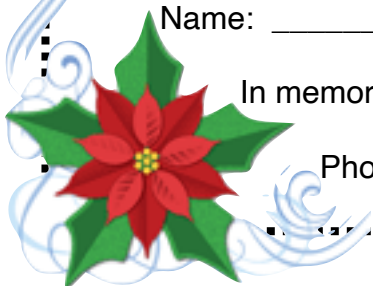
The price this year will be **\$20.00** each. Please send or bring your order **with CHECK** attached to church.

Please print –

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# Lessons for December

## December 5 : Second Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

**Introduction to the readings:** Forerunners and messengers advance the advent of our God. While John the baptizer's voice in the wilderness may be the principal focus of the day, Malachi's prophecy could as easily herald the coming Christ as forerunner of the Lord of hosts. Finally all the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in capturing a vision of the "salvation of God."

## December 12 : Third Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

**Introduction to the readings:** Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

## December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

## December 24 : Christmas Eve

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

**Introduction to the readings:** In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

## December 26 : First Sunday of Christmas

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

**Introduction to the readings:** On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas, still.

## Readers

Dec. 5	<b>OPEN</b>
Dec. 12	John Skogsbakken
Dec. 19	Children's Program
Dec. 24	<b>OPEN</b>
Dec. 26	<b>OPEN</b>

## Service Volunteers Needed for 2022

We need Readers, Ushers, Altar Guild, & Communion Helpers for the entire calendar year of 2022.

If you would like to **read**, contact Scott Henry at [scott@henry.org](mailto:scott@henry.org).

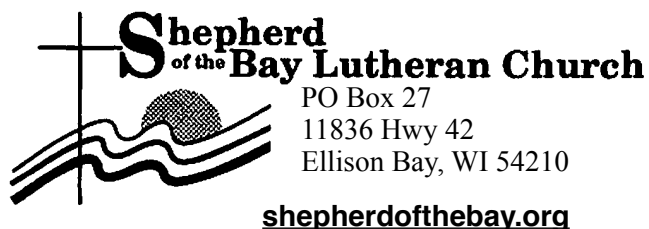
If you would like to be an **usher**, contact Cheryl Becht at [clbecht1248@gmail.com](mailto:clbecht1248@gmail.com).

If you would like to help with **communion**, contact Sue Daubner at [sue@profrealtydc.com](mailto:sue@profrealtydc.com).

If you would like to be on the **Altar Guild**, contact Sharon Pluff at

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