

The Parish Door

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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Social Distancing... Together

There are a lot of exciting things happening at Shepherd of the Bay and a lot of it is happening on our website! Remember over a year ago when the new screens and sound system were installed in the sanctuary? We excitedly talked about all the different ways they could be used. Now we are doing some of those things.

Here are some of the ways in where we are connecting to each other while we can't be physically be together:

[Shepherd of the Bay Church FaceBook Page Live](#)

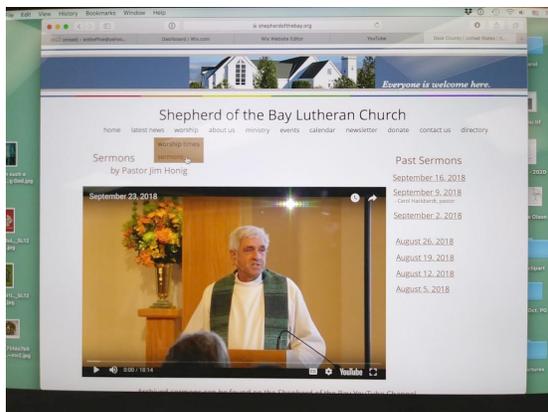
Join Pastor Jim for a time of prayer and worship.

- 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 at 9:30 for Traditional Worship Service
(The bulletin will be posted on shepherd of the bay.org before Sunday)

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Go to shepherdofthebay.org to:

- A **livestream** 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.



Coming soon to shepherdofthebay.org Choir Anthems!

We are in the process of uploading some of the choir anthems from the past few months. Currently, *Precious In My Sight*, is available to view. Others will be added soon. As always, this is a process, please be patient with us.

Email Connections

Pastor Jim has begun sending out daily devotional and weekly News and Notes emails. If you are not getting these emails and would like to receive them, send Jim a email at sotbpastor@gmail.com.

We live in an interesting and challenging time, aren't we? The speed at which things continue to change leaves our heads spinning. On Saturday, March 14 when the congregation council met to decide how we would respond to the growing crisis, the CDC was recommending that there be no gatherings larger than 250 people. The next day, the recommendation was 100; Monday morning, 50, by Monday afternoon, it was 10. That's just one example of how fast things continue to develop as we collectively try to figure out how to respond to the pandemic.

For such a time as this, we are called to be church. Here's what I mean by that. We gather week after week of normal, often mundane life. We gather around word and sacrament, hearing God's call to new life in Jesus, calling us to live as the baptized, the body of Christ for the sake of the world. All of that can seem ordinary, like just the same old, same old. We get up each day, knowing that God loves us and that God calls us to mission. And then something like this happens.

In a sense, we are practicing our faith in the ordinary times so that we will have the strength and trust and hope to meet the challenges of the extraordinary times.

I remember a similar feeling after the attacks of 9/11. I was a pastor in Naples, Florida. Week after week, we had been gathering mid-week each Wednesday for an evening service of prayer. Our attendance wasn't huge, between 15 and 20 each week. It wasn't always the same 15 people, but an in-and-out group of probably 30-40 people. We were all filled with uncertainty. We knew people who were stranded out of the country with no idea when they would be able to return. We wondered if there would be more attacks. We didn't know quite what to do with our children and the schools. Uncertainty, fear, and anxiety filled the air. The attacks happened on a Tuesday. The next day when we gathered for our evening prayer, the sanctuary was full. We joined our voices in prayer and song; we left the sanctuary knowing that no matter what happened, we need not fear, and that God was going to use the church to accomplish God's purposes in an extraordinary moment. It was like we had been practicing all those years for that moment when we especially needed those prayers and songs.

I have that same sense now. The air is full of anxiety, uncertainty and fear. Yet, when we have met together for worship on Sunday mornings, apart yet somehow together, our prayers, our song, our reflection on God's word have all brought us hope and confidence that, though we do not know what the future holds, we know Who holds the future. In the midst of all this, God is still with us, God still loves us, and God still intends to use the church to accomplish God's purposes. "Have no fear little flock. . .for the Father has chosen to give us the kingdom!"

A couple of practical items. Because there is so much uncertainty about the future and about how all this will play out, we are making no firm plans for when we will be able to meet again face to face. We will continue our present arrangement of on-line worship indefinitely. Last night (Monday, March 23), the council met via an on-line meeting platform to check in and to reaffirm our plans to maintain as much non-physical contact with you all as we can. The council will continue to meet at least every other week to assess where things stand with our ministry. With Governor Evers' new ban on all non-essential travel, which I am led to believe will also include closing non-essential businesses, there will be no face to face meetings of any kind at church. For those of you who want to have an on-line meeting (and I hope you will consider it!), contact me and you can use our subscription to the Zoom meeting platform. While I had initially hoped that we'd be able to be together in the sanctuary to celebrate Easter, that looks very unlikely at this point. We will let you know about plans to observe Holy Week and Easter.

We have a cadre of volunteers and resources ready to serve those who might have need or who might be struggling during this time. The community has put together a response team to mobilize volunteers as needed. Lyle and Vicki Amundson have generously agreed to serve as Shepherd of the Bay's contact persons for that community response. In addition, we have resources at Shepherd of the Bay. Our soup people have been hard at work and have many quarts of soup frozen and ready to be delivered. So, if you need that, please call. Trying to be responsive to the bans on travel and gathering, the staff is largely working from home these days. So, if you have need, please email me (sotbpastor@gmail.com) or call me on my cellphone (920-421-2845). I will be checking the office voicemail only once or twice a week.

For such a time as this, dear church, God has called us. Be well. Peace to all. Pr. Jim Honig



How many hymns can you name? And do you recognize their tunes? In these uncertain times, it is good to remember that we are bound to each other by faith, hope, trust ... and music!

Here's a quiz for your consideration in this beautiful month of April. Springtime and promise lie just ahead! I'm sure that there must be a prize at the end of the rainbow (or a seat in the sanctuary choir!) for filling in all the missing words! Here we go!

A mighty fortress x x x x x x x
 x x x x x x x x x x of our God and King
 All glory, x x x x x x x x x x
 All hail x x x x x x x x x x ' x x x x
 x x x x x x x x x x , how sweet the sound
 As the grains x x x x x x x
 x x x x x x my vision
 Beautiful x x x x x x
 x x x x x x x x x x of Jesus
 Blessed x x x x x x x x x
 x x x x x x x x x x that binds
 Break now x x x x x x x x x x
 Change my x x x x x , x x x x
 x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x Father
 Christ is made the x x x x x x x x x x x x x
 Come, join the dance x x x x x x x x x
 x x x x , x x x x x x x x x x x x King
 Come, thou x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
 x x x x , x x x x x x x x x x people, come
 Crown x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
 Day x x x x x
 Dona x x x x x x x x x x x

x x x x x x x x all stars
Eternal Father, x x x x x x x x x x x x
x x x x x x x x x x fathers
For x x x x x x x x x x x x
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x x x x x x x x x x x of all creation
Give x x x x x x x
x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x are spoken
Go, x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
God x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
Great x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
Have no x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
x x x x x x x , Lord
x x x x x x x x x x x , Lord God Almighty!
How x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
x x x x x x x x x x Art
I bind x x x x x x x x x x x x
I heard x x x x x x x x x x x x x x
x x x x x x x x x x x x story
I want Jesus x x x x x x x x x x
I want to x x x x x x x x x x x x x x x

Wait! There's more! Unfortunately there's no more room this month for the rest of the hymn quiz! You'll just have to wait for the Merry Month of May to puzzle out the rest of the words and the melodies I have selected for you.

Be well, be safe and keep a song in your heart. Soon and very soon we'll be together again in worship and community. Have no fear, little flock! He is with us!

Judith Jackson, Principal Pianist and Sanctuary Choir Director

WELCA in the Time of Isolation

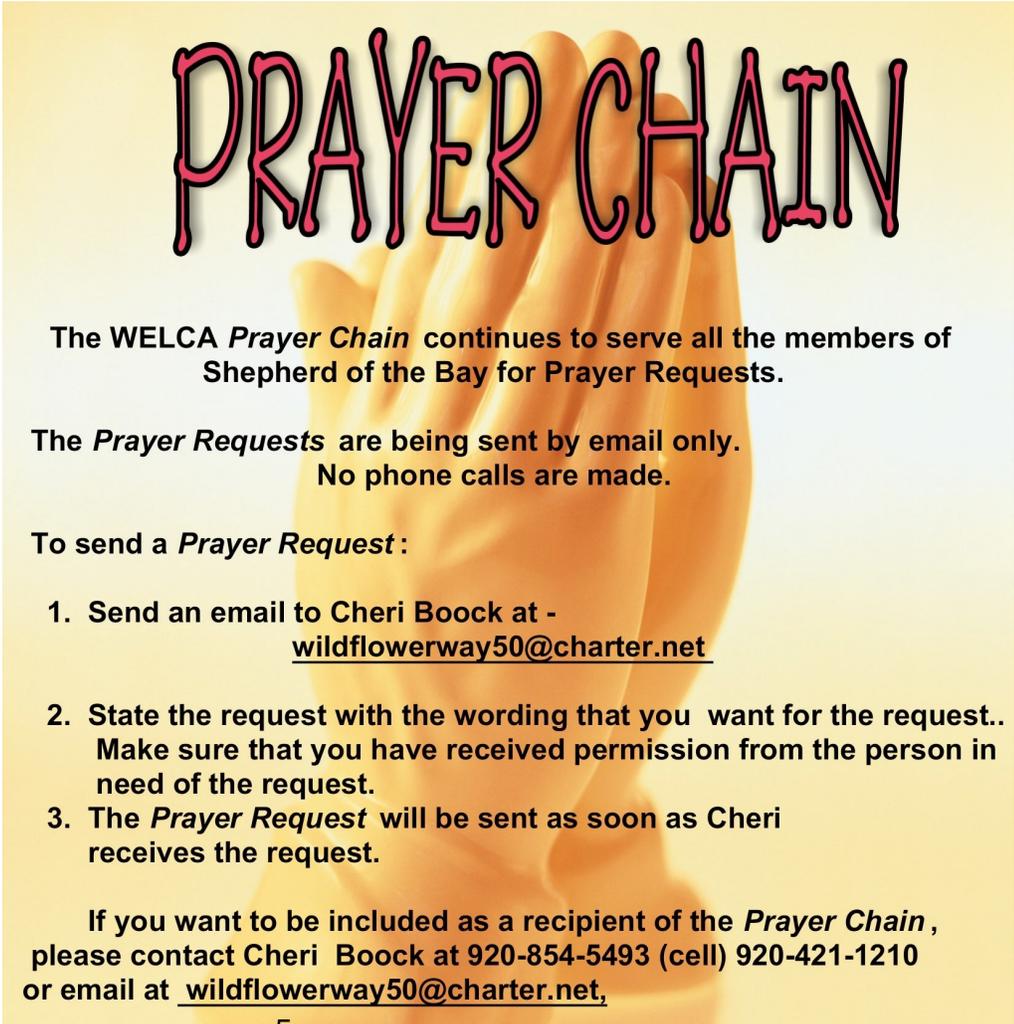
Our board generally does not meet in March, and about the time we would have convened, isolation and social distancing became the new normal. Our reading group will wait for the virus to pass to meet and discuss 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens. This gives us all extra time to read it!

The quilters are not meeting their usual Thursdays to finish quilts till the virus passes. BUT, that doesn't mean they're sitting at home eating bonbons! A pattern for fabric masks is circulating around. And although this is certainly not the N95 mask we're hearing about, it can't hurt to make a couple for people who have difficulty breathing cold air or just want to signal to the world that they're being cautious. Plus the folks who have been assembling quilt tops in preparation for binding are still stitching up a storm. So if you're swimming in fabric you don't want or need anymore, bring it to the church and label it 'Quilters'! Thanks to everyone who has done this. Your help is appreciated!

And the same goes for your extra unwanted yarn. We can use it, because sometime in May, Barb Tuttle will switch from quilting to a knitting and crochet group. This is when a lot of hats and sweaters are created. The Boys and Girls Club and the Northern Door Childcare have been happy recipients of these creations in the past. They are beautiful!

Tune in to the live services Sundays at 9:30, or watch them on the website later. It's a great way to stay connected, hear a message from Pastor Honig, enjoy Judy Jackson's wonderful piano music, and celebrate our strong bonds with each other, even though we're 'distancing'. Thanks for reading. We'll get through this!

Grace Rossman, president
WELCA



PRAYER CHAIN

The WELCA *Prayer Chain* continues to serve all the members of Shepherd of the Bay for Prayer Requests.

The *Prayer Requests* are being sent by email only.
No phone calls are made.

To send a *Prayer Request* :

1. Send an email to Cheri Boock at - wildflowerway50@charter.net
2. State the request with the wording that you want for the request. Make sure that you have received permission from the person in need of the request.
3. The *Prayer Request* will be sent as soon as Cheri receives the request.

If you want to be included as a recipient of the *Prayer Chain*, please contact Cheri Boock at 920-854-5493 (cell) 920-421-1210 or email at wildflowerway50@charter.net,

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 – Last week before all services were canceled, I talked to Kim about the need for disinfecting all commonly touched surfaces twice per week, on Tuesday before the Wednesday Little Lambs program, and then again Saturday before Sunday services. Additional disinfectant concentrate and some spray bottles were ordered and will be delivered Thursday, March 19th. This week everything is cancelled, so there will not be a need to do things twice. That will change as activity begins to return to normal.

Projects

•**Roof** – I do not have a start date for the roofing yet.

•**Siding** – **Note:** *Checkout the church website "What's New" for more photos.* Work has continued as weather has permitted. Approximately 2500 man-hrs. have been worked to date. There were only a couple of days lost due to weather since the last newsletter. Work has continued on the Portico, main entrance, on the west end of the sanctuary and outside the Parlor. The 2 gable end walls above the drive through are finished. When the crew was working on the west wall of the Portico, they discovered that the circular stained-glass window at the peak was almost half full of what we thought were bees. Turned out, it was not bees, but half-filled with flies. When the stained-glass was removed we discovered that it had dished about 1-1/2 inches and was barely fastened in the circular opening. I don't know if it was originally made with the dished shape or if it sagged into that shape because it was not properly supported in the opening. I also

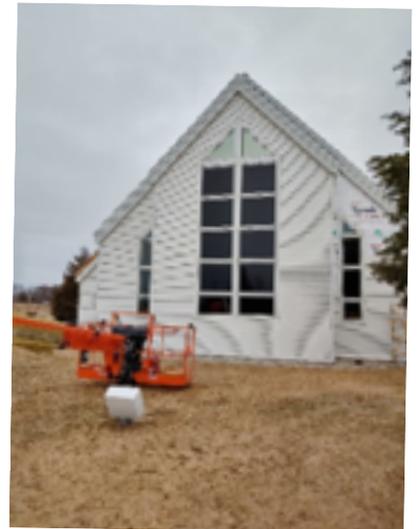


discovered a burnt-out light that was intended to back light the stained-glass at night. I know that the window was originally from the Zion church in Sister Bay, but have no idea of how old it is, or the story behind it. I would appreciate hearing anything about it so that it can be properly documented with the church history. I have talked with a stained-glass artist about getting the window cleaned and about how best to support it in the opening. He is considering the options and will have time to work on it, in April. In the mean-time the stained-glass has been removed from the opening and is laying on the attic floor of the Portico. The light has been replaced, but it temporarily only illuminates the empty window. The last big wall to be sided is the wall behind the organ. It was finished March 17th.



Then the only wall left on the west end of the church is the wall on south end of the Choir Loft. The 6 AC units outside the Parlor were moved away from the building a couple of weeks ago so siding could be done. That north wall now has the insulation and Tyvek installed. They have framed out the areas of the wall where the electrical boxes are mounted and where the refrigerant lines enter the building. This week they started removing the siding from the 2nd floor dormer for the Sunday School desk area and the dormer for the east air intake for the furnaces.

•**Interior LED Lights** – The last of the 2x2 LED flat panels purchased last year, as part of the sanctuary project, have been installed in the 1st floor hallway from the Fellowship Hall to the rear entrance. A donor family again this year, has pledged to continue to convert the interior lighting. As a result, a meeting with the lighting representative from Blue Grass Lighting, who we dealt with last year for the sanctuary lights, was held on February 27th. The initial pricing received at that time indicated that we would be able to finish converting all of the remaining light fixtures on the 1st floor (140 fixtures) within the donation budget, before any rebates are received. We are waiting for final pricing on some fixtures, but we have moved forward, ordered and received the 8 fixtures needed for the kitchen. When the final pricing is available, we'll determine the final plan and order those fixtures. This will contribute to lower utility operating costs.



Building and Grounds Continued

•**Exterior LED Lights** – A second donor family pledged to fund converting the outdoor lighting. As a result, we have ordered and received new night friendly LED lights for over all the outside doors which Boldt will install when they finish siding the building. Additionally, we are working with Blue Grass Lighting to select new LED ground lights for the building, steeple, parking lot and driveway. We will replace as much of this lighting as possible within the budget of the donation. This will also add to lower utility operating costs.

•**Sanctuary Dimmers** – I haven't informed you specifically about this for quite a while. We anticipated and proved necessary the need to update the dimmer controls due to the new LED lighting. The new lights draw less than 85% of the current that the old incandescent lights drew. As a result, the old "high current" dimmer controls are now operating at or below their normal operating range, which has resulted in flickering on occasion. In January we received a sample dimmer module that we plugged into our current dimmer control to verify its compatibility with the new lights. It worked just as expected. The supplier was informed and the remaining 11 modules were ordered. We are now waiting for delivery and scheduled installation.

Building Maintenance

•**Kitchen Large Coffee Maker** – Thank you Dennis Voight for fixing the problem with the Decaf coffee maker.

•**Library** – The few books that remain have been relocated into a single bookcase in the Parlor.

•**Ladies Narthex Restroom** – Finished with the exception of installing a 2nd full length mirror. Thank you, Scott Thies for painting.

Garden Club – Now that the snow has melted, we are seeing the damage from the construction and winter plowing. Members of the Club will be tackling this work in the coming weeks 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

"The religion which is holy and free from evil in the eyes of our God and Father is this: to take care of children who have no fathers and of widows who are in trouble, and to keep oneself untouched by the world" - James 1:27



As you may have already heard, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our mission trip for March 2020 has been canceled. We appreciate all the donations and prayers from all who participated. We still ask for prayers for all the workers and the Mayan people who face many challenges and lost aid. The Guatemalan Government has shut down all travel, jobs, and assistance, including Manos De Jesus. The closing has had a substantial negative impact; however, not all is lost. All the money donated for projects will be saved and used for next year's mission trip. Some of the funds will be used to keep the missions there going until they can operate normally again. God works in mysterious ways, and only together can we get through these trying times. We will strive to make next year's trip as impactful as possible.

In his service,
The Mission Team

Lessons for April



April 5 : Sunday of Passion/Palm Sunday

Procession : Matthew 21:1-11

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:14 - - 27:66

Introduction to the readings: Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

April 9 : Maundy Thursday

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Introduction to the readings: This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Tonight we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.

April 10 : Good Friday

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13- - 53:12

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:16-25

Holy Gospel: John 18:1- - 19:42

Introduction to the readings: Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

April 12 : Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Introduction to the readings: This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

April 19 : Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

Introduction to the readings: In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

April 26 : Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Introduction to the readings: Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

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April Programs On-Line

The following kids programs can be found on the **Shepherd of the Bay Family and Friends Facebook page**. This is a closed page to protect the children's privacy. If you have a child and your family has not already joined the page, send a request. Thanks to everyone for understanding.

Sunday School FB live/ Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

- 4-5-20 Palm Sunday Holy Week, Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27:66
- 4-12-20 Easter Sunday The Empty Tomb, Matthew 28:1-10
- 4-19-20 Doubting Thomas John 20:19-31
- 4-26-20 The road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35

Little Lambs FB live/Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

The themes this month are: Jesus Loves Me and God is With Me!

- 4-1-20 Easter
- 4-8-20 I'm His Little Lamb!
- 4-15-20 I can love others!
- 4-22-20 Earth Day
- 4-29-20 Noah's Ark

Wonderful Wednesdays FB live/Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

- 4-1-20 My Holy Week Journey
- 4-15-20 "The Patchwork Quilt" followed by a family service project you can do at home!

Confirmation

If you haven't paid or registered for confirmation camp, it is not too late! Total cost is \$150.00. It is a rich part of your confirmation journey. Camp takes place June 21-26th. Don't miss it! Check emails for details!

Stay tuned for how we will fashion Confirmation rehearsal and Confirmation Sunday this year!

High School Youth Group

Final registration and payment for the summer Urban Adventure trip to Chicago is due! Departing Sunday afternoon, 6/14, returning Wednesday evening, 6/14. Watch for emails for an upcoming live group session on ZOOM!

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

Council Minutes February 17, 2020

Scott Henry call the meeting to order at 4:58pm.

Present: Pastor Honing, Dick Burress, Scott Henry, Ron Hupe, Scott Eckdahl, Lori Pothast Cheryl Becht, Edee Madsen, Tim West, Sue Daubner

Absent: George Cobb, Les Keepper

Opening Devotion: Pastor Honig

Additional items/Approval of Agenda - Approved

Rounds: Short discussion on current movies, books, and TV programs the Council members are currently watching/reading.

Approval of Minutes

Election of Officers: Scott Eckdahl, President; Les Keepper, VP; Ron Hupe, Treasurer; Sue Daubner, Secretary

Treasurers Report: Approved

Committee Reports:

1. Pastors Report - Received
2. Property and Grounds - Motion approved to receive 3 separate gifts for building maintenance and improvement.
3. Approval of Task Force Charters
Faith Community Nursing Task Force - Team
4. Council Lenten Meal - March 25
5. Council Retreat - Council was polled to determine suitable date for the council retreat

Old Business

A. Scholarship Committee - In regards to the Women's Scholarship Fund, discussion was held whether the Door County Community Fund should be asked to hold and administer this Fund considering their resources for advertising and outreach. The matter was tabled until next month's meeting so that more information can be gathered.

Also discussion was held about making sure that a full disclosure is included stating SOTB's preference status of members and members children. Also asking for a specific essay and focusing more on community service and volunteerism rather than strictly academics. Approval of a revision of the Scholarship to high school students by Dick Burress, second by Tim West.

B. Endowment Committee member and chair. Dick Burress was asked to be on this committee and help find a person to chair this committee.

Next meeting: Wed. Feb. 19, 2020 9AM New Council Orientation

Council Meeting March 16, 2020. 5:00PM

Council Meeting April 27, 2020 5:00PM

Respectful submitted, Sue Daubner, Secretary

Council Minutes March 23, 2020

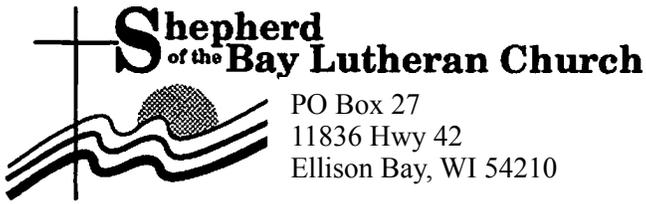
It was a ZOOM conference call with 12 attending by phone. Pastor Honig, Scott Eckdahl (President), Dick Burress, George Cobb, Les Keepper, Cheryl Becht, Ron Hupe, Edee Madsen, Lori Pothast, Tim West and Sue Daubner.

We discussed mainly how the prayer tree is going, Lots of great comments from the recipients and callers alike. Unlikely that Easter week services or Easter service itself can be held. Options were discussed.

Will be keeping in touch through ZOOM.

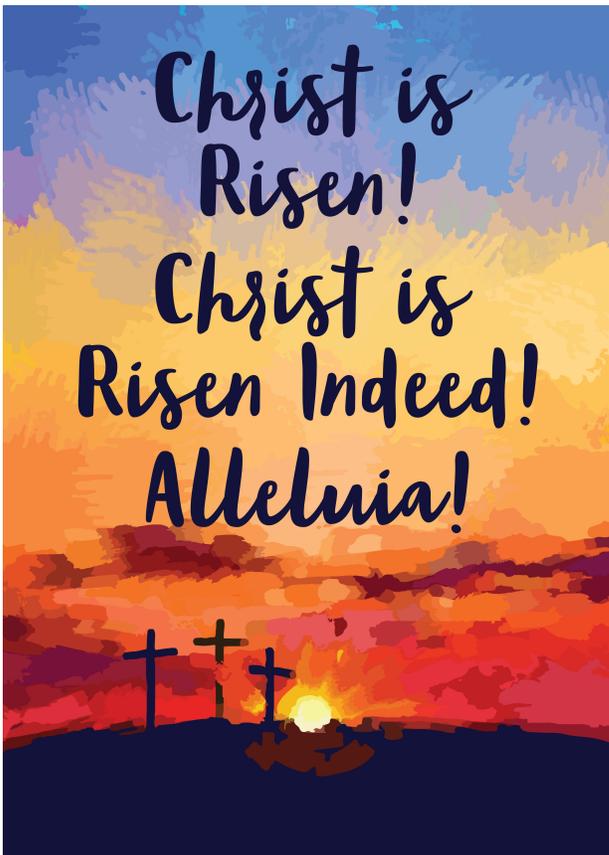
Pastor Jim closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, secretary



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Holy Week Services

on our website:

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- April 5 9:30am Palm Sunday
- April 9 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Devotion
- April 10 7:00pm Good Friday Devotion
- April 12 9:30am Easter Sunday

*Please Join Us!
All are Welcome!*

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

April 1	Matthew 11:28-30
April 8	Hebrews 12:1-3
April 15	Romans 8:38-39
April 22	2 Corinthians 4:6-7
April 29	John 14:27

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

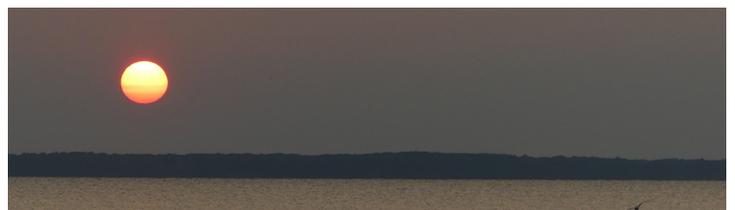
Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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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