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Fall Programming

October brings back some favorite programs and some new programs for all ages at church.

Check out the Youth and Family page for the return of the kids programs. You can join the Sanctuary Choir at practices beginning on Oct. 6th at 4:00pm and the Quilters on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am beginning on the 13th. Get involved in the Cut Up Club (page 7) and Bible Study on Tuesday afternoons (page 8).

Lots to do this Fall at SOTB!



Above: Myles and Calvin St. Henry created their own Altar at the Playground Sunday morning!



Right: Lilah and Niko Bonovich proudly standing next to their Sunflower they grew from seed they received from our ecumenical night of prayer for Ukraine.



All Saints' Day

This year, All Saints' Day will be Sunday, November 6th. We will be remembering those church members who have died in the last year, since November 2021.

If you would like to remember friends or family members by having their name read in the service, please call the church office at 920-854-2988 and leave a message or by email at sotboffice@yahoo.com by Tuesday, Nov. 1st.

Artists in Action, Art Expressing Love

Calling all artists!! You are welcome to join in the silent auction we are calling Artists in Action, a month long silent auction of donated original art work by our members and friends of SOTB. They will be displayed in the fellowship hall for the month of November (starting Nov. 6, with a sign up bidding sheet with information about the artist, the art work and the minimum bid. On November 27, we will distribute the art work and collect the monies that were bid.

The proceeds of this silent auction will go to the Riesen family in their ongoing medical expenses for Carena. Artists in Action, Art expressing Love.

If you would like to participate by donating a piece of original art, please contact Sue Daubner at (920)421-0004

At last night's September council meeting, one of the items on the agenda was an update on the Thriving Congregations project and the new team. Just a few days earlier, we commissioned them in our Sunday service, acknowledging their call to ministry through Shepherd of the Bay congregation and praying for them as they begin their service.

In the rite of commissioning, both they and the entire congregation were reminded that they are not doing this work in isolation. While they may be leading the work, the work becomes the work of the entire congregation. What they learn in the four retreats over the next two years, they will bring back to Shepherd of the Bay as they lead all of us together in this deep process of discernment.

I was so encouraged last night as members of the team talked about their experience on Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall. They reported that so many of you came to them, not only with words of affirmation and encouragement at answering the call, but also with the news that you, too, want to be a part of this work when they return.

Back to the council meeting. The sense of anticipation and excitement was palpable. And maybe part of that was because our congregation president, Dick Burress, began the meeting with a devotion that was centered around these bible passages:

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 6-7

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3 :5-6

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Philippians 2: 3-4

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

He reminded your congregational leaders, (and now I'm using his words to remind all of you!) that God has given us this great opportunity to focus and refine our ministry to and with each other, and to and with the larger community. We move into this future not certain of the outcome, but trusting that the Spirit of God is moving and that God will lead us into paths of ministry that will bear fruit for God's kingdom. We move into that future without fear; rather, we move forward with the confidence that God will be at work among us.

There's a phrase from that last paragraph that I want to emphasize: *not certain of the outcome*. This training is sharply distinct from what we might call a program. A program is a series of steps that lead to a pre-determined outcome. This training, by distinction, is not a program with a pre-determined outcome. It is a process of listening and discernment. We will listen to each other, listen to the scriptures together, and listen to our community. Our listening will lead to conversations — with each other and with members of the larger community — to determine where and how God is leading us into paths of effective ministry. We are in a cohort with 15 other congregations. What each congregation takes away from the training and initiates as a result of the training will be as different as the character and context of each congregation.

Join me in celebrating and praying for the success of this two-year adventure of growing into a Thriving Congregation.

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ELW 851

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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

Greetings in this new season, where the leaves are beginning to showcase their colors and the days are inviting us to put on a sweater and take a walk in the woods. How lovely Autumn is here in Door County ... and all across this land.

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

How often has music accompanied us in our daily walks? A tune plants itself in our minds and will not let us go? A word or phrase captures our attention and reveals its message more fully as we move through God's creation?

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

Music is a mechanism to examine the many times we have failed in our attempts to live a worthy life, giving us the opportunity to ask for forgiveness and allowing us a fresh start, more worthy, more deserving of God's abundant love.

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

As we journey through each day, may we join our hearts in prayer and thanksgiving, striving as a community to rejoice in the many gifts we have been given and to joyfully share with our brothers and sisters from the bounty of our worldly and spiritual possessions. Because of what we have been given, may we always have a joyful song in our hearts and a spirit of generosity.

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

The Psalmist said it best!

"To the leader: with stringed instruments. A Psalm. A Song"

May God be gracious to us and bless us
And make his face to shine upon us,
Selah

That your way may be known upon earth,
Your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

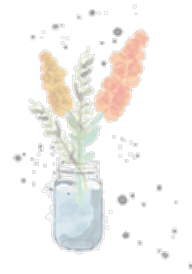
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For you judge the peoples with equity
And guide the nations upon the earth.

Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
Let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us;
Let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalm 67



Sometimes we must allow David, the Psalmist, to have the final word! *Selah*

Blessings to you in this new season. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Judith Jackson, Sanctuary Choir Director and Principal Pianist



Thriving Congregation Update

In June the Shepherd of the Bay Council unanimously agreed to participate in the Thriving Congregation program. This educational program is sponsored by the Black Mountain School of Theology and Community and the Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. It will help us examine who we are as a church and who we are in our community. We will listen to each other and to God, listen to who God wants us to be, and where and to what God is calling us. There will be no expense to the church as all expenses are paid by a grant from the Lilly Foundation. This will be a two year process.

In August we had an article in the Saturday News and Notes email, followed up by a flyer the next day in the church bulletin inviting people to volunteer to be part of the eight person team to lead the congregation in this program. By the end of August we had eight volunteers, and finalized our team. The team members are Vicki Amundson, Gretchen Farwell, Jim Honig, Les Keepper, Joe Megan, Raetta Mirgain, Grace Rossman, and Tara Torkelson. The co-team leaders are Vicki and Tara.

In September the team met to get to know each other a little a little better. On Sept. 18, the team was commissioned during the Sunday service. The next step will be the first training at the Montreat Conference Center October 3-5. We are excited about this opportunity and will communicate at least monthly to report on our activities. We encourage you to talk to any of the team members as you have questions. Please pray for our team and our congregation as we undertake this two year program together.



Prevent Suicide Door County

Suicide affects so many people, but it's spoken of in hushed terms or not at all. Prevent Suicide Door County is committed to reduce the number of suicides in Door County through prevention, education, public awareness, and overcoming stigma.

Mental health coordinators in Wisconsin are already seeing what a difference seven fewer digits can make for people in the face of a crisis: The line's 4,421 calls last month were about 500 more than the hotline received in June and about 1,000 more calls than in April, according to Crehan Neumann.

Important phone numbers for assistance are:

- 1) The Door County Crisis/Suicide Intervention is (920) 746-2588, answered 24/7
- 2) The National Suicide Hotline is 988 (voice or text) and will connect you to a skilled, trained counselor anytime 24/7
- 3) At Crisis Text Line: text HOME to 741741
- 4) The Trans Lifeline is 877-565-8860 (for the transgender community)
- 5) The TrevorLifeline is 866-488-7386 (for LGBTQ youth)
- 6) The National Veterans Crisis Hotline is (800) 273-8255, press 1

For more information, see their Facebook page PreventSuicideDoorCounty
or website www.PreventSuicideDC.org.

October Organ Concert

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** here at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church when we will have our final concert of our 2022 Concert Season presented by



Greg Beem



Principal Organist here at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

Greg has served as Principal Organist at Shepherd of the Bay for the last seven years and oversees the care and maintenance of the church's beautiful Dobson organ. He has had an active career as a music educator, church musician, and performer and is a member of the Organ Historical Society and the American Guild of Organists where he is currently a member of the board for the Northeast Wisconsin AGO chapter. Among the composers to be represented, Greg will be performing works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Léon Boëllmann, Frank Bridges, Dietrich Buxtehude, and Felix Mendelssohn.

The concert is offered free to the public. A free-will offering will be received to support the ongoing music programming of the Shepherd of the Bay Concert Series.

Please be sure to join us on **Saturday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.** for a delightful evening of music here at Shepherd of the Bay. Make sure to spread the word to your friends and family.



*Grace Rossman – President of SOTB Unit
Women of the ELCA*

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**
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.

WELCA Book Selections for Monthly Book Group

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

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Brooks, Geraldine. **Horse**. 2022. – “In 2019, a PhD student in art history rescues an oil painting of a racehorse from a pile of discarded stuff on a Georgetown sidewalk, and a zoologist finds a skeleton marked “Horse” in a Smithsonian attic. In 1850, an enslaved boy is present at the birth of a foal. These are the ingredients with which Geraldine Brooks begins her new novel, “Horse” Washington Post Review – June 2022.



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

"Alleluia"!!! We shout as we praise God for his many blessings! Another way we can say it is, "Woouoooo Hoooo Thank you God!!!" There are so many ways to thank and praise God for all HE has given us, each and every day! I thank God and shout "Woouoooo Hoooo" everytime I think about our children and youth gathering again at Shepherd of the Bay, in October!!

Sunday School

This year we will meet up at the Children's Message within worship, and head up to Sunday School after! Parents please be sure your registration forms are up to date with me, and that you sign your children out, before you leave. Kristi Appel will be our assistant teacher again this year!

Sun., 10/2 A Seed of Faith, Luke 17:5-10

Sun., 10/9 Ten Men Healed, Luke 17:5-10

Sun., 10/16 Jacob Wrestles, Genesis 32:22-31

Sun., 10/23 The Pharisee & Tax Collector, Luke 18:9-14

Wonderful Wednesdays

"Building God's Kingdom"

For school children grades 1-6, ride either the Gibraltar School Bus on the Shepherd of the Bay van after school to SOTB, each first and third Wednesday of the month! This year we will partake in a construction extravaganza, building friendships along the way, as we play games, sing music, eat delicious snacks, create, hear stories, participate in service, and more!! This year, we will learn a lot about Habitat for Humanity and how we are called by God to take care of ourselves and each other! Parents be sure to check for updated registration, and to sign your child out each night at 5:30 pick up!

10/5 - Tonight we meet "Iggy Peck" the Architect by Andrea Beaty, get to know each other, and have some construction fun!!

10/19- Tonight we build "A House Upon A Rock" a parable from Jesus!

Confirmation

All Confirmation Students and their families are asked to come share a meal around the campfire, **Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.!** We'll get reacquainted, share a good meal, receive our schedules, plan our service projects, fundraisers, and receive registration information for Confirmation Summer Camp and the Junior High Youth Gathering at Imago Dei!

Pastor Jim and Lynda will be leading class again this year. The SOTB van will pick you up after school each Wednesday evening, beginning October 12, 19, and 26! Please join us for worship on Sunday, October 23rd, as our incoming student receives her Bible!

Little Lambs

Little Lambs gather every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at SOTB! All parents, or care providers, and their little ones (infants through prek) are Welcome! Each hour includes free play, Bible story, music, snack, and art to take home! For safety measures, and so we may keep in touch, please be sure to complete a registration form. Safety protocols remain in place, and are updated as needed.

Each Time we gather, we will hear a story from Rufus, Hal, Jo, Ava, and Uri; characters from "Frolic, Little Steps, Big Faith" by Lucy Bell.

10/5- I am Jesus' Little Lamb

10/12- I am Precious in HIS sight (part one)

10/19- I am Precious in HIS sight (part two)

10/26- Harvest Party & Parable of the Pumpkin

High School Youth

Wednesday, **October 12th** and Wednesday, **October 26th** High School Bible Dive and Social Justice Discussion, 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Room at SOTB! Bring your Bibles and your Social Justice concerns! Snacks will be served! **October 26th at 7:30 p.m.** Parent and Student meeting for summer 2023 trip, SYG gathering at Imago Dei in November, and annual schedule of service, worship, campfires, and fundraising!

Be on the look out for grade level hot chocolate/coffee shop invites throughout the month!



New Members

On Sunday , Sept. 18th, we welcomed new members to Shepherd of the Bay Church.



Joe & Nancy Megan

Joe was born and raised in Milwaukee and Nancy was born in Rialto, CA and lived in Southern California until she came to Wisconsin to attend medical school. She practiced anesthesiology until her retirement in 2016. Joe retired this July after a 38 year career with FIS Inc., where he was a pricing manager.

We were married in 1990 at Gesu Catholic Church in Milwaukee. We raised two girls - Tara and Kelly - in Grafton, Wisconsin. We took them on vacation many times to Door County, and always loved the beautiful scenery, swimming, and eating at fish boils. We purchased a condo at Eames Farm in Egg Harbor in 2021 and have lived here full time since August, 2021.

We are united by our love for the Lord, our family, music and the Brewers! Nancy also enjoys swimming, reading, hiking, biking and equestrian activities. Joe enjoys pickelball, following Wisconsin's college and pro teams, choral singing, and brownies!



Alicia Doudna

I am a violinist living in Ann Arbor, MI. I love sharing music, life, and love with all. I am especially grateful for my beautiful family in Door County. Thank you parents and SOTB.



Bob & Rita Sullivan

We sold our home in Moonlight Bay Estates in August and moved into a villa at Scandia Village in Sister Bay. We are transferring our membership from Bay View in Sturgeon Bay and joining Shepherd of the Bay on Bob's 81st birthday: 9/18!

Rita moved to Door County in 1986 and served as secretary/office manager for Debbie Webber's chiropractic office, along with various volunteer involvements. We met and were married in 1994 while Bob was serving as pastor in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, then moved to serve St. Paul Lutheran Church in Seymour, Indiana. On Bob's retirement we moved back to Wisconsin. We both have children from previous marriages as well as 7 grandchildren and 6 great grands.

We've chosen Shepherd of the Bay because of its outstanding pastor, its location, its strong music ministry, its active youth ministry, and it's welcoming members.



Terry & Debra Wolf

We are lifelong residents of St. Louis and have been members of Trinity Lutheran Church there for 45 years. We first visited Door County in the 1980s with our three sons, who are now bringing their own children here to visit. One son and his family are in St Louis, another and his family are in Kansas City and the third is in Yellowstone. We enjoy the beauty of Door County at all times of the year, and volunteer primarily with the Sister Bay Historical Society and the Friends of Newport State Park.



Cut Up Club



Come join our "Cut Up Club"!! We are a group that gathers together at church to prepare activities, art supplies, and sometimes fill little bags of treats for our children and youth programs. We also pray for our families over a continental breakfast before we get started!

Please join us at church in the fellowship hall on Monday, October 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please let Lynda know if you would like to join in or have any questions!

Fellowship and Fun for our kids!!

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.

Flood Lights – The new lights and outlets have been installed on the road sign, but the building lights have not as of September 21. Three new lights were installed on the Bell Tower; however, they were not like the sample light that had been approved. The approved light was tall in height and narrow in width. The lights installed are wide and narrow in height. Viewing the Bell Tower after dark confirmed my suspicion that the new lights cast light wider than the Bell Tower. The contractor agreed to order the lights that had been approved and they are expected to be delivered by the end of September.

Refrigerator Move – The refrigerator that was in the Bell Tower had not been used for several years. It was moved to the Bus Barn in anticipation of the church picnic, and will remain there for the Garden Club and the Youth programs.

2nd Floor AC – Council approved replacing the AC for the 2nd Floor in next year's budget. We will start getting quotes now so that it can be installed before it is needed.

Garden Club – Over the next few weeks the Garden Club will be winding down for another season. I want to thank you all before the snowbird members start leaving. You have done another fantastic job of maintaining the grounds, trimming up some of the trees and planting the new shrubs along the back entrance. Your dedication is truly appreciated by the membership and those that drive by.

AV Desk – Camera Corner came in on September 14th to swap out one "loaner" processor for another. The first "loaner" was rented from one of their employee's because their "loaner" stock was already allocated to other customers. The technician explained that despite this manufacturer's "Top-of-the-line" reputation they had been experiencing a rash of mother board failures. He did not know when our repaired processor would be received, so in the mean time we have a second "loaner". We had discussed some of the annoying problems we have had; 1) loss of video input to our livestream, and 2) display monitors losing their video input signal. He then updated the component firmware. We'll have to wait to see if that fixes our problems.

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.

Klaud's Food Pantry

Fresh and frozen food continues to be our greatest need. Any donations can be placed in the Pantry fridge. We also appreciate the garden produce that has been donated this summer!

Non-perishable needs include:

Pasta sauces	Pasta sides	Crackers	Baked beans
Olives and pickles	Ensure Nutrition Drink	Coffee	Juice
Snacks-granola bars, pretzels, nuts		Soup	Canned Meat
Toiletries-toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, etc.			
Cleaning products-laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, hand soap, dish soap, etc.			



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us as we continue to read about the Lord's Prayer in Pray Like Jesus - Rediscovering the Lord's Prayer by Don Underwood.

It is the most famous prayer in the world. So remarkable simple and brief most Christians already know it by heart and can easily recite it. In fact, that might be part of the problem: it is so well known that most of us never think about the words as we rattle them off. But the Lord's Prayer is both an insightful theological statement and, if recited daily, a powerful tool for developing a rich devotional life.

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

September 19, 2022 7:00PM

Present: Pastor Jim Honig, Dick Burress, President, Les Keepper, Edee Madsen, Vicki Amunson, Micky Swanson, Tara Torkelson, Ron Hupe, Trish Pierson, Sue Daubner, Lynda Piertruska, George Cobb on Zoom. No guests tonight.

Devotions by Dick Burress - Scripture Readings from Joshua 1:9, Philippians 4:6-7, Proverbs 3:5-6, Philippians 2:3-4 and Romans 15:13.

Approval of previous meeting minutes of August 22, 2002. Motion made to accept, second by Trish Pierson. Council Development, Zoom video from Crossways Outdoor Ministries on Child Safety Policies.

Treasurers Report - Ron suggested sending out 3rd quarter reports with letters. Motion to accept treasurers report and sending our 3rd quarter reports by Sue Daubner, 2nd by Tara Torkelson. Carried.

Committee Reports

1. Pastors Report - We are set for the Thriving Congregation teams. The team consists of Vicki Amundson and Tara Torkelson, co-leaders, Gretchen Farwell, Les Keepper, Joe Megan, Aetta Mirgain, Grossman and Pastor Jim. The team will travel (minus Pastor Jim) to Montreat Conference Center October 3 -5 to the first 2.5 day training.
2. We need to be thinking of new members for the Council.
3. Pastor has 2 synod events, one in Green Bay and one at the Landmark in Egg Harbor.
4. Pastor has begun work on the annual giving campaign. We will have 3 Sundays and our theme is "Grace in Action". Kick off on Sunday Nov 6. Results announced on Sunday Nov 27.
5. Memorial service for Chuck Tencate on Tuesday, Sept 27 at 11:00 am, visitation from 10:00 AM with a luncheon after.

No action on Pastors report

Property and Grounds - No action on Property and Grounds

Education and Youth - Suggestion on using Survey Monkey to see how many families are interested in supporting a Wednesday family service.

Finance committee report - Committee has not yet met.

Motion to approve Committee Reports

Old Business

1. Thriving Congregation - The group is ready to go, there will be a monthly update
2. Final determination for upstairs Air Conditioning. A new unit will be installed by May and ordered early winter to facilitate the ordering of parts.

New Business

1. Fall giving campaign
2. Bridges co-ordinator position - their annual meeting is Oct 6
3. HELP of Door County asking for support for a brat fry. Ron Hupe made a motion that a \$200. Donation be given from SOTS. Second by Micky Swanson. Carried
4. Request by church member to utilize church van for Nov 20th trip to Green Bay to the Orthodox Church Service. Dick Burress will drive. Motion made by Dick Burress to accept, Edee Madsen second, carried.
5. Request by Sue Daubner to have permission to hold a month long silent art auction in the Fellowship Hall starting October 2. Discussion followed on the lack of time to put this together so November 6 through the 27. It will be a fund raiser for the Reisen family with sign up sheets for bids.
6. Also from Sue Daubner, a request to allow Pr. Barb Sanja the use of SOTB premises for a Clearing Class. Pastor Jim did remind us of our long support of the Clearing Classes and that this is another opportunity to share with the community. Motion to accept by Dick Burress, second by Les Keepper, carried.

Closing - Opening devotion scriptures read again by Dick Burress. The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Daubner, Secretary

Lessons for October

Oct. 2: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Introduction to the readings: A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

Oct. 9 : Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Holy Gospel : Luke 17:11-19

Introduction to the readings: It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Oct. 16 : Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Introduction to the readings: Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Oct. 23 : Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Introduction to the readings: Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

Oct. 30 : Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

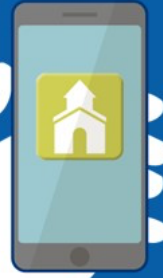
Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

Introduction to the readings: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

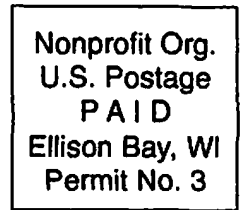
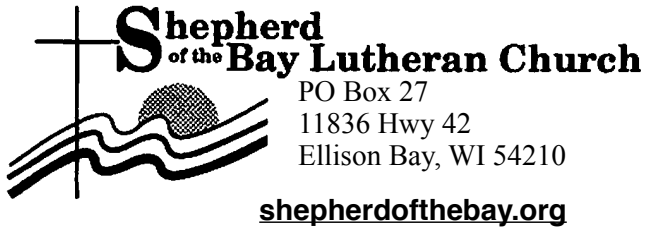
If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



AMAZON SMILE

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that Amazon has a donation program called Amazon Smile? Just make sure to go to **smile.amazon.com** each time you shop through Amazon and choose Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church, Ellison Bay, WI as your charity, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to us. Easy with no additional cost to you!

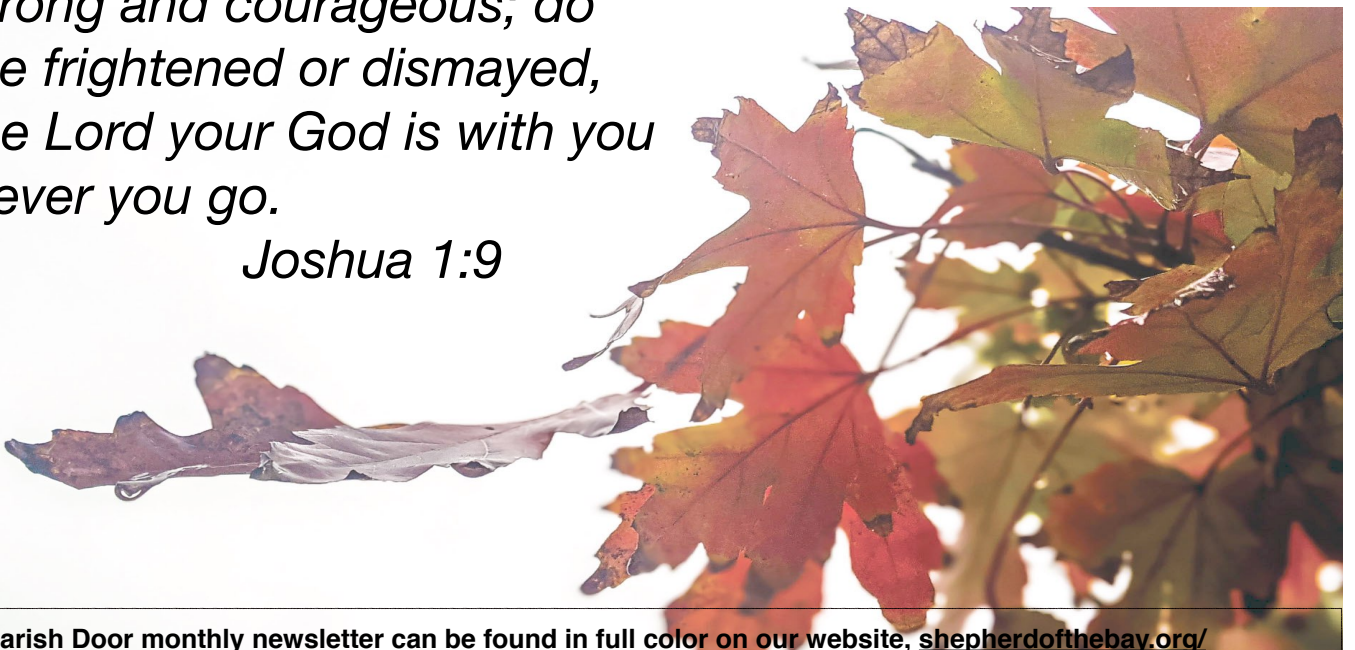
If you prefer using the Amazon App, update to the newest version and you can shop Amazon Smile through the app without having to go on the website.



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*I hereby command you:
Be strong and courageous; do
not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.*

Joshua 1:9



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