

# The Parish Door

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## SOTB will be hosting TWO Concerts in May!

### From progressive folk ...

#### Bobby Jo Valentine

Make plans to join us on Saturday, May 19 at 7:00pm for a concert of contemporary, progressive folk music by singer-songwriter Bobby Valentine.

Bobby Jo Valentine is a nationally touring singer/songwriter who grew up on the seaside of Northern California. His songs are both earthbound and mystical, and speak of the gentle, everyday spiritual awakenings of an openhearted life. He has been awarded Song of the Year three times at the West Coast Songwriter's Association, and has earned a growing following of listeners and supporters with music and storytelling that is compelling and poetic. His most recent collections, "Fox Eyes, Whale Heart" and "Maybe Stars," are available everywhere music is offered online.

You can hear samples of Bobby Jo's music at his website, [www.bobbyjovalentine.com/](http://www.bobbyjovalentine.com/)

### ... to Bernstein !

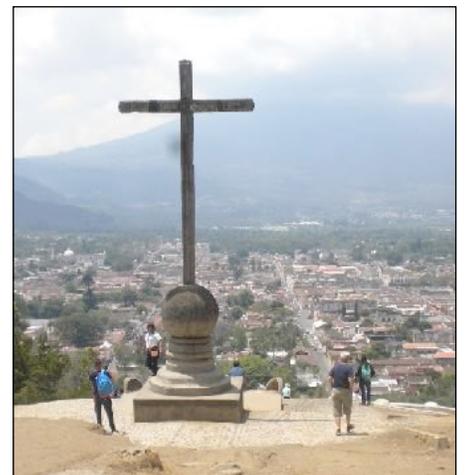
#### Our Friends from the Lyric Opera of Chicago

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### What does it mean to be a member of a church?

How should someone become a member of a church?

Are there responsibilities that go along with being a member of a church?

What responsibilities to the current members have to those who want to become members?

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I think most churches operate on some variation of this model: Joe and Mary attend for a while. They become interested and want to become members. They are invited to some kind of gathering, a class or an orientation or some such thing. They come to church on a Sunday and there's a rite of welcome. They are handed some paperwork and the offering envelopes, and Presto!, they are members.

That model is based on the same process as lots of organizations. If you want to join a service organization, like the Kiwanis Club, for instance, you might attend a few meetings, then let them know you are interested, then you pay your dues and take a volunteer job and you're a member.

Being a member of a church, however, is different from being a member of a club. We are made members of the church at our baptism when God claims us as God's own and invites us into a lifelong journey of faith and of the practices of being a Christian. We are a community of followers of Jesus. We find our life in the Crucified and Risen One. At the heart of the life of a Christian is to be part of a community that forms us and with whom we engage in the practices of Christianity: we worship, we pray, we study the scriptures, and we engage in a life of service. These are the practices in which we seek to support one another, and the practices that we believe are the ways that God uses us for the work that God is doing in the world. As a congregation, we might do a lot of things, but these are at the heart of what it means to be a Christian congregation and Christian people.

So, becoming a church member is not so much like joining a club as joining an ongoing journey of faith and practices. If that's the case, how do we invite and welcome others to join us?

Over the past few months, I've been engaged in conversation and planning with the congregation council for a new process to welcome newcomers to our congregation. It's based on the premise that becoming a member is more about joining us on the journey of faith than on joining an institution. To help welcome newcomers into that community, we will invite them into what we are calling the Journey into Community. The Journey into Community is a 4-month long, 4-step process in which we hope newcomers will come to know us and we can come to know them as we join together in the walk of faith. We want them to learn with us the Christian practices of worship, prayer, bible study, and service.

Journey into Community gatherings will take place on the second Sunday of every month at 6:00 p.m. Each gathering begins with a potluck dinner to which the whole congregation is invited. The newcomers will be our guests at these potluck dinners; they are not expected to bring anything, simply to enjoy a meal with the rest of us. After the dinner, we'll engage in conversation and study, with a different emphasis on each Sunday of the 4-month rotation.

Here are the sessions that we are planning for the four-month rotation: **Session 1: Intro to Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church** (June, October, February): In this session, newcomers will learn about the history, culture, and present ministry of Shepherd of the Bay. We also talk about what they might expect from us and the expectations we carry for members of this community. **Session 2 — Engaging the Word and Prayer** (July, November, March): In this session, we'll choose a passage of scripture and engage in a conversational study and reflection on what God might be communicating to us and to our community. We believe bible study is an important part of the Christian life, and here we take some baby steps in the practice of reading scripture together. We also believe that prayer is a primary Christian practice and here we talk together about fostering a vibrant prayer life. **Session 3 — What Do Christians Believe?** (August, December, April): In this session, newcomers will take a look at the basic teachings of the Christian faith. The conversation also will highlight what we think is distinctive about the Lutheran way of being a Christian. **Session 4 — Why We Worship Like We Do** (September, January, May): Worship is the basic communal practice of the Christian faith. Shepherd of the Bay worships in the ancient and always new way of following a prescribed order of liturgy. The conversation will include some of the reasons we think it's important, and how our worship forms us for a life of service.

As you can see, this implies that we who have been part of Shepherd of the Bay have a responsibility to our newcomers. We want to get to know them and to provide opportunities for them to get to know us. We want to learn and study and grow and serve together. We hope that each month, our current members will join us in sitting side by side for these conversations.

You'll be hearing more about the Journey into Community in the weeks to come. For now, make a commitment to yourself and to the whole congregation that you will take your part in helping us to welcome our newcomers.

# A Night of Stories and Songs With Bobby Jo Valentine

About hope, losing home, starting over and what matters most

Somewhere deep in the heart of everything lies a melody. It speaks to our truest selves, binds us together with the ones we love, and brings out the best part of who we are. Bobby Jo Valentine is a singer/songwriter who chases after this particular kind of music. He writes songs that travel light, but “grow deeper and deeper with each further listen”, as the music publication Soundtrack to My Day describes. The poetic nature of his stories and songs has resulted in many notable awards and a growing, supportive, loyal following. Bobby seeks to write music that means something good, and speaks to the beautiful, sacred, terrifying, mesmerizing world that we live in.



Hope-folk, soul-pop, poetic rock... Bobby Jo Valentine’s music exists outside the lines of any genre. The music’s thoughtful lyrics and catchy melodies reach listeners on all paths of life, and the authentic, universal, uncanny nature of his songs have won him Songwriter of the Year at West Coast Songwriter’s Association twice - in 2011 and 2015, and Song of the Year in 2017. He’s sold 18,000 albums and performed more than 700 concerts, conferences, and festivals –all without a record label–and all because of devoted groups of fans and friends who grow in number after every concert.

When he isn’t touring the nation singing his songs, Bobby lives on the windy coastline of Northern California. His new albums “Fox Eyes, Whale Heart” and “Maybe Stars” are available worldwide on Spotify, iTunes, etc, and on his website, [bobbyjovalentine.com](http://bobbyjovalentine.com).



## Vacation Bible School

We are in the midst of planning for another year of fun filled Vacation Bible School. But we need your children, your grandchildren, your friends and their children and grandchildren! Please invite them all!

Kids (Ages 4 through finishing 6th grade) enjoy games, crafts, worship with great music and songs and skits, all centered around this year’s theme - **Peter**.

Please preregister by calling the church office or talk to Lynne Buchner. VBS is held at First Baptist Church in Sister Bay, 9am -noon, Monday June 11th through Friday, June 15th.

This is a big project which is made much easier by the willing support of many volunteers. There are so many ways that everyone in the congregation can help. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to help as tribal parents & kitchen help.

We still need helpers for :

**Craft Helpers** - Work at a craft station. Crafts include working with clay, wood, mosaic and tie dye. No previous craft experience required. All instructions and supplies are supplied to you.

**Setup and Take Down** - We need help for a couple of hours before on Sunday 6/10 and after VBS on Friday 6/15 at noon.

***Call the Church office or talk to Kristi Appel if you can help. Thanks! We couldn’t do it without you!***

# FROM THE MUSIC CORNER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LEONARD BERNSTEIN!

On Saturday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m., Shepherd of the Bay will host a Big 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash for American composer, Leonard Bernstein. Four celebrated musicians from Lyric Opera of Chicago will sing some of Bernstein's greatest hits from many of his operatic and music theater masterpieces. *Candide*, *On the Town*, *Peter Pan*, *Wonderful Town*, *Trouble in Tahiti* and *Westside Story* have been produced for the opera stage, Broadway theaters and motion picture venues, and now their stories will be told on the stage of Shepherd of the Bay on Memorial Day Weekend, with their friend Judith Jackson at the piano!



Who will be the musical story-tellers? Our friends Desirée Hassler, Pamela Williams, John Concepcion and Michael Cavalieri will make their annual pilgrimage to Ellison Bay from their Chicago homes to perform an engaging and entertaining concert for our audience. These Memorial Day Weekend visits over the past ten years have been a highlight of the concert offerings at Shepherd of the Bay and this year promises to continue that tradition of excellence.

Shepherd of the Bay has been the happy recipient of these talented singers' ongoing musical gifts and friendship. Desirée, Pamela, John and Michael will continue their tradition of creating an attractive program of beautiful singing, engaging acting and more than a few moments of comedy. We have enjoyed getting to know these singers and watching their eight children grow through these concert appearances. Our Shepherd family swells with pride each time we enjoy the musical participation of our youngest visitors and behold how these young people are growing up before our eyes.

This is a concert for everyone! Each musical scene will offer aspects of love, intrigue, betrayal, cunning and hilarity, not necessarily at the same time! Laughter and tears will accompany moments of drama and comedy, with the music of Leonard Bernstein providing the artistic platform. After the concert, a reception will be held, giving the opportunity for everyone to share in the afterglow of this musical event.

The Bernstein Birthday Bash is offered free and open to the public, so please plan to attend and invite your neighbors and friends. We will accept a goodwill offering that evening to help defray the expenses of our visiting singers, and as an expression of our gratitude for their musical gifts to our community.

After the Saturday concert, set your alarm clocks for the next morning, May 27! Desirée, Pamela, John and Michael will return to Shepherd of the Bay to sing for the 8:30 a.m. service. We will enjoy two musical offerings from Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and *Requiem* by John Rutter from our favorite singers from Chicago.

*This will be a weekend to remember! Mark your calendars! We'll reserve a good seat for you!*

## News from the Concert Series Committee

As we anticipate an exciting summer of concerts here at Shepherd of the Bay, we have certain needs that need to be met in order to bring these programs to our community.

One such need is for housing on Friday, June 22. The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble will be presenting a spectacular program on that Friday evening and we are looking for hosts who would be willing to house our 17 guest artists for that one Friday night. If you have room for one or maybe two guest for Friday, June 22, please talk to Greg Beem or Mary Perdue.

We very much appreciate your consideration and your part in helping to make this a successful concert event!

Welcome to spring! As I write this, there is still snow on the ground but the temperatures are warming and the snow will soon be gone. It will then be time to start digging and planting our gardens. WELCA will again be having a harvest table this summer during coffee hour. Please consider planting a row of vegetables for the harvest table. All proceeds will go to feed the hungry. There will be more information in the following months.

The quilters are done for the season and have completed more than 143 quilts! Great job ladies! If knitting and crocheting are more your speed, we will be starting a knitting and crocheting group on Thursdays beginning May 10 at 9:15 in the parlor and work for about 2 hours. We will concentrate on making hats and sweaters for World Vision Knit for Kids. **Everyone is welcome** and patterns will be provided. Check the WELCA bulletin board for more information.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY** Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken and May 21 with Vernamae. There will be no bible study on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have a prayer request that you would like added to the prayer chain, e-mail Cheri Boock at [wildflowerway54@gmail.com](mailto:wildflowerway54@gmail.com) or the church office at [sotboffice@yahoo.com](mailto:sotboffice@yahoo.com). When e-mail is not possible, call Cheri Boock at 854-5493.

Don't forget to use the **CHANGE BUCKET**- you can make a change in someone's life by putting a donation in the CHANGE BUCKET on Sunday during the Fellowship Hour. Your donation goes to the local Food Pantries and not for coffee at the coffee hour.

Sharing a meal together has long been a common practice. The early Christians met and broke bread together signifying their union and equality. Our Shepherd of the Bay **Social 6** continues this practice as we begin another season. Groups are ready to form for **May, June and July** and YOU can be part of this Christian Fellowship.

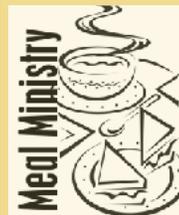
**Social 6** meets once a month for three months in groups of six with the purpose of getting to know each other better through this Christian Fellowship opportunity. Breaking bread and enjoying a meal together is the main activity – it can be a breakfast, lunch, dinner, picnic (when the snow melts) or any meal that brings the group together. The groups meet in homes or restaurants or wherever they decide is right for them.

It is time to **SIGN UP** to become part of a group and discover for yourself how rewarding this fellowship can be for you. Sign-up cards are available on the WELCA Bulletin Board and at the WELCA Table in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday Fellowship Hour.

**It is not too late to Sign-Up!!**

Questions: Ask Caroline Hitzeman, Cathy Mangan or Cheri Boock – they provide answers and assistance.

The WELCA Board Meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm, in the parlor.



**MEAL MINISTRY** contact for May is

**Ronnie Robinson**  
(920) 421-0950

If you know of a family or individual who could use our attention for providing a meal when in need or would like your name added to the list of women willing to prepare and deliver meals, please call: PAT SKOGSBAKKEN at 854-1133.

## MAY EVENTS

May 07, 14, and 21

- **Bible Study w/Ken**  
- 9:00am - Parlor

May 10, 17, 24, and 31

- **Knitting and Crocheting**  
- 9:15 – 11:15- Parlor

May 8

- **Board Mtg 1:00-Parlor**

May 17

- **Book Group Discussion**  
- 9:30 - PLACE TBA

May 21

- **Vernamae's Bible Study**  
- 1:00 - PLACE TBA



# Youth and Family Ministry News

from Jane Burress



Our last Little Lambs will be on May 2. Thank you to Kit Butz for leading music all year long and to the parents for bringing a snack.

Our last Wonderful Wednesday is May 2. Thank you to Eloise Lindem and Kristi Appel for helping all year. Thank you to Sarah Martin for coordinating snacks and to all of the parents who provided them. I really appreciate the support. Be sure to go upstairs and check out the ceiling tiles in the hallway. The children painted butterflies on them to remind us of our new life in Christ.



The children also visited Scand to deliver favors and sing to the residents. Unfortunately, the retreat they were planning to attend, was cancelled due to the snowstorm.

Thank you to Jeremy and Cindi Schwab for leading our confirmation students this year. God's Blessings to Michael Pothast, Anthony Casanas, and Ian Casanas as they are confirmed on May 6. Please keep them in your prayers as well as their mentors: Jed Omernick, Tim West, and Les Keeper.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, and youth who helped with set up, serving, and clean-up for the Easter breakfast and to all of the people who provided coffee cakes. We raised \$953 with costs paid for by Thrivent. A big thank you to Lisa Voight for preparing and baking the egg dishes.

We will honor our graduates on May 13, at the 8:30a.m. church service. Congratulations to Rachel Follingstad, Ava Hitzeman, Sarah Kifer, Isabelle Austgen, Madison Bunda, Madison Tishler, and Ava Clayton. Please pray for them as they begin a new milestone.



## Sunday School News

by Lynne Buchner

The children did a fantastic job singing for our Care of Creation Sunday! We have a couple of events left in May before we wrap up Sunday School for the season. Mothers Day May 13th we will have our annual parade and May 20th will be our Sunday School picnic.



# ***We Built Houses, Shared the Gospel & Washed Feet***

## **Guatemala Mission Trip 2018**

April 6-14, 2018, was the 5th year that Shepherd of the Bay Church sent a team to help the Mayan people of Guatemala thru the organization Pray America/Manos de Jesus.

We spent the week building houses but more importantly we build relationships. With the widows and children for whom we are fortunate enough to build a home. With the girls in the marketplace. With our sponsor children. With the other members of our team. With God.

On Monday and Tuesday, we built 4 houses. We talked to the widow. We played with the kids. We held babies. This was a special day for all of us. On Thursday, we went back to the houses with new shoes for the whole family. We explained that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples not because they were dirty, but to be a servant to them. We are God's servants. He sent us to Guatemala to serve Juana, Petranilla, Tomasa and Maria.

Petranilla was living with her son, Juan Carlos, his wife and 6 children (pictured below in group photo) in a one room house. He makes flip flops to sell in the marketplace. He said he wanted to thank God for giving his mother this house. "When I see the wood, I know this is money. The nails, this is money. The roof is money. I know this is a lot of money and I could not provide this house for my mother." When we came back on Thursday with the shoes, Petranilla had the audio Bible in her pocket and was listening to it where ever she went.

Please pray for the families our mission team will be visiting in 2019. Bless the houses we build, the stoves and water filters we install, the clothes, toys and shoes we will bring to the families. But most of all, pray that the families will see the love of Jesus thru our team.

***Please pray about how you can participate in this mission activity....  
Think about it..... Pray about it..... Join us .....***

*James 1:27 (NIV) "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*



Top left: Washing Pertanilla's feet.

Left bottom: site where they dug out the hill to build the house.

Top right: building the back wall w/Juan Carlos

right: Granddaughters with bead necklaces we made together and crochet bears made by the WELCA mission group.



# Building and Grounds Committee

## Building Maintenance

April has made up for the slow time we had in February and March. The Sister Bay Fire Department conducted their annual Fire Inspection of the building on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We passed, with only a few minor issues to correct. All have been corrected or are in process of being corrected.

Earlier in the week before the Maundy Thursday Pot Luck dinner we had a problem with the water softener that led to a grey water backup. A small area of the carpeting outside the narthex restrooms and the kitchen/fellowship hallway got wet. The carpeting was vacuumed to remove the water, steam cleaned and dried before the Potluck dinner. As a result, we decided to serve dinner on paper plates, thank you for your understanding. The water softener was found to have a jammed valve which has since been replaced.

A new curtain rod for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restroom window was installed. The old one was stretched to its limit and if you bumped it, it would fall apart. A new shelf was installed in the custodial closet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to provide additional storage and save some trips up and down the stairs. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor restroom sink faucet handles have all been tightened.

## Roof and Siding

A proposal to replace the roof and install new siding was presented to the Council at their April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Bus Garage/Storage Building

A very gracious donor has offered a gift to pay for a new 30'x35', 2-bay, unheated, dry storage steel building. Half of the building will be dedicated to house the bus, with 2 overhead doors allowing the bus to drive-in and drive-out. The other half will be used for the Garden Club and general storage. It will be large enough to store the sign trailer and signs, BBQ, ladders, picnic tables, and the stuff stored outside the Parlor windows. The Garden Club shed, currently housing the lawn tractor, various tools and some of the outdoor youth sports equipment, will be removed. The building will be located between the gravel drive and the Garden Club shed, behind the church. Quotes are in process with the goal for the building to be completed this year. This will be a welcomed addition to ensure the longevity of the bus and the safety of its drivers.

## Garden Club

No outside Spring Clean-up Day is being planned because of all the work done last Fall. There will be no mulching this year. It was done last year and is still in good condition. Activity will start a few weeks early, when weather permits, to replace some of the grass damaged due to the snow plowing this Winter and Spring. Scott Thies will call members when we have some nice weather. A few hours a week are all that is expected.

## Snow Removal

Thank you JF Construction for keeping our parking lots and driveways all Winter and Spring! Thank you, Joel, Payton and Kenzie, Thomas for keeping our walkways clean and salted. They also clear the fire exits which unfortunately tend to collect large drifts.

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, Jon Hanson, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Thies 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. Thomas Tuttle, Chair

## Garden Club

Weather permitting, the Garden Club will resume Thursday, May 17, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. We have a list of tasks to accomplish in order to ready our lawn and landscape for the season.

Your help is needed! At Shepherd of the Bay, all mowing and landscape maintenance is done by volunteers. Come on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

No ongoing commitment is necessary. Tools and supplies are furnished but if you own a clippers or other tools, bring them along. We always have a list of jobs and conversation to share during coffee break.

Being part of the Garden Club is a nice way for seasonal members to volunteer time on a worthwhile cause and to connect with other church members.

Please contact Dwight and Linda Davis (920-854-1182) or Scott Thies (920-854-9816) if you have questions. Thank You!



# Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting April 16, 2018

Present: Holly Thomas, Jenny Sitte, Alicia Kropuenske, Pastor Honig, Ron Hupe, Barb Meyer, Carl Jackson, Cheryl Becht, John Skogsbakken, Scott Henry

Absent: Scott Eckdahl

Also in attendance: Carol Omernick, Joel Thomas, Tom Tuttle

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

Carol O. presented a video featuring photos from the week in Guatemala during the mission trip.

Opening prayer by Pastor Honig

Tom Tuttle shared a presentation regarding the possible future replacement of the roof and siding at SOTB regarding the issues, remedies and costs.

Some of the new roof justifications include: The original shingles are 25 years old, the addition is 15 years old. Singles don't match, leaks, tabs blown off, hail damage, broken bird roosting wire. Some of the new siding justifications include: Air infiltration into the building, paint washing off, flashing needs replacing, and fixing dormer leaks. Quotes were received for 3 types of shingles. The quotes that would be recommended by the Property and Grounds Committee are as follows: Security Leubke Roofing, Decra Stone Coated Steel Shingles \$205,160.00 and ABC Seamless of Green Bay for siding 201,855.00.

Totaling 407,015.00 (quotes are valid for 30 days)

Discussion of options on how to pay for the work and also the possibility of retiring the debt for the building and rolling all of the costs together. Tom Tuttle, Holly and Pastor Honig will be forming a small group to continue to explore funding possibilities.

Discussion on changing the timing for Sunday mornings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> service has not grown at all since moving to 11am. Discussion including whether 8:30 service is too early for some families with small children. Possibilities of experimenting with a midweek service.

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed.

- Motion to accept March minutes by Alicia Kropuenske
- Second by Scott Henry

The Treasurers Report was given by Ron Hupe.

- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report by Scott Henry
- Second by Carl Jackson

Property and Grounds report was given earlier in the meeting

Worship and Music – no report

Education and Youth report per Jane Burress: Pancake breakfast raised \$953.00 for Confirmation Camp. Grateful for volunteers. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Senior Sunday changed to May 13<sup>th</sup>. Jane is working with music staff to get children and youth involved in worship on a regular basis. Jane is also working with Bayview in Sturgeon Bay and First Lutheran in Manitowoc, finalizing plans for Houston.

Outreach – no report

Finance and Stewardship – Pastor reminded us that this Sunday is Earth Day and we will be celebrating the stewardship of creation.

- Motion by Alicia Kropuenske to accept committee reports
- Second by Cheryl Becht

Old Business:

Discussion and reminder of the Council Retreat In June – Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, dinner at Cheryl Becht's home in Baileys Harbor at 6pm and then Thursday, June 7 from 9-4pm at Bjorklund.

Barb Meyer checked the status of the AED and the electrodes are out of date and the unit has not been checked since 2015. Alicia K. volunteered to look into who we talk to about maintenance on the unit.

Discussion of list of church activities. Council members will continue to look over and add to the list and we will follow-up at the retreat.

Scott will give an update on the technology upgrades at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 21 at 5pm

- Motion to adjourn by Cheryl Becht
- Second by Alicia Kropuenske

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55

Respectfully Submitted, Jenny Sitte, Secretary

## Thank You Notes

Russ Smith and family would like to thank all the members of Shepherd of the Bay who have provided support and assistance during this time of health and mobility issues, and also after the sickness, hospitalization and passing of his dear wife, Marianne.

To Our Friends at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for your kind and generous donation to Northern Door Children's Center. As always, we have applied your dollars to our scholarship fund. It makes a huge and immediate difference to our families in need of scholarship assistance. We appreciate you!!!

Sincerely,

Karen Corekin, Community Relation Coordinator

Thanks much for the generous check for the Food Pantry. God Bless each of you.

Sincerely,

Mable Peterson for the Koinonia Kupboard

Dear Members of Shepherd of the Bay;

Thanks you for your generous donation to the Ministry Fund (Katie's Fund) at Door Co. Medical Center. It has been a long winter for many folks in Door Co. With your help you have kept so many warm and fed. Our funds are getting low. This gift was very much needed. God Bless!

Katie Graf, DCMC Social Worker

## Memorials

Scott Czepulonis  
Gen Follingstad  
Betty Ann Heard

Donald Franke  
Leonard Reimer

Doug & Helen Molzahn  
Dennis & Mary Fales

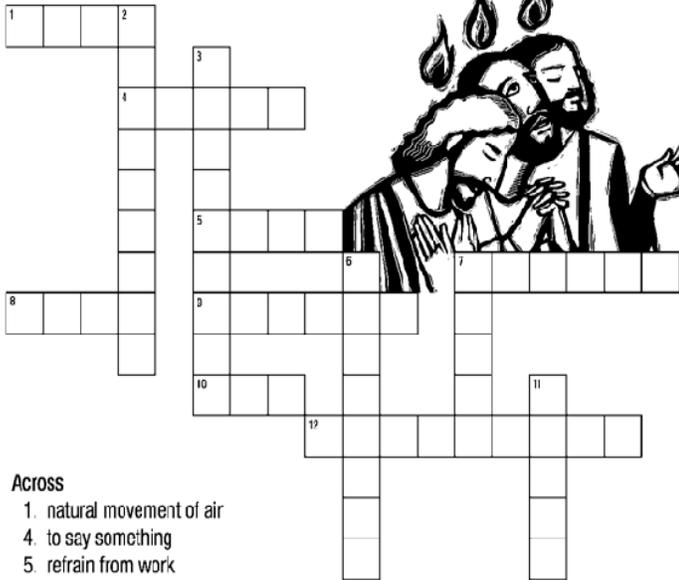
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Jerry Doss

# PUZZLE

## The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



### Across

1. natural movement of air
4. to say something
5. refrain from work
7. place where God is
8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
10. the time between sunrise and sunset
12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

### Down

2. followers of Christ
3. moved apart
6. quickly and unexpectedly
7. a building where people live
11. vibrations that travel through the air

Say, "Fill me in on what's been happening."

Be comfortable with silence.

## Tips for Talking with a Suffering Friend

Keep the focus on *their* feelings, not yours.

Listen, listen, and listen some more.

@stephenministries

It can be hard to know what to say to a friend who is suffering. Stephen Ministers are here to help.

If you know someone who could use someone to talk to, call Stan Whiteman 868-2997 or the church office, 854-2988.

## Knit and Crochet

Join us on Thursday mornings starting May 10th from 9:30 to 11:30 in the church parlor for a knitting and crocheting project. We will be making hats and sweaters for Lutheran World Relief. All abilities are welcome.

We are also accepting donations of yarn (partial skeins are ok). You can put them on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall or bring them to the church office. If you have any questions, talk to Barb Tuttle.

Thanks! The Knotty Knitters

## 8:30am Ushers :

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help usher in 2018.

May 6	Carol Williams & <b>OPEN</b>
May 13	<b>OPEN</b>
May 20	<b>OPEN</b>
May 27	Stan & Jane Whiteman
June 3	Barb Keller & Robin Butchart
June 10	Barb Keller & Robin Butchart
June 17	Carol & Gary Kreml
June 24	Carol & Gary Kreml

## Readers :

8:30am Service		11:00am Service
May 6	Cindy Acker	Ron Lawrence
May 13	Don Luker	Ben Pothast
May 20	Dick Scheller	Linda Zielke
May 27	Paul Lings	Karl Omernick
June 3	Cindy Acker	Cindy Lawrence
June 10	Gail Prine	Gladys Austgen
June 17	Gretchen Farwell	Linda Zielke
June 24	Myrma Howard	Karl Omernick

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

# Sundays Lessons for May

## May 6 : Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48  
 Second Lesson : 1 John 5:1-6  
 Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17



**Introduction to the readings:** This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

## May 13 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
 Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13  
 Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19



**Introduction to the readings:** The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

## May 20 : Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21  
 Holy Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



**Introduction to the readings:** On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

## May 27 : The Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8  
 Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17  
 Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17



**Introduction to the readings:** This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.



## May Coffee Hour Group

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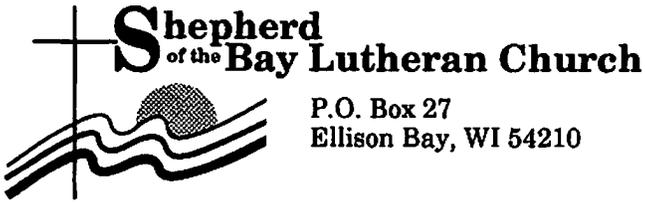
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The deadline for ordering is Thursday, May 16th. No orders will be accepted after the deadline.

The price this year will be \$10.00 each. Please fill out the form below and send or bring it with CHECK attached to the church.

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