

The Parish Door

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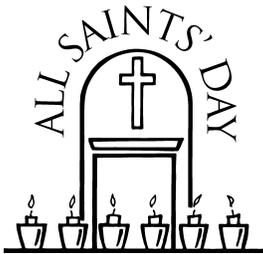
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Thanksgiving Offering

In thanksgiving for 25 years of ministry blessed and made possible by God's grace, and in recognition of our call to serve our community, the Congregation Council invites you share in a thanksgiving offering designated for the Door County Housing Partnership.

The Door County Housing Partnership is a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization that is committed to creating a stable supply of permanent housing for the year-round workforce in Door County. The Housing partnership has recently procured six lots in Sturgeon Bay and is partnering with a local builder for the first home, expected to be occupied by the end of 2020. The Housing Partnership recognizes the acute need for year-round workforce housing in northern Door County and plans to address that need in the near future.

Our in-gathering will happen on Sunday, November 24; special envelopes will be provided. Please make checks out to Shepherd of the Bay and write "Housing Partnership" on the memo line. If you aren't able to be in worship on the 24th, you are welcome to bring your offering on any Sunday in November or mail it to the church office.



All Saints Day

This year, All Saints Day will be Sunday, November 3rd. We will again lighting candles and reading the names to remember those church members, family members and friends who have died since last Nov. 2018.

If you would like to remember someone by having their name read during the service, please call the church office at 920-854-2988, or by email at sotboffice@yahoo.com by Thursday, October 31.

VESPERS CIRCLE SERVICE TO BEGIN

Join us each Wednesday, beginning November 6, for our midweek Vespers Circle dinner and service. We begin at 5:30 with supper and fellowship. At 6:15, we move to the sanctuary for an informal worship service that includes song, prayer, scripture, preaching, and communion. We finish by 7:00. If your busy weekend makes in hard to come to church on Sunday, join us; if you need a midweek spiritual pick-me-up, join us. See you in church!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MARCH 25 - APRIL 2, 2020

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

What is November? The leaves have gone through their bright, vibrant fall colors and are now either brown or gone. The temperatures fall and give us a foretaste of the cold that is to come. Perhaps we even see a few sprinkles of snow here and there. The month ends with one of the favorite American holidays, A Day of National Thanksgiving.

November is also a rich time for worship. The month begins with All Saints Sunday and ends with Christ the King. November gives us space to pull out our church's family album, to remember where we came from and where we're going. Isaac Newton said, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." The church's giants – the saints, our church family – are uplifted in November with a force unlike any other part of the church year. *Saints* comes from the Latin *sanctus*, which means holy. In the Lutheran tradition, we think of saints not so much the martyrs or famous Christians who have died; rather we think of God's holy people, living or dead, who have been baptized into Christ.

The saints we remember, from the past and present, are the ones who have passed on the faith to us, who have given us words to describe our faith, whose examples help us live out the faith. Those who have gone before us are important to us. I hear stories over and over of the folks in this community and this congregation who have gone before and who have been both example and inspiration for us. The generosity of our forebears have handed off to us this vibrant ministry that we now enjoy and which we now build on. The saints have shown us how to express our faith, how to stand up for what we believe, and how to care for others.

It is awe-inspiring to think of how this picture of the saints is so large, so old, so methodical, and that we are part of a long journey and an ongoing story. Looking at the saints and where we sit in the picture both inspires us to live out our lives in holiness and to get outside of ourselves for a moment to catch a glimpse of God's plan for the world. On Sunday, November 3, we will remember the saints who have meant so much to us; we will light candles for members of our Shepherd of the Bay family who have died in the past year. You are also invited to submit the names of family members and friends — regardless of whether they died recently or long ago — to be read out loud during the service.

Christ the King Sunday, on November 24 is the final Sunday in the church year. The gospel texts for that day take us back to Good Friday and to the picture of the crucified Jesus talking to two criminals, one on either side of him. This strange image of a crucified king brings to mind the central good news of our faith, that we have been invited into relationship by a God who does not sit high on a throne separated in time and space from the people of the kingdom, but one who desires to be with us, the saints of the kingdom, in all moments of our lives. We celebrate the Crucified One, who now sits at God's right hand and rules the entire cosmos for the sake of the Church. Each Sunday we bow our knees in worship, knowing that one day every knee will bow in humble adoration.

Here's to a great and meaningful month of worship. God bless you in your work for the sake of God's kingdom and God's purposes.

Peace,

Pr. Jim Honig

Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

920-854-2988 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com



ADVENT WORKSHOP and SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!!

Church Family, you are invited to come upstairs on Sunday, Dec. 1st following the Worship Service! You'll find an opportunity to tour our Sunday School rooms, and as you visit, partake in an ADVENT WORKSHOP! At the Workshop, you'll be able to create an advent wreath to take home, create a Christmas Ornament, witness the Christmas Creche/Nativities, and enjoy some holiday treats!

If you find the stairs difficult to climb, we'll have a table set up in the fellowship hall for you to partake as well!

We are looking forward to the Advent Season with children and families in Sunday School, Little Lambs, Wonderful Wednesdays, Confirmation, and High School Youth!!

First Communion Class

As part of our Milestone Ministry, all 5th grade students are encouraged to attend First Communion Classes led by Pastor Jim. Children will meet with Pastor Jim after school on November 6th and November 13th. Both parents and children will meet with Pastor Jim on Sunday, November 17th, from 11:00-12:00 noon to learn more, and decide on a special date for the Celebration of First Communion. Lynda will be in touch with all families with 5th grade children. However, if you feel your 4th grader is ready, and/or your 6th grader missed an opportunity, please be in touch!

“Arise and Shine”

This year, our children's Christmas program will be incorporated within the worship service on Sunday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Actors and Actresses needed for our Children's Christmas Program!

Our Christmas play will include singing Christmas songs, scripture readings, and speaking parts.

I will be reaching out to our children and youth in Sunday School, Wonderful Wednesdays, Confirmation, and High School Youth group for interest.

If any adults would like to help by reading, staging, or rehearsals, please let Lynda know your interest by the end of the first week in November!

FRIENDS IN FAITH

Mentor program and Youth!! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th at 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We are overdue for a time to all be together! Lynda will be in touch for dinner plans and celebrations to follow!! Be thinking and praying about our time together! If you haven't been in touch with your mentee for a while, be sure to take some time. Let me know how I can help!

A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT AND A BIG THANK YOU!!

To all who were able to give time and love to our kids this past September and October!! I know you don't do it for the recognition, but you are amazing, and God smiles when HIS disciples minister to kids!! Pastor Jim, Carol, Judy, Cheryl, Sherry, Vicki, Vanessa, Jamie, Ellie, Kit, Jeremy, Cindi, Kristi, Kristin, Linda, Lynne, Tom, Eloise, Jane, and all the parents who brought their kids to nurture their faith formation!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!! Forgive me if I have forgotten someone!

BUT WAIT! There is still a big need for help in many ways, big, small, inside and outside church. Lynda will be in touch to see if you can lend a hand in faith formation ministry!!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Planning Calendar November and December

Little Lambs meet every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. We will not meet Wednesday, November 27th, or December 25th due to the Holidays.

Wonderful Wednesdays meets Wednesday, November 6th and 20th and again December 4th and 18th.

Confirmation meets every Wednesday after school until 5:30 p.m. November 6, 13, and December 4th and the 11th.

High School Youth Group November 8-10 is the Synod Youth Gathering in Manitowoc, November 6th and 20th for Dinner and Devotion at 6:30p.m. at SOTB, Breakfast Club Sunday, November 24th, followed by our Fall outing!! December 4th and 18th for Dinner and Devotion, and Sunday, December 29th, Breakfast club at 10:30 followed by our winter outing! (date subject to change if we are ALL out on Winter break)

Sunday School meets every Sunday following Communion in Worship and ends at 11:30 a.m. We will meet every Sunday in November and December, except December 15th when we have our children's worship service/Christmas program at 9:30 a.m. and we will not have Sunday School on December 29th.

Did you know? Our church Nursery is open every Sunday during our Worship time for children ages 3 and under.

World Marketplace

Thank You!

**Thanks to everyone who
donated to disaster relief in
October! Thank You!**

Thank You! Thank You!



Help us fill our box for the Senior High Youth Gathering mission project!

Our Senior High students will be heading to Manitowoc the weekend of November 8-10th to attend the SYG "Come As You Are" event! This year, our mission project will help the "Encourage Center" in Manitowoc. Please help our cause, by donating any of the following items to the box in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 3rd. Thank you!!

The Green Bay Conference: Health and Beauty items

Toilet paper, deodorant, shaving cream, hair ties, brushes, combs, hair spray, body wash, shampoo, cream rinse, bar soap.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Have there been times when you've felt very lonely and just wanted someone to listen with understanding to your needs and concerns? That's what Stephen Ministers are for. They listen without judgement and in confidence to offer support and encouragement.



To learn more, please call Pastor Jim Honig at 920-854-2988 or Stan Whiteman at 920-839-5481.

"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

Outside an old German opera house, these words are printed:

BACH gave us God's WORD
 MOZART gave us God's LAUGHTER
 BEETHOVEN gave us God's FIRE
 GOD gave us MUSIC
that we might PRAY WITHOUT WORDS.

On many Sunday mornings at Shepherd of the Bay, God seems to be directing our prayers through a simple "humming" song. The melody is simple and familiar. The harmony is predictable and comforting. Our corporate prayers often begin with a single recognizable note on the piano. The humming begins, lifting a spirit of prayer throughout the assembly.

Many have asked what the words are to this familiar song. Here's the answer to your question:

I LOVE YOU, LORD

*I love you, Lord
 And I lift my voice
 To worship You
 Oh, my soul rejoice!
 Take joy my King
 In what You hear
 Let it be a sweet, sweet sound
 In your ear.*

Laurie B. Klein, songwriter

Whether we pray with words or in the shape of a musical phrase, God hears us and directs our thoughts. May our prayers continue to be lifted to God, who is steadfast and always present, offering mercy and promise throughout our lives.

See you in church!
 Judith Jackson, Principal Pianist and Sanctuary Choir Director

Food Pantry Collection for November Thanksgiving & Personal Care items

This month we are asking for items to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Stuffing, boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, etc), canned chicken, gravy, boxed pie crust mix, pie filling, canned veggies and fruit, cranberry sauce, yams, marshmallows, etc. What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Please also consider giving personal care items: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. These items go so fast, it is hard to keep them on the shelf.

We always welcome food donations of every kind no matter what the theme is for the month. We also take cash donations for Piggly Wiggly Cards to buy fresh fruit, meat, milk, etc.

The pantry is located in the north entrance to the church. Everyone is encouraged to tell their friends and neighbors about the pantry. It is open to all and the doors are open everyday from 6am to 9pm. No questions asked. Please take what you need.

Pray for families who struggle to make ends meet.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community Meals

Now that the season is over in Door County, it is time to relax and slow down a bit. But sometimes, it can get too slow. The following are places you can get a nutritious meal and enjoy conversation with new friends.

Open Door Luncheons at the Moravian Church

The entire community is invited to a FREE Monthly Luncheon at Ephraim Moravian Church. Soup & sandwiches at noon, the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month November through April.

Sister Bay Moravian Church has joined the fun—their free lunches are the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month, year-round. Contact the Ephraim Moravian church at (920) 854-2804 for more information.

LIBERTY GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS

A delicious and nutritious lunch is provided by
**The Senior Resource Center At the
Liberty Grove Town Hall**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon
Every week, except on Holidays.

Come and have lunch with us, enjoy conversation, meet new friends and socialize!

Call 920-746-2523

24 hours before the first time you come for lunch to reserve your spot.

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes is an ecumenical ministry project at St. Rosalia's Stella Maris parish in Sister Bay. A free meal is served from 5-6pm on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.



FALL FILM FEST FOCUSING ON FAIRNESS

The community is invited to join us as we watch and then discuss the following film. We will begin the evening with food and fellowship. After the film we will share dessert and discussion. All are welcome!

5:00 share finger food and friendship

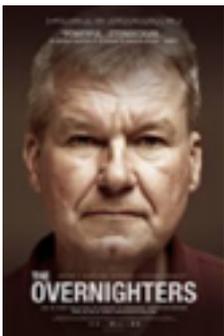
5:30-7:30 view film

7:30-8:30 share dessert and discussion

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The Overnights

Pastor Jay Reinke sparks a controversy in his North Dakota town by opening his church doors to homeless workers who are seeking jobs in nearby oil fields. A modern-day Grapes of Wrath, it tells an unforgettable story about the promise of redemption and the limits of compassion. "The themes of re-invention and self-invention in American life have long interested me and inspired my film work," says filmmaker Jesse Moss of his award-winning documentary.



I want to invite all the ladies of Shepherd of the Bay to the **annual Retreat on Wednesday November 13th, 8:30-3:00 at Bjorklunden**. This year's leader is Rev. Carol Hackbardt. The title of the retreat is **The Words of Jesus Anew!** Carol describes it this way: "Come experience Jesus words with new eyes. By returning to the very roots of Jesus native culture and translations from the Aramaic language he spoke. Rev. Carol Hackbardt invites us to experience renewal of heart and community in our life today." I'm sure we will all be blessed with a closer relationship to God and one another. I hope to see you on November 13th. Sign-up is on the W.E.L.C.A. bulletin board or in Fellowship Hall after Church on Sundays.

Please also mark your calendar for two upcoming events. On **December 3rd at noon we will be having our Annual Meeting and Potluck**. We will approve the disbursement of funds and elect new officers. We have openings on the W.E.L.C.A. Board and I hope some of you will prayerfully consider joining us in 2020. Secondly, our **Christmas Luncheon will be held December 10, at noon**. More information will be in next month's Parish Door.

The quilters have just started their new year of quilting. They would love to have you join them for this fun and prolific mission (did you see all those quilts on September 29?). Call Barb Tuttle for more information (920)883-7011.



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, email the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com. When email 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 purchase gift cards for the Piggly Wiggly that are given to help those in need to purchase needs not covered by SNAP cards.

Harvest Table has ended for the year. Thanks to all for donating to this mission.

The WELCA Board will meet on November 12 @ 1:00pm in the parlor.

If you would like to know more about what WELCA does, you are welcome to join us.

NOV. EVENTS

- Nov. 7, 14, 21 **Quilting Group**
- 9:15 - 2:00 - Fellowship Hall
- Nov. 12 - **Board Meeting**
- 1:00pm Parlor
- Nov. 13 - **Fall Retreat**
-8:30am - 3:00pm Bjorklunden
- Nov. 21 - **Book Group**
- 9:30am Call Gretchen Farwell (920) 854-6203 for more information and location.

MEAL MINISTRY
contact for
November is Cheri Boock (920-854-5493).



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.

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.

Projects

- **Roof and Siding** – We are working with the Boldt Company as the General Contractor for this project. In addition to the roof and siding the donor family has agreed to cover the expenses of a thorough assessment of the buildings heating and cooling systems, and an evaluation of the thermal efficiency of the building using thermal imaging photographs. This work is already in progress.

- **Roof Status - Black, Decra Stone Coated Steel Shingles**, valleys, ridge vent, etc. with a **50-year warranty and 75-year expected life will be used**. Security Luebke from Appleton will be the roofing contractor. Drip edge along the fascia's will be extended to help the roof shed water and minimize water streaking down the fascia's. The current roof shingles will not be removed, but will be covered with a special low friction waterproof fabric to provide an isolation barrier between the rough stone surface of the asphalt shingles and the underside of the new steel shingles. A preventative bird roosting wire system is included in the cost of the roof and will be installed on every peak. Material has been ordered and should be available in mid/late November. Work will start shortly thereafter and continue as weather permits, as long as there is no snow or ice on the roof. **Total cost = \$223,680**. Any roof deck damage found will be repaired at an added cost. A total of 4 active leaks are known at this time (east side of dormer over office, both sides of dormer over nursery and one spot around a furnace exhaust vent in 2nd floor mechanical room).

- **Siding Status – White, LP Smartside Diamond Kote siding** (an engineered wood OSB product) will a **50-year warranty** on the material and finish will be used. It will be installed with a narrow reveal similar to the current siding. The wall construction used throughout the building is 12-inch concrete block with 1-inch of Styrofoam insulation under the drywall on the inside. The outside of the 12-inch concrete block is bare, with steel furring strips attached to the block, then covered with uninsulated aluminum siding. The installation of the new siding will include a 1-inch layer of R5 polystyrene rigid foam insulation placed in the spaces between the furring strips, then covered with a "House Wrap". While this would be an improvement there would still be an area of thermal conductivity at every steel furring strip (16-inches on center). **Option 1 added insulation** - We have requested the cost of a 2nd layer of 1-inch rigid foam insulation. This would eliminate the thermal conductivity at the furring strips increasing the overall efficiency of the building, but would add material and labor cost to build out around the windows and doors. Depending on the improvement in efficiency, the propane savings from this added investment might payback in a reasonable amount of time. **Option 2 Stone veneer** – We have requested a quote using a stone veneer on the portico column walls to provide a dent and crack resistant finish against car doors. This veneer would enhance the appearance of the main entrance and extend only 3 -4 feet high. There would be no change to the railings between the columns. **Option 3 Bell Tower** – Cost of siding the Bell Tower was not originally included. A quote has been requested. **Option 4 Fascia's** – Fascia's and gable end trim were not originally included. A quote has been requested. **Costs for the options have not yet been received at this writing**. Siding work may begin as early as Nov 4th and roofing in mid-November.

Building Maintenance

- **Lighting** – The outside ground lights and parking lot lights have been turned on for Wednesday night Youth and Confirmation classes in addition to Thursday night choir practice. The Steeple and road sign light times will remain the same from dusk until midnight every night.

- **Women's narthex Restroom** – The new liquid hand soap dispenser that was ordered did not work. I have switched over to a new manually operated foam soap dispenser. This has the added benefit of eliminating the need to replace the 4, D-cell batteries.

- **2nd Floor Restroom** – Stripped old wax off floor.

Garden Club – Thank you, for another season of maintaining and caring for our beautiful grounds. You had a little extra work this early this year with reseeding the 300ft long area in the north yard that had been trenched late last year for the electrical service for the new Bus Barn. That area now looks like it had never been disturbed. Your volunteer dedication saves the church, what would otherwise be a significant annual expenditure. Another **Big Thank you**, to the anonymous donner that blessed the Garden Club with a new Toro Zero-Turn 50-inch mower with a bagging attachment. The Club has had the opportunity to use the new mower a couple of times now and has fallen "in love". It has saved an 1-1/2 hour of hand mowing and emptying the bagger.

Please contact me or any of the other members, if you would like to serve on the Committee.

Tom Tuttle, chair

Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting October 21, 2019

Scott Henry called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present: Scott Henry, Ron Hupe, John Skogsbakken, Edee Madsen, Cheryl Becht, George Cobb, Les Keepper, Alicia Kropuenske, Pastor Honig & Tom Tuttle representing Building & Grounds.

Absent: Lori Pothast & Scott Eckdahl.

Scott Henry opened our meeting with a devotion on the hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God".

We took a minute to discuss how we like to spend our cold, rainy days. Pastor will be emailing a reading for Council Growth this month.

The minutes from the September 16th, 2019 meeting were reviewed with a motion made by George Cobb, second by Cheryl Becht. Motion carried.

Ron Hupe presented the treasurer's report for the month of September. The regular offering for the month was \$4,067 higher than the budget amount for the month. The YTD Offering is \$22,444 higher than it was in September 2018. Starting in October, Ron will transfer all a/c#8260 Education Coordinator expenses and budget to the a/c# 8255 Youth Director. Now that we have a large amount of our 2020 pledges in, we will start on the budgeting process. Motion made by John Skogsbakken to approve the Treasurer's report, second by Les Keepper. Motion carried.

Pastor Honig's report included an update on the Fall Stewardship Call. We are getting astonishingly close to our goal of 150 intentions and even closer to our net increase of \$2,000 a week. Confirmation is off to a good start. Lynda Pietruszka, Youth Director is providing support for Jeremy & Cindi Schwab. Vespers Circle service is scheduled to begin the first Wednesday in November.

Tom Tuttle was present to report on the roof & siding project. He gave us updates on a start date for the project along with letting us know there will be upcoming quotes for three options with the siding project. Work should begin around the first part on November. We want to thank Tom and the Building & Grounds committee for all their hard work and commitment to this project.

No reports for Worship & Music, Education & Youth or Fellowship this month.

New Business:

1. Background checks: A motion was made by George Cobb to have Linda Petruszka, Youth Director, revise the Safe Child Policy. A paragraph will then be added to the Shepherd of the Bay Policy Manual stating that all paid staff & those who volunteer with children will be required to have a criminal background check. Second by Pastor Honig. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Cheryl Becht and second by Ron Hupe to approve the two Church use requests. These groups have used our Church in the past so the usage fee will be waived. They will still be expected to clean up and leave the space as clean as they found it.

a. Norrland Resort for May 23, 2020 & September 12, 2020 from 8-10am.

b. The Clearing for January 14, 15 & 16 2020 from 9am-4pm.

3. Parish Nurse: The council had a preliminary discussion about a new Health & Wellness ministry.

4. Shepherd of the Bay will be hosting the Interfaith Film Festival on November 17th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Heavy Appetizers will be provided.

5. A special Thanksgiving offering on Sunday November 24th will be collected with proceeds going to the Door County Housing Partnership. Motion made by Les Keepper, second by George Cobb. Motion carried to accept the special Thanksgiving offering.

Old Business:

1. Discussion on the Partnership with St. Paul's in Milwaukee was tabled until next month.

2. Stewardship update was given by Pastor Honig. We are getting astonishingly close to our goal of 150 intentions and even closer to our net increase of \$2,000 a week. God is good! Work continues to get us to our 150 pledge goal. If you haven't pledged for 2020, please prayerfully consider and drop your pledge off in the office.

We adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology. The next meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alicia Kropuenske, Council Secretary

Lessons for November

November 3 : All Saints Sunday

First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23
Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

Introduction to the readings: In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest,” who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today’s gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

November 10 : Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Job 19:23-27a
Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Introduction to the readings: We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord’s day. Our God is the God of the living.

November 17 : Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a
Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Introduction to the readings: The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today’s texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the “meantimes.” The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.”

November 24 : Christ the King Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6
Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20
Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Introduction to the readings: Jeremiah’s promise of the execution of “justice and righteousness in the land” finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.



November Coffee Hour Group

Co-chair: Don & Diane Overby	854-7861
Duke & Pat Lee	421-4752
Chris & Carol Ash	854-2263
Dick & Jane Burress	854-4808
Christine Bridenhagen	854-5306
Roy & Diane Elquist	854-4667
John & Fawn Fitzgerald	854-2912
Phyllis Fitzgerald	854-2771
Jayne Harding	854-5739
Jordan & Dawn Johnson	854-4012
Vernamae Juel	854-7220
Darcie Lettie	854-4771
Darrell & Sherry Lettie	854-4771
Cathy Mangan	854-4215
Leah Giesler	421-1866
Joanne Peterson	421-1147



Altar Guild :

November - Carol Williams
December - Bob & Sharon Pluff

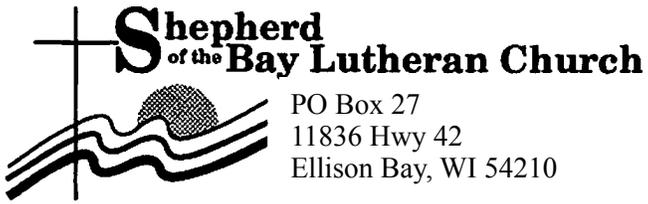
Ushers :

Nov. 3	Bob & Sharon Pluff
Nov. 10	Glen & Grace Rossman
Nov. 17	OPEN
Nov. 24	OPEN

Readers :

Nov. 3	Anthony Casanas
Nov. 10	Robin Butchart
Nov. 17	Nancy Marsho
Nov. 24	Marcia Eckdahl





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Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

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