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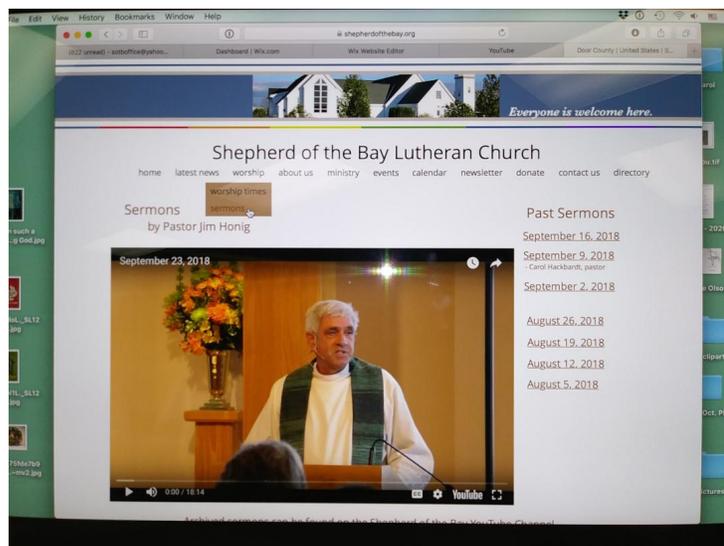
26 Years of Faithful Service

Read more about Gladys Austgen's Retirement Celebration on page 7.

All Saints Day November 4th.



From Paper Clip to Lawnmower. Find out how on page 6.



Keep in touch with Shepherd of the Bay activities while you are away this winter at shepherdofthebay.org. Watch Sermons, read the latest newsletter and even make a donation. See more on page 5.



Dear Faithful Followers of Jesus,

The old saw goes, "The only thing that's certain is death and taxes." I'd add one to that list. It's certain in an imperfect world, change is a constant. And here at Shepherd of the Bay, change is still coming down the pike.

We announced at the recent Semi-annual congregational meeting that Judy Jackson and Greg Beem have agreed to take the music staff positions permanently. While Gladys has certainly left large shoes to fill, we are confident that with Judy and Greg at the helm, we will continue to enjoy outstanding worship and music at Shepherd of the Bay. Rather than having a director of music position, Judy and Greg will each have separate responsibilities and will collaborate on others. Judy carries the title and responsibilities of Principal Pianist and Sanctuary Choir director; Greg carries the title and responsibilities of Principal Organist and Bell Choir Director. There are other responsibilities that Judy and Greg will collaborate on, and as we will continue to work as a team for worship planning. I have enjoyed working with both of them over the past year and a half, and look forward to a long and rich partnership.

We also made the announcement that Jane Burress has announced her retirement effective in May of 2019. Jane will continue to do the work of leading our family and youth ministries until then; she has made the announcement early in order to give us plenty of time to find a new staff person for that work. I have so enjoyed working with Jane and have found her to be such a gift to our congregation and the community. She has a real heart for the people she serves. Again, she leaves large shoes to fill.

Fall in congregations across the country ushers in the conversation about the annual fall giving campaign. While some folks find talk of money and budgets to be unpleasant, I don't. I recognize that giving our money is simply part of being a member of a congregation. We do things together for the sake of the gospel and for the sake of God's intentions for our community and the world that we could not do on our own; we do them together. And they require money. We plan and lead and gather every Lord's Day for worship. We sing and listen and pray because that's what Christians do. We meet around God's gifts because we know that's where God equips us for our life in the world. Between Sundays, we study the bible and form the faith of our children and organize ourselves to meet the needs of the poor and the oppressed and the lonely and the sick. We open our doors to people from the community each week.

We give, not because of a moral obligation or duty, but because we are so overwhelmed by the goodness of God in our own lives that we simply must give back a portion of what God gives as an expression of our deep gratitude for God's goodness. This is the spirit of generosity that brings much joy in the giving. God is good. God still calls us to be generous people. The practice of generosity still brings much joy to the giver. Frederick Buechner has written, "Generosity begins at the crossroads where your deep joys and passions intersect with the world's deep needs, blessing you with the opportunity to live life graciously and with integrity."

What better way to express our reliance on God and not on things than to give our money away? I've always been inspired by the story of the construction of the church building at Grace Lutheran Church in River Forest, Illinois. In the early twentieth century, in the midst of the extraordinary economic optimism of the Roaring 20's, the church began to make plans for a grand new building that they believed would serve them for years to come as they served the community around them. Between the time when they planned to build and had all the plans drawn up, something significant happened in the world around them. The stock market crash of 1929 happened, ushering in what would come to be known as The Great Depression. The leaders of the church had a decision to make. Should we build or wait until after the economy turns around? They placed the decision before the membership of the church. And the church decided to build anyway. Though economic circumstances had changed, nothing had changed regarding the call from God or the need for their ministry. So they built.

I've experienced that can-do spirit here at Shepherd of the Bay. With your support, we will continue to touch the lives of hundreds of people each week. As we begin the process to fund the ministry that we believe God is calling us to do, I'm confident that all of us together will continue to demonstrate generosity; and we will know the joy and satisfaction of giving.

Blessings to all as we do the work of the church together!

Peace,

Pr. Jim Honig

Thank you to all of you who welcomed Amy Kohnle from United Way at the Mission potluck on September 11. Although we were few in number I know together we will help many folks in our county. I would also like to thank Grace Rossman for organizing the potluck and arranging to have Amy as our speaker.

Have you noticed the new look of the WELCA bulletin board in the Narthex? This was the creative talent of Barb Tuttle. Thank you Barb!

The quilts have been all boxed up and will be shipped out soon. I hope everyone was able to see them when they were displayed in the sanctuary. Thank you to all who contributed to the shipping of the quilts, you were very generous. The new quilting season will begin on October 25th at 9:15am in the fellowship hall. Please consider joining this fun and productive group. Call Barb Tuttle for more information (920)883-7011.

If anyone would be interested in planning a birthday party for the residents of the care center at Scand on the 4th Thursday in February please call me 854-1133. WELCA has run the February birthday party under the capable hands of Virginia Henz and others for many years, but she is ready to pass this on to someone new. I would hate to have to tell Scand we can no longer do this. Please prayerfully consider this.

Put **November 6th** on your calendar. This is the date for the Women's retreat at Bjorklunden Pastor Jim will be leading us once again. The subject is **Women and Justice-One in Christ**. Watch the bulletin for sign up and more information.

The **WELCA HARVEST TABLE** continues on Sundays after worship until the end of the month.

OPPORTUNITIES

ATTEND a BIBLE STUDY Monday Morning Bible Study with Ken

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 Bonnie Hanson at jnbhanson@gmail.com or the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com. When e-mail is not possible, call Bonnie Hanson at 854-5569 or (763) 567-9559 or Cheri Boock at 854-5493.

BOOK CLUB October 18th at 9:30. They will be discussing **The Elephant Whisperer** by Lawrence Anthony. Call Gretchen Farwell (854-6203) for more information.

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 is being used to buy gift cards from the Piggly Wiggly to give to those in need.

The WELCA Board Meeting will be **October 9th at 1:00pm, in the parlor.**

We will set up for the potluck immediately following the meeting.

OCT. EVENTS

October 1,8,15,22, 29

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

October 9

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

October 18

- **Book Club**
- see next page for details

October 25

- **Quilting begins**



MEAL MINISTRY
contact for
September
is

Pat Skogsbakken
(920) 854-1133

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.

SOCIAL 6

New



groups are now organized for September – November. If you would like to be in the next groups call Cathy Mangan (854-4215) for

WELCA Book Group

Here are the books we will be reading in the following months. Please join us! Call Gretchen Farwell for more info 854-6203.

Meeting on **October 18th** at Raetta Mirgain's - We are going to try again for The Elephant Whisperer: my life with the herd in the African wild, by Lawrence Anthony, with Graham Spence.

Meeting on **November 15** (Place TBD) - Before We Were Yours, by Lisa Wingate - . This novel is based on a real-life scandal involving the kidnapping of poor children and selling them to wealthy families. This book is still a hot item for the Library system with 99 holds on one of the copies, but again they will be purchasing additional copies, and we have until November, so please put your name of the list for this one as well.

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER



STEPHEN MINISTRY

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Are you hurting? Do you wish that you could talk with someone who cares? Stephens Ministry is here to listen. All conversations are confidential and are meant to offer comfort, just as Christ comforts us.

Contact Stan Whiteman, Pastor Jim or the church office for more information on how Stephen Ministry can help you.



Food Collection Sundays

As you know, the first Sunday of every month is Food Collection Day. We collect canned goods and items for the local food pantry. Some months, we are going to focus on more specific items but you are always welcome to donate whatever you like each month. Some items are in high demand at the food pantries and we may not realize it.

Things we will be focusing on include:

- Feminine Products - Can you imagine being worried about affording these? Tampons, panty liners, etc.
- Baby toiletries - Diapers (especially size 4 & 5), wipes, shampoo, soap, etc.
- Protein Items - Canned meats, tuna, chicken, salmon, canned chili or beef stew, peanut butter, etc.
- Toiletries - Food stamps often don't cover these. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.
- Breakfast & Lunch items for kids - Juice boxes, applesauce containers, granola bars, instant oatmeal, low-sugar cereal.

Here is the collection schedule for the next few months:

- October - Feminine Hygiene products & Diapers - Tampons, Diapers (Size 4 & 5), Diaper Wipes
(Part of this collection will go to HELP of Door County)
- November - Protein Items - Canned tuna, chicken, salmon, canned chili & beef stew, peanut butter, beans, etc.
- December - Toiletries - Individually wrapped bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste (& toothbrushes), deodorant, etc.

We always welcome food donations of every kind no matter what the theme is for that month. We also will always take cash donations/Piggly Wiggly Cards to give out to purchase fresh fruit/veg, milk, bread, etc. With another cold winter looming some people are forced to choose between heat and food. Thanks for helping to feed and care for those in need Northern Door County!

Donate your Old Cell Phones

We are collecting old cell phones for HELP of Door County. They recycle them and get credit towards new phones that can be given to domestic violence victims who need them. There is a basket in the narthex for the phones or you can drop them off in the church office.

Updated Shepherd of the Bay website!



Go to shepherdofthebay.org to:

- See the latest **sermons**.
- Find the current and the last few issues of the **Parish Door**.
- Send a **prayer request**.
- Read the Latest News about the **Sanctuary Technology Update**.
- See the **Calendar**.
- See the **WELCA calendar** of events
- Find times for the services and upcoming **events**.
- Sign up and **manage your online giving**.
- Access the updated **Directory** of current members and friends of SOTB.

See lots of photos of what is happening!



Blessing of the Quilts

On Sunday, September 16, 146 quilts were blessed in preparation for sending them off to Lutheran World Relief. They will be sent around the USA and the world in response to disasters and to those in need. Please continue to pray for the ladies who will receive these quilts to keep them and their families warm and dry.

Thanks to everyone who has donated fabric, cut fabric sewn tops, tied knots and hemmed the quilts.

If you would like to join the Knotty Quilters, we will begin again on October 25th meeting every Thursday from 9:15a to 1:00p. Light lunch and coffee break are provided. (We are Lutheran).



Youth and Family Ministry News

from Jane Burress



God's Work, Our Hands Sunday: Thank you to Kristi /Jamie Appel, Sylvia/Nick Davis, the Gaddes Family, Taylor Chomeau, Kaitlin Gieseier, Rae/Elsie Jungwirth, Zoe Armbruster, Abby Nelson, Cailey Reisen, and Guiseppe Mercier for helping with trail maintenance and picking up litter at Newport and Peninsula State Park.

Thank you to Linda/Dave Smith, Barb Meyer, Ann Birnschein, Abby Nelson, and Vanessa Demarinis for helping with the **Fall Challenge Fundraiser**. The youth will receive \$400 for their time from Peninsula Pacers.



Thank you to Helene Anderson, Jeremy Schwab, and Cathy Henry for driving our senior high around on their first night of youth group. Each team was given a paper clip to trade for something bigger and better. Each team traded over and over and came back with an 8 foot pallet, a lawn mower, and a boat. Who needs money when you have a paper clip! Thank you to Helene Anderson and Eloise Lindem for contributing to the meal.



Thank you to John Skogsbakken, Tina Torcivia, and Cooper Gaddes for helping with the water station at the **Hey, Hey 5k**. The youth will receive \$200 for their efforts.

Friends in Faith met for dinner and devotions. Thank you to the ninth graders and their mentors for providing food. Thank you to Barb Meyer and Eloise Lindem for helping with clean-up.



October 3: Our first Story Hour of the season is at 10a.m.

Reminder:

Wonderful Wednesday begins after school.

Confirmation begins after school.

NO high school youth group due to Homecoming Bonfire





MUSIC NOTES

Dear Shepherd of the Bay Friends,

Thank you so much for a wonderful retirement party with chocolate cake. It was super! It was a blessing to be out of the hospital and to be able to share a service with all of you. These past 26 years flew by as SOTB grew and many musicians shared their talents to honor the Lord. We are so blessed to have a fantastic choir with great musicians; Judy Jackson and Greg Beem.

How do you find the words to say thank you?

September 1992, Jeanne Aurelius's mom, Dottie Svien retired as choir director and organist from Trinity Lutheran in Ellison Bay and Zion Lutheran in Sister Bay. I was hired as her replacement. I had never been in a Lutheran church before, so I had a lot to learn. I thought I was hired to teach new music, but let me share a few things God has impressed on my heart about the Lutheran tradition and specifically how God has used this congregation in my faith journey.

1. I have been touched by the corporate style of worship and the importance of stating our affirmation of Faith on a weekly basis to keep us focused as to why we come together. We come to worship and praise God.
2. I have been touched by the importance that each and every week we remind each other that, "The peace of God be with you." ...and that you are now entering the mission field...so share the love and peace of God with others.
3. The churches I grew up in, communion was served while being seated. I have been touched in the going forward weekly to receive communion and the importance of each person hearing, "The body of Christ given for you...The blood of Christ shed for you."
4. I have also been touched by naming people in our prayers each week in the service by all. And especially your prayers for me these past few months.

When I wasn't able to direct the choir, play the piano, or even sing these past few months, God used your voices to minister to my soul through your songs of praise, healing, forgiveness, and words of prayer. Thank you for 26 wonderful years. For the laughter, the memories, the dedication, and you! I couldn't have asked for a better choir to lead and a better church family to worship with.

So you see, I did not teach you, but you taught me.

God bless you all.
Gladys Austgen



Seasons of Love

Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Minutes

Thirteen Million Six Hundred Sixty Five Thousand moments so dear

Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Minutes

How do you measure, measure 26 years?

- In Choir practices
- In Bell ringing
- In Pizza nights
- In Funerals and Concerts



- In Christmas programs
- The Fifth Quarter
- In Chocolate
- In laughter and tears



It's time now to sing out
Tho' the story never ends
Let's celebrate

Remember 26 years in the life of friends.

Thirteen Million, Six Hundred Sixty Five Thousand Six Hundred Minutes

How do you measure, measure 26 years?

How about Love
Remember the love
Measure, measure your life in love
Seasons of love

(Parody from "Seasons of Love" from RENT the musical)



The month of October brings cooler weather, ushering in the beginning of winter migration of birds and "snowbirds" alike, the first wearing of the Sanctuary Choir robes on Sunday mornings and the weekly Thursday evening choir rehearsals at Shepherd of the Bay. You may have noticed that some of our regular singers have already left their seats in the choir loft in pursuit of warmer weather and other adventures at their winter addresses. BUT THIS MIGHTY SANCTUARY CHOIR CONTINUES TO SING EVERY SUNDAY MORNING OF THE YEAR ... AND WE ARE ISSUING AN INVITATION TO HAVE YOU SING WITH US!

There is a place waiting for you in the choir loft! Here is some information for your consideration:

- Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 8:00. You don't have to reserve your seat, just come and add your voice to your Shepherd of the Bay sanctuary choir.
- There are no auditions for membership in this group of singers. You merely need a love of singing!
- You will be fitted for a good-looking robe to wear on Sunday mornings.
- You will be given your own music folder, holding all your personal copies of music.
- Pencils will be provided!
- Long-term commitments are not necessary to sing with the choir! Try singing with us for a month, a season, a year!
- You need not be a soloist or a great music reader. This amazing choir is made up of singers JUST LIKE YOU! We all help each other sing better and more confidently in this group!
- You will find great friends, abundant laughter & tremendous satisfaction in singing with the choir.

If you are interested (even a little bit curious), I hope you will consider joining us on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. I believe you will really like singing with this group. I know you would find a welcome home in the sanctuary choir.

A personal note of thanks goes out to the SOTB Council. They have asked me to accept the responsibility of Sanctuary Choir Director, in addition to my position as Principal Pianist at our church. I have humbly and gratefully accepted their very kind offer and I ask God to help me in this new endeavor. I also would ask you to join me in creating beautiful musical moments in the life of our church. Please let me know of your interests and abilities, both vocal and instrumental. There is room for us all to share our many gifts at Shepherd.

See you in church.

Judy Jackson



To all our Shepherd of the Bay Handbell Enthusiasts

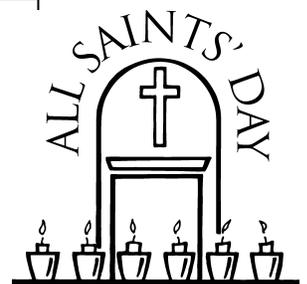
We are in the process of rebuilding our Handbell ministry here at Shepherd of the Bay but in order to develop a successful bell ensemble, it is important to see who is interested in being a part of this wonderful ministry. Note reading is helpful but not necessary. Whether you have experience with bell ringing or not, we have a place for you.

In order to can make this an enjoyable time for everyone involved, we will start at the very beginning with a some "Handbell 101" and from there build up the ensemble step by step. If you are interested in being a part of the Shepherd of the Bay ringers, now is the time to join in on the fun! Just let me know by contacting at 854-3530.

All Saints Day Candles

This year, All Saints Day will be Sunday, November 4th. We will again lighting candles to remember those church members, family members and friends who have died since last November 2017.

If you would like to remember someone by lighting a candle, please call the church office at 920-854-2988 or by email at sotboffice@yahoo.com.



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, Jon Hanson, 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.

Building Maintenance

- Siding Cleaning** – Thank you Tim West for cleaning a section of the siding on the north side of the Choir Room. This area is under the pine tree and gets extremely dirty. It looks much better now.
- Picnic Tables Power Washed** – Thank you Dennis Piatek for power washing the 5 picnic tables used by the youth outside the Choir Room. They have since been moved into the new Bus Garage/Storage Building to protect them from the winter weather. They'll look brand new come Spring.
- Squeaky Fan Belt** - replaced a squeaky fan belt in the AC/Furnace Blower that is nearest the Choir Loft in the Sanctuary. The squeak was not "In-Tune" with the Choir or instruments.
- Inoperable Soap Dispenser Replaced** – The hand soap dispenser in the rear woman's restroom has been replaced. The old one worked sporadically or not at all, even after changing the batteries.
- WELCA Storage Closet** – a couple of wall brackets were installed to allow a place for the seasonal short banners used in the Fellowship Hall to be stored. The closet is on the 2nd floor near the west stairway.
- Woman's Narthex Restroom Purse Shelf** – One of the folding purse shelves had a broken spring and would no longer fold up to allow the door to open. The shelf has been temporarily removed while I search for a new spring. The yellow "Caution" sign is covering the 2 bolts used to mount the shelf so no one catches their clothing on the exposed bolts. Thank you for your patience.

Bus Garage/Storage Building - The construction of the building is now complete. The Electrical work, Final Inspection, finish grading and finished gravel on the driveways is all that remains to be done before we can move-in. I'm confident that this new facility will be especially appreciated by our Bus drivers this winter. We will be moving all the Garden Club equipment and the Youth activities stuff outside the Parlor into the new building after the Electrical work and Final Inspection are complete.

Garden Club – Thank to all that have organized, volunteered and provided the food and coffee this season. The grounds look fantastic! Especially after the drought this summer. Everything is green and lush. We still have a few weeks of work remaining, so if you have some time Thursday mornings at 8:30am, we'll be working.

Fall Inside Workday – Thursday, Oct 4th @ 8:30am

Here is the opportunity that you have all been eagerly been anticipating. It's time to clean some of the nooks and crannies of the church that require an extra pair of hands. No experience necessary, will train. Coffee and snacks will be provided to keep everyone hydrated and fueled

Thank you for volunteering to spend an hour or all morning with us.

Thomas Tuttle
Chair Buildings and Grounds

World Marketplace

It is a good time to stock up on FairTrade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate before you head to warmer climates for the winter. If you don't see what you need, please ask Carol in the church office. We can order it for you before you leave.

Check out the World Marketplace shop down the hall. Along with many unique one of a kind gifts, you'll also find a wide selection of the ever popular Christmas gifts: scarves, fun jewelry, and Nativities.



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting Sept. 17, 2018

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

Absent: Scott Henry

Also present: Werner Krause, Edee Madsen, Sue Meredith, Gayle George

Call to order 4:57pm

Opening prayer by Carl Jackson

Werner Krause gave a presentation regarding a proposal to create an endowment fund called "Reserve for Major Repairs and Replacements".

Edee Madsen, Sue Meredith and Gayle George presented a proposal for Klau's Pantry. A free food pantry that would be stocked by Edee Madsen and Sue Meredith with nonperishable food items available to anyone in need, located outside of the church in a covered cabinet. Discussion from the Council about the possible location and also the possibility of having a space within the church provided for Klau's Pantry.

The minutes from the last Council Meeting approved.

Meeting moved into Executive Session

Meeting returned to Regular Session

Pastor Honig and Holly Thomas presented new and updated job descriptions for :

Principal Pianist and Director of the Sanctuary Choir and

Principal Organist and Director of the Bell Choir

Motion was made & approved the job description of Principal Pianist and Director of the Sanctuary Choir and to approve the hiring of Judy Jackson for this position at the agreed upon wage and benefits. Motion was made & approved the job description of Principal Organist and Director of the Bell Choir and to approve the hiring of Greg Beem for this position at the agreed upon wage and benefits.

Ron Hupe presented the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Property and Grounds report was presented to the Council via email from Tom Tuttle. The Council discussed a request through the P&G Committee about the possibility of putting Christmas lights on select evergreen trees around the church during the Holiday season. Discussion about putting ADA access on the back doors of the church.

Pastor Honig presented his report to the Council via email. The Council discussed a date to begin the Fall Campaign, including mailing and pledge cards. It was decided that would begin on Sunday, October 21st. Pastor received notice from Lynne Buchner that Sunday School will be held from 10:30-11:15.

No Worship and Music Report

Jane Burress presented the Education and Youth report via email.

No outreach Report

No Capital Campaign report

Committee Reports approved.

The Council discussed the technology upgrade rollout. Pastor Honig will be speaking about the specifics at the semi-annual meeting at church on Sunday, September 23rd. A decision was made to publicly acknowledge the members who are financing the upgrades. A gift was given from Don and Lynne Luker for \$35,000.00 and from Carl and Judy Jackson for \$55,000.00.

Alicia Kropuenske presented information from a meeting that was held to discuss coffee hour. She reported they had a productive meeting and discussed kitchen sanitation, procedures, coffee hour expectations as well as working on a binder to include all instructions and information for coffee hour. The list of monthly volunteers was also updated.

The Council was presented with a resignation letter from Jane Burress. Jane will be retiring after 20 years on May 19, 2019. The Council discussed how lucky we have been to have Jane for that long and all the wonderful things she has done for the youth at SOTB.

The Council discussed the Klau's Pantry proposal. A motion was made and approved to accept the Klau's Pantry proposal to put a pantry box at SOTB with a location to be determined after a meeting with the Property and Grounds Committee.

Pastor Honig discussed that a Policy Manual for SOTB has been found. Council will explore that manual at the next meeting.

Discussion of the semi-annual meeting to be held September 23rd, 2018. Discussion of what would be presented at that meeting. Items discussed include: Tech report, music staffing, Jane Burress resignation, capital campaign, fall campaign, budget. Select Council members will be speaking at the meeting. There will be no coffee hour next Sunday due to the meeting.

A huge thank you to everyone who worked on the retirement party for Gladys Austgen. We would especially like to thank Barb Tuttle, Myrma Howard, Dick Burress and Cheryl Becht. We know that many people were involved and don't want to forget anyone. The party was a great success and we are so thankful to everyone involved and most especially Gladys for all of her years of faithful service.

•Motion to adjourn at 6:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Sitte , Secretary



Guatemala Mission Trip 2019

Help Wanted!!!

We will be selling Walking Tacos and Chili at Fall Fest in Sister Bay, Oct. 12-14 to raise money for the Guatemala Mission Trip. Can you help by working a 2 hour shift on Friday, Saturday or Sunday? Talk to John or Nora Zacek (854-4890) for more information and to sign up for a time. Thank You!!!!

The dates for the next Mission Trip to Guatemala are March 22-30, 2019. The average cost per person to go on the trip is \$2000. This includes airfare, all meals and lodging in Guatemala, insurance and the projects we will complete for the Mayan people. Much of this cost is paid for by the participants but a lot is collected through fundraising.

So far this summer, we have manned water stations for a half marathon and a triathlon. (Did you know that many of the races held in Door County pay nonprofit organizations for their help?) We also sold walking tacos at Sister Bay's MarinaFest and Fall Fest. We have collected school supplies for the children and the Quilters have made some warm blankets to give to the widows.

There is much work to be done. As always, we ask for you to pray for those going and for those with whom we will be sharing the love of God.

John & Nora Zacek

Please contact us at 854-4890 or 421-3346

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."

Ushers :

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help usher or contact Cheryl Becht.

OCTOBER

Oct. 7	OPEN
Oct. 14	Don & Lynne Luker
Oct. 21	Scott & Marcia Eckdahl
Oct. 28	OPEN

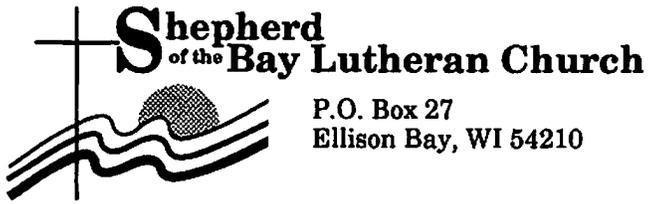
NOVEMBER

Nov. 4	Scott & Marcia Eckdahl
Nov. 11.	OPEN
Nov. 18.	Rod Synnes & OPEN
Nov. 25.	Rod Synnes & OPEN

DECEMBER

Dec. 2	OPEN
Dec. 9	OPEN
Dec. 16	OPEN
Dec. 23	OPEN
Dec. 24	OPEN
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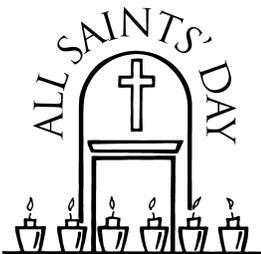
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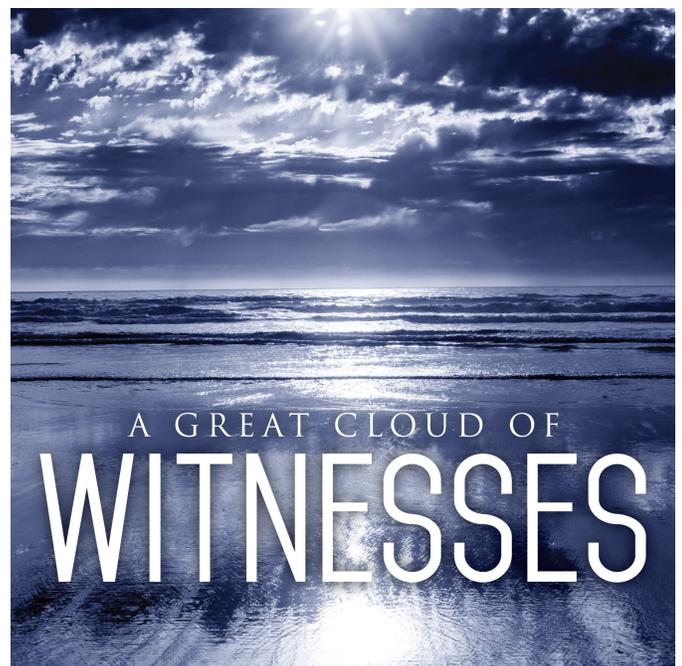
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All Saints Day Candles

This year, All Saints Day will be Sunday, November 4th. We will again lighting candles to remember those church members, family members and friends who have died since last November 2017.



If you would like to remember someone by lighting a candle, please call the church office at 920-854-2988 or by email at sotboffice@yahoo.com.



Lessons for October



Oct. 7 : Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson : Genesis 2:18-24

Second Lesson : Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Introduction to the readings: Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Oct. 14 : Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Introduction to the readings: The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Oct. 21 : Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Introduction to the readings: Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Oct. 28 : Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Introduction to the readings: Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Readers :

Oct. 7	Lynne Luker
Oct. 14	Carolyn Hitzeman
Oct. 21	Scott Henry
Oct. 28	OPEN

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November - Carol Williams
December - Bob & Sharon Pluff