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All Saints' Day

This year, All Saints' Day will be Sunday, November 7th. We will be remembering those church members who have died in the last 2 years, since November 2019.

If you would like to remember friends or family members by having their name read in the service, please call the church office at 920-854-2988 and leave a message or by email at sotboffice@yahoo.com by Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

Sunday Morning Worship

Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 9:30am in the sanctuary, parking lot, or in your own home.

We will continue live streaming our Sunday morning Worship Service on shepherdofthebay.org/services beginning at 9:15am. We will post a recorded version of the live streamed service on our website for viewing later.

As a third option, you can continue to listen on your radio in your car from the parking lot.

Communion will be available.

Donations to Afghan Refugees

Our donations of towels and socks were combined with donations from other area churches and delivered to Fort McCoy, WI. Read the full story on page 5.



Shepherd of the Bay Women of the ELCA

DRIVE-THRU SPAGHETTI
DONATIONS ONLY
BE GENEROUS

Sat., OCT 2 – 4:30-6:30
Shepherd of the Bay Church - Ellison Bay
PROCEEDS to Door Co. Partnership for Housing
-and-Northern Door Childcare Center and Door Cancer

Throughout the history of the church, followers of Jesus have been called on to make important decisions about God's call and how they live out that call.

There's a dramatic story in Acts 10 and 11. The kernel of the story is the early church in Jerusalem trying to decide if Gentiles should be fully included in the fellowship of the church. It doesn't start well. As someone who grew up fully in fellowship of Jewish people and his Jewish ancestors and traditions, Peter couldn't imagine that Gentiles could be included without also adhering to the rules and practices and pieties that had long marked Jewish people. Circumcision. Dietary laws like refraining from certain meats. Worshiping exclusively in the synagogue.

Yet through a series of visitations, dreams, and conversations, Peter became convinced of what he had previously held as unthinkable — that Gentile followers of Jesus could be fully included without circumcision and dietary laws and such. It all came to a head at what's known as the Jerusalem Council. You can read about that in Acts 15. It's really a dramatic story of give and take, sharing opinions, even, as Luke writes, "no small dissension and debate." In the end, the church opened its doors wide to both Jew and Gentile.

It wasn't so much a decision that those early apostles made. It was more like a process of prayer and conversation, always with ears of heart and mind open to listening to the voice of the Spirit and the leading of God. That process of listening for the voice of the Spirit and God's leading is a holy practice that the church has called discernment.

Discernment is the capacity to recognize and respond to the presence and activity of God. It is a process that involves careful listening to one another in the community of faith, and listening for God's leading in that conversation. It's not the same as decision-making. Decision-making tends to be pretty quick and clinical. Weigh the options, pro and con, and make a decision. Discernment is a give and take, back and forth, always allowing time and space to let conversations sink in and to check one another to make sure we are listening with a posture of openness. We engage the conversation and the listening with a firm trust that God will lead us, God will speak to us, and that God wants the best for us. As we've talked about in the Acts sermon series, it is a process that is bathed in prayer. Discernment happens most wonderfully in communities that are praying communities. Discernment involves discovering a variety of options for moving forward, many of which may never have been thought of, but arise through the deep conversations that the community engages. It also involves gathering information and a realistic assessment of the current state of the community.

In October, we at Shepherd of the Bay will enter into our own version of holy conversation. Our early conversations will not engage any of the questions we will eventually have to address, questions about identity and purpose. These first gatherings will, rather, give us a chance to grow in our relationships with God and with each other, establishing a trust that is crucial for communities of faith. They will give us practice in talking with each other about things that are important to us.

So, mark your calendars for Sunday, October 17. At 7:00 on that Sunday evening, we will gather for a time of fellowship, fun, and conversation. And as we engage in that conversation, the Spirit will be at work, knitting us together, deepening our bonds of love and understanding and preparing us for a time of discernment. Let me emphasize: these gatherings will be fun; they will draw us closer to one another; as we get to know each other better, both our individual and our corporate lives will be richer. For that richness to flow into each of our lives, all of us are invited to participate. We'll have sign-up sheets in the bulletin and the narthex on October 3 and October 10. We'll also have a Zoom session on Tuesday evening, October 19 at 7:00 for those who are out of the area and would also like to be part of the conversation.

Please keep our congregation, our ministry, and this evening of conversation in your prayers, asking God to bless our ministry through this holy practice.



A new season, new beginnings, new opportunities

As I gaze out my window, evidence of a new season appears at every glance. Autumn has officially arrived, with its cooler temperatures, crisp fragrances carried by gentle (and not so gentle) breezes, hungry birds at the feeders and the trees displaying magnificent bursts of multi-colored leaves. How lovely!

Being a musician, words and tunes often tumble around my consciousness in response to what I see around me and today is no exception. This African American Spiritual, with its energy and optimism, is occupying my thoughts today, so I might as well share it with you! Perhaps you will sing it with me!

GREAT DAY (from "American Negro Songs" by J. W. Work, 1940)

Great day!
Great day, the righteous marching
Great day
God's going to build up Zion's walls.

Chariot rode on the mountain top
God's going to build up Zion's walls
My God spoke and the chariot stop
God's going to build up Zion's walls

This is the day of jubilee
God's going to build up Zion's walls
The Lord has set His people free
God's going to build up Zion's walls

We want no cowards in our band
God's going to build up Zion's walls
We call for valiant hearted men
God's going to build up Zion's walls

Going to take my breast-plate, sword and shield
God's going to build up Zion's walls
And march boldly in the field
God's going to build up Zion's walls

Great day!
Great day, the righteous marching
Great day
God's going to build up Zion's walls.

For a very special treat, go to YouTube and type in "Jessye Norman Great Day" and prepare to be carried away by this inspiring artist's triumphant, joyful singing. My day will be full of her voice and the powerful delivery of the text.

We are now in a new choral season at Shepherd of the Bay. Summer "Choir-lite" on Sunday mornings is being augmented by regular rehearsals held on Thursday afternoons, from 4:00 until 5:30 during the week. Instead of quickly rehearsing our anthem before the worship service begins (twenty minutes ... sort of like changing your oil at Quick Lube), we now can embrace new anthems in a more complete fashion. What a luxury!

So here is your invitation to come and sing with the Sanctuary Choir for this new season! If you like to sing, there will be a place for you in the choir loft. Our community of singers will welcome you to the musical family with open arms. You do not have to be a trained singer or even know how to read music very well. We are all imperfect singers who, through the miracle of choral singing, help each other to create a beautiful sound together. Please come and "try us out" for a season. I believe you will find a welcome place in our choral community in the choir loft.

It will be a *Great Day ... God's going to build up Zion's walls ...* at Shepherd of the Bay and in our larger community of believers. It's a new season, with new expectations and possibilities just waiting for us! *Great Day!*

The ladies of WELCA are presenting their **last spaghetti dinner of the year on Saturday, October 2nd, from 4:30 to 6:30.** This is a drive-through, donation only event featuring a full take-home dinner with our legendary spaghetti sauce. Speaking of sauce, should we have any remaining at the end of the night, we'll offer quarts of it the following day at church. Proceeds from the event will go to the Door County Partnership for Housing, Northern Door Childcare, and Door Cancer, so please be generous.

The WELCA Quilter donated over 100 quilts to the Afghan Refugees at Fort McCoy in an effort organized by area quilt shops and the WI National Guard. Also donated were 39 blankets and quilts that were designated for the Guatemala Mission Trip. If you would like to help make more quilts for those in need, please join the **Quilters beginning on Oct. 21st at 9:30am** in the Fellowship Hall.

On **November 9th from 9 till 2**, we'll be convening in the fellowship hall for a **WELCA retreat**, led by our own youth and family educator Lynda Pietruska. We'll be exploring our own **personal faith milestones**, so start thinking about what events in your life have formed your faith and bring an artifact that reminds you of it. There'll be lunch, of course. You can sign up by calling Cathy Mangan at 854-4215 or filling out a registration form at church. The cost is \$20. We're looking forward to this time together, keeping health and safety in mind.

Thanks for your support of WELCA's ministry.

Grace Rossman, WELCA president

WELCA Prayer Chain

The WELCA Prayer Chain continues to serve all the members and friends of SOTB for prayer requests.

To send a Prayer Request:

1. Send an email to Cheri Boock at cheriboock@gmail.com
2. State the request with wording that you want for the request. Make sure you have received permission from the person in need of the request.
3. The request will be sent when received by Cheri.
4. The Prayer Chain members always are glad to receive a report of how the person is doing as they are sending out their prayers, so if you request a prayer for someone, please let us know how that person is doing.

If you want to be included as a recipient of the Prayer Chain, and pray for those in need, contact Cheri Boock at 920-854-5493 or cell 920-421-1210 or the above email.

Book Selections for Shepherd of the Bay Book Group

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

October 21, 2021

Quinn, Kate. **The Alice Network.** A novel about women spies in France during WWI who are part of the "Alice" network. **Place to be Decided.**

November 18, 2021

Wingate, Lisa. **The Book of Lost Friends.** Fictional story of three women after the Civil War in the Deep South who are traveling from Louisiana to Texas on searches known only to each. Their stories are discovered in 1987 by a young woman teaching in a Mississippi River town.

Operation Wisconsin Joy

Thank you for your strong participation in the Afghan Refugee Assistance project known as Operation Wisconsin Joy. It's hard to quantify demonstrations of love and care, and saying "we filled a trailer" doesn't do it justice. Still, for the sake of understanding what our working together accomplished, here are some really basic stats:

- Afghan Refugees at Fort McCoy - 13,000
- Supplies sent from Door County - mostly-filled a 10' enclosed trailer
- Supplies sent from Green Bay - filled a 26' moving truck
- At least 9 churches in Door County did an intentional "drive" to gather items for this cause. Individuals from other churches and from the community-at-large also GREATLY contributed.

Before sending the goods to Green Bay, volunteers grouped like-items and labeled boxes to keep them from having to do that work.

Stay tuned for further opportunities to be a neighbor.
For now, thank you.



Water Station for Guatemala

The Mission team is looking for 10-12 volunteers to help with a water station for the Door County Half marathon on Saturday, October 30 from 9:00 - 11:35am.



The race is held in Peninsula State Park and our station will be across the road from the Cemetery. Anyone 5th grade or older can help hand out cups of water and gatorade to the runners. We can raise \$500 for our mission in Guatemala.

For more information or to sign up talk to Carol O. in the church office (920-854-2988) or sotboffice@yahoo.com.





Youth and Family Ministry News

from Lynda Pietruszka

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

A Shout Out and Thank You very, very much to those who were able to adopt a bench as part of building our outdoor space as well as help support our fundraising effort to get our youth to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next Summer! Come out to the picnic area and check out our benches and watch for a blessing date!! Also, thank you to the Youth and the following "Carpenters" who helped to build the benches: John Skogsbakken, Joel Thomas, Tom Tuttle, Jerry Mudrock, Werner Krause, and Tim West.



Sunday, Oct. 3rd, we celebrate a "Milestone" as our incoming 7th grade Confirmation Students and our 3rd and 4th grade students receive their Bibles. Please join us in worship for this special time.

Sunday School in the Tree House

For ages 4 through grade 5

Upstairs in our "Tree House"! Designed as a one room school house and follows the church lectionary so our families can share at home what they heard both in worship and in Sunday School! Children begin worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. with their families, and retreat to the tree house after Children's message with Lynda. For the fall season, we are wrapping up at 10:30 a.m. Parents please sign your children out at pick up time. We follow all Gibraltar School District protocols for health and safety.

- 10/3 Adam and Eve, Genesis 2:4-25
- 10/10 A Rich Man's ?'s, Mark 10:17-31
- 10/17 James and John, Mark 10:35-45
- 10/24 Bartimaeus Sees, Mark 10:46-52
- 10/31 A Message from God, Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Little Lambs Bible Story Time

For infants, toddlers, preschoolers,
and their care providers

We will begin meeting in person every **Wednesday** morning from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.! Each hour includes time to visit with fellow care providers, free play, Bible story, music, snack, and art to take home! Masks and other safety protocols remain in place. To register, please contact Lynda at 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com.

- 10/6 Parenting Chat and "Creation Stations"
God Created Animals!
- 10/13 God Made Me Special!
- 10/20 Who is Jesus?
- 10/27 Harvest Festival!

Wonderful Wednesdays "Journey Together"

For school children grades 1-6, preregister to ride the Gibraltar School Bus to Shepherd of the Bay, after school each first and third Wednesday of the month for a special time of being together, learning and growing in faith, and having a blast all at the same time! Music, snacks, arts and crafts, stories, service to the community, games, and more! We follow Gibraltar School District protocol for health and safety. Parent pickup/sign out at the front entry way (Narthex) at 5:30 p.m. For registration and more information/questions, contact Lynda at 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

- 10/6 Journey Kick Off! When we journey together, we learn new things, build community, and grow in faith! We'll receive our official "hiking stix" tonight!
- 10/20 The B.I.B.L.E., like a library of 66 books to share God's Word with us! We'll receive a pumpkin prayer and a harvest treat tonight!

Coming up in November!

Sign up to begin rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Program!

High School Youth Group Students in grades 9-12

We will meet in a variety of spaces and places the **2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month** and on special occasions, like service opportunities, fundraising ops, winter retreat, National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July of 2022! Stay tuned to your email, text message, SOTB newsletter and youth face book page for updated information!

10/13!! 6:30 p.m. Come Hungry around the Fire! We'll check in our summer highs and lows, and check out all the upcoming events and choices for the upcoming year!!

10/27!! 6:30 p.m. Harvest Outing!!

Confirmation

Students in grades 7 and 8

Catch the Shepherd of the Bay Van after school **each Wednesday** evening until 5:30 p.m.

Encounter, Engage, Respond!! Pastor Jim and Lynda alternate guiding students, digging deeper into the Bible, The Creed, Discipleship, The Trinity, Lutheran Traditions, Other Belief systems, and getting to the hard questions. We'll serve in the community, as well as plan to go to camp together at Imago Dei in the Summer of 2022!! If you were not able to attend the Cowboy Campfire Confirmation Supper on 9/29 please contact Lynda to register for Confirmation. 720-227-4079 or sotb.lynda@gmail.com

Plan to meet October 6, 13, 20, and 27!



Amazon Smile

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

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

Klaud's Food Pantry

We thank everyone who continues to donate food and personal care items to the food pantry. As fall and winter approach, the need grows. Please consider making a donation. Every can or box helps someone.

KLAUD'S PANTRY WISH LIST

Fresh or Frozen Fruit & Vegetables
Frozen Dinners & Pizza
Canned Meat & Fish
Frozen Meat/Protein (chicken, fish sticks)
Canned Pasta Soup Crackers
Seasonings & Condiments
Cereal/Instant Oatmeal
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Pasta or Rice Sides
Dish Soap
Feminine Products
Shampoo & Conditioner Body Wash

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee is looking for a new member, ladies you are welcome. New perspectives are always welcome. Contact Tom Tuttle if you are interested.

Garden Club – Things are starting to wind down for the season, but there are still a number of things to do. The Club meets Thursday mornings at 8am. If you would like to help, but can't come Thursday morning come whenever you can. It does not have to be a weekly commitment. Talk to Scott Thies or Tom Tuttle.

Volunteer Chores –We could use your help with some outside and inside chores. Trimming shrubs, cutting back flowers, cutting brush, dusting pews, vacuuming pew and chair cushions, helping Lynda move Little Lambs material from the Bus Barn back into the Sunday School, cleaning the kitchen cabinets, cleaning the Sacristy. You can work alone, with a friend, or group. Contact Tom Tuttle if you would like to help.

Building Maintenance

Sanctuary Blinds – The plastic bracket holding the long window blind behind the pulpit broke a few weeks ago. It was on the pull cord end and took the full force of raising the blinds. The bracket has been replaced with a much stronger anchor.

Poison Ivy - The poison ivy along the south side of the property appears to be receding after being sprayed earlier this summer. Spraying will continue.

Brush – The brush on the south side of the parking lot continues to takeover and needs to be cut down. We will identify trees that should be saved and then cut the brush out this Fall.

Ruts Filled – You may have noticed some bare ground on the west end of the Fellowship Hall where there used to be grass. The grass was hiding some ruts in the ground that were made from moving the heavy machinery used when they were replacing the siding. After bouncing over them for almost 2 full mowing seasons it was well past time to smooth them out. Hopefully the new seed will have time to sprout before the end of the growing season.

Thomas Tuttle - Chair Buildings and Grounds

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding the building or grounds, please feel free to mention them to any of the Building and Grounds committee members, Eloise Lindem, Karl Omernick, Joel Thomas, Scott Thies or me. If none of us are around, send me an email or drop a note in the message holder on the custodian's closet door in the narthex (the door between the 2 restrooms). Thank you.



Shepherd of the Bay Council Meeting

The minutes from the September 20, 2021 Council were unavailable at the time of printing. They will be printed in the Nov. 2021 Parish Door or you can call the church office for a copy.

Memorials

Dennis Fales

Rod & Sandy Synnes

Don Buchholz

Bonnie Hanson
Harvey Stahl & Family

Roberta Kutlik

Eloise Lindem

Bob & Sharon Pluff

Altar Flowers

The 2021 Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall. The Cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. Fill in your name, if it is in memory or honor of someone and if you want one or two arrangements. You can take the flowers home after the Service.

Please sign up to donate Altar Flowers.



Directory Update !!!

To have an accurate directory, we need your most up-to-date information.

We need new photos. Is the baby sitting in your lap in the current photo now a high school senior? Please send a current photo to the church office at sotboffice@yahoo.com or call the church and I can take a photo of you. Informal photos taken with smart phones work great!

If your email address, physical or mailing address, home phone or cell phone number has changed in the past 4 years please let the church office know. You can call (854-2988) or email (sotboffice@yahoo.com).

To access the directory, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app and download the correct app for your phone. You can also find detailed directions on our website at www.shepherdofthebay.org/directory.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic?

Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?



If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support.

It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office (Pastor Jim or Carol), or Stan Whiteman 920-839-5481.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Lessons for October

October 3 : Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24

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

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-6

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?

October 10 : Twentieth 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.

October 17 : Twenty First 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 will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers 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.

October 24 : Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-38

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?"

October 31 : Reformation

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-14

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Introduction to the readings: Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Readers

Oct. 3	Cooper Gaddes
Oct. 10	George Cobb
Oct. 17	Doris Loss
Oct. 24	Dick Burress
Oct. 31	Vanessa Demarinis
Nov. 7	Sarah Bonovich
Nov. 14	Gloria Serkland
Nov. 21	Dan Farwell
Nov. 28	Carol Weymier

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Salad
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Drink



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