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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a church family of Christian believers who celebrate with joy the renewing love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are committed to learning, sharing and living the Word of God and His sacraments in our worship, lives and community

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A Note from Pastor Sue

We began the season of Lent with these words:

"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return"

Not necessarily words we want to hear. Those words are accompanied by ashes. Why do we do that? Ashes are an ancient symbol – going way back before there were different Christian denominations, back before there were even Christians. In the ancient world ashes were a symbol of mortality and repentance. When someone or a group of people realized the error of their ways they would don sackcloth and ashes as a way of publicly acknowledging and repenting of their sin. The early Christian church took on the tradition of putting ashes on the forehead in the form of a cross as they would begin the 40 days of repentance leading up to the celebration of Christ's victory over death and the grave on Easter. The ashes, rich in symbolism, remind us of our need for a Savior – they remind us of our mortality, of the pain and suffering of life, of the reality that death will surely come our way. We are mortals, not immune from sickness or death, not immune from the tragedies of life, not immune from the ability to inflict hurt and harm on others. The ashes in the form of the cross remind us of the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ. Those ashes in the form of the cross remind us that death and decay do not have the final say for those of us who believe in Jesus.

A chaplain friend of mine wrote in his blog:

"Have you ever wondered why a season which ends with such a great and glorious victory at the tomb of our Risen Lord would begin with ugly, dirty, gray ashes? Friends, it is because we need to be reminded during this season of Lent that the road to victory for Jesus was not easy or beautiful; it was dirty and bloody and full of suffering. And he won that victory for us."

My friend knows something of the dirty dusty road of life right now – he's just received news that his cancer from several years ago has returned with a vengeance. His prognosis is uncertain. And so for him remembering that he is dust and to dust he shall return is rather poignant at the moment. And yet as he wrote about ashes and dust in his blog there was the ever present Victory in Jesus Christ that permeates his thoughts and fills his life with hope.

All of us in some way or another have been down similar dirty dusty roads in life as we have walked the journey of illness for ourselves, have weathered the road of an abusive relationship, or have walked alongside others during grave and difficult times. While me may not like the very visible reminder of such times that ashes bring us,

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Journey With Jesus to the Cross

See you in church on Sunday !!!

Students to sing at a Wednesday Lenten Service

A BIG THANK YOU to all the drivers and helpers who made our BOWLING NIGHT so much fun. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!!!! SOON !!!!

Bible School students made and sent Valentines to Immanuel members and friends who are not able to get to church. The students have been emphasizing SERVICE during their sessions this year. All of the Wednesday "CREW" had fun making pretzels on Feb 15th. The most enjoyable part was getting to eat them.

We have an extra opportunity to serve our church by singing at the Lenten worship service on March 21st. Come for class, have family come for a 6:00 soup supper and stay to worship as a family.

Our March schedule is:

March 7—regular session snacks by:
March 14—regular session snacks by:
March 21—regular session STUDENTS SING AT 7 PM SERVICE snacks by:
March 28 NO CLASSES DUE TO SPRING BREAK

A Note from Pastor Sue (continued)

"At the foot of the cross where grace and suffering meet…"

it can also be the powerful reminder to us that in Christ, we have a victory that raises us up out of the ashes to a bright and glorious new life.

Whether or not you received Ashes on Ash Wednesday, these forty days of Lent can be a powerful time of reflecting on the ways in which repentance and forgiveness are needed in your life. The Lenten Journey with Jesus to the Cross is good reminder of all that Jesus accomplished for us in his victory over death and the grave.

At the end of my friend's blog he shared the words from a song by Kathryn Scott. May these beautiful words and the images they bring to mind be a prayer for all of us during our Lenten Journey and beyond:

At the foot of the cross,
where grace and suffering meet, You have shown me your love through the judgment You received.

And You've won my heart, Yes, You've won my heart.

Now I trade these ashes in for beauty and wear

forgiveness like a crown.

Coming to kiss the feet of mercy, I lay every burden down at the foot of the cross.
At the foot of the cross where I am made complete,
You have given me life through the death you bore for me.

I'm laying every burden down, I'm laying every burden down, at the foot of the cross.

Traveling with you on this dirty, dusty journey to the Cross,

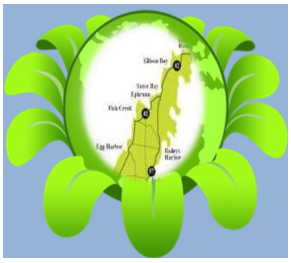
Pastor Sue

Northern Door Health and Wellness

Sun, March 4 from 4-5PM at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church parents and grandparents are invited to a presentation on "Healthy vs Unhealthy Sexual Behavior" by Pastor Bruce Foster. This is free, open to the public and sponsored by The Northern Door Health and Wellness Ministry.

Thursday March 22 from 12-6PM there will be free fluoride treatments for children ages 10 months -10 years. This is being held at the Fish Creek YMCA and the treatment takes just a few minutes. This is sponsored by the Ministry Door County Medical Center Dental Clinic.

Have you seen the new mini-van taxi serving the Sister Bay area? It's available M-F from 7am to 6pm and operates in the villages of Ephraim and Sister Bay, the Town of Gibraltar and the southern portion of the Town of Liberty Grove. See the poster hanging in the narthex above the coat rack for more info. If you could benefit from the taxi but don't live in the service area, please call Door Tran to let them know at 743-9999. This will help speed expansion of the service area.



Did you know you can catch a ride from Sister Bay to Sturgeon Bay every Friday for just $10? The Senior Center bus leaves Sister Bay about 9am and the return trip leaves Sturgeon Bay about 2:30. People of all ages can ride the bus- it is not senior citizen specific. Call the Senior Center for more info at 746-2542

Upcoming Important Dates- (more info coming in next month's newsletter)
Sun, April 22 from 4-5PM Free presentation on "Transportation in Northern Door" at Sister Bay Baptist Church

Wed, May 16 from 10-1PM Free Community Health Clinic at the Fish Creek YMCA

Upcoming Events

- Decorate the church for Easter with Easter lilies. Sign up sheets available March 11th and 18th. You may also phone in an order by March 25th. Cost of lilies will be $15—$17. See Helen Mueller for more information or call the church office.
  - Holy Week begins Sunday April 1st (no foolin' !!)
  - Palm Sunday April 1st "From Palms to Passion" 10 am Worship
  - Day of Prayer Wednesday April 4 8 am to 8 pm
  - Maundy Thursday April 5th 7 pm Worship
  - Good Friday April 6th 7 pm Worship at Immanuel
- EASTER SUNDAY April 8th 7:30 am & 10 am Worship (breakfast 8:30 –9:30 am)

Door of Hope Grief Support meets Second Mondays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Acolytes:

Mar 4th	Joe	
Mar 11th	Lexie	WED Mar 14th Joe
Mar 18th	Jordan	
Mar 25th	Joe	WED Mar 28 Jordan

Ushers: Bob Schultz/ Bill Becker March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Readers: March 4th & March 11th Jan Liss

March 18—Helen Mueller March 25th—Susie Bauldry

Communion helpers: _____

Ushers are needed for Wednesday night services. Please sign up on the sheet provided. It is on the bulletin board near the main entrance.

2012 Lenten Journey

Lent is upon us once again. And you are again invited to enter into this journey of self-discovery and growth in your walk of faith. In the early church, Lent was a time when those who were new converts to the faith went through 40 days of intensive training learning the disciplines of that new found faith. Over the years it became clear that this was the perfect time for all believers to take another look at what they believed and how to grow in their faith. The word "Lent" means "spring". The season of Lent has become known as the "springtime of the soul"– when faith that perhaps has been dormant comes to life again. Or if not dormant, like other plants in spring, grows new growth.

Our theme on **Sundays** will have us looking at what it takes to ***"Journey With Jesus to the Cross".*** On **Wednesdays** in a series of dramas we are ***"Invited to the Banquet of the King"*** As we make this journey to Good Friday and to Easter, may we be mindful of the immense sacrifice that was given for us through Jesus' death on the cross. That gift of life is what makes everyday worth living.

I hope you will make Lent a priority in your life. Enjoy the fellowship of Soup Suppers, the blessing of worship, and the joy of strengthening your faith and your relationship with your Savior Jesus Christ.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

Soup at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.
"INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF THE KING"

February 29th
"The GATEKEEPER"
Confession and Forgiveness

March 7th
"The POET"
Hymns of Worship

March 14th
"The TEACHER"
Study of Scripture

March 21st
"The PAUPER"
The Prayers of the People

March 28th
"The CHIEF STEWARD"
Holy Communion

Join us for a series of dramas about Christian Worship. "The story follows the allegorical path of a poor, mystified peasant on the way to a banquet with the King. Unworthy and unsure of why he has been invited, the peasant meets several citizens of the kingdom along the way who help him understand what his journey is all about." *(From the* ***Introduction****)*

SUNDAYS IN LENT

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

"To Journey with Jesus to the **Cross** it takes…"
February 26th
"**C**ourage of HEART"
March 4th
"**R**eason of MIND"
March 11th
"**O**utrageous HOPE"
March 18th
"**S**teadfast LOVE"
March 25th
"**S**imple FAITH"

Join us on Sundays as we take a closer look at what it really takes to journey with Jesus to the Cross

MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Join your church family for a simple supper at 6 pm followed by a Lenten worship service at 7 pm			**1** 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM	**2** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**3**
4 **10 AM worship service w/communion**	**5** 9:30 Exercise 9:30—noon Woman's Project group	**6** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**7** Office Hours 9:30—12:30 **4:00 PM Confirmation & Bible School** 6 PM Soup supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	**8** 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM 5 PM Praise Band	**9** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**10** 8 AM Men's Breakfast and Bible study
11 **10 AM Praise Service**	**12** 9:30 Exercise 9:30—noon Woman's Project group *2—4 PM Grief Support Door of Hope*	**13** Office Hours 9:30—12:30 **7 PM Council**	**14** Office Hours 9:30—12:30 **4:00 PM Confirmation & Bible School** 6 PM Soup supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	**15** 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM	**16** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**17**
18 **10 AM worship service w/communion**	**19** 9:30 Exercise 9:30—noon Woman's Project group	**20** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**21** Office Hours 9:30-12:30 **4:00 PM Confirmation & Bible School** 6 PM Soup supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	**22** 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM 5 PM Praise Band	**23** Office Hours 9:30—12:30 **Newsletter Deadline**	**24**
25 **10 AM Praise Service**	**26** 9:30 Exercise 9:30—noon Woman's Project group	**27** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**28** Office Hours 9:30—12:30 **NO BIBLE SCHOOL—CONFIRMATION** 6 PM Soup supper 7 PM Lenten Worship	**29** 9:30 Exercise **10:15 News letter assembly**	**30** Office Hours 9:30—12:30	**31**

Council Highlights February 14, 2012

Treasurer Cynthia Crock reported on account authorization at Associated Bank. The Mission Investment Funds are being deposited into Associated Bank. She checked on budget billing for both Door County Coop and WPS and found that business/ organizations do not qualify for budget billing only available for individuals. She also investigated the possibility of a similar set-up for payment of our Church Mutual insurance. She will finish setting that up. Our General Fund continues to be behind.

Memorials have been received in memory of Terry Gerdman and Delores Michelsen.

Pastor was pleased with the attendance at the Ecumenical service at Stella Maris in Sister Bay. Pastor Sue reported that she and Dave truly enjoyed the time off. She was grateful to all of the people who filled in for her and did all of the "little extras. She is going to change the liturgy setting to use the 4th setting during lent. Immanuel has been invited to a pancake supper at St. Paul's on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 21st We are also joining St. Paul's for Ash Wednesday service on February 22od They will be serving a soup supper from 5- 7 pm, The following Wednesday evening services will be held at Immanuel. Soup supper will be served at 6:00 and worship service will be at 7:00.

Old business concerned the website. Pastor reported that there are *just* a few more items to be completed and it will be up and working.
Lee Nordgren will gather the Constitution Committee to rework/rewrite our constitution.

Under new business Jim Parent mentioned that with Dave Gunderson on the LCMC Upper Michigan/ Wisconsin district committee, we should sent a letter acknowledging our desire to join that district and send $100 as a token donation.
Education: The youth bowling event was *very* well attended and Pastor feels that there needs to be similar opportunities for our youth.
Stewardship: Jim Parent said that he has the pledge and time and talent sheets"

Worship: Jane recruited readers/ ushers for March. She said that anyone willing to help out can contact her.

Memorial: Mentioned earlier

Outreach: Helene said that she is trying to contact Bill Fairchild to prepare our Easter breakfast.

Congregational Care; The membership list will be checked out and updated.

The remaining time was used to further update/restate the Property/ Maintenance, Stewardship and Worship/Music committees for the new constitution.

Next meeting will be on March 13, 2012.

Submitted by
Roberta Burlo, council secretary

Roberta and Bible school students learn to make prayer pretzels

ANIMALS NEEDED

Free these students from the ark!! We'd like to fill the ark with furry STUFFED animals. May we borrow a few of yours? Please bring them to the ark we'll take good care of them

There are numerous accounts on the origin of the looped pretzels, as well as the origin of the name; most agree that they have Christian backgrounds and were invented by monks. According to The History of Science and Technology, by Bryan Bunch and Alexander Hellemans, in 610 AD "...an Italian monk invents pretzels as a reward to children who learn their prayers. He calls the strips of baked dough, folded to resemble arms crossing the chest, 'pretiola' ("little rewards")".

Reference from Wikipedia

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IMMANUEL LENTEN SERVICES, AT 7:00PM EACH WEDNESDAY, WILL PRESENT A DRAMA SERIES ENTITLED "INVITED TO THE BANQUET OF KINGS". Join us for this series of dramas about Christian Worship. The series follows the allegorical path of a poor mystified peasant (Dave Gunderson) on the way to a banquet with the King. Unworthy and unsure of why he has been invited, the peasant meets several citizens of the kingdom along the way who help him understand what this is all about.