

North Shore Church News

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Who Would Be Whom?

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Sunday Morning

8:00 Worship—Chapel
9:00 Confirmation, Children's Choir &
Centering Prayer
10:00 Worship—Sanctuary
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship
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In our final Lenten Soup and Table Talk gathering, last night, I overheard a conversation that reflected on a question I have heard, and held, many times before. The question, in its simplest form, is whether or not we would recognize Jesus if he walked among us today. Much like the religious establishment and traditionalists of His time, we have our concepts of what Jesus would look like, how he would act, and what he would say. And, if we are truthful about it, the reality is that our concepts are probably as far off-base as were those of the people who failed to recognize Him some 2,000 years ago.

What struck me as I listened to this dialog this time, however, was how little time we spend considering whether or not we are faithfully recognizing the other characters in the story. Think about it. If Jesus WERE to return and walk among us, if Jesus WERE to start proclaiming his teachings and showing his love in our 21st century American culture, who would be whom?

Who would be the Samaritan woman at the well? Who would be the people ostracized by the faithful as unworthy of our attention, to whom Jesus would compel our compassion and care?

Who would be the prostitutes, tax collectors and sinners? Who would be among those cast out by society as heathen undeserving of forgiveness, to whom Jesus would bring mercy, grace and companionship?

Who would be lepers and the lame? Who would be those in need of Jesus' comfort and healing who have been labeled by society as untouchable and unclean? Who would be those we cross the street to avoid that Jesus would cross the street to meet?

Who would be the Pharisees and the Sadducees? Who would be those bloviating and prognosticating on their righteousness and legalistic moralities while simultaneously missing out on the teachings and examples of Christ that speak of God's abundant and limitless love?

Who Would Be Whom? cont....

As I listened to this conversation, and heard one person joke to another about whether or not he would be a Disciple in such a scenario, I was reminded that I am not sure we consider, often enough, who would be whom in a 21st century story of Jesus.

Thus, as we emerge from this Easter season, and head into the joys and blessings of the spring renewal before us, I want to encourage you to take the time to consider that question. Who would be the outcasts to whom we should be ministering? Who would be the loveless we should be loving? Who would be Zacchaeus needing to be called down from the tree? Who would be Thomas in need of faithful reassurance? Who would be whom if the story of Jesus were re-lived today? And, more importantly, what does that say about how we live, today, in light of the resurrected Christ among us?

Yours in Faith, Fellowship and Service, *Marty*

As many of you are already aware, our church staff is working diligently to update all of our communication information in our church systems. If you haven't yet picked up your profile from the narthex, you will be receiving it in the mail very soon. What we ask is that you review the front side of this profile for accuracy, complete the back side to let us know what specific ministry communication lists you want to be on, and return the form to us ASAP.

On a related note, please note that our software (for reasons not worth explaining in this context) lists ALL members as 'not contributors.' This is an element of the profile over which we have no control but it does not reflect your actual giving to the church in any way. Please ignore this line – it is truly meaningless! We apologize for any confusion regarding this line.

Intergenerational Mission Opportunity

Save the date for the 2016 Hosanna Mission Trip in Western Pennsylvania: Saturday, June 18 - Friday, June 24.

This is a cross-generational week of work, fellowship, spiritual growth, and building God's Kingdom! Ages 12 and older, all levels of fitness, and all levels expertise are needed. If you are interested in being a member of the Meal Team or serving on the Mission Team please contact David Schimpf 262-242-8709 ASAP.



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Morning Book Group

Tuesday Morning Book Group Meets in Friendship Lounge from 10 – 11 am. During April we will wind up our discussion on “Grounded” by Diana Butler Bass. In May we start our new book: “The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door.” Want to join the discussion? Come and try it out or contact Rev. Julie for a copy of the book.



Ever look back and wish you could go back over some of that base information you learned (or wish you would have learned) at Confirmation? Well, now's your chance! As we move towards our Confirmation celebrations for our Confirmation students on May 22, adult members of the church will be given a chance to go through RE-Confirmed, a mini confirmation of their own – Wednesdays at 7:00pm, starting April 6.

Gospel Thursday morning Bible Study

Want to read another good book? Come to the Thursday Morning Bible study in friendship lounge from 9:30-11:00. We are currently looking at Matthew's Gospel!

RE-Confirmed is a 6 week course in which participants will review, discuss and reflect on many of the same topics and questions that have been explored by our Confirmation students over the course of the past 2 years. Through lecture, group discussion, Q&A and even small-group 'projects' similar to those experience by those going through our Confirmation classes, participants will be encouraged to reflect upon the very core tenets of their understanding of Scripture, our Triune God, worship, the church and Christian living. For the final session, participants will be encouraged to join with this year's Confirmation students for food, fellowship, and their 'Confirmation Exam' on Wednesday, May 18.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Mark your calendar to come to the church kitchen to help on April 3rd right after the 10 am worship service. We need pretzel baggers, sandwich makers, fruit washers, etc. to make up 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach. This is a great ministry for all ages.



Knit together by God!

We will meet on the third Friday (April 15th) at 1 pm in Friendship Lounge. We would love to knit you in~ join us!

Moms n More is hosting via, Trish Paul, a Cabi clothing line fundraiser at Trish Paul's house 9320 N Regent Rd. Bayside, WI 414-351-2468 Monday evening, April 25, beginning at 6:30 and Tuesday morning, April 26th, 9 to 11. Funds raised are utilized by Moms n More for outreach such as supporting Next Door Giving Tree gifts, items for Sojourner Family Peace Center, Casserole supplies for Loaves and Fishes, Speakers and Child Care for meetings.

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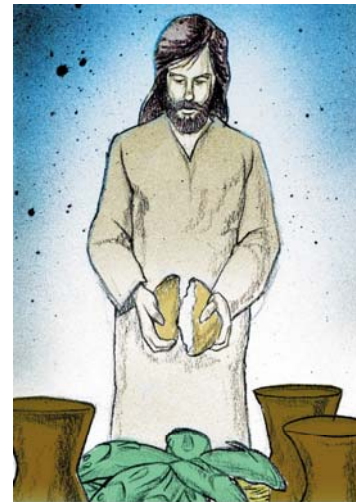
**MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
BRANCH OUT IN THE COMMUNITY**

**LOAVES AND FISHES
April 19, 2016**

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Jipson	Block
McGinn	Dowsett
Loder	Gurican
Lydia	Hadcock
Lydia	Lemorande
Lydia	Nelson
Miller	Sweet
Quilling	Wauk
J Smith	Weber
-----	Zganjar
-----	Schill
-----	Ford



MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON
BREAD ALONE BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
DEUTERONOMY 8:3

DRIVERS

Osborne	Tollefsen	Hannan

SERVERS

Tollefsen	Jipson
Tollefsen	Lennie
Hannan	Lennie
Hannan	Lennie

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for the spring **Congregational Meeting** – scheduled to take place immediately after worship on Sunday, April 24. The primary purpose of this meeting is to receive the preliminary slate of officers and board members to be elected in the June meeting. Please join us for this unique element of what it means to be a Congregational Church!



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



Potlucks will occur on the 8th and 22nd of April at times and locations to be advised. All are invited to participate in what might be termed a miraculous over-abundance of grace. Please feel free to invite friends from all over! To receive an email update and reminder, please contact Tom Chelimsky at tchelimsky@mcw.edu and you will receive email reminders.

There is a growing (and very dated) collection of **lost and found** items above the coat-racks near the south entrance to our church building. These items will be laid out on tables on April 17 and 24 so that church members can pick up anything they have left behind. *Any items remaining after April 24 will either be disposed of, or contributed to a local charity.*



HELPS FROM THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

Spirituality and Cancer



Modern medicine has typically been viewed as separate from religious or spiritual matters. In recent decades there has been renewed recognition that these things are important to many people. Growing evidence suggests that religion and spirituality can have a measurable impact on the health and quality of life of people diagnosed with cancer.

Recently, the journal *Cancer* published a series of meta-analyses evaluating the effects of religion and spirituality on the

self-reported health of people with cancer. The *Cancer* series involved 44,000 people. It showed four different dimensions of religion and spirituality as it pertained to the setting of cancer. They are emotional experience, including feelings like reverence, peacefulness and purpose; the behavioral component which includes prayer, meditation, and religious service attendance; and the intellectual component, which involves specific beliefs, images of God and spiritual growth.

Overall, the researchers found that greater levels of religion and spiritual growth were associated with better self-reported physical, mental and social health.

Even though religion and spirituality don't cure cancer, each clearly fits the realm of well-being and quality of life. As medicine moves toward treating the whole person and not just the disease health care specialists are starting to focus on and addressing the patient's spiritual needs.

A person's spirituality can evolve and change as life continues. The continued growth of this aspect of one's life may help in one's success in fighting cancer.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STEWARDSHIP BOARD



Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

MATTHEW 5:15 Geneva Bible

Did you know there are other ways to give of your time and talent on Sundays, in addition to enjoying good fellowship and attending worship? One of our church's strengths is the beautiful music we hear each week. If that's your talent, consider joining the chancel choir or the handbell choir. It brings joy to you, as well as to the congregation.

Even our younger children can learn what it means to be a steward and also have fun when they join the children's choir. The children's choir proves that children really should be seen AND heard! One more important responsibility for children is carrying "the light" into the sanctuary. After a training session with church staff, they can serve as acolytes at the beginning of worship.

On another note, we have an ongoing need for ushers and greeters, and, occasionally, guest lay ministers to assist during worship. Maybe you can be on call for one of these ministries. Or maybe you feel called to teach or help out once a month in the church school classes that start at 10:15. It's a wonderful way to meet the children of our church, and see what they're learning.

Here's another family-friendly way to serve: On the first Sunday of each month, stay after 10:00 worship to help a friendly group assemble lunches for our brown bag ministry to Repairers of the Breach. Children are a big part of this ministry.

The church's monthly newsletter is a great place to look for descriptions of these and other activities for you to explore. Whether it's for our congregation or those in need, helping others is a great way to be a faithful steward of God. Choose something that's right for you.

If you have other questions about volunteering, please contact one of our Ministers at (414) 352-6123 for more information. More stewardship opportunities will be described in future newsletters.

What do you feel called to do?

BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT



For many years we have supported The Benedict Center, a nonprofit interfaith agency which began in 1974 as an effort of the Capuchin Brothers and the Racine Dominicans to minister to men and women in the Milwaukee County Jail.

This criminal justice agency is working with victims, offenders and the community to achieve a system of justice that is fair and treats everybody with dignity and respect.

The Women's Harm Reduction Program provides treatment, education and support to women referred by the criminal justice system as it is recognized that our program can provide better outcomes in a more cost-effective way. As many as 82% of the women have successfully completed a Deferred Prosecution Agreement.

The Sisters Program is designed to provide outreach and support to women engaged in prostitution or sex trafficking. This program includes street outreach by peer workers and a neighborhood drop-in center which provides respite, crisis management and case management.

The Jail Outreach Center trains volunteers to offer nonjudgmental care for those who are incarcerated. These volunteers provide visitation, books and ecumenical spiritual support to those who request them.





FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR INFORMATION

Donating Communion Table Flowers?

On most Sundays, Communion Table Flowers are provided by a member of the congregation, usually in the name of someone they wish to honor.

Sue Wood coordinates the list of donors, and may even contact you to enquire as to whether you wish to donate. If you have a specific date in mind, you should contact her and she will let you know whether the date is still open. To contact Sue, call (414) 964-1722.

Donations of these flowers will be recorded against your contribution statement, and will be tax deductible. However, in order that this may happen, payment must be made via the Church AND NOT DIRECTLY TO THE FLORIST.

Therefore, if you wish to donate flowers, please coordinate your date with Sue Wood and then send a check to the attention of Kerrin White in the church office. Your check should be marked as being for Communion Table Flowers and the assigned date.

Thank you for making our Communion Table beautiful!



I wish to thank everybody who has been so loving and kind and supportive over the last few months while I have been recovering. I have now relocated permanently to Sarah Chudnow Community and my new contact details are as follows:

10995 N Market St
C/O Sarah Chudnow Community
Mequon, WI 53092
misspickle829@att.net

Love and Thanks,
Elizabeth Krueger

LADIES' LUNCHEON



Save the Date!

Ladies Old Fashioned Spring Luncheon

Join us on Wednesday May 11th, at 11:30am for a traditional Spring Luncheon at North Shore Congregational Church.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Carol DiBiasio Snyder

WISCONSIN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION



2016 Annual Meeting for the Wisconsin Congregational Association!

The 2016 Annual Meeting schedule, registration form and proposed bylaw copy are now available. **Please join us on Saturday April 30, 2016 at First Congregational Church, Beloit.** Our theme is Practical Ways to Empower Laity. The proposed bylaw change should be reviewed by your delegate prior to the meeting. NSCC's Church Council has appointed Moderator-Elect Laurie Swartwout as our delegate. **This meeting is open and of interest to all church members - please come!**





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday School News!

Sunday School Lessons

4-3-15 – (No Sunday school classes)

4-10-15 – Apostles Defend Their Faith, Acts 5:12-42

4-17-15 – Saul Meets Jesus near Damascus, Acts 9:1-20

4-24-15 – Peter Raises Tabitha from the Dead, Acts 9:36-43

An Angel Frees Peter from Jail Acts 12:1-18

April 17th, Rev. Peter Ndungu from Happy Life Children's Home will be visiting and giving us an update on Happy Life Happenings during 10:00am worship. After worship there will be a bake sale.

Please let Maribeth Penno or Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith know if you are able to donate baked goods for the bake sale! All \$\$ collected will go directly to Happy Life Children's Home.



Pajama Party Time! We reached our goal of 100 items for Squeaky Clean collection! April 17th all Sunday school children can come to church in their pajamas! Many thanks to all the families for generously donating to this important benevolence!

Kids Connect Group (grades 3-5) will meet again on April 17th from 4:00-5:30. Bring your friends for games, snacks and fun!

Parents and ALL other church members... WE NEED YOU!!!!!! Each classroom is staffed with a lead teacher every week. According to our church Child Safety Policy, we need two adults in each classroom every week. The classroom helper in the room has no teaching responsibilities. Your job is to simply enjoy the children, lessons and fun happening in the room. Please sign up or contact Maribeth Penno to be a classroom helper in any classroom!



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Save the date! Summer Bible Camp will be held at North Shore Church, June 14-16 from 9am-12pm. Watch for more information coming soon!

WCA Summer Camp!!!! The first deadline is coming soon! May 1 to be exact! The theme this year is "Be Transformed!"

Who: All children 3rd grade (completed) Mini camp Jr. High and High School
What: The best week long summer camp you will ever attend!
Where: Mt. Morris Camp and conference Center Wautoma, WI (West of Oshkosh)
When: Sunday, July 10 – Saturday, July 16

Come be grandma for an hour! (Or Grandpa, or Aunt, or Uncle...) As we head into the late spring and summer, our normal local college students who tend to our Crib and Crawler each week will return to their homes for the summer

break. We have an individual willing to be in there much of the summer, but are hoping to fill in the needs with a pool of volunteers willing to take a Sunday here and there, through the late spring and summer, to care for the youngest of our church family. Volunteers are usually asked to arrive by 9:45, and will be done around 11:15. If this is something you would be willing to be a part of, please contact Maribeth or one of our Ministers.

Crib & Crawler



Find your registration packet already printed at church or check the church website and print your own! **Children's Choir** will practice from 9:00-9:50 on Sunday mornings upstairs in the



Crib N Crawler will be staffed during worship on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15.

Questions?
Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan- Smith today!
414-352-6123 or 414-588-8693
juliesmith@northshorecongl.org
Or
Maribeth Penno, 414-352-6123 or
maribeth@northshorecongl.org
Or **Leslie Krueger**
LeslieKrueger@northshorecongl.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

NSCC's Confirmation class 2016 is heading into the home stretch! During March we discussed Judaism and Islam: where do we see some similarities, where do we see differences and how does that inform our faith as Christians? During April we will begin to write individual "Credo's" or faith statements and review all that we have covered as we prepare for our dinner (to which ALL of you are invited) and exam/conversation on Wednesday evening May 18th. We will celebrate and confirm students on May 22.



Please be here May 8th as the Confirmation Class and the Children's Choir lead worship that day.

It has been a joy getting to know all of these young members to be!

The Board of Christian Enrichment has voted to continue the 2 year model for our incoming confirmation class that will commence in the late summer of 2016.

The 4th/5th grade and 6th/7th grade classes meet in their room from 10:15-11:15 right after the children's message has been given in the Sanctuary. Quizzes, Games, Music and YouTube video clips help us present an engaging Scripture lesson.

Youth Events (6th-12th grade)



Wisconsin Congregational Association Youth! Come for an overnight "lock-in" on Friday April 22nd! Start time 7 pm Friday evening, leave for home Saturday morning at noon. "There will be pizza, there will be songs, there will be games, and there will be a movie! It's one great night where you can hang out with your favorite campers and staff,

and hopefully meet and make many new friends!"

Join the fun! If you need a ride or want to carpool please contact Rev. Julie. RSVP to wca.youth@gmail.com or text/call Sara Penno: 262-323-4434.

The event will be held at First Congregational Church Mukwonago 231 Roberts Drive Mukwonago, WI 53149



YouthConnect@Church happens in the Youth Room on April 17th from 4:00 to 5:30. Join in for some great discussions, fun and snacks.

Planning ahead for summer? **SAVE THE DATE!** July 10-16 at Mt. Morris in Wautoma, WI. Open to all youth grades 3-12. WCA Camp is about strengthening connections of friendship, fellowship and faith — with yourself, with others, with scripture and, most of all, with God. If you're interested in strengthening these connections while having lots of fun and meeting new friends, you'll have an awesome time! Where is it? Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center, Wautoma, WI
Go to <http://wiscongregational.net/> for registration forms and information!



Please note if you register by May 1st there is a healthy discount!
Scholarships are available to offset some of the fees—just ask Rev. Julie!

I know it's only spring but mark your calendar for Summer Bible Camp at church, 9-12, June 14th-16th. Youth—we would love to have you help us run games, or crafts, or music! Contact Maribeth Penno or Rev. Julie to sign on!

See the bulletin board in the main hall or watch for an email noting Music/Concerts, Plays/Musicals or special events featuring the youth of our church family. I am sure they would enjoy seeing you there, and you will enjoy the gifts and talents they offer!



**Contact Rev. Julie
Sheridan-Smith today!**

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