

North Shore Church News

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Growing in Ministry

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Sunday Morning

8:00 Worship—Chapel

10:00 Worship—Sanctuary

10:15 Sunday School

11:00 Coffee & Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

I have the opportunity, this month, to set aside the space in which I typically share some reflections to allow Rev. Julie to share some thoughts regarding the upcoming Doctor of Ministry program she will be engaging this spring. As many of you know, Julie has worked through her education and seminary training while working in various capacities in the ministries of our church. That academic and formational work culminated in her ordination, and then her assumption of the role of our Associate Minister in the fall of 2014. Now settled in ordained ministry with our church, Julie approached me a few months ago with concept of continuing her education by pursuing her doctoral degree. Having travelled the ‘D.Min’ journey myself, and knowing what that experience has meant to me, and to the ministries I have shared with churches, I was happy to support her efforts.

Julie and I have talked about many of the logistics of what this will mean for our church, as has the Church Council, and Julie will lay some of those out in her words that follow.

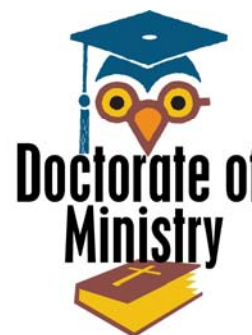
Additionally, there will be an opportunity after the 10am worship service on Sunday, May 7, in which Julie and I will be present to answer further questions you may have. In the meantime, however, please read through the thoughts Julie has shared, and join me in prayerful support as she seeks out this next stage of her ministry.

Your Pastor and Friend, ***Marty***

Growing in Ministry cont...

I am grateful and excited to let you know about the Doctor of Ministry I will begin this spring, *Leadership in a Changing Context: Discerning Context, Cultivating Community, Joining God*, focusing on congregational revitalization and the leadership role of the pastor.

A Doctor of Ministry is designed to embrace and take part in the life of the church one serves. You may not even know this but during these years working here as your Children and Family Ministry Director and Christian Involvement Coordinator and more recently in an Interim and then Associate Minister's role I have completed a BA in Theology and a Master of Divinity (much aided by your prayers). And, we have also shared a time of change in the church. A change in leadership, the retirement of Karl who served this church for 32 years, a season of discernment during the search and call process, and Marty joining us in ministry. We are now beyond that first year of "getting to know you" for the congregation and the new leadership team and I am so excited to see how and where God is moving North Shore Congregational Church in this next season of our lives.



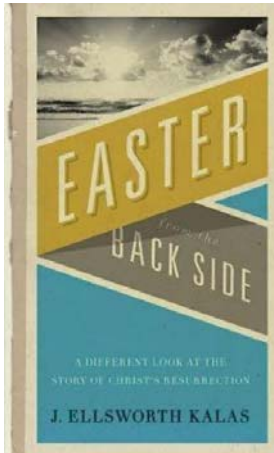
And so, when I saw the topic for the upcoming Doctor of Ministry at Dubuque Theological Seminary my heart quickened with a "that's it" recognition. I became excited by the implications for the church and have prayerfully considered and affirm that I sense God's call to do this work at this time in my life and in the life of the church. I have sought the support of both Marty and the Council, which has been given.

So, what does this look like? Each year, for three years I will spend a week "intensive" on campus at Dubuque Seminary (wrapped around Memorial Day weekend). I am told, on average there will be 5-10 hours of "work" per week during the year. The first year will be most embedded in seminars, reading, discussion with the student cohort and professors. During the second and third year this is augmented through the application of some type of work or programs in our church. This is done with and through discussion and visioning with Marty and the Pastoral Relations Committee and the appropriate church board. During the third year, I will develop my doctoral project which may be a publishable Focus Paper positing a theology of ministry with a strategy for ministry, or a publishable Thesis combining investigation of: biblical, theological, historical or pastoral traditions of the church and its implications for congregational renewal.

I seek your prayers and support and I welcome your questions and thoughts! **Julie**

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday Morning Book Group



Join us in Friendship Lounge from 10 – 11 am, every Tuesday, as we continue discussing J. Ellsworth Kala's *Easter from the Back Side: A Different Look at the Story of Christ's Resurrection*. You are always welcome! Interested? Just contact Rev. Julie and you will receive a reminder/invitation!

Thursday Morning Bible Study meets in Friendship Lounge from 9:30-11:00 am. We are overjoyed that more friends have joined us - so please feel welcome anytime. We continue to explore the book of Acts and how we respond to what we read and discover. If you are interested in coming, please feel free to join us



Wednesdays - This Spring...

Rev. Marty will be leading a 7-week study on selected *parables of Jesus* from 7-8pm, on Wednesday evenings, starting April 26 and concluding June 7. Copies of a reflection book used for the study will be available at the introductory session on April 26. Join in for this short-term study this spring, and contact Rev. Marty with any questions.



Our **final** Wednesday night “**Soup and Table Talk**” will gather on **April 5 from 6 – 7 PM**. All are welcome to join together for a delicious “Souper” bowl of soup and discussion around the table. We want to thank the SOUPERS for the yummy variety of soups we shared as well as members of each board who have served as “clean up crew” each week.

If you have any questions or thoughts about Bible studies and book groups, please contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith at 414-588-8693 or juliesmith@northshorecongl.org.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

Mark your calendar to come to the church kitchen to help on **April 2**, right after the 10 am worship service. We need pretzel baggers, sandwich makers, fruit washers, etc. This is a great ministry for all ages, come downstairs and join God's work. Are you available to shop for supplies, donate supplies, bake desserts for 75 bag lunches or deliver to the "Repairers of the Breach" site on Monday? Please contact Tom Smith at jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net or call 414-774-8688 to volunteer or get more information.



Join your church family
for our annual
Eggstravaganza



Palm Sunday
April 9

Stay for our delicious **Egg Bake Brunch** after church (proceeds benefit our Hosanna Mission Team) followed by Ink Art egg decorating and Easter Story scavenger hunt for kids.



Weed 'n Feed

Yes it's time to prep the church garden! We need any and all ages to come to prune, rake and prep the front garden for spring. Come in comfy work clothes Thursday, April 6, between 4:30 – 6:00 (if you can, bring pruning shears, rakes and paper bags). A Chili Dinner will be provided! Contact Judy Shirley judyshirley@wi.rr.com with questions.

LYDIA CIRCLE

Cooking for Loaves and Fishes,

Monday, April 17

Meet @ 10am in the
kitchen



Bring a friend or potential new
member

Someone Needs Your Help Now!

Shoreline Neighborhood Outreach Program is in need of volunteers to drive older adults in the North Shore to medical appointments and grocery shopping. You'll have the chance to get to know interesting seniors, who have no way to get to these important appointments, while doing them a kind act of service. Please contact Theresa Clark at Shoreline Interfaith, (414)-962-9950 or tclark@interfaithmilw.org, to volunteer.





Easter Decorations and Dedications

Your Decorating Committee is once again making plans to adorn our beautiful building for the upcoming Easter season. We always look forward to seeing our sanctuary in all its glory as we worship at this very special time of year. Being mindful of the financial strains on both the church budget and our own personal budgets, we do our best to help you experience the true joy and blessings of Easter at North Shore Church. Donations to our flower/decorating fund, which is made available to fund plantings and decorations placed around the church building and campus throughout the year, will be gratefully accepted. We are also always looking for more helping hands and creative ideas, so please consider joining us in this special endeavor. Thank you, Jeannine George.

This is an opportunity to remember or honor someone, or something, by making a contribution and having your message printed in the bulletin on Easter morning. Please



return the section below to the church office, with your check made payable to North Shore Congregational Church, by Thursday, April 6, 2017.

Name _____

I would like the wording in the Easter bulletin to appear (select one):

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

In celebration of _____

COFFEE, CHORDS AND KIDS

North Shore Congregational Church

COFFEE, CHORDS & KIDS!



A NEIGHBORHOOD EVERY
FIRST FRIDAY EVENT

6:30pm – 8:30pm



◆ LIVE MUSIC, COFFEE,
TEA, AND DESSERTS
FOR ADULTS

◆ MOVIE FOR KIDS

*FREE EVENT, GRATUITY FOR
MUSICIANS APPRECIATED.*

LOAVES AND FISHES

April, 2017

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Lydia	Dowsett
Lydia	Enea
Lydia	Hadcock
Cook	Ford
Gaenslen	Lemorande
Jipson	Sweet
Quilling	Wauck
Ritke	Weber
Loder	Zganjar
-----	Lange
-----	Petersen
-----	Block



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

DRIVERS

Osborne	Lange	Croysdale
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SERVERS

Lange	Croysdale
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Holy Week Services

- ♦ Join us, **Palm Sunday**, while we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The 10am service, on **April 9**, will include our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and handbells as we rejoice in the promise of Jesus' coming into our lives.
- ♦ Our remembrance of the Lord's Supper on **Maundy Thursday** will take a new form, this year, as we gather around the table and share in worship, fellowship and food beginning at **6pm**. Gathering in worship, sharing in a light meal, and breaking bread with one another, we will be reminded of what it was like for those who ate with Jesus on that very night he was betrayed.
- ♦ On **Good Friday** we will gather at **2pm**, as we have for many years, to worship and reflect upon the crucifixion. The service will end with the tolling of the bell at 3pm.
- ♦ We will celebrate the joy and wonder of the resurrection, **Easter morning**, with two services (**one at 9am and the other at 11am**). Both services will be identical, including the choir, brass, and an atmosphere of joy and celebration in the face of the Risen Lord.



Holy Week

HEALTH COMMITTEE

KEEPING YOUR MIND AND MEMORY SHARP

Everyone knows that your memory and processing slow down as you age. Which strategies may help us to maintain or improve memory or reduce the risk of dementia in the future? Recent research has shown some actions that are quite promising.

Your doctor needs to rule out other factors such as depression, some medications such as sleeping pills, a vitamin deficiency, excess alcohol use, hearing loss and thyroid, liver and kidney illnesses.

Work to control your blood pressure. Uncontrolled blood pressure over time contributes to insufficient blood flow to the brain. It is important to avoid smoking, control alcohol consumption and get 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night.



Exercise is important in maintaining cognitive skills. Plan to get 30 minutes of exercise most days to elevate your heart rate and increase blood flow to the brain. Research is mixed on whether aerobic activity alone is sufficient or you need to add a few strength training exercises to your routine.

Diets such as the Mediterranean Diet are promoted for heart health but may also stave off cognitive decline. To follow this diet, eat fatty fish (salmon) and leafy green vegetables (kale and spinach) daily. Work healthy fats (olive oil and nuts) into your diet as well as whole grains and beans.

Adults who spend an hour a day stimulating their minds are also less likely to develop dementia. As long as your activity is challenging, such as playing bridge, board games or a musical instrument or learning a new language, you can slow cognitive decline.

Social activities including going to parties and visiting with friends and family are linked to a healthier aging brain. Older adults with busy schedules scored higher on tests of memory, reasoning and cognitive processing speed.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



Weed 'n Feed is a ministry of the church that offers members and friends of all ages the opportunity to work together as good stewards of our grounds and resources!

It is a joy to spend time preparing and keeping the beauty of the gardens and grove, planting and weeding, mulching garden beds and pathways through the grove, trimming, and enjoying a potluck meal when the work is done.

In the Fall after a frost there is much work to be done to prepare the grounds for winter. In the Spring we nurture the plants, flowers and tree into new growth. Through the summer we gather for weeding and upkeep. Every time we gather we enjoy the beauty of God's creation that we care for, each other's company and help, and share a good meal and conversation around the table.

Join in for a couple hours the next time you see Weed 'n Feed posted; opportunities vary between week day afternoons and Saturday gatherings.

Directed by Judy Shirley, the "team" is an open and organic mix of regulars and newcomers each time we meet. Contact the office if you would like to be put on the email notification list!

ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In late February, the general campaign appeal was announced with the letter sent to all of our members and friends. At that time everyone was asked to consider what they would be able to give and pledge to fund the critical repairs and establish the needed capital restricted funds for our North Shore Congregational Church. Everyone participating remains the important goal!

The Trustees have signed contracts for the regrading, paving and lighting of the parking lot along with contracts for the insulation and new roof work. All of this work will be done this summer!

If you have not done so, please review the February letter and return your pledge card to Kerrin White in the Church Office, as soon as possible. As of Sunday, March 26, we have raised \$544,845.00 in gifts and pledges payable over the three (3) year period. No one person can do everything, but, if everyone will do what they can with a gift and pledge payable over the next one to three years, we will celebrate together having raised well over the expected and needed \$600,00.00! If you have misplaced your copy of the letter, please contact the office for a card.



LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 28TH- 29TH

Come be part of the experience and conversation during the Statewide Leadership Summit (held here at NSCC!) with speaker Tim Roberts leading the conversation about the "Bless and Add" church, where we consider what that might look like in the local church.

"Bless and Add" is about embracing the traditions we love while imagining how God will expand and strengthen the church. This is not necessarily about change, or taking something away but rather about augmenting the life of the church.

In a snapshot:

FRIDAY EVENING

- ❖ Registration, 6-7 pm
- ❖ Gathering music
- ❖ 7:15-8:15, Tim Roberts "The Church & the 3 C's"
- ❖ 8:30 Panel Discussion: What Youth and Millennials need most from the local church.

SATURDAY

- ❖ 8 AM Continental breakfast and registration
 - ❖ 8:30-9:45 Delegate Annual Meeting
- followed by*
- ❖ 10 AM Gathering music
 - ❖ 10:15 Tim Roberts "The Bless & Add Congregation"
 - ❖ 11:15 Break out and group discussion
 - ❖ Lunch
 - ❖ 12:45 Tim Roberts "The Adaptive Congregation" followed by break out session talk back and What's Your Passion/local church presentations

3:00 PM Closing Worship and Communion

Please see <https://www.wiscongregational.net/annual-meeting>

Leadership Summit & Annual Meeting



Key Note speaker Tim Roberts.

"PREPARING THE CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE: TO BLESS AND ADD!"

**HOSTED AT
NORTH SHORE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Wisconsin Congregational Association

2017

**LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT**

& Annual Meeting

PREPARING THE WCA
CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE
TO BLESS AND ADD!

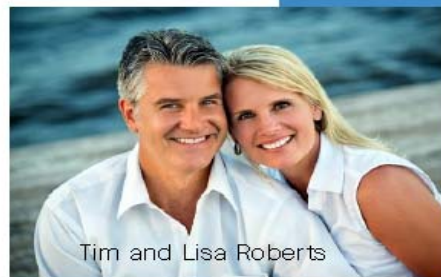
**Friday Night & Saturday
April 28-29**

***NORTH SHORE
Congregational Church
Fox Point, WI***

Key Note:

Tim Roberts

The Adaptive Congregation
Pastor
Stuart
Congregational Church
Stuart, Florida
NACCC



Tim and Lisa Roberts

Also:

**Local Church Missions Stories,
Worship, Fellowship and more!**

Schedule

Friday Key Note: 7:00 PM

Saturday. . .

Delegate Meeting 8:30 AM

Key Note Starts 10:00 AM

Closing Worship 3 :00 PM

**Register online
At
Wiscongregational.net**

QUESTIONS: Call Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith - (414) 352-6123



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School News!

We continue our journey to Easter!

Sunday School Lessons

- ☺ **April 2** Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish (John 21: 1-14)
- ☺ **April 9** Jesus Enters Jerusalem (Mark 11: 1-11)
- ☺ **April 16** NO Sunday School
- ☺ **April 23** Jesus Dies and Rises to Life (John 19: 16-20: 18)
- ☺ **April 30** Moses Prays for the Israelites (Numbers 14: 1-15)



Coffee, Chords, and Kids...April 7...6:30-8:30...please join us for an evening of adult fellowship while the kids enjoy a movie...BRING A FRIEND!!!!!!



Save the Date! **EGGTRAVAGANZA!!!!** Sunday, **April 9, Palm Sunday**, is a fun day at NSCC. We will begin in worship with the Children's Choir and Sunday School students singing with the Chancel Choir and bells! After Sunday school and worship, everyone is invited to the Eggstravaganza brunch hosted by the Fellowship Committee. After brunch we will have an Easter Story and decorate Easter eggs. We hope you can make it!



Pajama Party Time! We reached our goal of 100 items for Squeaky Clean collection! As a reward, we will have a PJ day and party on May 21, 2017. All Sunday school children are invited to come to church in their pajamas and join for a celebration during Sunday school time. Many thanks to all the families for generously donating to this important benevolence!





June 13-15 9 am- noon is our annual Summer Bible Camp (VBS) for preschool through 5th grade children. Watch this space for details.

When is camp?

July 9 to July 15, 2017

Who can come to camp?

Camp is open to children completing grades 3-12 in the spring of 2017. Mini Kamp (the Elementary camp program) is for students completing grades 3-5.



What is WCA Camp all about?

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!

What do you do at camp?

Faith Worship & Singing, Small Group Discussion, Campfires, Cabin Devotions, Bible Study, Communion, Personal Reflection, Fellowship, Stargazing, Nature Hikes, Organized Activities, Free Time, Games, Random Dancing, Deck Party Fun, Swimming, Volleyball, Ropes Course, Arts & Crafts, Soccer, Ultimate Frisbee and Disc Golf.

Questions about camp?

Contact the WCA Youth & Camp Committee Chair: Abby Cole abbyc05@gmail.com (414) 559-2011

You can go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/> to access all info you need!



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
Leslie Krueger
lrcook@uwm.edu

HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

Youth Events (6th-12th grade)

Youth events calendar: put it on yours!

YouthConnect for 6th through 12th grade. Pizza and Game Night: April 21, 6:00-8:00 (please note new time!). Ever popular SARDINES and CUPSAND DOWNS (this time all over the building!) and More - let Rev. Julie know how many friends you are bringing so we can order enough pizza.

Youth Spring Overnight Retreat at North Shore Congregational Church - **April 28 - 29** this event is for 6th grade through 12th grade youth hosted by the Wisconsin Congregational Association. Friends are welcome. While our focus is Christian fellowship it is not exclusive to Congregational youth. Save the date - more information to come!

A **Youth Praise Choir** combining North Shore Congregational Church and Ozaukee Congregational Church youth will lead us in song during worship in April. This is for 4th grade through 12th grade youth. We so enjoyed this combination and exchange that we are doing it again! **April 23**, the group will share music during worship at Ozaukee Congregational and **April 30**, we will enjoy their presence here at NSCC!

June 13-15, 9 am - noon, is our annual **Summer Bible Camp (VBS)** for preschool through 5th grade children. Youth having completed grades 6 and above are invited and **NEEDED** to join in and be helpers with games, crafts, snacks etc.! Please contact Rev. Julie or Ms. Leslie to volunteer. (See the Children's Ministry page for more details)



July 9- 15

This camp becomes, for many, their “favorite week of the year.” MiniKamp for 3rd- 5th grade, Jr. High 6th-8th grade, Sr. High 9th -12th grade.

Where? Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center, Wautoma, WI

For more information about camp, see the article on the Children’s Ministry page of this newsletter (page 17).



Please note if you register by May 1 there is a healthy discount!

Scholarships are available to offset some of the fees - just ask one of our Ministers.

Go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/camp> for more information and registration forms

*Parents: We would like to keep a bulletin board and newsletter notes of special events, plays/musicals that the school age people of the church are part of so we join in as able!
Please contact Julie Smith with dates and events!*

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

Our Confirmation class served together at St Ben’s Loaves and Fishes on March 21. We finished our topics surrounding worship and began to discuss some facets of who Jesus is, as one who welcomes all, Jesus as teacher, healer and savior. Due to spring breaks, Easter Sunday and the Youth Praise Choir exchange with Ozaukee Congregational, we will only meet as a class once in April (April 9). It is important for students to be there! Please continue to meet and greet each other, get to know who your church family is, as well as participate/attend board and Council meetings. Need service hours? You are invited to help with the April 6 Weed ‘n Feed (4:30-6:00) getting the church gardens ready for spring/summer.



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