

# North Shore Church News

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April 2018

## ***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

### ***An Early Easter...***

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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,

There is always a slightly different experience of Easter, in the life of the church, when it falls particularly early in the cycle. As I write this message, it is still mid-March and we are already nearing the tail-end of our Lenten program, ironing out final details for our Easter services, and staring down the rapid approach of Holy Week. While April 1 isn't quite as early as some we've seen in past years (I distinctly remember the March 23 timing, in 2008, which is the earliest any of us will ever experience it), these earlier arrivals of Easter still manage to create something of an 'Already?' sensibility to them. Both in church leadership, and in the general scope of life, we can find things a little disjointed and out of place when March Madness is still in full swing, the weather hasn't truly broken, and we are coming to the resurrection before the lilies even begin to awaken from their winter slumber. Things can feel just a bit more unusual, or even surprising, in these early Easters. But, what I've found, at least for me, is that there is something beautifully appropriate about that very sense of surprise!

There is a shocking and awe-inspiring nature of the resurrection that I think has been lost, in some ways, over the years. In the nearly 2,000 years of history we have seen since the resurrection, it has become a celebrated and majestically remembered event in the church, and in the lives of those who profess the Christian faith. However, the majestic celebration, seen again and again year after year, has erased some of the jaw-dropping nature of the miracle. So, what I suggest is that it is not all bad that, even if just a little, Easter catches us a bit off-guard now and then.

When I consider the thoughts that must have gone through the minds of the women who heard it proclaimed that 'He is risen,' or the emotions of Peter and 'the one whom Jesus loved' as they arrived at the tomb and found nothing but

## ***An Early Easter continued...***

Jesus' clothes, or the utter surprise Mary must have known when she stood face to face with the Risen Lord and heard him call her name, I am deeply compelled by the shocking, awe-inspiring and mind-blowing nature of the resurrection. And, when I consider that nature of the resurrection, I consider how truly ill-prepared Jesus' followers would have been at that moment. So, with all of the ritualistic pomp-and-circumstance that goes with the annual celebration of the miracle of Easter, perhaps it's not all bad to know just glimpse of how truly unconventional, irregular, unprecedented, unexpected and sudden an event it was to discover that our Lord is risen. Perhaps just a little of that surprise can help us to recognize what a glorious and unprecedented love it was that was shown to us in Christ.

Your Pastor and Friend, **Marty**

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Please make note of two Sundays, this spring, on which we will gather together for one worship service. On Confirmation Sunday (May 20) and Celebration Sunday (June 10), there will be no early chapel service, as we will gather together to rejoice in the blessing of these days for a single worship experience at 10am.

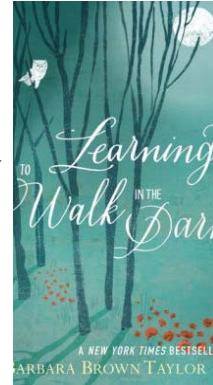


## EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Thursday Morning Bible Discussion:** Join us in Friendship Lounge on **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00** as we continue our discussion with the Gospel of John. Drop in if you want to see and hear what we are up to.



The **Tuesday Morning Book Group** meets in Friendship Lounge on **Tuesdays from 10-11 am**. We are continuing our discussion on Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark*.



### Let's Talk

**April 24**, 6:30 pm, in Friendship Lounge. A little bit like a book group, but instead of reading, listen to an **"On Being"** interview between Krista Tippet and Father Gregory Boyle titled, **"The Calling of Delight: Gangs, Service, and Kinship."** It is a delightful and inspiring conversation of a deep and joyful theology of love and mutuality. We will find much to discuss together!



*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](mailto:juliesmith@northshorecongl.org).*

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### Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendar for Sunday, **April 8**, for a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 10am worship service. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to present the preliminary slate of nominees for the upcoming program year. The vote on that slate, as well as a number of other matters, will take place at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 6.



## FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

The first Sunday of April happened to be Easter, so a group gathered to make the bag lunches on Saturday March 31. Lunches were delivered to Repairers of the Breach on Monday April 2. Thank you to those who came in on a Saturday! **May 6**, please come down after the All Church meeting and help! We are happy to have people volunteer to make cookies to include in each bag or donate items such as carrots, bread, pretzels, peanut butter or jelly (we currently have donations of bottled water and fruit). We are also building a team of volunteers who can take turns delivering the bag lunches on Monday morning by 11:00 or earlier. Contact Jane Ford ([janer1975@hotmail.com](mailto:janer1975@hotmail.com)) or Mary Kramer ([mewkramer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mewkramer@sbcglobal.net)) to volunteer.

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### Weed 'n Feed



Two opportunities! Come Wednesday evening, **April 25**, from 4:30-6:30 and help clean up the gardens. Stay for a supper of Wild Rice Soup (in memory of Don Stahl, faithful weed 'n feeder). Bring gloves and light tools. Be here Sunday, **April 29**, starting at noon, and help with moving and spreading wood chips. Bring tools and a wheelbarrow if you can!



**Chair Yoga** is a gentle form of Yoga adapted to do while sitting on a chair or standing with a chair as support. Chair Yoga offers improvement for

mobility and flexibility, overall health and relaxation. Come on **Thursdays, from 11:15-12:15**, in Friendship Lounge. \$10 per session to drop in or sign up for the next 6-week session that **starts April 5** (\$54 for 6 week session). Dress comfortably, we provide chairs and a relaxing environment. Instructor, Erica Boos.



## LOAVES AND FISHES

April 17, 2018

### CASSEROLES

### DESSERTS

Bartlett	Dowsett
Gaenslen	Enea
Lydia	Lemorande
Lydia	Reimer
Lydia	Sweet
Quilling	Wauck
Ritke	Westfahl
_____	Zganjar
_____	Block
_____	Weber
_____	Wood
_____	Zimmer



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

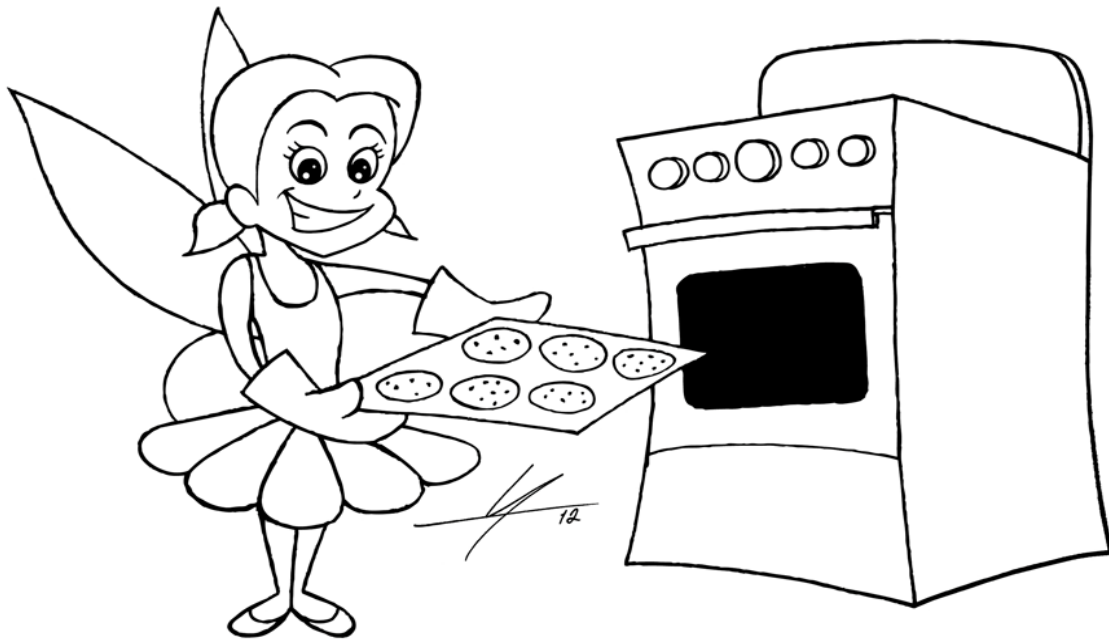
### DRIVERS

Osborne	Croysdale	Tollefsen
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### SERVERS

Papineau	Tornetta
Papineau	Tornetta
Papineau	Tollefsen
Osborne	Tollefsen

**Lydia Circle** will meet Tuesday, **April 17**, at 11am, following Book Group to prepare dishes for Loaves and Fishes. Many hands make light work, so plan to join us. You are encouraged to bring a friend.



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# EASTER

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.



## LOOKING AHEAD



After an active month of April, the busyness will continue right through the spring calendar. Mark your calendars with all of the things happening at North Shore Church this May and June...

- Sunday, **May 6** – **Annual Meeting** after 10am Worship.
- Sunday, **May 13** – **Mother's Day worship** at 10am with Sunday school musical and Confirmation students leading worship.
- Saturday, **May 19** – **Confirmation dinner and exam.** All members are invited to join in a dinner celebrating Confirmation, which will be followed by our tradition of allowing members to explore the confirmation journey with the students.
- Sunday, **May 20** – **Confirmation Sunday** with one worship service at 10am.
- Sunday, **June 3** – Communion Worship with **baptism**.
- Sunday, **June 10** – One worship service at 10am for **Celebration Sunday** with special music, bells, chancel choir, teacher recognition, Hosanna Mission commissioning, and more...



# SQUEAKY CLEAN



**April 2018**

Our church will be making a very important donation to **Sojourner Family Peace Center** on May 1.

Sojourner Family Peace Center provides a short-term home-away-from-home for women and children who have been forced to leave their homes, with only the clothes they are wearing, due to domestic abuse.

We have chosen the focus for our drive to be the TOP 5 most needed items as determined by SFPC.

They are as follows:



- ◆ Baby Wipes
- ◆ New Born, 4, 5, 6 Diapers
- ◆ Personal Care Items
- ◆ Socks and Underwear
- ◆ Spring and Summer Clothing for Adults and Children

You'll find hampers throughout the church just waiting for your contributions! Children in Sunday School will have the chance to donate separate items to the Sunday School collection, which will go specifically to children staying at Sojourner Family Peace Center.

Thank you for your generosity!!!

**Your Benevolence Board**

## The History of Our Organ

In 1985, the need to replace the church's failing electronic organ was recognized. In November, 1988, a six member Organ Study Committee was constituted. In addition, this committee had 2 consultants with knowledge of organ design and one consultant with architectural expertise. Two other Organ Committees worked on the project between 1988 and 1993. These later two committees had six members and also two consultants with knowledge of organ design, a financial consultant, an architectural consultant and a local non-church member with expertise in acoustical design and organ construction. Many members and friends of the church contributed greatly of time, knowledge and resources to make this organ truly a treasure -- an object of beauty to play, to see and to hear. Glory Be to God!



The organ was designed, voiced and built specifically for our church sanctuary by J. C. Taylor Organ builder of Kaukauna, Wisconsin. The versatility of the organ lends itself to congregational hymn singing, and for accompanying the choir, soloists, and instrumentalists. The organ was ready for dedication at the 10 AM worship service on January 31, 1993.

The organ blends with the existing style and architectural elements of the sanctuary. The central window with the stained glass panels when open and the shuttered window with the cross was maintained. The organ is moveable and when faced the great organ pipes are located on the left and the pipes for the swell organ are located on the right, with the pedal pipes divided between the two sections. The console is crafted of ash and the key bay is of black walnut. The standard keys are covered with ivory and the sharps keys are of ebony. Whenever the organist is present and when the organ is open, please stop and take a look at its beauty and might--and ask questions



# *Celebrate Our Heritage*

WISCONSIN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

# Moving the WCA Church Toward Relevant Identity

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2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SUMMIT & 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

**APRIL 27-28**

## FEATURING **PASTOR CHRIS RYGH**

Chris Rygh has a long history with the WCA. As a high school student in Iowa, he traveled on the Wisconsin bus to the NAPF conference. Ten years later, Chris took a job working at the NACCC office. During seminary as a CFTS fellow, Chris served at First Congregational Church, Wauwatosa.

In 2003, Chris returned to his home state of Iowa where for the last fifteen years, he has served as an associate pastor at Prairie Lakes Church. In his current role, Chris coordinates the church's ministry in six communities and facilitates monthly workshops for church leaders across the state.



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY EVENING	6:30 p.m.	<b>Registration and Refreshments</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Lessons from the Church Lab/Chris Rygh</b> Join us for a conversational session in which multi-site pastor Chris Rygh shares "Lessons from the Church Lab." Chris will discuss current projects, surprising trends, and some memorable ministry blunders.
	8:15 p.m.	<b>Special music from Jerry Eisner</b> Jerry Eisner, a member of Faith Community Church in Franklin, will share his concert "Love and Gospel," a compilation of Elvis Presley's best loved Gospel hymns.
SATURDAY	8:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast and Registration</b>
	8:30 a.m.	<b>Delegate Meeting (delegate/pastor required)</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Summit 2017 Reflection</b>
	10:30 a.m.	<b>Effective Church Strategy/Chris Rygh</b> Strategy Workshops : We love our churches. And we love our states. How can we more effectively fellowship and support our churches? In what specific ways are churches better together?
	12:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
	1:00 p.m.	<b>Elastic and Practical: Try this at Home/Chris Rygh</b>
	3:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Worship</b>

## REGISTRATION

Registration fee = \$30 per person; includes keynote presentation and Saturday lunch.

Register at [wiscongregational.net](http://wiscongregational.net) or via form below

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Lay Participant

☐ Delegate

☐ Pastor

Each church is allowed one voting delegate in addition to the pastor; a church is encouraged to send numerous participants to the summit.

☐ Check enclosed

☐ Pay at door

**Send forms/fees to:**

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sunday School Lessons

**April 1** - Easter Sunday! All children are invited to attend worship during the 9 am or 11 am service. The crib and crawler will be staffed during both services.

**April 8** - Jesus Rises from the Dead (Matthew 28: 1-10; Mark 16: 1-11; Luke 24: 1-12; John 20: 1-18)

**April 15** - The Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35)

**April 22** - Jesus Appears to Disciples (Mark 16:14; Luke 24: 36-43; John 20: 19-31)

**April 29** - Jesus Talks With Peter (John 21: 15-25)

**Squeaky Clean** will run the entire month of April. We are collecting items for Sojourner Family Peace Center! Items needed include children's toothbrushes and toothpaste, children's shampoo, children's pjs, and toddler size underwear. Items of greatest need include baby wipes, diapers (newborn-size 6), socks, and spring and summer clothing.



**Pajama Party Time!** If we reach our goal of 100 items for **the** Squeaky Clean collection, the Sunday School children will have a PJ day on May 6. Many thanks to all the families for generously donating to this important benevolence!



**WCA Summer Camp!!!!** You can go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/> to access all info you need! Children completing grade 3 and up are eligible for this wonderful camp. Saturday, April 21, 4-7 pm we are hosting a BBQ for families to meet, have a little camp type fun, and learn more about the WCA camp.



**Vacation Bible Camp** will not be offered this summer. We are currently re-evaluating the need for this program for the future. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to Leslie or Rev. Julie.



**Children's Chapel** will be with Rev. Marty on April 8 at 10:00am. Please meet upstairs in the Chapel!



**Children's Choir** will sing on April 15! You won't want to miss this performance!

**KidsConnect** will meet on April 8 from 4-5:30 for kids grades 3-5! As always, bring a friend. Back by popular demand...Live Clue anyone?



**Youth Choir Exchange:** Our Youth Choir (NSCC and Ozaukee youth) will sing at NSCC on April 15 and at Ozaukee on April 22. Come and listen to the amazing talents of our youth!



**Questions?**  
**Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith today!**  
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 Or  
**Or Leslie Krueger**  
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**Crib n Crawler** will be staffed during worship on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15.

## HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

### Confirmation Class Update



We are getting close to the conclusion of our Confirmation classes! In April we plan the May 13 worship that will wrap around the children's musical presented that day. We will also work on our "credo/I believe" statements. The group will meet on April 8 and 29. April 15 and 22 all the youth are invited to be part of the Youth Choir Exchange with Ozaukee Congregational Church.

### Sunday school for grades 6 and 7

We are grateful for the ongoing volunteer leadership of Linda Emery who teaches this class most Sundays! Please contact Rev. Julie to volunteer for some occasional Sundays. Lesson, supplies, YouTube clips, games and talking points provided!



### YouthConnect (Grade 6-12)

**April 15 and 22, join in the Youth Choir Exchange with Ozaukee Congregational!** Meet at North Shore at 9:30 am, April 15, to rehearse a few songs, worship at 10 am. On April 22, we will meet at Ozaukee Congregational at 9:30am, worship at 10am. Contact Rev. Julie if you need a ride on April 22.





**Sunday, April 15,** YouthConnect will **make lunch at the VA Fisher House.** The VA Fisher House is a home away from home for veterans' and military families who need temporary housing while their loved ones receives care at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. We will leave church at 11:30, then make, serve, and eat lunch with those in residence. Contact Rev. Julie if you would like to help! Adult help needed as well.

### WCA Spring Barbeque!

Join us here at NSCC from 4-7pm on Saturday, April 21, to meet other Wisconsin Congregational Association families, hear about camp and youth events, and play some camp favorite games. We'll provide the main dish, families are invited to bring a side or dessert. Let Rev. Julie know if you plan to attend!!



### Agape Table

Friday evening, April 13, Rev. Julie and Rev. Rob Fredrickson will meet with our Madison Area College Students at 5 pm. Ask Rev. Julie about this when you see her.



***Parents/Youth: Let us know if there is a special event, games, musical, play etc. that you are involved in so the church can cheer you on! Message Rev. Julie with dates and events.***

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