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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Our National Fellowship...

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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’m going to ‘step aside’ this month and defer my space to our Moderator, Norm Christensen. Norm was one of seven of our church members (myself included) who played some part or another in attending the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches in June. We have a long history with this Association in our church, and we have a number of people who are actively involved in its leadership (Debby Fulton is on their staff, Rick Bauzenberger wears multiple hats on the financial side, and I have just accepted a new role as well). I encourage you to take the time to read Norm’s article and learn a bit from his first-time/first-hand experience. It was a joy to share this meeting with so many of our members, and I hope you enjoy reading what Norm has to share.

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

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) was hosted by the local Methodist Congregational Federated Church and Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia from June 24 to 27, 2017. As your Moderator, the Council elected me to attend as your voting delegate with Marty, Marcia and Rick Bauzenberger attending as your alternates. *North Shore members Dottie Schimpf, Barb Bauzenberger and Debby Fulton (the NACCC Director of Development and Communications) were also with us.* The theme of this meeting was, “Dreaming, Talking and Acting” and we experienced all of it.

This was a first time experience for me and I will attempt to share in this report to you highlights of this meeting. But first, I have a confession to make. Prior to this meeting, the NACCC was for me an organization that had a headquarters building in Oak Creek, Wisconsin with additional staff

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presence at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan. From their occasional visits to our church, I knew some of the previous Executive Directors, like Mike Robertson, John Carson, Tom Richard and currently Rev. Dr. Michael Chittum. Our North Shore Church was an important member of this voluntary association to which I most often was reminded we needed to send more money to qualify as a fair share contributor. Our church is a very important member and the NACCC is more important to us and the “Congregational Way,” than I ever realized prior to this experience! We do need to do more and we will.

Following orientation as a first time attendee on Saturday morning, I was now prepared to participate. The business meetings and their Agenda on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday were what you would have expected of any organization. They passed a balanced budget following a well-documented Treasurer’s report. However, what also soon became apparent is how much recent effort has been expended to reorganize the NACCC into what can and I think will become a much more effective instrument in fulfilling their mission of “Bringing together Congregational Christian Churches for mutual care and outreach to our world in the name of Jesus Christ!” As an example, the Executive Director will now move from Olivet to Oak Creek and plans will be made to improve and maintain the headquarters building, which is ten minutes from a major airport. I am certain that we will be hearing more good news as our own, Rev. Dr. “Marty” Hall was elected to serve a four year term on the Board of Directors. Congratulations Marty!

There were *15 workshops held over the four days* of the meeting. Each topic was well considered and effectively presented from all reports. It was not possible to attend all of them but each dealt with a topic important to the operation of every church regardless of size or financial strength. Incidentally, there were 340 churches, with 4 new member churches joining the NACCC at this meeting. Of these, 107 were in attendance and I was surprised to learn that over half contain a membership of less than 50 members. We at North Shore, have much for which to be grateful and thankful. Also, to whom much is given much is to be expected.

One of the highlights for me was the “Congregational Lecture,” Unlike previous years when the lecture was given by an individual, this year a five member panel shared what it means to own the covenant and share in the history, freedom and responsibility of the “Congregational Way.” Marty was one of the five and I could not have been more proud to see him and hear his words as our senior pastor.

Sunday was for worship, the first of three bible lectures by the Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor and workshops. The worship and communion service with all in attendance was just

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something that you had to experience. *Dottie Schimpf also added her voice to the choir.* I have a picture of the 18 ton (that's right 18 ton) organ, as the centerpiece of the chancel which was magnificent to see and hear as was the message given by a recent CFTS graduate.

In preparing this report to you, I have saved the best for last and that is the three bible lectures given on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday by Barbara Brown Taylor. She recently retired as a professor at Piedmont, is an ordained minister in the Episcopal Church and New York Times best-selling author. Her insight and sharing on the personality and faith of Peter with an amazing delivery ability was a lasting memory for me. Each of her lectures, "act first think later," "dreaming outside of the box" and "talking your way to the truth" gave me a new understanding of Peter and why Jesus could say that he was the "Rock" on which the church would be built. I could see many of the same personality faults of Peter in me and many others, but I can also see why Jesus chooses him and all of us to build His church!

Thanks again for giving me this meaningful experience. Let's talk further about our role, responsibility and benefits gained by our participation in the NACCC.

Norm Christensen, Moderator



NOTE FROM JULIE AND THE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Church in a Changing Context: If you are interested in being part of a “listening group” as part of Julie’s first year’s Doctoral program, see opportunities below:

In September and October small groups will read 4 chapters from *Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World*. The books will be provided so please contact me with your interest. We will meet several times over a meal to discuss these chapters.

In October and November I invite you to small group lectio experiences (focusing on Acts 16: 1-15 and Luke 10: 1-20). Meet at minimum 4 times to practice, reflect and journal. Times and dates will be chosen by these groups form.

I will journal/record responses and themes from these gatherings and bring this to the Pastoral Relations Committee as a continuing conversation.

Please let me know of your interest to participate! I look forward to beginning the journey with you.

Special worship opportunity

Mark your calendar for August 20, 2017! After a tremendously successful trip to West Virginia, our Hosanna Mission Team will join us on Sunday, August 20, to share stories, pictures, songs and more as they reflect on the joys and blessings of their journey. Please plan to join us to hear all about the experiences they had.



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The **Thursday Morning Bible** study in August is meeting in Friendship Lounge from **9:30 – 11:00 on Thursday** mornings (except for August 31) relishing and deepening our experience with the Psalms. If you have an interest or would like to simply come and see if this is for you, please feel free to join us in Friendship Lounge.



Tuesday Morning Book Group



Come on **August 8, 15, and 22**, on Tuesday mornings, from **10:00 am – 11:00 am** to continue the discussion we paused during June and July on Marcus Borg's

Convictions. Join in, we welcome new book "groupers" anytime. Interested? Just contact Rev. Julie and you will receive a reminder/invitation!

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.

Alexian Pilgrims

At the group's request, please remember that **Alexian Pilgrims** (our monthly gathering of church members who are residents at Alexian Village) will begin a month earlier this year. Our first gathering will be **Wednesday, August 16, at 10am.**



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Music on the Lawn

Relax with friends and neighbors with “Music on the Lawn” Wednesday evening, **August 9, from 7pm – 9pm**. Bring your blankets or chairs, invite friends and neighbors. We will provide live music, snacks, sidewalk chalk, etc. Free event, but a tip for the musicians is appreciated.



Agape Players

Some of our members were truly blessed, earlier this spring, when we welcomed the Children’s Christian Theater to our church. An inspiring and enjoyable musical was put on by this group and all of our members who attended raved of their experience. With this in mind, we are thrilled to announce that we will be welcoming the Agape Players (the high school version of this theater group) on **August 5 at 7pm**. Join us for this exciting opportunity to see high schoolers from around our region put on a faith-based musical in our sanctuary! For more information on this presentation, see page 15!



Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

We need your help on **August 6** in the church kitchen at 11:00 am (after worship), making 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. You are also invited to provide supplies ahead of time such as pretzels (4 large bags), bread (10 loaves), desserts, and peanut butter and jelly (for 75). Please contact Tom Smith at jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net if you can shop or donate items ahead of time.



HOSANNA MISSION TRIP

Hosanna Mission Trip Review

Hosanna Mission Team Sunday, August 20! As you may know, the team traveled this year to Richwood, West Virginia, working on several homes devastated not only by flood the previous June, but years of economic distress. Through God's grace, our presence, and Hosanna we were able to provide \$80,000 of market valued construction services as well as spending time with whom we worked (Richwood residents, co-volunteers, and Hosanna staff). Please be with us on **August 20** to hear some of our personal stories. God is good!

The dream team from North Shore included:



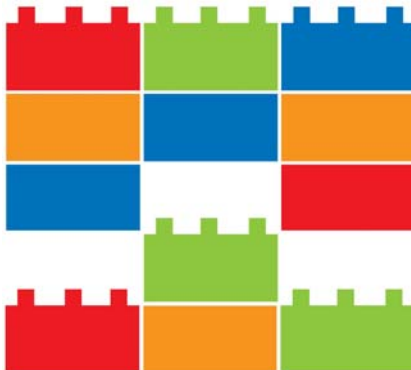
Joe Hadcock, Thomas Hadcock, Brian Hanrahan, Barb Holzhauer, Haley Krueger, Olivia Krueger, Sara Krueger, Katie Lennie, Laura Lennie, Nicole Lennie, Mitchell Niemeyer, Megan Re, Paul Scharnweber, Sheri Scharnweber, David Schimpf, Lindsey Schimpf, Nathan Schimpf, Roger Schmidt, Julie Smith, Tom Smith and Timmy Snider.



CHURCH BUSINESS

Leadership Training and August Board Meetings

- ❖ Don't get caught off-guard by the early Tuesdays in August! Our **All-Board Night** will take place on **Tuesday, August 1** and our **Church Council** will meet on **Tuesday, August 15**.
- ❖ All Board and Council members – mark your calendar for **Tuesday, September 5!** Our board meetings that night will be preceded by fellowship and our **annual leadership training** (likely with a slightly earlier start than usual). Take note of the date and watch upcoming weekly news and newsletters for more information.



BUILDING TASK FORCE

During July, work was done to replace the shingles on the roof and to repave the parking lot. New light posts were installed in the south-side parking lot to improve visibility at night and the ceilings above both the sanctuary and chapel were insulated to provide better energy efficiency in the years ahead.

We offer our deepest thanks our Capital Campaign Committee and the Board of Trustees for their leadership in these projects, as well as **all of those who have contributed to the campaign** and enabled us to continue to maintain and improve the great blessing that is our church building and campus!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date! Commissioning Sunday is just around the corner on **September 10**. All children will begin in worship with their families at 10:00 am and be invited to Sunday school after the Children's Sermon. This summer we began using a new curriculum, and are excited to bring it to the whole group starting this fall.

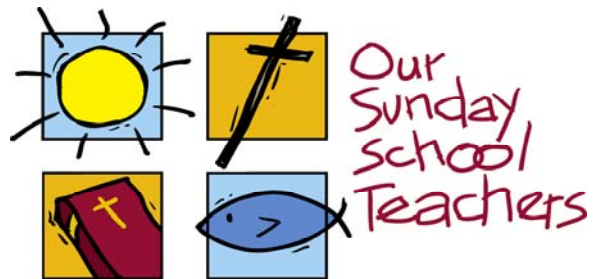


Look for **Sunday School registration forms** on the church **website** and on the shelf under the **bulletin board** in the main hallway.

The Crib and Crawler will continue to be staffed from 9:45-11:15 each Sunday morning.

Here are just a few reasons to join our team of Sunday School teachers:

- ❖ Every week is different and there's never a dull moment!
- ❖ Crafts: Paper, foam, markers, stickers, felt, you name it. If it is sticky, you can find a way to incorporate it into a lesson at least once.
- ❖ Make more connections to the great families at NSCC.
- ❖ Practice your crowd-control skills.
- ❖ Learn more about the Bible.
- ❖ Form a team with other Sunday School teachers. We're a fun bunch!
- ❖ It's an opportunity to give back to this great church community.
- ❖ You can have a front row seat at the Christmas Pageant. You've earned it! Talk about an over-abundance of C-U-T-E!
- ❖ Share your faith and what matters to you with young people.
- ❖ The great kids who come to NSCC! They are fun, smart, and they need you!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Please consider this...



volunteer ~ training, curriculum and supplies are provided. I would love to hear of your interest in this vital ministry!

We have been truly blessed with Sunday school teachers this past year and are looking forward to creating, equipping, and encouraging a team of teachers to begin our fall program year. I am looking to staff Sunday School each week with a team of 4 teachers. Please contact Leslie Krueger to

August 6: Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

August 13: Jesus Feeds Five Thousand (Matthew 14: 13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6: 1-15)

August 20: Disciples Argue About Who Will Be the Greatest (Matthew 18: 1-6; Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9: 46-48)

August 27: Jesus teaches about forgiveness (John 7: 53-8:11)



At a glance:

August 13: KidsConnect (Grades 3-6) 4-5:30: Hope to see you there....



Questions?
Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith today!
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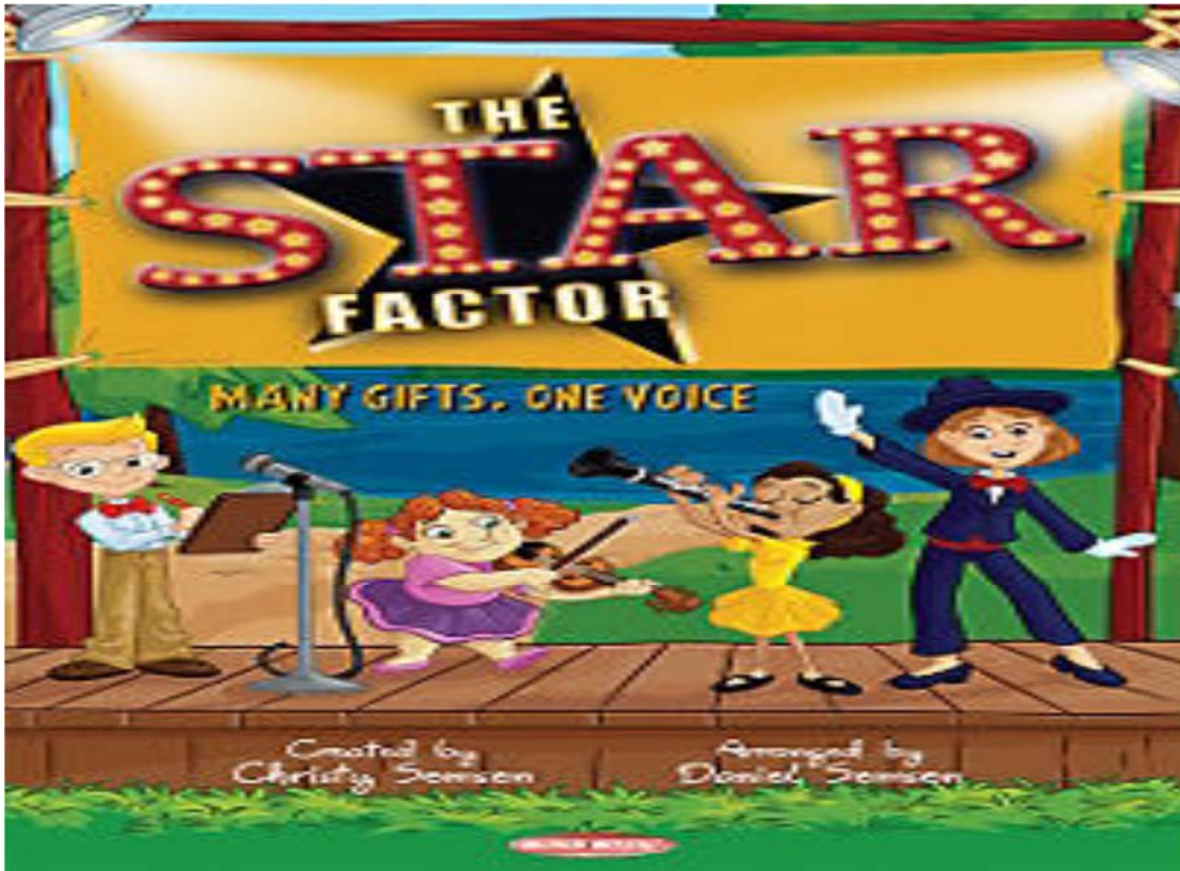
HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

Wow! After a week away at our Wisconsin Congregational Association camp we return carrying great memories of old and new friendships and a deepened sense of God in our lives (and ready for a nap)! Camp is such a wonderful experience so please ask Becca and Megan Hall, Katie and Nicole Lennie, Sean, Andrew and Corey Bell, Sarah, Nathan, or Lindsey Schimpf, Timm and Taylor Snider and Rev. Julie about cabin inspections, worship, programs, camp devos, mid-day meeting, FOB (feet on bunk), free time, organized activities, camp fires and seemingly endless yummy food!



*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 Rev. Julie with dates and events!*





August 4 at 7 pm in our Sanctuary! Don't miss AGAPE Children's Christian Theater's performance of Star Factor

This year you have a front-row seat at Camp Heart & Soul, a summer arts camp that features a talent showcase with an exciting twist: the showcase winner earns the opportunity to compete on a national TV show. The show comes to a fantastic finish when the cast all learns an important truth about being part of the Body of Christ.

Agape is an ecumenical theater group for young adults entering 8th grade through college sponsored by Faith Community Church and Children's Christian Theater.

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