

# North Shore Church News

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Happy  
NEW YEAR!

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
SAYS THE LORD.

"THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD  
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,  
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."

JEREMIAH 29:11

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January 2017

## ***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

### **A Joyous Season Ahead**

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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,

What can I say, as we wrap up 2016 and head into 2017, but **THANK YOU!?!** There is no question about the fact that these last weeks of 2016 have been an emotional, spiritual and organizational roller coaster for our church. A season that was already loaded with numerous programs and ministries (both new and long-beloved) was suddenly shrouded, a few weeks ago, when we learned of the loss of the Rev. Karl Schimpf. The collective gasp of both shock and grief was palpable from the very moment the news began to circulate, and the days that followed were experienced as something of a haze for many of us in the church. What emerged in those same days, however, was a display of faith, fellowship and discipleship that is unparalleled my experiences in church Ministry.

From the surprisingly large crowd that gathered, on a moment's notice, for a prayer service that night...to the countless people we heard from in the following days...to the innumerable offers of help that we received throughout the week...to the constant flow of support and love that was shared with the Schimpf family...to the plethora of volunteers who served in a myriad of capacities on the day of Karl's Memorial...our church family rallied in ways that I couldn't have begun to imagine as the news first struck. We rallied in fellowship to support one another in a time of grief. We rallied in faith to claim God's promises of comfort in our times of grief and God's promises of glory for life everlasting. And, we rallied in discipleship as we sought every possible way we might serve the family, the church and one another in a time of deepest need!

The hospitality and remembrances that were shared for Karl, on December 7, were truly fitting for the legacy of Ministry and care we were celebrating. And, the service we shared was one nothing like anything most any of us have seen (or will see again) in our lifetimes. What our church family did to pull together throughout that week (and for the events of that day), however, was just as equally profound a testament to the

## A Joyous Season Ahead cont...

community of faith Karl fostered for so many years of service to our church! Beyond the tremendous hospitality and service of the day, our greatest celebration of Karl's ministry was in the very faith and ministry our church embraced in the wake of such heartbreaking news.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the profound display of faith, fellowship and discipleship that has been exemplified over the past few weeks. I want to celebrate, with all of you, the fact that the faithfulness that was heightened in the course of these events is something that we have seen repeatedly throughout this year, as members have stepped up and in to new opportunities and possibilities for ministry. And, I want to rejoice, with all of you, in the privilege and joy we have in building on the foundations that have been built as we minister together in 2017 and beyond. Words cannot express my appreciation for the joy our family knows in being a part of this church family, and that I know in following in Karl's footsteps as the Sr. Minister of North Shore Congregational Church. After everything I have seen and known throughout these most recent weeks, I am as grateful as ever for the privilege of sharing in ministry with each of you.

Your Pastor and Friend, **Marty**

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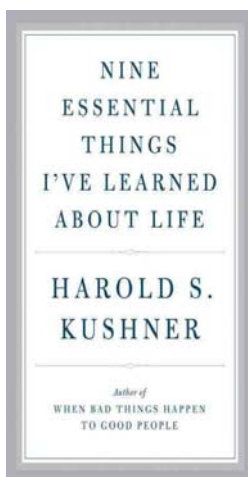
The **Schimpf family** extends our utmost thanks to the friends and members of North Shore Congregational Church. The support and love that rained down upon us in our saddest hours is appreciated beyond words.



For the righteous...  
enter into peace.

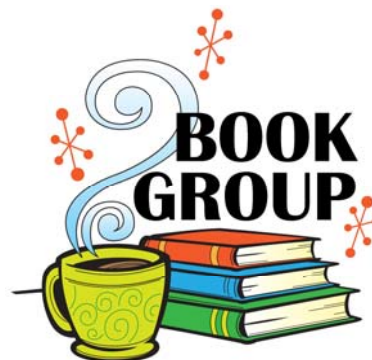
ISAIAH 57:1-2, NRSV

## EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



### Tuesday Morning Book Group

Meet in Friendship Lounge, Tuesdays, from 10 – 11 am. We will begin discussing Harold S. Kushner's *Nine Essential Things I've Learned About Life*. Join us, you are always welcome!



*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).*

### Knit together by God!

Come January 20. Meet at Sarah Chudnow (main floor library) - Elizabeth Krueger's place 1-2 pm. Contact Rev. Julie if you would like to carpool. Knot a Knitter yet - we can fix that! Join us.



### Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us in good conversation and exploration as we continue to study the Book of Acts. Meet in Friendship Lounge, Thursday, 9:30 – 11 am.





## FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Read any good books lately? Join with **Lydia Circle on Monday, January. 23, 2017 at 10am** as we share our suggestions for curling up with a good read during these winter days.



If you're willing to share your books as well as the recommendation, all the better. Bring a friend or invite a new member. Hope to see you there.

### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

Celebrate the New Year by reaching out to others. January 1! Gather in the church kitchen after worship to make bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach (daytime homeless center). If your heart is so moved, we need items for lunch making. Please let Tom Smith ([jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net)) know if you can donate bread, peanut butter, jelly, pretzels, juice boxes, or desserts for 75 bag lunches. This is a wonderful intergenerational ministry.



**Winter Play!** Join your church family for snow tubing at **Sunburst Ski area on Sunday, January 29, at 2:00 pm.** Cost - \$15.00 per person for two hours of tubing fun. Sign-up in Friendship Lounge (waivers need to be filled out upon sign-up). We need a final count by January 22, so please make sure to sign up.

Meet at the Tubing Barn at 1:45 pm to receive tickets—  
Sunburst address: 8355 Prospect Dr, Kewaskum WI.

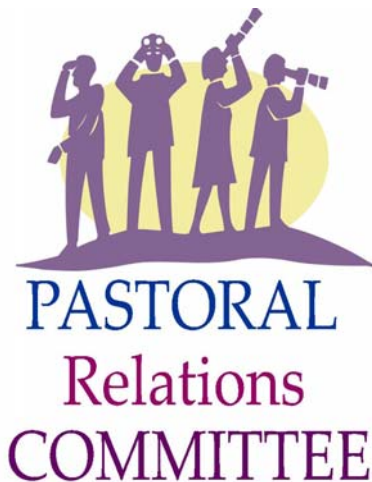
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## THIS NEW YEAR AT NORTH SHORE CHURCH



- ❖ **Sunday, January 1**
  - ◆ 10:00am communion worship service ONLY
  - ◆ Repairers Meal Prep after the 10am worship service
- ❖ **Monday, January 2**
  - ◆ Please note that the Office will be closed on January 2, 2017
- ❖ **Sunday, January 8**
  - ◆ Epiphany Sunday with worship at 8am and 10am



### Update:

At a Congregational Meeting earlier this year, the Council's proposal to form a **Pastoral Relations Committee** was approved. The Nominating Committee finalized their recommendations for this Committee a few weeks ago, and their recommendation was approved by the Church Council on Tuesday, December 13.

The members of the Committee are Su Davison, Carolyn Grove, Joe Hilyard, Bruce Schuyler and Mike Slagle. The Committee will hold their first meeting in January.

## COFFEE, CHORDS AND KIDS



North Shore Congregational Church

**COFFEE, CHORDS & KIDS!**

**ACUISTICATS, AT NORTH SHORE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON JANUARY 6TH!**



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Casey Olson and Sara Hubertz present the “Acousticats”! Performing a wide variety of music from folk favorites to acoustic versions of rock covers from the 60’s to the present.

**Friday January 6** - Coffee, Chords and Kids! Come for an evening of live music, coffee, tea and desserts for the adults, and a movie for the kids. 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Hosted at North Shore Congregational Church: 7330 N Santa Monica Blvd. Fox Point.

This is a neighborhood event, invite your friends! (There is no charge, a free will offering for the musicians appreciated.) Invite Neighbors, come and relax!

## LOAVES AND FISHES

January 17, 2016

### CASSEROLES

### DESSERTS

Bartlett	Papineau
Cook	Hadcock
Dowsett	Lemorande
Krosnosky	Schill
Quilling	Tornetta
Shawger	Weber
Wauck	Zimmer
Enea	Wood
Lange	Zganjar
-----	Loder
-----	Navarro
-----	Holmes



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	Quilling
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### SERVERS

Lennie	Papineau
Lennie	Papineau
Lennie	Croysdale
Papineau	Croysdale



# **HOSANNA MISSION TRIP**

## **Hosanna Mission Trip Invitation**

Please consider joining the NSCC Hosanna Mission Trip team for this year's trip. You do not need to be skilled at ANYTHING! Hosanna is excellent at training. However, if you are "handy" and skilled, all the better. In addition to working at a site, there are opportunities to work a half day, then head back to campus to prepare our evening meal. All ages are welcome.

There are dormitory rooms for sleeping and a small "dining" room for our meals. Each participant is responsible for making and cleaning up their own breakfast and lunch from the food they've "ordered." Group dinners are prepared by members of our group and clean up is shared. Evenings include a shared devotional time.

Generally we leave the Hosanna campus around 8am, drive to the work site (various distances), have a short break for lunch, often returning 5-ish, although there are exceptions. We never know until we get there what we'll be doing, but you can be assured of a fulfilling experience.

### **Dates confirmed!**

- Traveling to Pennsylvania — Sunday, June 18
- "Fun Day" in Pittsburgh — Monday, June 19
- Work days — Tuesday-Friday, June 20-23
- Traveling back to Wisconsin — Saturday, June 24

Please contact David Schimpf [dschimpf@wi.rr.com](mailto:dschimpf@wi.rr.com) by January 31, if you are ready to join the 2017 Mission Team and Cooking Crew!



## **STEWARDSHIP - THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED**

Thank you all for participating in our 2017 Mustard Seed Stewardship Drive. The Estimates of Giving (EOG's) are still coming in to Kerrin; if you still plan to complete and EOG, please email or return a paper card to the office. Your pledges are truly helping North Shore Congregational continue our good work and allow us to plan for 2017.



We've noticed a nice and important uptrend in non-EOG giving, and we want to reach out to those who prefer supporting NSCC this way. Thank you!

Stewardship can come in many ways. We will soon be looking for new board members to offer their time and talents to this exciting era in our church. Consider stepping up and lending a hand. You will meet new members, add to the future of NSCC, and have a rewarding experience in the process.

Also, take a look at the Stewardship tab under the GIVING tab on our website---  
[Northshorecongl.org](http://Northshorecongl.org). There are a series of frequently asked questions updated for your review.

Watch the Newsletter for monthly Stewardship updates!

**Your Stewardship Committee**

## **BENEVOLENCE**

Greetings From Shoreline Interfaith!

As the new Director at Shoreline Neighborhood Outreach Program I would like to thank all of you at North Shore Congregational Church for all of your support for the older adults in our community. Since 1986 you have partnered with Interfaith Older Adult Programs by providing volunteers, financial support and prayers to help older adults remain independent in their own homes and connected to their neighborhood.

During 2016, Shoreline Interfaith touched the lives of 400 older adults in our neighborhood. Approximately 84% of our clients are female, at least 68% live alone, 64% are age 80 or older, and 25% have incomes under \$15,000 a year. Services are provided by 137 passionate volunteers from ten supporting congregations. Volunteers and staff assisted clients with free transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, advocacy, birthday cards, telephone visits, in person visits, information and referrals, paperwork assistance, and minor home chores/repairs. If you are 60 years old or older, or caring for a loved one, and need assistance, please call our office.

Shoreline Interfaith is in urgent need of volunteer drivers to take an older adult to medical appointments or grocery shopping. If you are retired, a stay-at-home parent with kids in school, have a day off during the week, or a college student, please consider volunteering as a driver. We also need an occasional volunteer willing to shovel snow for a senior who cannot afford a service. If you are looking for that “feel good” experience and want to learn more about all of our volunteering opportunities, please contact me.

Wishing you a blessed and Happy New Year!

Theresa Clark  
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## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### MEDICATION AND ALCOHOL

There may still be a few Holiday parties in the New Year, or perhaps you may be taking a “hot toddy” or two to warm your bones from winter’s chill or when those sniffles arise.

But alcohol in combination with prescription drugs and many over-the-counter drugs, can be a danger to your health and well-being. Over 100 medications can interact with all types of alcohol, including beer, wine and spirits. Problems can range from just bothersome, such as headaches and nausea, to a life-threatening event such as internal bleeding or difficulty breathing.



Whether you take medications long-term or just a short course, it is important to question your doctor or pharmacist about any reactions if you plan to drink. However, few people realize there could be a danger taking an over-the-counter product. One of the most critical interactions is the combination of the pain-reliever acetaminophen (Tylenol) and alcohol. Both are metabolized by the liver. Older adults are more likely to be at risk because the body’s ability to break down alcohol slows with age. Older adults are also more likely to be taking one or more medications, which may also be metabolized more slowly.

The most common drug/drink interactions are with the medication categories of: anti-anxiety drugs, antihistamines, blood pressure meds, muscle relaxants, opioid pain relievers, and medications for sleep. When combined with alcohol, the major risks are drowsiness, dizziness, and with some, slowed or difficult breathing.

Some antibiotics lose effectiveness in the presence of alcohol, or may cause nausea, vomiting or flushing. Statins for lowering cholesterol are broken down in the liver, as is alcohol, which may become a serious risk. Prolonged use or taking large doses of NSAID’s (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), such as aspirin, ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) and naproxen (Aleve) are irritating to the lining of the stomach (as is alcohol) with the ultimate risk of ulcers or internal bleeding.

Take a look at your medication bottles and read the cautionary notes, and have a chat with your pharmacist or health care provider if you have any concerns. And look up recipes for “Mocktails” if you choose to go alcohol-free.

**adapted from Consumer Reports On Health, November 2016**

## NACCC YEAR ROUND DELEGATE REPORT



As your Year Round Delegate to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) my “job description” has two parts. The first is to provide periodic updates through this Newsletter and to the Council about events, services, and opportunities available through the Association. The second part of being a Year Round Delegate is to take feedback or questions from the congregation back to the NACCC.

The December 2016 issue of the Congregationalist magazine is available in the Church Office or on line at <http://www.congregationalist.org/> This issue includes several articles about what the Association and several member churches are doing. I particularly enjoyed the short article written by the Reverend Doug Gray and the historical article, “Strangers and Pilgrims.” By the way, that is not Wendy Van Tassell on the table of contents page, but it is Tom and Wendy’s daughter, Laura.

The NACCC's Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for Officers and members of the Board of Directors, Ministry Councils, and Annual Meeting and Conference Committee, to be elected at the 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference. The Nominating form, which includes position descriptions, can be found on the Forms and Resources page at <http://www.naccc.org/forms--resources.html> on the NACCC web site.

It is not too early to think about attending the 2017 Annual Meeting and Conference, which will be held June 24-27 at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia. There is detailed information at <http://www.naccc.org/2017-amc-information.html> on the web site.

I would like to hear from you. What would you like to know about the NACCC and its programs? Best way to initiate a conversation is to corner me (Mark Swartwout) after a Worship service, or send an email to me at [Mark.Swartwout@gmail.com](mailto:Mark.Swartwout@gmail.com).





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### Sunday School Lessons at a glance:

- ❖ **January 8** – Light of the World - We show God's love to the World
  - ♦ Matthew 5: 13-16
- ❖ **January 15** – Jesus Visits Mary and Martha -We can have a friendship with Jesus
  - ♦ Luke 10: 38-42
- ❖ **January 22** – Jonathan Helps David - We Show We Love God by Loving Others
  - ♦ 1 Samuel 18: 1-4; 19: 1-7
- ❖ **January 29** – David and Mephibosheth - We get along with Others
  - ♦ 2 Samuel 9: 1-11

A quick shout out to our teaching staff! We have a team of VERY dedicated individuals who are doing wonderful things with the lessons and children! These teachers are blessings to the children and the classrooms they volunteer in. We are always looking for new team members! If you are interested in joining our team or have any questions, please contact Leslie Krueger.



**Sunday, January 8** is the next **KidsConnect** (grades 3-6) 4:00-5:30! Come in out of the cold for some games, activities and snacks that are sure to warm you up! Please bring a friend to join the fun!!!!

### **COFFEE, CHORDS, and KIDS! Friday, January 6, from 6:30– 8:30pm.**

Escape the cold and join us for popcorn and a movie. Bring blankets, pillows, friends and jammies and hunker down for some fun! Parents are encouraged to relax in Friendship Lounge to live music (with a coffee and a snack) as the kids enjoy their movie.

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: SUNDAY SCHOOL

### What is Sunday School?

1. Sunday School increases your Bible knowledge
2. Sunday School assists your Spiritual Growth
3. Sunday School gives us a “place to belong”
4. Sunday School is a place to build meaningful relationships
5. Sunday School give us an opportunity to serve and minister
6. Sunday School has a place for the WHOLE family!

Every morning, the children of NSCC gather in a large group setting for 20 minutes to listen to the story of the week. After the large group discussion, we break out into your small groups for 20 minutes: we currently have 3 classrooms (K4/5) (1st-3rd) and (4th-6th) with approximately 10 kids in each classroom. In our small groups, the children have fun with various art projects, science experiments, and making breakfast.

Each Sunday takes a minimum of 5 volunteer teachers. These wonderful teachers dedicate their Sunday mornings to educating our children about the Bible. Do you have a heart for God? Do you love kids? Are you dedicated to the people of our church community? Then YOU have what it takes to be a teacher! Other than a short background check, the only requirements of being a Sunday School teacher is love, patience, willingness, and dedication.



**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  
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Or  
**Leslie Krueger**  
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## CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

### Confirmation Class



At a recent Wisconsin Congregational Minister's Meeting, one of our group mentioned how he makes it clear to the congregation that preparing the youth for their Confirmation decision is a ministry of the ENTIRE church! I so appreciated that, and extend to each of you this thought and invitation to make sure you are meeting and having conversations with these young people. They are Eric Detienne, Ricky Emery, Kyle Emond, Ana Frable, Jack Ford, Olivia Krueger, Sara Krueger, Nick Layeux, Kelly Marx, and Carl Plichta. Each Sunday when they are in worship they look for someone new to sign their attendance sheet - let that be you sometime!

Thank you to the class, parents, and mentors for helping with so many things this season. Advent Candle lighting; Sorting poinsettia and evergreens for our fundraisers; Baking cookies and visiting with some of our members at Alexian Village, Newcastle, Eastcastle, St John's, etc; Helping with the Christmas Pageant and Advent Festival; We have a great group of youth!

In January the Confirmation class begins their exploration of aspects of the order of worship which will include an invitation to the students to attend another place of worship January 22 and on January 29 we will discuss similarities, differences and what meaning we find in these.

## HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

**YouthConnect Breakfast** for High School age youth at **9 am, January 15**, in the church kitchen. Ringing in the “new” and hanging on to some “old,” sampling waffles and sausage. What’s your favorite topping? Peanut butter, Syrup, Banana’s, Walnuts, or Chocolate Chips?

### **Youth Events (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Pizza and Game Night:** Friday January 13, 6:30 – 8:00pm. Sooo fun! Friends very welcome and wanted.

**Escape Room adventure:** Offsite January 22, 4:00 – 6:00pm (Third Ward, Milwaukee). RSVP to Rev. Julie early as tickets need to be purchased ahead of time (special price through support of the Board of Christian Enrichment \$15 per person).

### **Also two great intergenerational events you might enjoy!**

**January 6:** Come to NSCC’s First Friday Coffee House 6:30-8:30; Live music and dessert. Relax and enjoy.

**January 29:** Tubing/Sledding at Sunburst Winter Sports Park, Sunday afternoon starting at 2pm. See Fellowship note on page 5.

**Parents:** We would like to keep a bulletin board and newsletter notes of sport events and plays/musicals that the children of the church are part of so we join in as able! Please contact Rev. Julie with dates and events!



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