

North Shore Church News

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IN A FAITH COMMUNITY GUIDED BY THE
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January 2018

“A Few Thoughts On.....”

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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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Some three-and-a-half years ago, when I was first exploring the possibility of a ministry here at North Shore Church, one of the very first things that caught my attention was the back of the Sunday order of worship. Each Sunday, the names of a number of our staff members (as well as their contact info) are listed on our order of worship. What caught my eye, however, was the heading under which those names were listed...“Assisted By.” It is a subtle, but very important affirmation of a key tenet of ministry in the Congregational Church – the ministry of all believers!

As it states in our order of worship, each Sunday, every member of our church is a minister. The responsibility of carrying out our ministries to one another, to our community, and to our world, rests in the people of our church. We don’t hire ordained clergy and other staff to go and do ministry *for* us, we gather people who will do ministry *with* us! We bring in staff and clergy who will inspire us, guide us, challenge us and support us – in other words assist us – in the ministries we pursue. There is little that is more important to the thriving of the church than this foundational understanding that the responsibility for carrying out ministry is not on the staff – it is on all of us. The small, but key, affirmation of this ideal in the Sunday order of worship caught my eye at the very beginning, and is something we seek to affirm again and again in the life of the church.

Each and every day that I become more and more engrained in the ministries of the church, however, I am repeatedly thankful for the staff this church has gathered to serve that very role. While we constantly seek to work together, as a body, to foster the ministries to which God has called us, the people that this church has brought on board to assist in those ministries are exemplary individuals of faith and commitment who constantly seek to do all within their grasp to help the ministries of our church flourish. With this in mind, we are taking a brief detour from our normal ‘Ministry

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of the Month,' this month, in order to take an opportunity to make sure everyone knows the blessing of the staff we have. While some of us are very much in the public eye, there are others you may not know as well (or even know exist at all) – and you should!

So, on p. 14 you will find a list of those who have been brought on board to assist you in the ministries of our church. Take a few minutes to look it over and then, next time you see one of these people, give them a word or two of thanks for all they do for our community of faith. It is, every day, a great privilege to work with this group, and I look forward to all our staff will do to assist in our ministries in 2018!

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



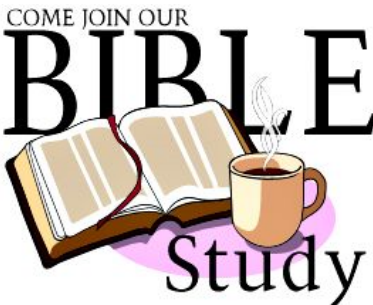
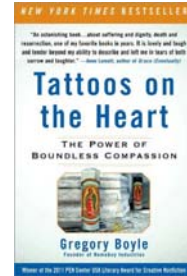
The passing of my father the day before Thanksgiving was a sad day in my life, but it was with great joy that I realized that he was finally with God, where he lived his life to be.

I cannot say enough how the love and support I received from the members of North Shore Congregational Church strengthened me through those sad days following his passing, as well as leading up to the time of it. I was so glad to have such a loving and caring place to return to after Thanksgiving. I was even more surprised and grateful to see how many reached out to me personally. With this in mind, I wish to thank everyone for their loving and kind words and continued concern and support. A Happy 2018 to you all!

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The **Tuesday Morning Book Group** meets in Friendship Lounge on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. Beginning January 2, we will discuss Gregory Boyle's *Tattoos on the Heart*.

Read this summary: Gregory Boyle distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith. Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally.



Thursday Morning Bible Discussion: Join us in Friendship Lounge on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 as we begin a new discussion on the Gospel of John, beginning January 4 with an introduction and overview.

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



Join with Lydia Circle on Monday, January 22, as we visit at Alexian. We'll meet at NSCC in the south parking lot and carpool to Alexian where we'll join with residents, many NSCC members, for conversation and fellowship. You are encouraged to bring a friend/prospective member. Looking forward to seeing you there.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

January 7, begin the New Year helping with our mission and outreach to Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Come to the church kitchen right after the 10 am service and help make 75 bag lunches. Wondering about other ways you can 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. Contact Jane Ford (janer1975@hotmail.com) or Mary Kramer (mewkramer@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.

Chair Yoga - We begin a new 6 week session on **January 4.** Come Thursdays, 11:15-12:15. Chair Yoga offers improvement for mobility, flexibility, overall health and relaxation. Dress comfortably and come ready to learn breathing and movements to restore, refresh and relieve. Led by Erica Boos, RYT.

6 week sessions \$54 Drop ins welcome/ \$10 per session.



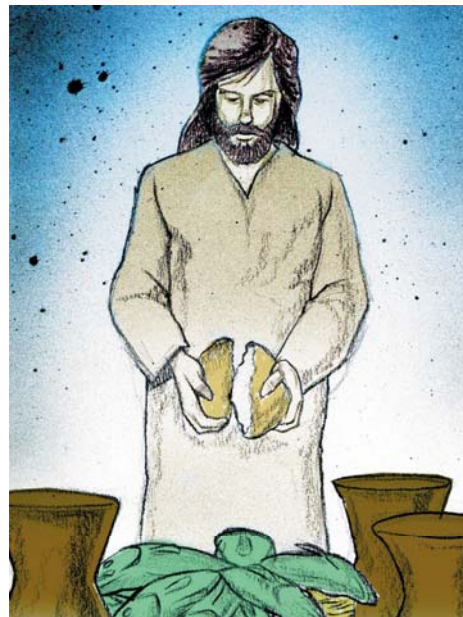
LOAVES AND FISHES

January 16, 2018

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Bartlett	Bauzenberger
Block	Dowsett
Cook	Zganjar
Krosnosky	Ford
Quilling	Grove
Shawger	Hadcock
McGinn	Lemorande
Loder	Schill
Miller	Tornetta
	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	Lange	<i>Smith (If needed)</i>
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SERVERS

Lennie	Zimmer
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SAVE THE DATE...

Lydia Circle will have their December meeting on Friday, **January 5** at 10am at Barb Holzhauer's house, 11464 N. Lake Shore Dr. Mequon.

Since the "Christmas Luncheon" was dropped for a variety of reasons, we're planning a post-holiday brunch to allow everyone to share Christmas stories, take a breath and enjoy the warmth of the fire and the warmth of friendship. Please feel free to bring a friend --we need add'l members. Also, to assist with planning, please let Barb know if you're planning on attending and if you're bringing a guest. Email response is preferred, bgh11464@gmail.com, but any form of communication will be accepted!



Winter Play! Join your church family for **snow tubing at Sunburst Ski area**, Sunday, **January 28**, at 2:00 pm. Cost - \$15.00 a person for two hours of tubing fun. Sign up begins on December 17 in Friendship Lounge (waivers need to be filled out upon sign up). Need final count by January 21, so please make sure to sign up. Meet up at the Tubing barn at 1:45 pm to receive tickets. Please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com or 262-236-9847 for information.

Sunburst address: 8355 Prospect Dr, Kewaskum WI.

Watch the **Milwaukee Admirals** take on the Stockton Heat on **February 11, 2018** at 5:00 pm with your church family and friends. Cost: \$18.00 a ticket. Where: UW-Milwaukee Panther Arena, 400 W. Kilbourn Ave, Milwaukee. Interested: Contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com or 262-236-9847 soon!



HEALTH COMMITTEE

HEALTHY ADVICE FROM THE 4th CENTURY FITS WELL

Hippocrates, the Greek physician of 2,000 years ago, is undoubtedly the first to study and recommend important rules for good health. They are amazingly relevant to this day. Here are a few excerpts:

- ❖ Walking is man's best medicine.
- ❖ Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food.
- ❖ It is far more important to know what person the disease has than what disease the person has.
- ❖ If we could give every individual the right amount of nourishment and exercise, not too little and not too much, we would have found the safest way to health.
- ❖ Everything in excess is opposed to nature.
- ❖ A wise man should consider that health is the greatest of human blessings, and learn how by his own thought to derive benefit from his illnesses.
- ❖ The natural healing force within each of us is the greatest force in getting well.
- ❖ There are in fact two things, science and opinion, the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance.
- ❖ That which is used - develops. That which is not used wastes away.
- ❖ To do nothing is also a good remedy.



Suggested small but mighty books for a healthy life:

FOOD RULES by Michael Pollan

A SHORT GUIDE TO A LONG LIFE by David Argus, MD

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Shoreline Interfaith Urgently Needs Volunteers

Can you drive an older adult to a medical appointment or grocery shopping once a month? That's right! Only once a month! The Shoreline Interfaith Older Adult Program has an immediate need for volunteers to drive North Shore seniors who are no longer able to drive themselves. If you would like to take a senior, once a month, to a medical appointment or for groceries, or if you are an older adult needing assistance, please call Shoreline Interfaith at 414-962-9950 or Email Theresa Clark at tclark@interfaithmilw.org.



CHURCH BUSINESS

At the budget meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 17, our membership voted to approve a balanced budget for 2018. At the same time, the Church Council highlighted the relatively small gap between the approved budget and the 'ideal' budget our Boards and Committees had submitted for the coming year. Between the EOG commitments received to date, and projections for those anticipated based on past giving, there was a \$15,000 gap between the approved and the ideal budgets for 2018. With this in mind, they launched a campaign to seek to cover the difference and allow our boards to do all they had hoped and planned for 2018. A card was distributed that asked people to help cover this financial need.

THIS YEAR'S
BUDGET 

One Small Step...



In the midst of finalizing the proposed budget for 2018, the Church Council took note of one very important detail: Not only were they able to propose a balanced budget without making any substantive cuts to the 2018 budget, but they were, as one member put it, just a 'cup of coffee' away from funding **EVERYTHING** our boards and committees had expressed as their ideal budgets for the coming year.

With this in mind, the Church Council is returning to the congregation with the invitation to make a commitment to step forward in 2018 to fund everything we hoped to do in 2018. With an additional commitment of \$100 per giving family in the church, we will well exceed everything we need to make this happen. If you would be willing to help with our attempt to fund all of our ministry dreams and opportunities in the coming year, please submit this card to the church office in the next few weeks.

Name: _____

Additional Gift in 2018: _____
(over and above existing EOG commitments and regular giving)

In Faithful Anticipation,
Your Church Council

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - OUR STAFF

With profound appreciation for all they do to assist our members in pursuing the ministries of the church, we share this list of those who currently work as part of the staff of North Shore Congregational Church.

Clergy and Program:

Rev. Dr. Martin W. Hall – Our Senior Minister with responsibility for worship leadership, pastoral care, staff coordination, administrative oversight, partnering with Rev. Julie in education and Confirmation, and more.

Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith – A member of our church family for many years, serving a number of different roles in the life of our church, and now in her fourth year as our Associate Minister with responsibilities ranging from worship leadership and pastoral care to education and youth ministries.



Leslie Krueger – After jumping in for an interim role in 2016, Leslie is now in her second year as Director of Children's Ministries. Coordinating Sunday school teachers, planning lessons, leading our group time each Sunday, hosting our KidsConnect ministry for upper elementary students, as well as Summer Bible Camp and special events for families and children all take place under Leslie's leadership.

Crib 'n Crawler – Our Crib 'n Crawler is staffed, every Sunday, by dedicated young women who work to give the youngest members of our church family a sense of comfort and ease at the church. While there are others who help out from time to time, the week to week care in our Crib 'n Crawler is covered by two young women who grew up in our church (**Tina Tornetta and Carolyn Wermuth**) and **Alyssa Stube**.

Music Ministry:

Rick Kieffer – With well over 20 years as our Director of Music, Rick continues to bless the worship and spiritual life of our church with his devoted leadership of our Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Rick works closely with Rev. Marty and Rev. Julie on worship development and regularly coordinates with special musicians, our organists, and our section leaders.

Dr. Rodney Loren – North Shore Church has been blessed, for many years, to enjoy the gifts and spirit of Rod as one of our Organists. Rod generally plays the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, as well as through the Christmas Season.



Meike Pampalone – As the newest member of our church staff, Meike has come on board as our second organist. Meike just began with our church this fall and will play on the 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, as well as Holy Week.

Leslie Krueger – In addition to her newer role as our Director of Children's Ministries, Leslie continues to serve her long-standing role as the Director of our Children's Choir – coordinating weekly rehearsals, monthly participation in our worship services, as well as pageants at Christmas and Mother's Day.

Section Leaders – The tremendous blessing that is our Chancel Choir is led by four section leaders. **Cynthia Matchette** is our Soprano. Church members, **Christine Kieffer** and **Cameron Smith**, lead our Alto and Tenor sections respectively. Our newest section leader, **Scott Jonas**, joined our bass section this past September.

Behind the Scenes:

Kerrin White – Our day to day operations are managed by Kerrin White. As our Office Manager, Kerrin maintains the financials of the church, coordinates publications with the assistance of our regular volunteer (thank you Connie!), oversees major communications, and serves a number of other roles in the everyday business of the church.

Mike Fugarino – If it was cleaned, maintained, fixed, set up, broken down, or moved, chances are Mike had something to do with it. As our full-time custodian, Mike works Monday through Friday to keep our building clean and maintained, coordinates with outside contractors on repairs, and sees to the set up and break down of furniture for meetings and events that happen in the life of the church.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School Lessons at a glance:

- ❖ **January 7** - Wise Men Worship King Jesus (Matthew 2: 1-18)
- ❖ **January 14** - Jesus Speaks With the Religious Teachers (Luke 2: 41-52)
- ❖ **January 21** - John Baptizes Jesus (Matthew 3; Luke 3: 21-22)
- ❖ **January 28** - Satan Tempts Jesus (Matthew 4: 1-11; Mark 1: 12-13; Luke 4: 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.

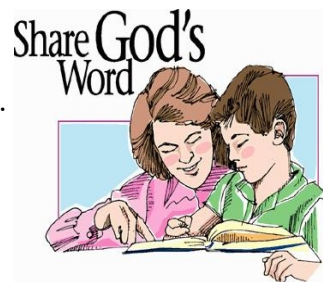
Sunday, January 14 is the next **KidsConnect** (grades 3-5) from **4:00-5:30!** Come in out of the cold for some games, activities and snacks that are sure to warm you up! Please bring a friend to join the fun!!!! Mark your calendars for February 2 – 3, for a **KidsConnect lock in!** Children grades 3-5 come for an overnight with games, pizza, movie, and a yummy breakfast Saturday morning before heading home. Questions or thoughts? Ask Ms. Leslie or Rev. Julie.



What is Sunday School:

- ❖ Sunday School increases your Bible knowledge
- ❖ Sunday School assists your Spiritual Growth
- ❖ Sunday School give us a “place to belong”
- ❖ Sunday School is a place to build meaningful relationships
- ❖ Sunday School give us an opportunity to serve and minister
- ❖ Sunday School has a place for the WHOLE family!

Each Sunday takes a minimum of 3 volunteer teachers. These wonderful teachers dedicate their Sunday mornings to educating our children about the Bible. Volunteers will mainly help with the craft or game portion of the morning (supplies and ideas provided). 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.



LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead in the New Year! The Fellowship Committee is busy planning new and fun events for 2018! We are looking forward to **snow tubing on January 28**, a **Milwaukee Admirals' game in February**, our annual **Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza in March**, a visit to the **Milwaukee Art Museum in May**, our second annual **Celebration Sunday picnic on June 10**, and much, much, more! Please mark your calendar for our tubing event, and watch future newsletters for more on our other gatherings in the months ahead. And, as always, if you have any questions, please see Sharon Hall or any Fellowship Committee member. We look forward to seeing you there!



Fellowship Committee

HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

Confirmation Class Update

Thank you to the Confirmation class for leading our Advent candle lighting prayers, preparing the Repairers of the Breach bag lunches, and for making cookies, writing notes and visiting with some of our more homebound members. In January we return to our class schedule discussing world religions (we will visit Congregation Emanu-el at the end of the month) as well as beginning the discussion on Covenant, our own North Shore Congregational History and the church today.

Join us during coffee hour for some of our homemade coffee cakes on January 14.

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 are provided!

YouthConnect@Church!

Pizza and Game Night Friday January 13, 6:30-8:30

This is for grades 6 – 12 (but I always need another adult to help)! Let Rev. Julie know how many friends you are bringing so we have enough pizza and prizes.

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.

Thank you to the many young people who helped us pass the candlelight for the 4 pm and 9 pm Christmas Eve services.

The Wisconsin Congregational Association Winter Retreat for Young Adults was a wonderful time during which we connected with each other and our relationship with God. Many of the young people led our devotional times and added to discussions topics that involved: Ambiguity and Compassion, the Path Forward, and the Church. Feel free to ask me about the conversation!





Celebrate Our Heritage

Notes from Joan Ebert and Ginny Wells

Joan:

They came back from the service in 1959 and joined the church in 1961. Rev. Flynn baptized the children and she remembers being too embarrassed that the children would cry and so decided to have the baptism after church.

Commented that “we were there to worship” and brought friends because it was so much fun! They met at church and in each other’s houses. Joan also commented that they came to this church because they wanted a church where the kids could be active and where they could walk to.

Martha’s Circle was a very busy group of women, did a lot of cooking for events and lunches, a yearly rummage sale and used book sales and a craft bazaar. One year for the rummage sale there were people lined up to get in, but the floor had been flooded and it took them 2 hours to mop it up before they let people in.

Joan also noted that she went to the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches annual meeting 5 times. She recalls one year it was in Boston and they stayed in dorm room. Got in later in the evening and found they were sleeping on mattresses on the floor.

Joan said her husband Art used to say in terms of people who volunteer, “The people are like eggs and you should be careful, you don’t want to break them.”

Ginny:

She remembers her husband and daughter Sally down on their knees laying the floor in the sanctuary with a heat iron and tiles.

They had started to go to the Methodist church because their minister had called at the house, and then Rev. Pat Flynn came to the door, and her son called out, “There’s another minister here!” Long story short, they started to come to the Congregational Church.

They had so much fun—with her husband Dick on the church softball team as a perpetual pitcher. She and the kids would go to watch wherever they played. She remembers also that Bill Pfeifer would hit the ball but get the kids to run the bases.

Ginny remembers Dick Buchman was speaking about the need for people to step up and help and she felt as if he was speaking directly to her and so she volunteered to do both a children and youth choir (she had never taught music before). They met in the chapel for rehearsals on Tuesday afternoons (and one of the girls/Rebekah (sp?) Buchman kept crawling under the pews).

Ginny also remembers there was quite a fight about getting an electric pipe organ, and also commented that Rick Kieffer is the best choir director the church has ever had.

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