

North Shore Church News

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

A Summer of Stories...

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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 something wonderfully touching and powerful about a story. A story has a way of connecting to our hearts and inspiring our thoughts in a way that can move us to new thought and new life. While a well-constructed argument might change our minds, a well-constructed story can change our hearts, and our very lives along with it. It is no surprise, then, that Jesus so often chose to speak through stories – through parables that brought to life the message of the glory and love of God.

As many of you know, over the course of this spring, I had the joy and privilege of meeting with 20-25 of our members, each Wednesday, to explore some of the parables of Jesus. We learned about Parables, we explored what these words were speaking to our lives as 21st century Christians, and we allowed the power of the story to ruminate in our hearts and minds over the course of our time together. I am tremendously grateful for those who gathered to share in the experience, and for all that I gained from their thoughts throughout our study. I was so appreciative of the time, in fact, that Rev. Julie and I came together to bring that Parable exploration into our worship this summer.

Beginning on July 2, and continuing through Labor Day weekend, we will be delving into the Parables of Jesus. Instead of a parable a week, however, we will be doing only 3 over the course of that time. Each week, we will explore these parables from a different angle, a unique perspective, that will allow us to really dig into the breadth and depth of the meaning these stories can carry in our lives. The Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Parable of the Talents, and the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard will be our focus throughout the summer, and we will spend 2-3 weeks on each as we consider the stories from the eyes of the characters of the story that Jesus told.

A Summer of Stories cont...

What was going through the mind of the priest and the Levite as they crossed the road to avoid the bloodied victim? How readily do we understand those who felt shortchanged in the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard? What motivated the servants in their decision in using the talents they'd been given and what does that say for what motivates us today? These are a few of the many questions we will this summer as we dig into these classic stories that Jesus told.

C.H. Dodd suggests that a major element of the purpose of the parables is to 'tease our minds into active thought.' It is precisely this that we will seek to do over the course of the coming months, and I pray you will join us for our journey into the Parables of Jesus.

Your Pastor and Friend, **Marty**

The **Fourth of July** is soon to be upon us, and we are excited to continue to grow our gathering of fellowship and community hospitality for the **Fox Point parade**. What was a small project by Bruce and Lizz Loder, just a few years ago, grew into a gathering of nearly 50 people last year. This year

we hope to grow even more - but, we need you! Join in to help with some light set up at 7:30 that morning (bring some flags or decorations to set around the campus if you have them), jump in to help with hosting a bike decorating table for the kids, or simply come by sometime between 8 and 8:30 with your camp chairs and some snacks/treats to share (the parade starts at 9). With questions, or to sign up, please contact Bruce (brucelizz@sbcglobal.net) or Lizz (lizzloder@yahoo.com), or sign up on the bulletin board. **Let's see how many of our members can be around as we reach out to the community with joy and hospitality!**



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



Let's talk about the Psalms! During the summer (please note dates) Rev. Julie will lead a **Thursday morning conversation** about the Psalms. Come for some or all, 9:30 - 11:00, on the following dates:

- ◇ **June 29** Friendship Lounge
- ◇ **July 20** Friendship Lounge
- ◇ **July 27** Offsite/Fiddleheads in Mequon
- ◇ **August 3, 10, 17, 24** Friendship Lounge

September 7 we will start a new study (to be determined).

Tuesday Morning Book Group

Tuesday Book Group **will not meet during July**. Watch for information on the next book which we will begin discussing in August. 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.



The Diaconate would like to thank the following for their selection of hymns at the Special Hymn Service on June 25, 2017:

- ◆ Joe and Pat Debelak - *Amazing Grace*
- ◆ Jeanne Gaenslen - *How Great Thou Art*
- ◆ Helen Reynolds and Ginny Wells - *In the Garden*

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Extra benefit for the **July 1** Fellowship Pot-Luck at Norm and Marcia Christensen's. The Grafton fireworks display starts at dusk that night. The best seats are a block up the street from their

home, and some can also be seen from their driveway. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket - we will stake out some space at the park.

Our menu will be a picnic style with Norm and Marcia providing hamburgers, brats kosher hot dogs and buns. Please let them know your preference for meat with your RSVP (normar@sbcglobal.net or 262-376-8868). Please note that children are most welcome for this picnic style meal of fun, prayer and fellowship.



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.



God Bless You and God Bless America as we celebrate the Declaration of Independence and the gifts of our forefathers!

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

Begin July by making bag lunches at church for Repairers of the Breach (daytime homeless shelter). Meet in the church kitchen after the 10 am worship service on July 2. All ages welcome, no expertise needed for pretzel baggers, sandwich makers, fruit washers etc., just a willing heart! We are also actively seeking help through donations of supplies such as pretzels, carrots, peanut butter, jelly, bread, juice boxes and occasional baked desserts (enough for 75 lunches). If able - please contact Tom Smith at jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net or call 414-774-8688.



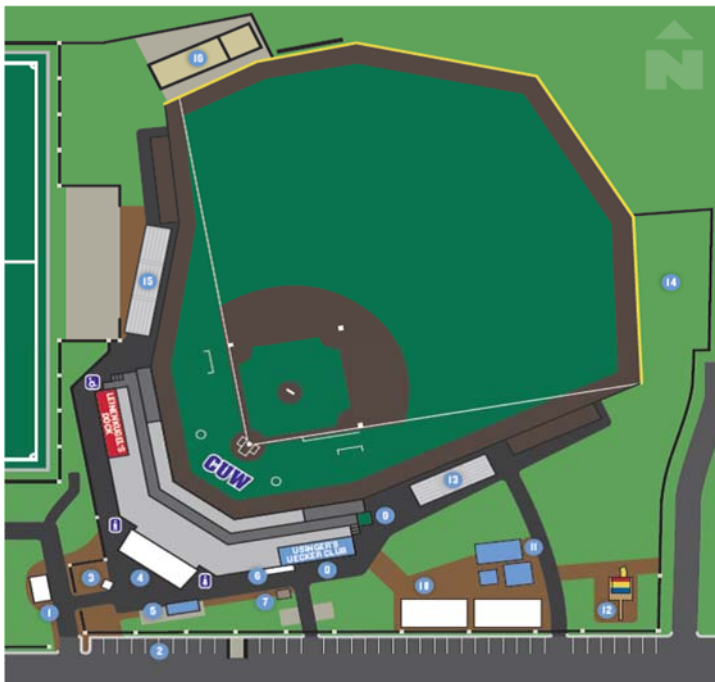
FELLOWSHIP

Take me out to the ballgame!



Join with other members and friends of North Shore Church, as we see our own Lakeshore Chinooks battle the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders, July 31, at 6:35 pm at Kapco Park in Mequon.

Tickets are available on Sunday mornings, or by contacting Sharon, through Sunday, July 16. Contact Sharon Hall for tickets and more information. Disneyfamily01@gmail.com or 248-872-2449.



- 1 Stadium Box Office
- 2 ADA Parking
- 3 Gruber Law Offices Fan Assistance
- 4 Main Concession Stand
- 5 Bullpen BBQ
- 6 Double Play Pizza & Treats
- 7 Wing Shack
- 8 The Tackle Box Merchandise Shop presented by Straight-Up
- 9 VIP Autograph Zone
- 10 Gordon Food Service Picnic Area
- 11 Stein's Garden & Home Kids Zone
- 12 Rainbow Play Systems Playground
- 13 1st Base Bleachers GENERAL ADMISSION
- 14 Outfield Berm GENERAL ADMISSION
- 15 3rd Base Bleachers GENERAL ADMISSION
- 16 Villani's Backyard Patio
- W Women's Restroom
- M Men's Restroom
- H Handicapped Accessible Ramp

NOTE FROM JULIE AND THE DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Church in a Changing Context: The first year of this program is a journey of discerning what we see in our emerging context - to learn what kind of leadership is needed and develop the spiritual and missional practices that enable us to join God's mission in the local church, communities and neighborhoods.

I will meet with Marty and the Pastoral Relations Committee on a regular basis to reflect on how we engage the church in this. We will meet to discuss highlights from the readings and the seminars as well as feedback from small group responses.

Here is my **invitation to YOU** as we start. In the late summer and fall of 2017 I am offering several opportunities of engagement with groups within the congregation to be part of "listening groups."

In August and September 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 September and October I invite you to a 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 as 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.

Hosanna Mission Trip Review

On June 18 a team of nineteen mission workers from North Shore and seventeen from Ozaukee Congregational left the south parking lot after prayer and made their way to Richwood, West Virginia. The team worked on 9 separate jobs that involved siding, insulation, painting, and other various jobs. The experiences we had with the people of WV and the other workers were wonderful. The total monetary value of our efforts was estimated at \$75,000.00. The spiritual growth and value of serving others was priceless. Thank you for supporting our efforts and look forward to our Mission Sunday presentation later this summer.

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.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

ARE YOU DEHYDRATED?

As we enjoy summer it's important to think about the importance of remaining adequately hydrated. Although there are other causes of dehydration, we are more likely to become aware of it when the weather is hot and humid, and we spend more time working or exercising and playing outdoors.

Dehydration occurs when one loses more water via sweat and urine than what is taken in. According to studies, there is no one reliable test for dehydration, including the presence of thirst. This is especially important in infants, young children and in older adults. In fact, when you feel thirsty you may already be mildly dehydrated. Infants and young kids are unable to tell you when they are thirsty and the sense of thirst diminishes as we get older.

What are some signs associated with dehydration?

Infants/young children:

- ◆ no tears when crying
- ◆ no wet diapers for 3 hours
- ◆ listlessness or irritability

Adults:

- ◆ decreased urination
- ◆ darker colored urine (healthy color is that of pale straw)
- ◆ fatigue, dizziness, or confusion (worsens with degree of dehydration)



Follow these suggestions to stay hydrated:

- ◆ Drink before you feel parched; have a glass of water when you get up in the morning, before each meal, before exercising.
- ◆ Sip throughout the day; some cannot take a full glass at a time, so sip more often; carry a water bottle at all times.
- ◆ Include other beverages (sorry, no alcohol); coffee/tea will add more liquid than you lose from the caffeine; soups, fruits and vegetables are also good sources of liquid. Add lemon, cucumber or other fruits to your water pitcher.
- ◆ Check with your health care provider regarding health conditions or medications that may compromise your hydration status.

Give a Senior Neighbor a Ride - North Shore

Interfaith Older Adult Programs needs **volunteers** for the Shoreline Neighborhood Outreach Program **to drive seniors** to doctor appointments and grocery shopping. These are your neighbors who can no longer drive and have no family available to help. Have a few hours during the week? Are you off work this summer? Home from college and looking for a fulfilling opportunity? We need you! Flexible schedule. Volunteer as little or as often as you would like. For more information contact Theresa - 414-962-9950 or tclark@interfaithmilw.org.



The Church Office

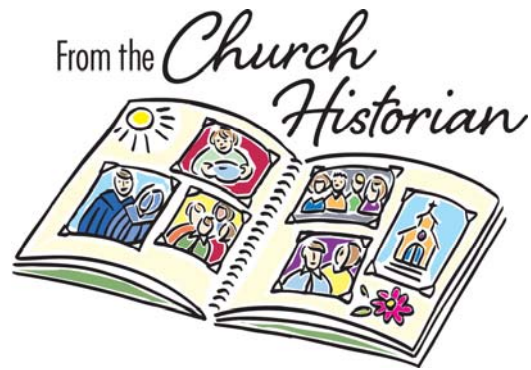


Will Be Closed:

Please note that, due to staff vacations and the paving of the church parking lot, the office will be closed **the week of July 24**. Rev. Julie will be available by e-mail and cell phone to respond to needs throughout the week. If you need to access the building for any reason during this time, you will need to park on Santa Monica Dr. and use the walkway to enter through the portico doors. Please contact Rev. Julie before coming over in order to make sure someone will be here to let you in.

CHRONICLES OF OUR CHURCH

We are beginning a series of short articles each month that will start to tell the story of the beginning and growth of our church, North Shore Congregational Church, starting in the founding year, 1949. Elizabeth Krueger (with Rev. Julie's assistance) is contacting and beginning to meet with long time members to hear and record their stories. If you would like to share a story, please contact Elizabeth at misspickle829@gmail.com to share a story or arrange to meet. So, please start thinking now of stories, reflections and thoughts and how they have affected you. It is important to capture these stories for future generations of members and friends.



Have you looked around the church to see evidence of our history? For example, the wall plaque at the main entrance of the church near the visitor registration desk? It contains the names of ministers and dates during which they have served. Relax in Friendship Lounge and look at all the black and white photos that line the walls. How about the book in the locked box in the Narthex which contains a page identifying the names of the Founding Members? Also, have you seen the wooden cabinet next to the rear entrance to the church and wondered what it contains? It contains information about people interred in the Birch Grove.

Here is just a taste of our history: It was 1949. The great Depression of the 1930's was over and World War II was over. The nation was at peace. The economic outlook was improving; generally, people had a feeling of optimism. Economic assets were more available. More people owned automobiles, street cars and trains were increasing as modes of travel. The street car line was extended from Silver Spring to Fox Point. With new ways of getting around, Milwaukee started to grow northward along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

With the population increase, the community and its leaders saw the need for a church in the area, a house of worship for the faith community. Planning began for this church in 1949 with Reverend Flynn as minister. Initially services were held at the Country Day School on North Santa Monica Blvd., which is now the Karl Marx Jewish Community Center.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Another successful Summer Bible Camp this past month. The theme for Summer Bible Camp this year was "God Made you for a Reason and Purpose." Through song, dance, arts and crafts, science experiences, and much more the children learned that God made everyone as special as they are...one of a kind!



All the money we collected through offering and proceeds were sent to our friends at Happy Life Children's Home in Africa. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time and talent to help make this week a huge success!

Sunday school will continue to be held each and every week this summer. Pre k-6th grade (complete) will begin in the Sanctuary and then be invited downstairs to the large group room following a message or The Lord's Prayer. I am looking for someone to help with the group each week as a second adult. If you are interested, please email me! lrcook@uwm.edu

At a Glance:

- ♦ July 2: Jesus Describes His True Family (Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23; Luke 8: 4-15)
- ♦ July 9: Jesus Calms the Storm (Matthew 8: 23-27; Mark 4: 35-41; Luke 8: 22-25)
- ♦ July 16: Jesus Heals a Bleeding Woman and Restores a Girl to Life (Matthew 9: 18-26; Mark 5: 21-43; Luke 8: 40-56)
- ♦ July 23: Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14: 22-33; Mark 6: 45-52; John 6: 16-21)
- ♦ July 30: Jesus Is Transfigured (Matthew 17: 1-13; Mark 9: 2-13; Luke 9: 28-36)

Do you love children? Would you be willing to share your love of God and the Bible with some wonderful young minds? Please take some time this summer to think about, and pray about, becoming a teacher this fall. It's a great way to make a huge difference in the life of a child! You do not need to have a child in Sunday school in order to participate in this important ministry! Contact Leslie Krueger if you're interested or have any questions! lrcook@uwm.edu.

Enjoy the 4th of July Fox Point parade! Parade starts at 9 am, but come to church yard/garden between 8-8:30 to meet and greet your neighbors and decorate bikes to ride in the parade!

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!

Youth Events (6th-12th grade)



All youth entering grades 6-12 next fall, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 19.**

A **mid-summer party** will be hosted at the clubhouse of the **Lac Du Cours** neighborhood in Mequon (where the Halls live) that will include food, swimming, time at the lake, and more.

We will start gathering around 5pm and can hang out until things close down at 8pm. Please contact Rev. Marty with any questions.

Save the date: Come for live “**Music on the Lawn**” at church on Wednesday evening **August 9 from 7 – 9 PM** (friends are very welcome).

*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!*





Wow! We are so grateful to the youth that helped us make our Summer Bible Camp (for our younger ones) FABULOUS FUN! Big thanks to Carl and Linnea Plichta for coming in to help set up. Ana Frable, Becca and Megan Hall, Haley, Olivia, and Sara Krueger, and Abby Schill helped make things run during the week (and maybe had as much fun as the younger ones?).

July 9- 15 Julie and some of our children and youth will be at the Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center in Wautoma, WI for our annual summer camp exploring their relationship with God and deepening friendships. Please keep them in your prayers.



CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

We enjoyed having parents and students and mentors join us for breakfast in early June. This was an opportunity for Rev. Julie and Rev. Marty to hear from everyone about activities and learning methods that they enjoyed as well as ways we can enhance and deepen our faith and understanding. We will use these ideas to not only mold our Sunday morning discussions but also to add engaging activities with each other and out in the community. Thank you all for your input and we continue to encourage ALL in the church to meet, greet and engage in conversation with these young people.



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