

# North Shore Church News

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March 2017

## ***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

### **A “Re” Faith**

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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,

A few months ago, Rev. Julie and I were participating in the monthly gathering of Congregational clergy from around the state of Wisconsin, and we were both touched by the sharing of our colleague from Beloit, the Rev. Steve Erkel, who was doing some planning for their church and had come across the profound and prolific words of our faith that start the same way. Think of the number of words, in regard to our faith, that start with the letters ‘re.’ Reconciliation, repentance, resurrection, revelation, the list goes on and on... Our faith is surrounded by such words that bring life and depth to our relationship with God, our relationship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and our understanding of discipleship and what it means to live in faith. The more we thought about it, the more we wanted to dig in more deeply. As a result, we are building on his thoughts and engaging a journey ourselves for the course of Lent. Starting Ash Wednesday (with a teaser on Sunday, February 26), and continuing straight through Easter, each service will be a reflection of our ‘RE’ faith.

Our Ash Wednesday service will gather at 7pm to explore *repentance*, and what it truly means to turn in the direction of God. On March 5, we will share in the service of communion and explore the theme of *remorse*, and what that means in light of the grace and mercy of God. March 12 will focus on *reconciliation* in our relationships with God and with one another, and on March 19 we will consider the word *reprobacy* and what that has to do with faithful living in 2017! The season of Lent will conclude with two messages delivered by Rev. Julie, focusing on *redemption* on March 26 and *regeneration* on April 2. Then, throughout Holy Week, we will continue the theme as we explore *rebellion* on Palm Sunday, *remembrance* on Maundy Thursday, *rejection* on Good Friday and, of course, *resurrection* on Easter morning.

## A “Re” Faith cont...

I’m looking forward to this journey through Lent as we consider our faith, our God, and the Passion of Christ through the different angle and unique lens of the ‘re’ words. Perhaps, through this journey we will take together, our faith will be *renewed*, our discipleship will be *revitalized*, and our spirits will be *refreshed*, as we consider, in a slightly different way, the magnificence and wonder that is the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor and Friend, **Marty**

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**Mark your calendar** for our annual **Ash Wednesday service**.

**March 1, at 7:00pm**, we will gather to set the stage for the Lenten season and begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the remembrance and celebration of Easter. This is a meaningful service that helps to set our focus on the spirit of Lent – please join us.



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### Holy Week Services

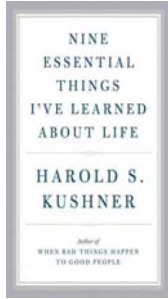
- ❖ Join us, **Palm Sunday**, while we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The 10am service, on **April 9**, will include our Chancel Choir, Children’s Choir and handbells as we rejoice in the promise of Jesus’ coming into our lives.
- ❖ Our remembrance of the Lord’s Supper on **Maundy Thursday** will take a new form, this year, as we gather around the table and share in worship, fellowship and food beginning at **6pm**. Gathering in worship, sharing in a light meal, and worshipping with one another, we will be reminded of what it was like for those who gathered with Jesus on that very night he was betrayed.
- ❖ On **Good Friday** we will gather at **2pm**, as we have for many years, to worship and reflect upon the crucifixion. The service will end with the tolling of the bell at 3pm.
- ❖ 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.



## EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

### Tuesday Morning Book Group

Meet in Friendship Lounge from 10:00-11:00 am. As we finish a wonderful discussion on *Harold Kushner's Nine Essential Things I've Learned about Life*, we will move on to *J. Ellsworth Kala's Easter from the Back Side: A Different Look at the Story of Christ's Resurrection*. Let Rev. Julie know if you would like her to order a copy (\$7.50) Join us, you are always welcome!



### Thursday Morning Bible Study

meets in Friendship Lounge from 9:30-11:00 am. We continue to explore the book of Acts and how we respond to what we read and discover. If you are interested in coming

please feel free to join us anytime! Questions?



Our Wednesday night “**Soup and Table Talk**” hour will take place in Friendship Lounge **March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, from 6 – 7 PM**. Enjoy a delicious “Souper” bowl of soup and discussion around the table. Each Wednesday will have its own topic so come when you can. These topics are drawn from Adam Hamilton’s DVD “The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus.”

Please note we are happy to provide child care! Contact the office or one of our Ministers if you would like us to arrange it.

*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).*

## FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### UWM Lunch Bunch for March 8!

Two times each year we serve lunch to UWM students as an outreach. There are several different ways you can help: shop for supplies, get the lunch prepped in our church kitchen the morning of, or drive and serve on site. It is a great and simple way to simply "be there" for students, and let them know we care. To get involved, contact Tom Smith at 414-774-8688 or [jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net).

### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

Mark your calendar to come to the church kitchen to help on March 5, right after the 10 am worship service. We need pretzel baggers, sandwich makers, fruit washers, etc. This is a great ministry for all ages, come downstairs and join God's work. Are you available to shop for supplies, donate supplies, bake desserts for 75 bag lunches or deliver to the "Repairers of the Breach" site on Monday? Please contact Tom Smith at [jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net) or call 414-774-8688.



### Bridge Marathon Update

Hope each team is playing the winter away and remembering to send your score cards to Marsha. Save **Wednesday, May 10**, for our **Spring luncheon**; a day of Bridge and "Awards!" More information will follow. Now, if any ladies of the church read this notice and want to join the fun next year, just call Marsha Krosnosky or Jeanne Gaenslen. We will even find you a partner if need be!!!



**Church Family Bowling -**  
Dust off that ball and shoes, and come bowling with your church friends.

When: **March 19**  
Time: 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person  
Where: Brown Deer Lanes  
4715 W Bradley Rd, Milwaukee

Sign up after worship in Friendship Lounge or contact Sharon Hall at 248-872-2449 or [Disneyfamily01@gmail.com](mailto:Disneyfamily01@gmail.com).

### Moms n More

Come gather in the church kitchen from **9:30 to 11:00 am on Friday, March 17.**

We are making casseroles for St. Ben's **Loaves and Fishes** ministry. Join in good conversation while we chop and mix and cook and stir! If you have not joined us before - please do come! If you are available to help by shopping for supplies, contact Rev. Julie (donations or reimbursement available!)



## **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH SOUPERS**



“If you do it unto the least of them, you have done it unto me.” This paraphrased verse is found in Mathew 25:40 and has been the mission of the North Shore Congregational Soupers for the past twelve years.

The Soupers was founded by Dottie Schimpf and twelve other women, affectionately known as “The Church Basement Ladies.” It was certainly a basement kitchen at the outset. We began with an old cast iron stove, mismatched pans and kettles and we usually brought our own knives and cooking utensils from home.

We are now among the privileged who cook in our beautiful remodeled kitchen. The Soupers operate entirely on a free will basis and have never sought funds from the church for our events. We did give \$1000 to the Mission Trip, over \$500 to Lydia Circle and purchased special items for the kitchen (such as comfortable chairs for our work table.) Many hours of fun, food and fellowship have been spent around that table. You would never believe the “secrets” we have shared....far too funny, especially our cooking experiences as young brides.

We enjoy cooking for our home bound parishioners, as well food for anyone else that might need a helping hand of homemade soup. It is yours for the asking. We urge you to notify either of the pastors, church staff or Souper and we will try to get the soup to you. We are planning on cooking for the Lenten meals, so plan on having hot homemade soup for dinner on Wednesday evening. It is our desire to serve Him by serving you.



## COFFEE, CHORDS AND KIDS



North Shore Congregational Church

**COFFEE, CHORDS & KIDS!**



**BY HUGE DEMAND, ACUISTICATS RETURN TO NORTH SHORE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ON MARCH 3RD!**



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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 March 3** - 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.

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

March 21, 2017

### CASSEROLES

### DESSERTS

Bartlett	Dowsett
McGinn	Schill
Miller	Wood
Moms 'n More	Zimmer
Moms 'n More	Zganjar
Moms 'n More	Grove
Wauck	Hadcock
Tornetta	Lemorande
Petersen	Westfahl
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-----	NEED DESSERT



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DEUTERONOMY 8:3

### DRIVERS

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### SERVERS

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### Children's Christian Theater

Set aside the evening of Friday, **March 31**, for an opportunity to join in the Children's Christian Theater group as they present their program at North Shore Congregational Church. This theater group, based out of our sister church (Faith Community Church) in Franklin, WI, practices and presents a different program each spring, and this year is bringing their production to us at North Shore. Set aside the evening and watch for more details on specifics and times.



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**Lydia Circle, Monday, March 27, 2017, 10am**  
**Emmy K Robertson gallery/residence,**  
**2808 E. Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee**

Plan to bring a friend to visit the gallery/residence of recognized rug hooker Emmy K. Robertson. Since parking is difficult near UWM carpooling is advised. Emmy indicated we could park in her driveway, which is off Summit. Her house is on the NE corner of Kenwood and Summit.

Here are some examples of her craft:



To see more examples, try visiting her website: <http://www.emilykrobertson.com/>  
Or her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/emily.robertson.9480111>  
Since you'll be "out and about" perhaps a lunch spot may develop??

## BENEVOLENCE

# Squeaky Clean!



The whole month of MARCH!

..Socks...Pajamas... socks...pajamas...  
socks..

The 2017 Squeaky Clean collection to donate is focusing on two of Sojourner Family Peace Center's greatest needs:

### PAJAMAS:

Women's, Children's and Youth of all sizes

### SOCKS:

White socks for women

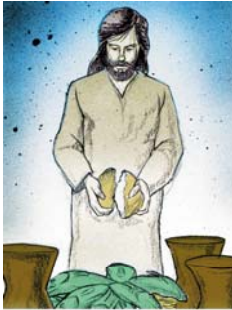
Non-skid slippers for children, young adults (size 6-12), women (size M-XL)

*Please put your contribution in one of the laundry baskets at the front and south entrance.*

# March 2017

## **BENEVOLENCE EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING**

### **Loaves and Fishes**



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Thank you for supporting Capuchin Community Services two locations: House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal. You are helping our friars and partners in ministry serve the poor, the hungry, the homeless.

Our special offering this Easter will go to two missions that meet very basic human needs in the communities they serve. You are familiar with the Loaves and Fishes meal service that members of our church provide to St. Ben's in downtown Milwaukee. Several members of the church regularly cook, deliver and serve meals at St. Ben's each month. Working with churches and organizations from throughout the community, St.

Ben's supports and serves homemade meals to hundreds of homeless and needy individuals and families six evenings a week. Over 100,000 meals are served each year. In addition to offering meals to the poor and the hungry, St. Ben's offers its guests the opportunity to pray and reflect, although no one is required to participate in religious services in order to be fed.

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Jean Lemorande brought Youthaiti to the attention of the Benevolence Board. This is a Milwaukee based mission that is striving to meet critical health needs in rural Haiti by providing ecological sanitation facilities and training in hygiene to impoverished people, 85% of whom do not currently have toilet facilities. There was a cholera epidemic killing thousands of people in Haiti as recently as 2010. Youthaiti builds "dry" community toilets and installs composting latrines in households. It provides training on the safe recycling of human waste nutrients back into the land to promote improved agricultural production and reforestation. Youthaiti is still dealing with the devastating aftermath of a severe hurricane in areas of rural Haiti last fall. More information about Youthaiti and its mission can be found at [www.youthaiti.org](http://www.youthaiti.org), or by contacting Jean.

### **Youthaiti**

Helping the Youth of Haiti  
Develop A Sustainable Future



## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### Introduction to the Alexander Technique

Presented by Laurie Shawger

The Alexander Technique provides a framework for taking care of oneself while meeting the challenges of each moment. It is useful for everyone at every stage of life. Personally, I have found it invaluable in improving my balance, reducing anxiety, managing stress, and alleviating the pain associated with muscular strain, neck and back pain and tennis elbow.

Broadly speaking, the Alexander Technique is a way of building awareness of how we do the things we do. In learning to observe our own habits of reaction in movement and thought, we can develop the possibility of change through conscious decisions.

Life presents many complex situations to navigate. Everyone I know is beset with an overload of stresses. The Alexander Technique is a practical way to work from where you are to improve how you manage yourself. It is not a set of exercises or a treatment. It is a way to learn how to take responsibility in positive ways for those things that can be changed for the better in your own being. My life has been changed in extraordinary ways through this and I would like to share that with you.



In a **two-session class**, on Saturday mornings, **March 25 and April 1, 10:00-11:15 am**, Introduction to the Alexander Technique will be taught by Laurie Shawger, an accredited teacher certified by the American Society of the Alexander Technique. Class size is limited to 18 participants. Please sign up by the hall bulletin board. There will be some simple movements used as part of the learning process but this is not an exercise class.



## Don't Lose Yourself While Caring for Someone Else

### Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

*A six-week educational support  
program for caregivers*

*"The class helped me put myself back together."*

**Are you caring for a loved one with**  
**Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's**  
**Disease, stroke, heart disease or another**  
**long-term, chronic condition?**

If so, ***Powerful Tools for Caregivers***  
is designed to help ***YOU***.

***Powerful Tools*** is for adults caring for their:

- Spouse/partner
- Parents or other relatives
- Friends or neighbors

***Powerful Tools*** can help you:

- Reduce stress
- Communicate better with family members and healthcare providers
- Manage challenging situations
- Make tough decisions

*\*Not intended for professional caregivers.*



### Join the Next Class!

**When:** Fridays starting April  
21st through May 26th -- 11:30 to  
1:30 -- ***Lunch is Provided***

**Where:** St Camillus 10100 W  
Wisconsin Ave

**How:** Call Interfaith's Family  
Caregiver Support Network at  
414-220-8600 to register.

**Cost:** \$25 refundable book deposit.  
Scholarships and respite funds available.



*"I hate not knowing if what I am doing is  
right. The class has shown paths for me to get  
around and through these roadblocks."*





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### Sunday School News!

We continue our journey to Easter!

#### March Sunday School Lessons

- March 5:** We look at Luke 9: 28-36 and the Transfiguration.  
**March 12:** How does Matthew 18: 21-35 teach us that God wants us to forgive others?  
**March 19:** Through Isaiah 11: 1-5 we learn about how we know that God is faithful.  
**March 26:** Is a One Room Sunday school and we will learn about Jesus as the son of God.

Save the Date! **Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday**, is a fun day at NSCC. We will begin in worship with the Children's Choir singing with the Chancel Choir. After Sunday school and worship, everyone is invited to the Eggstravaganza brunch hosted by the Fellowship Committee. After brunch we will have an Easter Story and Scavenger Hunt. I hope you can make it!



**COFFEE, CHORDS AND KIDS**---March 3, 6:30-8:30---come and enjoy a movie in your pjs while the adults enjoy live music by the "Acousticats" and dessert and coffee...always a great time!!!!!!

**KIDSCONNECT** will meet March 12 from 4-5:30. Come for games like "A Minute to Win it" - with a "Fear Factor" twist! For grades 3-6.



**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will sing March 12...won't want to miss this one!

March is **SQUEAKY CLEAN** month. The church will be collecting items. I am offering a **challenge to all Sunday School Families!** If the children can collect 100 items, during the month of March, I will plan a pajama party on a Sunday morning this spring. Children can come to church in their pj's and have a fun, special morning in Sunday school. Our collection is for Sojourner Family Peace Center and they need pajamas, socks, baby lotion and shampoo, diapers and baby wipes and toothbrushes and toothpaste! If we focus on these items we should be able to collect 100 things and help out many people.





**Children's Chapel** will meet upstairs with Rev. Julie on **March 19** at 10:00am!!!!



We continue to sponsor two children at **Happy Life Children's Home** in Kenya Africa, through the offering collected in Sunday school each week. Remember each cent collected adds up and is used to help in big ways!

We are in need of **volunteers to acolyte** and carry God's light into the sanctuary each week. Please contact Leslie Krueger if your child is interested in helping with this special responsibility!



**Save the Date! Summer Bible Camp** for Preschool through 5th grade will be held **June 13-15 from 9 am to noon** each day. Mark your calendars and watch for enrollment forms.

Consider developing a deeper relationship with your children and their church school education. Please sign up to be a teacher or 2nd adult in one of the classrooms this month. Responsibilities as a second adult include sitting back and enjoying the awe and wonder that only children have as they learn about the birth of Jesus. It's an experience you won't want to miss. Check the sign-up sheets, next to the door of the classroom, when you drop off/pick up your child. Please feel free to sign up in any classroom! Or, contact Leslie Krueger to sign up or find out more.



**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  
Or **Leslie Krueger**  
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## HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

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

Youth events calendar: put it on yours!

**Sunday Morning Breakfast for High School Youth:** March 5 and 19, 9 am, in the church kitchen! It is the season of Lent...so let's talk about this idea of "giving something up" OR "taking something up." What does that mean to YOU? Some of you have already noted an interest in helping with a community project, "Feed my Starving Children." Please contact Rev. Julie if you need to know more!

**YouthConnect** for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade: **Pizza and Game Night: March 10, 6:30-8:30.** A bit of our own March Madness? Find out how to play "Nerf it," "cupsanddowns," or "Scavenger hunt clue." Bring friends of course! Please let Rev. Julie know how many are coming (after all I want to order enough Pizza!).

**Looking Ahead: Youth Spring Overnight Retreat at North Shore Congregational Church - April 28-29** this event is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth hosted by the Wisconsin Congregational Association. Friends are welcome. While our focus is Christian fellowship it is not exclusive to Congregational youth. Save the date - more information to come!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Summer planning is already in the air: **June 13-15** is our annual Summer Bible Camp for preschool and elementary age children.



### SAVE THE DATE! July 9- 15

This camp becomes, for many, their “favorite week of the year.” Mini Kamp: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Jr. High: 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade, Sr. High: 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/camp> for more information and registration forms



*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 Julie Smith with dates and events!*

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### CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

We encourage the students to continue to worship with the church at either the 8 am or 10 am services. Wednesday, March 1, is our 7 pm Ash Wednesday service - come and experience this!

During the month of March we will continue to explore the ways we worship here at NSCC, discussing aspects of how we experience scripture, what we think about the sacraments, music and its impact and prayer.

All students - please remember to find a member, a mentor and a Minister to interview as well as attending an All Board (first Tuesday of each month) or Council (third Tuesday of each month) meeting. Get to know the church and more importantly help the church know YOU!

**Special dates to note!** Tuesday, March 21, the entire class is encouraged to serve the evening meal for St. Ben’s “Loaves and Fishes.” We carpool from the church parking lot at 4 pm, set up and serve between 4:30-6:30.



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