

North Shore Church News

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"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22

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May 2016

“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Our Worship Life

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Sunday Morning

8:00 Worship—Chapel
9:00 Confirmation, Children's Choir &
Centering Prayer
9:15 Chancel Choir
10:00 Worship—Sanctuary
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship
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In our most recent meeting of the Diaconate Board, just a week or so after our Holy Week worship services, Julie and I were blessed to hear a statement of support and appreciation that was written by one of our Deacons, and placed into the record of the meeting. It was a statement reflecting the meaningful worship services we experienced over the course of Holy Week, and appreciation for our leadership, the music leadership, and more. It was a very touching statement that I have since shared with our entire worship team, and a gesture that meant quite a lot to many of us. It was also a statement that reminded me, however, of just how many people it takes to put together our worship services each week.

Did you know that, on any given week, there are some 40-50 people involved in our Sunday morning worship services? From greeters and ushers, to choir members and acolytes, to music and worship leaders, a worship service that includes the choir will rarely have fewer than 40 people involved, and on some Sundays, it is well above that. Just yesterday, with our bells playing, I think we were closer to 50 people involved, and on Palm Sunday, with our Children's Choir as well, we were likely pushing 60! The joyous and meaningful worship life of our church may often start with thoughts and considerations that emerge from my office, or Julie's, but they take shape in a dedicated staff that is committed to the worship life of our church and flourish with dozens of others who help bring our worship plans to life from one week to the next. It is a true joy to work with so many dedicated and talented people, and our church is profoundly blessed to have every one of them.

I point all of this out today, however, because I want to draw all of our attention to the wonderful run of worship services that we will be experiencing over the course of the next 1.5 months. Between now and mid-June, there will be a remarkable series of services that are being pulled together from every corner of our life and ministries, and I want to take the time, in this message, to make sure we all know exactly when, and what, they are.

Our Worship Life cont..

Here's a run-down...

- May 1: Communion Sunday
- May 8: Mother's Day celebration with Confirmation Students and Children's Choir leading worship
- May 15: Pentecost Sunday and Teacher Recognition
- May 22: Confirmation Sunday
- May 29: Memorial Day Weekend
- June 5: Communion Sunday and Commissioning of the Hosanna Mission Team
- June 12: Music Sunday and Reception of New Members

We are remarkably blessed, in this church, with an enormous group of individuals who help to lead and support our worship life week after week. In the weeks ahead, that blessing will be abundant in many forms. I pray you will join us for each of these celebrations, and truly look forward to the worship we will share, together, each week.

Yours in Faith, Fellowship and Service, **Marty**

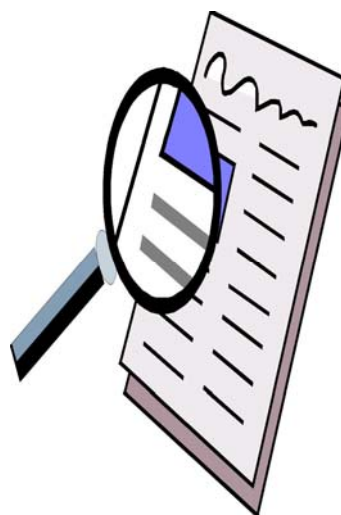
Intergenerational Mission Opportunity

Save the date for the 2016 Hosanna Mission Trip in Western Pennsylvania: Saturday, June 18 - Friday, June 24.

This is a cross-generational week of work, fellowship, spiritual growth, and building God's Kingdom! Ages 12 and older, all levels of fitness, and all levels expertise are needed. If you are interested in being a member of the Meal Team or serving on the Mission Team, please contact David Schimpf at 262-242-8709 ASAP.

As many of you are already aware, our church staff is working diligently to update all of our communication information in our church systems. For those who did not pick up their enveloped in the narthex, you should have received it in the mail. What we ask is that you review the front side of this profile for accuracy, complete the back side to let us know what specific ministry communication lists you want to be on, and return the form to us ASAP.

On a related note, please note that our software (for reasons not worth explaining in this context) lists ALL members as 'not contributors.' This is an element of the profile over which we have no control but it does not reflect your actual giving to the church in any way. Please ignore this line – it is truly meaningless! We apologize for any confusion regarding this item.



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

A few of our “Inreach and Outreach” opportunities! Watch For More!

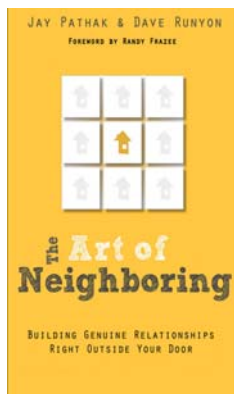
Tuesday Morning Book Group

10 to 11 am Tuesday mornings.

May 3 we start our new book:

The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door. Want to join the discussion?

Come and try it out. Contact Rev. Julie for a copy of the book.

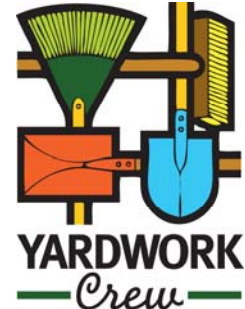


Thursday morning Bible Study

Want to read another good book? Come to the Thursday Morning Bible study in friendship lounge from 9:30-11:00. We are currently looking at Matthew's Gospel!



Weed 'n Feed: It was a cold blustery day in April and we were warmed by work and fellowship as we prepped the garden for spring! Thank you to the Schuyler family, Susan Wauck, Trish Paul, Walt and Myla Hadcock, Tom Smith, Don Stahl, Barb Holzhauer and our fearless leader Judy Shirley. Watch for, and join us, for continuing opportunities to care for our church grounds!



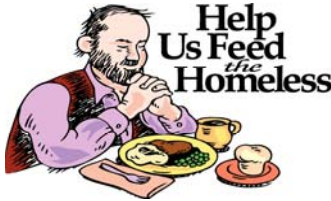
Ladies Night Out!

Join some of our “Moms ‘n’ More” at Nhi-Le Nails at 6924 N Santa Monica Blvd at 6 pm on Friday May 13th, for an evening of good fun (and a Mani-Pedi too)! All ladies welcome! Please RSVP to Katy Nelson kanelson4@yahoo.com or watch for an Evite.



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making Please come and stay after church on May 1st for our monthly Bag Lunch making session! Shop for or donate items



ahead of time, or come to the church kitchen right after our 10am worship service to make 75 lunches for Milwaukee's daytime homeless shelter. Contact Tom Smith at 414-774-8688 or jtsmith5@sbcglobal.net if you can help with shopping or donating items beforehand or delivering lunches on Monday.

UWM Lunch Bunch: As this newsletter article is being written the UWM Lunch Bunch is busy cooking, packing up the car and taking lunch to serve to college students at UWM on April 20th. Thank you to Tom Smith, Bo Dowsett, Ted and Liz Strong, Jeannie George and Jean Lemorande for making this happen, a touch of God's love from North Shore Congregational Church.



Knit together by God! For our April meeting we met at Elizabeth's Krueger's new home at Sarah Chudnow. The staff there offered warm hospitality and the love shared between our knitters shined God's light through the room. And we even managed to knit a few rows on the Prayer Shawls we make for the Health Committee's ministry. Join us any third Friday at 1 pm in Friendship lounge. Contact Rev. Julie if you would like to get on the monthly reminder list (in case we take to the road again)! We would love to knit you in ~ join us!



**MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
BRANCH OUT IN THE COMMUNITY**

**LOAVES AND FISHES
May 17, 2016**

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Bartlett	Wood
Cook	Ford
Gaenslen	Hadcock
Ritke	Holmes
Streich	Navarro
Enea	Reimer
Krosnosky	Santilli
Lange	Schill
	Lemorande
-----	Sweet
-----	Tornetta
-----	Weber



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	Holmes

SERVERS

Schuyler	Lange
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SAVE THE DATE!

“Gardening for God”

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 14-16

9:00AM-12:00PM

Preschool – 5th grade (completed)

Friends and neighbors are invited to attend!

Join us to learn how God created the earth and everything on it!
Explore why we are caretakers of God’s Creation and help grow a garden!

Happy Life Children’s Home has a garden!

They use the food they grow to eat and sell at a market!

All proceeds beyond covering the cost of supplies go to
Happy Life to help them continue to grow God’s creation!



Stories and songs,
crafts and games,
outreach projects,
and of course yummy
snacks!



Sign up today!
\$25 per child.

(Enrollment fee will
cover cost of supplies
and benefit Happy Life
Children’s Home.)

Please register by
June 3rd. Call the
church for more info.
(414)-352-6123

Registration forms
available at NSCC and
on the church website.

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HELPS FROM THE HEALTH COMMITTEE

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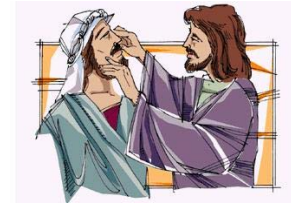
We can learn so much about the deep wisdom of God's design looking at our own bodies. For this next health article, I would like to dwell a bit longer on how we see. Last time, we spoke about how the brain interprets sight. In particular, we mentioned Anton's phenomenon. When you lose all ability to interpret incoming light signals, through a stroke to the back part of the brain for example, you lose the concept of what it means to see, and you do not realize you cannot see. This is a useful spiritual illustration. If you do not have faith, you may not realize you do not have faith, and you may not realize that you are spiritually blind. In fact, the Lord specifically says this to the Laodicians in the book of Revelation.

Today, I want to leave the very last part of the visual system that we discussed last time, and turn to the very front part of our visual system, the part that just catches the light. This is a lens called the cornea. The cornea magnifies the world several fold and projects the light beams onto the retina, where nerve cells can receive light information. In addition, the cornea also inverts the light signals so that up is projected down on the retina, and left is projected to the right. The cornea becomes opaque when we develop cataracts, which can be surgically removed. However, when the cataract is removed, unless a magnifying lens is put in its place, the world becomes tiny, because we lose the magnification provided by the cornea.

In the book we are reading in the Friday morning brothers' group, *The Overcoming Life* by Watchman Nee, the author explains that our sensory organs substantiate the world. For example, sight allows us to substantiate the colors and visual beauty of our world. Without sight, we cannot experience the beauty of a country scene. Someone may explain that the lake is a beautiful deep blue, but if we have never seen blue, we won't know what that means. So the picture is indeed beautiful, but a blind person will not experience the pleasure from it. Likewise, our ears substantiate the delightful sounds of birds in the morning or of a violin solo. But a deaf person will never experience the delight of hearing these sounds. Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as "the substantiation of things unseen." So as the eyes substantiate the things seen, and as the ears substantiate the things heard, faith substantiates the things unseen.

What does this mean? When we believe what God says, and trust Him above our own understanding, we experience and enjoy spiritual beauty. This process is identical to what happens when we believe what our eyes or ears are telling us about the physical world. No one has to tell us to trust our eyes, we do so intuitively. The same with our ears. In fact optical illusions use this principle to provide us with great humor. We trust what we think we are seeing, and are quite surprised to find out that it is completely wrong. But with God, there is no such thing. Trusting him always leads to what is true. Faith enables God to tell us what is happening in the spiritual world. When we don't trust Him, we do not benefit from his blessings, just as the blind man does

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not benefit from the beauty of the painting. The painting is real. The blessings are even more real. But we need eyes to enjoy the one, and trust in God to enjoy the other. What has God said that we should trust?

Basically that every single one of His blessings is given to us in Jesus. As he said to Peter: “This is my son, whom I love. Hear Him.” And Jesus himself told us that He is the way, the life and the truth, the alpha and the omega, and that we should trust him as well as trust God. Faith, then, is simply an active trust in God, an active trust in Jesus, and an active trust in the Holy Spirit.

Now I want to come back to the cornea which magnifies our world. When Mary, filled with joy about her pregnancy, visits her cousin Elizabeth, she says (Luke 1:46-7): “My soul magnifies and extols the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Could it be, that just as the cornea magnifies the world for our enjoyment, so that we see everything in bold and large colors, shapes and contrasts, so our soul is designed to magnify God? She says that her spirit rejoices in God her Savior, and that her soul magnifies the Lord. Does the act of rejoicing in her spirit cause her soul to become a magnifying glass, so that God can be seen in bold and large actions? Mary is not the only one to talk about magnifying God. Listen to Paul in Phil 1:20: “It is my eager expectation and hope, that I will not be ashamed in anything, but that with courage and the utmost freedom of speech, even now as always, Christ will be magnified and exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.” Paul says he is confident that Christ will be magnified in his body. In the previous paragraph he, like Mary, was also talking about rejoicing, this time around events and circumstances that were not ideal. The same theme recurs here, that rejoicing leads to the Lord’s being magnified, this time in Paul’s body.

So how does our soul or our body magnify God? By our rejoicing in God, at least in these verses. To explore the cornea analogy further, we can also develop cataracts in our soul, which means not only will our soul lose its ability to magnify the lord, it will obscure him with a fog. This might happen presumably if you do the opposite of rejoicing, that is living a disbelieving life. This means getting in the habit of seeing the negative, the impossibilities in your situation, asking whom to blame for the problem, asking “who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?” all together my own experience. In that case you need “laser” surgery. Where do you get that? Again by trusting God: “his word is sharper than any 2-edged sword (or scalpel, or laser) and penetrates even to the dividing of soul and spirit...” (Heb 4) If you trust him and believe his word to you, he will disentangle the inner mess, and carefully remove the cataract from your soul, so that you can see him clearly and trust him completely. If you think you come away happy when a cataract is removed from your cornea, try experiencing the unspeakable joy of having one removed from your soul! Trust God, trust Jesus, every moment, every day. The results are unimaginably glorious.

Tom Chelmsky

BENEVOLENCE SPOTLIGHT

Eisenhower Center

Eisenhower Center is a local, nonprofit vocational training program that provides education, training, and jobs for people with disabilities. It prepares clients with the skills necessary to participate in work contracts they receive from businesses in and around Milwaukee. Their 66,000 square foot facility located west of Glendale in Milwaukee, provides core services including packaging, assembly, product rework projects, mail order and other short and long term projects.



The Center specializes in working with developmentally disabled adults who need training or assistance with:

- ❖ Work skills & habits
- ❖ Fine motor skills
- ❖ Social skills
- ❖ Communication
- ❖ Mobility, communicating and toileting
- ❖ Daily living skills

Case management and social services are provided for each person attending the program, providing exceptional individualized care.

Their Educational Department offers classes in daily living skills, cooking, arts and crafts, music, computer skills and integration into the community.

In the last year, they began their own dog treat bakery business on site, Ike Bites dog treats. Check out this new and exciting program at www.ikebitesdogtreats.com. Or pick up some treats for your dog, by ordering from their website or at the many local businesses that carry them.

For additional information about Eisenhower Center go to their website at www.eisenhowercenter.org.



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR INFORMATION

Understanding Your Contribution Statement

Each week, the office records all contributions received both during worship services, and in the mail. The date recorded is that of the current Sunday in the week in which the contribution is received. For those who have made an Estimates of Giving (EOG) the contribution will be recorded as such. For those without an EOG, the contribution will be recorded as a Non-EOG contribution. Donations for items other than an EOG or Non-EOG will be denoted as such.

When initially recording EOGs, our system will break down an annual figure and divide it into the number of Sundays in the year. A running account is then computed during the year and will show whether the EOG is on track or not. However, this is simply a function of our software—individual households make contributions in



unique ways, so it may show that a household is ahead or {behind} what the software calculates. The office does not use this information to regulate giving in any manner, so a household should not feel that they are in the “behind” if the software shows their status as not being 100% in accordance with the current system expectation.

At the end of each quarter, a statement will be mailed to each household that has made any type of contribution to the Church. This statement should be reconciled and any discrepancies should be reported to Kerrin White in the office, so that it can be investigated and corrected immediately. This way each contributing household will have an accurate statement at year end for tax purposes.

Kerrin is happy to work with you to ensure that your contributions are recorded and allocated as you intended. She can be contacted at 414-362-6123 (Monday to Thursday) or kerrinwhite@northshorecongl.org. To this end, please ensure that you clearly denote what your contribution or donation is intended for, (EOG, Flowers, Memorial, etc.) so that the office is not left guessing how the contribution should be allocated. Please note that THE ONLY PERSON who has access to these records is Kerrin, so all questions or correspondence should be directed to her.

LADIES' LUNCHEON



Old Fashioned Salad Luncheon Ladies and Friends of NSCC

Wednesday May 11th, at 11:30am

At North Shore Congregational Church

\$15.00 Payable on the day

Reservations appreciated by May 9th

“Prayer: One Size Does Not Fit All”

Presented by:

Rev. Carol DiBiasio Snyder

BRIDGE MARATHON



Join us for
The Annual Ladies' Bridge Marathon Luncheon

on Wednesday, June 8th at 11:30am
in Friendship Lounge.

Please bring a sandwich and deck of cards. Salads, desserts and beverages will be provided. Please contact **Liz Strong at 414-351-6398** if you will attend.

We are also looking for new bridge players to join us. If you are interested in playing or have questions, please give Liz a call.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sunday School News!

Lessons at a Glance!

May 1 – An Angel Frees Peter from Jail - Acts 12: 1-18

May 8 – No Sunday school - Mother's Day Musical

May 15 – Lydia is Converted - Acts 16: 9-15

May 22 – In the Beginning - Genesis 1: 1-5 Confirmation Sunday - Students in grades 4-7 are invited to stay in worship!

May 29 – No Sunday School - Memorial Day weekend

Crib N Crawler will be open and staffed each Sunday!

LOOKING AHEAD!

May 8th the Confirmation students along with the Children's Choir have prepared a family friendly worship service during the 10:00am worship hour. Please don't miss this one! It will warm your heart and soul to hear from the children of our church family!

May 15th – Kids Connect Group will meet from 4:00pm-5:30pm. Join us for games and snacks! Please bring a friend or two!

May 15th is Teacher Appreciation. We have had an amazing, dedicated and committed team! Come and give thanks during worship as we recognize this wonderful team of teachers!

We need a few new people to join the **teaching team for next year!** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to be part of a team! You don't need to have a child in the Sunday school program to teach. Please pray about this wonderful opportunity. Contact Maribeth Penno if you are willing to share your wisdom and make a commitment to the youth of this church!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

WCA Summer Camp

The theme this year is "Be Transformed!"

Who: All children 3rd grade (completed):
Minicamp

Jr. High and High School

What: The best week long summer camp you will ever attend!

Where: Mt. Morris Camp and conference Center

Wautoma, WI (West of Oshkosh)

When: Sunday, July 10 – Saturday, July 16

Find your registration packet already printed at church or check the church website and print your own!

Save the date!

NSCC Summer Bible Camp Gardening for God" will be held at North Shore Church, June 14-16 from 9am-12pm. (See page 7 for more details)

Come be grandma for an hour! (Or Grandpa, or Aunt, or Uncle...) As we head into the late spring and summer, our normal local college students who tend to our Crib and Crawler each week will return to their homes for the summer

break. We have an individual willing to be in there much of the summer, but are hoping to fill in the needs with a pool of volunteers willing to take a Sunday here and there, through the late spring and summer, to care for the youngest of our church family. Volunteers are usually asked to arrive by 9:45, and will be done around 11:15. If this is something you would be willing to be a part of, please contact Maribeth or one of our Ministers.

Crib & Crawler



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
juliesmith@northshorecongl.org

Or

Maribeth Penno, 414-352-6123 or
maribeth@northshorecongl.org

Or **Leslie Krueger**

LeslieKrueger@northshorecongl.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS UPDATE

May is a wonderfully full month for us!

Please be here **May 8th** for a **special worship service at 10am** with the children's choir and Confirmation class.

You are ALL invited and encouraged to come **Wednesday May 18th for dinner at 6pm** (made by the Fellowship Committee) followed by the "**Confirmation Exam**," which will be a great opportunity for you to encourage their growth and connection with the church as they move toward their **Confirmation day May 22nd at 10am!** Stay after worship on May 22 to celebrate with them during a dove release in the garden and cake in Friendship Lounge.



Confirmation Sunday

The **4th/5th grade and 6th/7th** grade classes meet in their room from 10:15-11:15 right after the children's message has been given in the Sanctuary. Quizzes, Games, Music and YouTube video clips help us present an engaging Scripture lesson.



Planning ahead for summer? **SAVE THE DATE!** July 10-16 at Mt. Morris in Wautoma, WI. Open to all youth grades 3-12. **WCA Camp** is about strengthening connections of friendship, fellowship and faith — with yourself, with others, with scripture and, most of all, with God. If you're interested in strengthening these connections while having lots of fun and meeting new friends, you'll have an awesome time! Where is it? Mt Morris Camp and Conference Center, Wautoma, WI.

Go to <http://wiscongregational.net/> for registration forms and information!

Please note if you register by May 1st there is a healthy discount!
Scholarships are available to offset some of the fees—just ask Rev. Julie!

I know it's only spring but mark your calendar for Summer Bible Camp at church, 9-12, June 14th-16th. Youth—we would love to have you help us run games, or crafts, or music! Contact Maribeth Penno or Rev. Julie to sign on!



**Contact Rev. Julie
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