

North Shore Church News

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

The Privilege (and Responsibility) of Self-Governance...

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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,

On November 11, 1620, after more than 2 months of trials at sea, the Pilgrims made landfall on the eastern edge of Massachusetts, near Cape Cod, in a place we know today as Plymouth. Being far north of the region they had been assigned by the King (Virginia), special dispensation (known as a ‘patent’) was needed for them to remain in their new home. While they awaited that patent, however, there needed to be some sort of governance and structure for the people. With this in mind, the 41 adult males aboard the Mayflower developed and wrote what is known, today, as the Mayflower Compact – the very first document delineating the principles of self-governance in the New World, and a document that would stand as the active cornerstone of the Plymouth Colony for more than 70 years (at which time it became a part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony).

The principles of self-governance and democracy, which were outlined in this document and stand at the root of so much of our national identity, are also at the very heart of our faithful tradition. The Congregational Way is one grounded in the very principles that date back to the Mayflower Compact of nearly 400 years ago. In the Congregational Way, we are not governed by denominational authorities, ecclesiastical hierarchies, or other groups and/or persons who wrest control over the life of the local church. In the Congregational Way, we are free from such external controls in order to allow our self-governance to be the pathway through which the spirit of Christ can be revealed. The only authority that governs our church is Christ, our proper head, whose will is meant to be revealed through the discernment of the people in their faithful self-governance.

continued...The Privilege (and Responsibility) of Self-Governance...

I remind us all of this foundational element of our way because, shortly after you read this article, we will gather for the pivotal event our self-governance as a church – our Annual Meeting. Another meeting in a life full of obligations can, at times, feel burdensome. But, this is the privilege and responsibility that is ours as members of a Congregational Church. The ministries we pursue, the decision we make, the challenges we face and the opportunities we embrace – these are not things that managed or dealt with by our staff, our denomination or our hierarchy – these are things that we confront together, that we take on together, that we embrace together as a self-governed body, gathered in a shared covenant, and guided by the spirit of Christ, who is the rightful head of our Church.

I deeply encourage each and every one of you to make it a priority to join us for our meeting on May 6. I'm the first to admit that it may not be as enticing as a day at the beach, or as entertaining as an afternoon at Miller Park, but it is at the very core of who and what we are as a church, and it is one of the greatest joys and responsibilities that we know in the Congregational Way of being a Church.

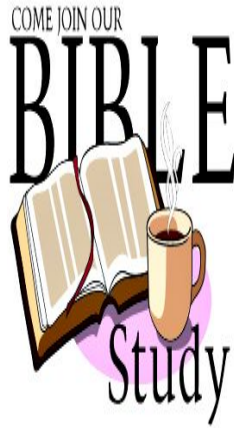
Your Pastor and Friend, ***Marty***

Please make note of two Sundays, this spring, on which we will gather together for one worship service. On Confirmation Sunday (May 20) and Celebration Sunday (June 10), there will be no early chapel service, as we will gather together to rejoice in the blessing of these days for a single worship experience at 10am.



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday Morning Bible Discussion: Join us in Friendship Lounge on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 as we journey through Paul's letters. Drop in if you want to see and hear what we are up to. ***No Bible Study on May 24.**



The **Tuesday Morning Book Group** meets in Friendship Lounge on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. Join us as we read and discuss *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Let Rev. Julie know if you want a book ordered for you: \$15. ***No Book Group on May 22.**



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 NSCC **Marathon Bridge Luncheon** is on Wednesday, **May 9**, at 11:30am in the Friendship Lounge.

We will have a short business meeting and presentation of awards, lunch and then an afternoon of playing Bridge. Please be thinking of a partnership that would like to take over as Co-Chairs for next year.

Please call Marsha (964-5415) to sign up for a luncheon item to bring. We'll need salads, fruit, cookies/bars.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

On **May 6** please come down after the All Church meeting and 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 or earlier. Contact Jane Ford (janer1975@hotmail.com) or Mary Kramer (mewkramer@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.



Chair Yoga continues through May in Friendship Lounge. Chair Yoga offers improvement for mobility and flexibility, overall health and relaxation. Come on Thursdays from 11:15-12:15 in Friendship Lounge. \$10 per session to drop in or sign up for the next 6-week session. (\$54 for 6 week session). Dress comfortably, we provide chairs and a relaxing environment. Instructor—Erica Boos.



LOAVES AND FISHES

May 15, 2018

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Cook	Zganjar
Loder	Ford
McGinn	Dowsett
Streich	Grove
Swenson	Hadcock
Ford	Lemorande
Jipson	Levatich
_____	Sweet
_____	Tornetta
_____	Weber
_____	Lange
_____	Reimer



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	J Smith (If needed)
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SERVERS

Jipson	Jonasen
Nurse	Hadcock
Zimmer	Hadcock
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DATES OF NOTE

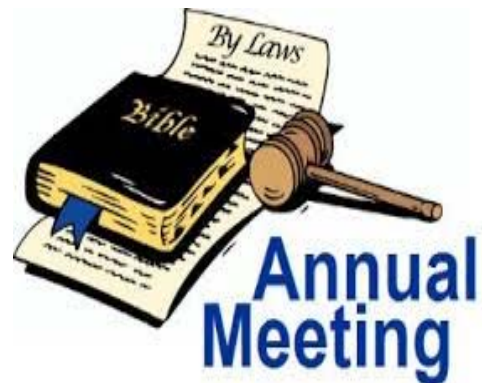
Let's Talk

Let's talk on **May 8**, 6:30 pm, in the Friendship Lounge. A little bit like a book group, but instead of reading, listen to an "On Being" interview with Brene Brown (Social Science researcher) who speaks and writes about the uncomfortable but life-giving link between vulnerability and courage and moving forward through crisis. The interview is titled, "Strong backs, soft fronts, and wild hearts." Listen before coming. We will find much to discuss together! You can find the interview online at **onbeing.org**, then search **Brene Brown**. Any questions, ask Rev. Julie.



Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for Sunday, **May 6**, for our Annual Meeting immediately following the 10am worship service. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to vote on the slate of nominees, as well as to address a handful of bylaw proposals. Outlines of the bylaw proposals have been e-mailed to all members. Printed copies are available in the church office.



LOOKING AHEAD



There is much coming up in the life of our church – please note the dates below, and read through all of the details in this newsletter for what is happening at North Shore Church this May and June...

- Sunday, **May 6** – **Annual Meeting** after 10am Worship.
- Sunday, **May 13** – **Mother's Day worship** at 10am with Sunday school musical and Confirmation students leading worship.
- Saturday, **May 19** – **Confirmation dinner and exam.** All members are invited to join in a dinner celebrating Confirmation, which will be followed by our tradition of allowing members to explore the confirmation journey with the students.
- Sunday, **May 20** – **Confirmation Sunday** with one worship service at 10am.
- Sunday, **June 3** – Communion Worship with **baptism**.
- Sunday, **June 10** – One worship service at 10am for **Celebration Sunday** with special music, bells, chancel choir, teacher recognition, Hosanna Mission commissioning, and more...



LYDIA

Spring Luncheon-Tues., May 22

Gather in Friendship Lounge @ 11:30

for punch and conversation

Lunch (catered) @ noon

Lemon Tarragon Chicken Salad on Croissant

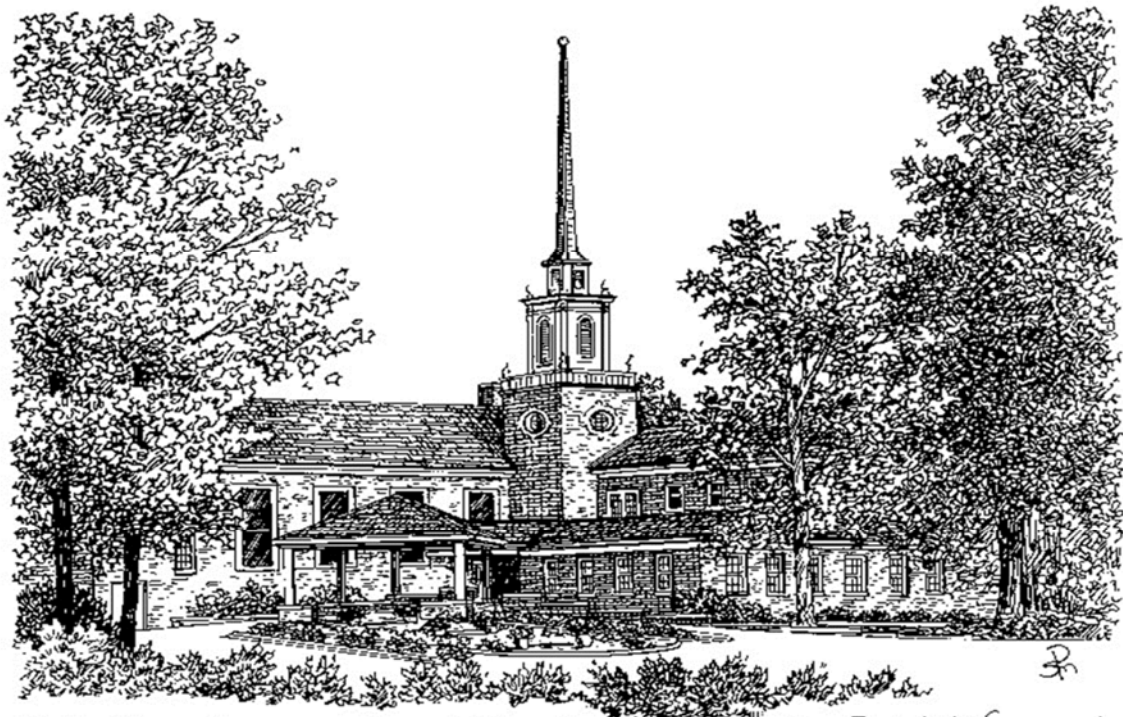
Strawberry Spinach Salad, Fresh Fruit

Limited seating (50), pay \$20 by Sun., May 13 to NSCC Lydia Circle

Program following lunch, Laura Snyder, double bassist with MSO
faculty member of numerous colleges/universities



Congregationalism and the Church Merger of 1957



North Shore Congregational Church Fox Point, Wisconsin

Various social, religious, and merger issues have influenced the development of Congregationalism in America. After the establishment of the Plymouth Massachusetts church in 1620 other European immigrant Protestant denominations, such as the Baptists, Lutherans, and Presbyterians, formed their churches based on their views of organization and often differing views about religious practices and doctrine.

Then the Civil War added new issues for consideration. Slavery and the movement of some churches toward abolitionist thinking as well as differences over the establishment of seminaries and the role of educational institutions as well as the role of evangelism caused division. Following World War I brought a movement of ecumenism forward and with it issues such as greater freedom in thinking about personal and sexual matters.

In 1931, The Congregational Church was a member of a merged group known as the General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches. In 1942, aggressive action by a group which was not a member of the General Council began causing concern. This group, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, was a liberal German entity with strong views on church organization and strong views about religious doctrine and practice. They started action for a merger with the General Council. At North Shore Church this group caused concern for some members who left the church to join the (then) Mayflower Congregational Church on Brown Deer Road. Definite action on this merger was delayed by the General Council until 1957 and when the vote was called about 70% of national and local members participated in the voting. Of this voting body 90 % affirmed the move to merge. The merged body was to be called The United Church of Christ.

The minority who had voted not join the merger included the North Shore Congregational Church. This minority group formed two organizations. The largest body is the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) whose headquarter is in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. North Shore Congregational Church is a member of this body. A very small group formed the Conservative Congregational Church (CCC). Just a note --some of the members who left to join the Mayflower Congregational Church returned to membership at North Shore.

Elizabeth Krueger writes this article and resourced information from sources including:

- ❖ “Congregationalism: History, Congregationalism and Protestantism.” Encyclopedia Britannica, April 15, 2018, www.britannica.com.
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Celebrate Our Heritage



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

May 6: The Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20; Mark 16: 15-20; Luke 24: 44-53; Acts 1: 6-11)

May 13: MOTHER'S DAY MUSICAL

May 20: Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:24-27)

May 27: Jesus Eats with Sinners at Matthew's House (Matthew 9:9-13)



WCA Summer Camp!

You can go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/> to access all the info you need! Children completing grade 3 and up are eligible for this wonderful camp.

Vacation Bible Camp will not be offered this summer. We are currently re-evaluating the need for this program for the future. If you have any questions or comments, please speak to Leslie or Rev. Julie.

LOOKING AHEAD



- *May 6** **PJ DAY!** Congratulations to all those who brought in Squeaky Clean items. We met our 100 items goal. Come in PJS today!

PJ Day

- *May 12:** We will have a mandatory **dress rehearsal** for the Mother's Day musical from 10-11:30! All students involved in the musical are required to attend this very important rehearsal.



Dress Rehearsal

- *May 13:** The children's choir and Sunday School students will be performing the wonderful musical "**Just Like You and Me**" during the 10:00 worship hour. Please don't miss this one! The children have committed hours of practice and it shows!



- *May 20:** **Kids Connect:** 4-5:30 for kids 3rd-5th grades!

- *May 27:** ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL...**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!**

Memorial
DAY

Questions?
Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith today!
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Crib n Crawler will be staffed during worship on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15.

HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!



Confirmation Class Update

Whew! We have arrived. On May 20 the students will have completed their 2 year journey as Confirmation students, and it has been wonderful spending time with all of them. Saturday, May 19, we are hosting a dinner followed by the Confirmation Exam (you have an opportunity to talk with these students). We hope many of you will join us, as all members and friends are invited!

Please be aware that there is a special worship time on Mother's Day, May 13, with Confirmation students choosing hymns, writing prayers and leading areas of worship. Children's Ministry and Choir are presenting a pageant as well!

Sunday school for grades 6 and 7

We are in the planning stages for our strong Middle School class next year and are so grateful for the leadership that Linda Emery has given to our Sunday school for grade 6 and 7. We would love to talk with any of you about being part of the Middle School team for next year. Please contact Rev. Julie about this.



Youth Leadership Team

Please contact Rev. Julie, ASAP, to be part of the Youth Leadership Team! This includes Middle School and High School students. This team will get together every couple months to suggest, plan and review ways we gather for planned events, outreach, and church life. Our first meeting will be before summer vacation begins!



YouthConnect (Grade 6-12)

Mini-Golf/Foot-Golf event at Baehmanns Golf Center in Cedarburg on May 11, from 6:00-7:30! Pizza dinner, Mini or Foot golf, and yard games: cornhole, ladder and washer toss. Please RSVP for yourself and friends, space is limited. Contact Rev. Julie with questions.

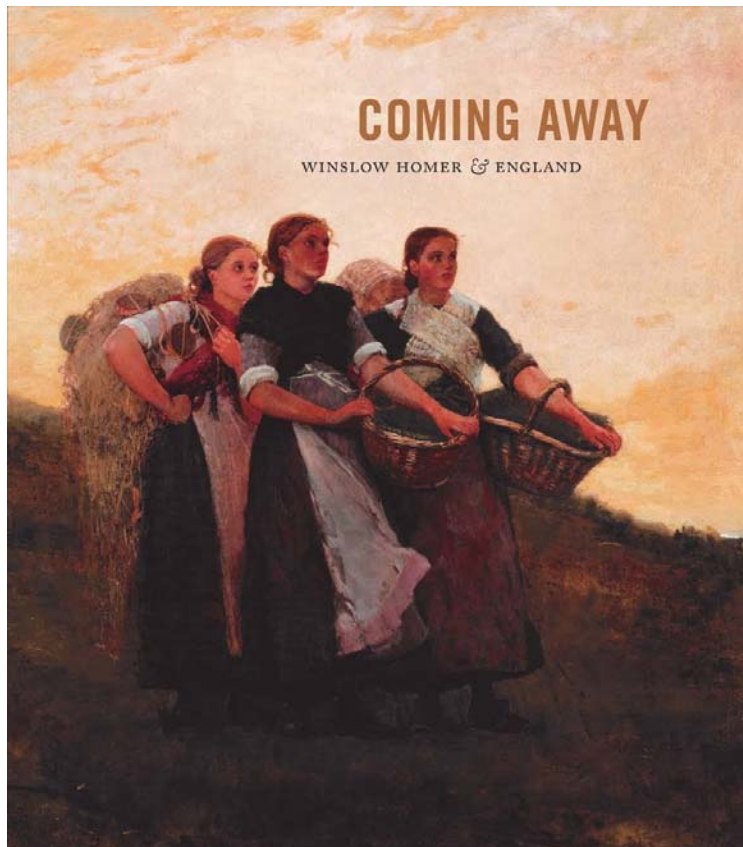
Parents/Youth: Let us know if there is a special event, games, musical, play etc. that you are involved in so the church can cheer you on! Message Rev. Julie with dates and events.



FELLOWSHIP OUTING

Coming Away: Winslow Homer and England

You are invited to visit the exhibition Coming Away: Winslow Homer and England on **May 12** at 2:00 pm at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Join with others from your church family at NSCC for a docent-guided tour, led by our own Melissa Block, to see the art works from Winslow Homer's time of living in England. Sign-up sheets will be located in the Narthex. Please watch for future announcements and newsletters for costs and details. See Sharon Hall or Melissa Block for more information.

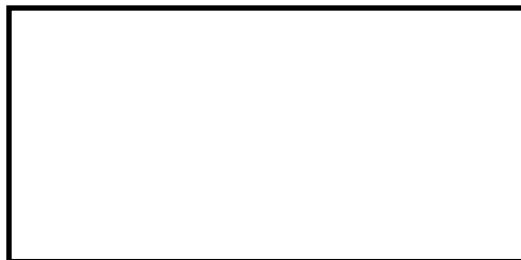


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