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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

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Sunday Morning

8:30 Worship—Chapel
10:00 Worship—Sanctuary
10:15 Sunday School
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this note, I will already be back from the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). As I write it, however, I am looking towards that meeting in the coming weeks and thinking about the reminder it serves, for all of us, of the importance of the relationships we hold with sister churches in our region, our state, and across the country.

Any time I discuss the various forms of church ‘polity’ (structure) that we know in 21st century churches, I always make a significant distinction between the autonomy of Congregational churches and the independence with which it is sometimes mistaken. One of the great tenets of our approach to church governance is that each church is autonomous. We are free from the control of ecclesiastical hierarchies and empowered to dwell with the Spirit as we discern the will of God for our church. We do not need to subscribe to the dictates of denominational controls and are unconstrained in our efforts to submit to the headship of Christ in the church. These are core elements of what it means to be Congregational and central pieces of what I most value about our tradition.

At the same time, however, there is a distinction between these ideals of autonomy and the pure independency with which it is often confused. We are autonomous, we are free to follow the headship of Christ and the leading of the Spirit, but we are NOT ALONE! We are, intentionally, part of a fellowship of churches that is here to support us, and who we support in ministry and faith. From local clergy fellowships and state youth camps to national gatherings and worldwide missions, we come together to allow God’s work to be amplified through our fellowship and shared ministries. We

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are free, as an autonomous local church, to follow the headship of Christ and the leading of the Spirit in the life of our church. But, we are not alone. As I head to our annual conference in the coming weeks, I find myself especially grateful for the role of our church in those fellowships.

I see it as a true privilege to serve a church that has long stood as a leader in supporting the Congregational associations of which we are a part.

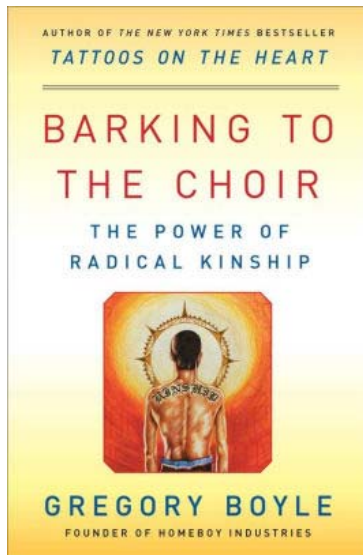
- We have past and current members who serve active roles in associations.
- We have past and current members who have been (and are) on the staff of the NACCC.
- Rev. Julie just finished her term as Moderator of the Wisconsin Congregational Association and continues her work on camp and lay ministry programs.
- I have the honor of serving as a member of the Board of Directors for the NACCC.

And, in addition to all of this, our church has been consistently ready and willing to share our leadership resources with our sister churches. Rev. Julie and I have both had the joy of leading worship in sister churches during times of particular need over the past couple of years. Rev. Julie will do so again on July 15 at our sister church in Franklin, and I will have the opportunity to preach the Consecration Sunday sermon at our sister church in Mukwanago this fall.

The fellowship of which we are a part is what makes Congregationalism special – it is what distinguishes us from the isolated independency with which we are often confused (and towards which we sometimes, inadvertently, stray). I am grateful to serve a church so historically and currently invested in these associations, but I use this opportunity to encourage all of you to learn a little bit more about the same. Take a look at our state and national associations to see what they are about. Talk to me, Rev. Julie, Rick Ruenzel (who is our delegate to the conference this year), Norm Christensen (who was our delegate last year), Rick Bauzenberger (who serves a number of roles for the NACCC), Debby Fulton (who is on the staff of the NACCC), or anyone else who has some experience with our wider fellowship. We are autonomous, we are free to follow the headship of Christ and the leading of the Spirit, but we are NOT ALONE! I encourage you to take some time to learn a little bit more about what that means, and to reflect on how our church might grow in its historic leadership and support of the associations of which we are a part.

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

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



Please mark your calendars!

The **Tuesday Morning Book Group** will meet on **July 3, 17, and 31**. We will meet **August 14 and 28**. We are finishing *The Book of Joy* and will begin discussing *Barking to the Choir* in mid July. Interested? Questions? Contact Rev. Julie.

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.

Thursday Morning Bible Discussion: We are traveling through Paul's letters! During the summer (please note dates) Rev. Julie will lead a Thursday morning conversation, learning about the variety of churches/people that Paul wrote to: what were their joys and concerns and what does this mean to us today?

Come for some or all, 9:30 - 11:00am, on the following dates:

July 5, 19, and 26; August 2, 16, and 30.



If you are interested in coming please feel free to join us anytime! If you would like to be on the email reminder list contact Rev. Julie.

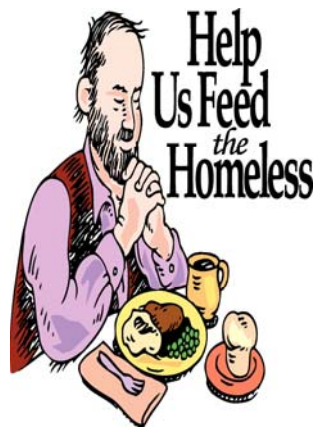
FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making



A variety of people meet to make bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach (daytime homeless shelter) each month after the 10 am worship. July 1 is done! Mark your calendar for **August 5**. 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 Jane Ford (janer1975@gmail.com) or Mary Kramer (mewkramer@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer.



Chair Yoga continues through summer in Friendship Lounge! If summer makes room in your schedule - join in on Thursdays from 11:15am-12:15pm. \$10 per session to drop in or sign up for the current 6-week session. (\$54 for 6 week session.) Chair Yoga offers improvement for mobility and flexibility, overall health and relaxation. Dress comfortably, we provide chairs and a relaxing environment. Instructor, Erica Boos.



Scrooby Planning

Scrooby groups have been a part of NSCC for many years. Over those years, they've morphed many times. We're looking for a self identified group to gather to plan for the upcoming 2 year cycle of Scrooby. Historically, groups have been 6-10 individuals, a mix of couples and singles, who rotate meeting in member homes/condo/apartments on a schedule that they choose. Responsibility for meals is shared, sort of potluck style.

If you have an interest in helping to shape the future of Scrooby, and would be willing to spend a couple hours discussing and planning over dinner, you're encouraged to get your name to Barb Holzhauer asap, for sure by the end of July. Email is the preferred route (bgh11464@gmail.com), but phone (414-793-6385), snail mail (11464 N. Lake Shore Dr., Mequon, WI 53092) or even in person are all possibilities. Once a group is identified, a mutually convenient time/date for planning will be set—hopefully sometime in August.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

- ❖ **July Meetings:** Please note that, due to the Fourth of July holiday, All Board Night will not take place on Tuesday, July 3. Each board is scheduling their own meetings as needed. If you are unsure of the meeting schedule of your board, please contact your board chair to confirm.
- ❖ A **Blood Drive** will be held at Fox Point Lutheran Church on July 24 from 1pm to 6pm.
- ❖ **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 Green Bay Bullfrogs, Sunday **August 5** at 5:05 pm at Kapco Park in Mequon. Tickets will remain on sale until Sunday July 29. See Sharon Hall for tickets and more information (disneyfamily01@gmail.com), or sign up directly via our website at NSCChurchWI.org/calendar-news.
- ❖ Our **Fellowship Committee** has as much fun preparing for and hosting our many events as they do participating in them! If you enjoy laughing and working with others, and have a heart for the deep relationships we share with one another in faith, consider becoming a part of the Fellowship Committee. For one event, or every event, we are always excited to have new help and ideas for our fellowship ministries. If interested in participating please contact Sharon Hall - disneyfamily01@gmail.com
- ❖ Interested in placing **flowers in the Church** during the summer months? Call the office or email Sue Wood (suewood@wi.rr.com) to reserve your Sunday.



An Invitation From Tom and Gisela Chelimsky

We will be going to visit Geoff Lipale (a minister who frequently visits us here at North Shore) in Kenya from December 15th to about the 23rd. We will then be going to Kilimanjaro on the 26th, and then go visit a large game park after that. We would like to invite anyone who wishes to join us from North Shore Congregational Church for the mission part of the trip or any other parts of this trip.

Our plan at the mission is to do whatever would be helpful, including taking care of patients and bring medical supplies for the clinic, and if we can bring someone who can help improve the water supply (their major source of illness). If anyone knows someone who is a water engineer, please let me know and I will contact them (tchelimsky@mcw.edu). Thank you for your consideration and prayers.

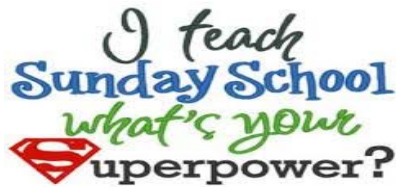
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday school will **continue to be held every week this summer**. Pre k-5th grade (complete) will meet downstairs in the large classroom following the opening of the worship service. I am looking for someone to help with the group each week as a second adult. If you are interested, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/eYmNpSm>

At a Glance:

- ❖ **July 1:** Abram Gives Lot the Best Land (Genesis 13)
- ❖ **July 8:** God Is I Am (Exodus 3:1-4:17)
- ❖ **July 15:** God Shows Power and Sends Ten Plagues (Exodus 7:14-12:30)
- ❖ **July 22:** God Makes Bitter Water Good (Exodus 15:22-27)
- ❖ **July 29:** God Sends Manna and Quail (Exodus 16:1-35)





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 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! (lrkrueger74@gmail.com)



Sunday School Summers' End Bash – Mark Your Calendars! A pool, a beach, a lake, yard games, yummy food and great friends – how can it get any better than that? All Sunday school and youth families of the church are invited to join us for a cookout and pool party at the Lac Du Cours Clubhouse in Mequon on Wednesday, August 22 starting at 5:00pm (feel free to drop in any time between 5 and 8). RSVP to Sharon Hall at DisneyFamily01@gmail.com and bring a salad/side/dessert to share. We'll take care of the rest.

Questions?
Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith today!
414-352-6123 or 414-588-8693
juliesmith@northshorecongl.org
Or
Or **Leslie Krueger**



Crib n Crawler will be staffed during worship on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15.

HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

July 8-14: Forecast Hope!

Wisconsin Congregational Association Camp - Rev. 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.



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



OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Music on the Lawn in July!

Relax with friends and neighbors of all ages with “Music on the Lawn” Wednesday evening, **July 25, from 7pm – 9pm**. Featuring **Luke Cerny**!

With deep roots in Americana, his eclectic fingerstyle and slide guitar playing combined with soulful vocals cover a wide variety of genres including blues, folk and country as well as many other classic and contemporary styles.

Bring your blankets or chairs and invite your friends and neighbors. We will provide live music, snacks, sidewalk chalk, etc. Free event, but a tip for the musicians is appreciated



Special Mission Sunday July 29!

Mark your calendars for this special Sunday when we will celebrate God’s work through the stories and presentations by our Hosanna Mission Team!



Church Business

As we head into the **2018-2019 program year**, we want to take a brief moment to introduce some of your lay leadership for the coming year.

* Moderator: Rick Ruenzel

* Moderator-elect: Bo Dowsett

* Benevolence Chair: Jeff Bartlett

* BCE Chairs: Sharon Hall and Anne Plichta

* Deacon Chair: Jon Butt

* Stewardship Chair: Bruce Loder

* Trustee Chair: Jack Clor



We are at an exciting time in the life of our church as we look more and more ahead towards the future of our ministries as a church. We encourage you to introduce yourselves to these church leaders and take a moment to thank them for serving our church in this way.

A word of thanks! I hope that, by now, you have had a chance to visit our re-developed website. If you have not, check it out at www.NSCChurchWI.org.

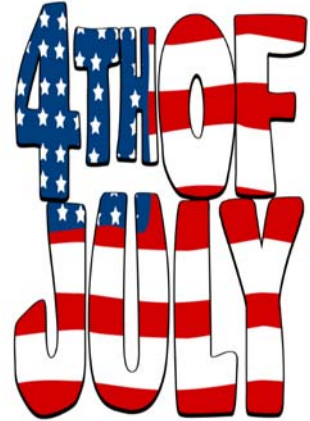


In the meantime, I want to offer a word appreciation to Laurie Swartwout, John Tornetta and Sarah Wood. Laurie, John and Sarah spent this entire past year working on this project and gave many heartfelt hours to its completion. It was a great privilege to work with them, and I hope you will take a minute to share a word of gratitude for the time and effort they gave.

-Marty

Reaching Out to Our Community

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 some 75-100 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).



Let's see how many of our members can be around as we reach out to the community with joy and hospitality!



Have you heard? North Shore Congregational Church is hosting the **Fox Point Farmers' Market** in 2018! From 8am-12pm, every Saturday from June 16 through October 13, the market is taking place in the parking lot of our church. To make the most of this opportunity, we are hosting a coffee booth to welcome our neighbors and raise funds for some of our partner charities. Our first few weeks have gone very well, and small adjustments are being made for even better days moving forward!

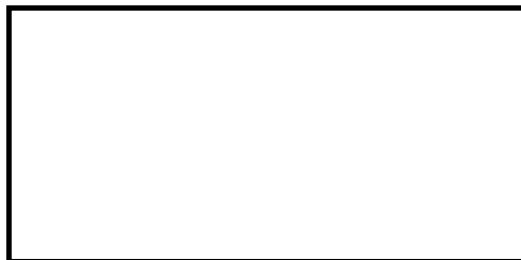
What we need now is YOU! We need at least 2-4 volunteers for each Saturday during the market (generally split into two shifts between 7:15a and 12:15p). Many of our summer Saturdays have the initial staff in place, but more will always make the job easier (especially at set-up and break-down). If you would be willing to give your time for a Saturday or two (or more) this summer, please sign up in Friendship Lounge after worship or watch for the weekly e-mail for a link to sign up online.

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