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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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Last month, I shared with you St. Ignatius’ concept of Holy Indifference, and our upcoming journey of dreaming and discerning as a church. I am truly excited for this journey for our church and, if you don’t recall the details, I encourage to go back over last month’s message to get a glimpse of what is ahead. This month, I am thrilled to tell you that the rubber is beginning to meet the road, the early stages of that journey are underway, and we are just a couple of weeks away from the first opportunity for each of us to come together to begin exploring what God has in mind for the future of North Shore Congregational Church.

In the coming days, a team will be gathering to help spearhead the “Towards 75 and Beyond” journey in our church throughout the 2018-2019 program year. Then, in the ensuing weeks, fuller teams will be gathered to help foster the discernment in which we are looking to engage as a congregation. As those teams come together, however, the most fundamental element of the entire journey will begin to unfold in life of the church.

Before we start talking about what God’s vision might be for North Shore Congregational Church, we need to begin at the beginning. Before we start thinking about the specifics of God’s purpose(s) for our church in the North Shore, we need to talk about God’s purpose(s) for the Church as a whole. We need to start with Scripture and asking ourselves the fundamental question, ‘What/who/why is the Church?’

Starting with an introductory sermon on Sunday, September 16, and carrying forward with six different images of the church through Sunday, October 28, our Sunday worship services will focus on images of the church in the New Testament. What are the ways that Jesus, and others, articulated the church? What do these images and metaphors of the church say about the life of the church then and the life of the church today? What are the easy parts? What are the hard ones? These are all questions we will be asking in Sunday worship each week.

continued...Starting at the Beginning

Leading up to each Sunday service, however, there will be a Bible study on the passages at hand. Each week, three different opportunities for reflecting on Scripture will be offered.

- Each Wednesday, at 7pm, I will lead an exegetical Bible study on the passages that will include reflections on the meaning of the text at the time it was written, what that text says to the 21st Century Church in America, and what it might have to say to us at North Shore Congregational Church. The six-week study will run from September 19 through October 24.
- Each Thursday, at 9:30am, the Thursday Bible study will follow its familiar discussion format with Rev. Julie, but will focus on the passages for the upcoming Sunday worship. While this is an ongoing study group, ALL ARE WELCOME to join in, and the group will focus on the series passages beginning Thursday, September 20 and concluding on Thursday, October 25.
- Finally, each Sunday morning, all are invited to be a part of our ongoing Centering Prayer group. Centering Prayer is a prayerful and meditative reflection on Scripture that happens every Sunday at 9am. The common practice of Centering Prayer is to focus their reflection on the passage of the day, so the focus on the images of the Church will run from Sunday, September 23 and conclude on Sunday, October 28.

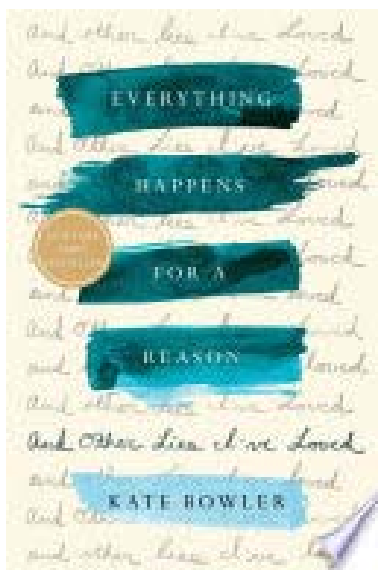
I want to not only invite, but ENCOURAGE, all of you to join in these various opportunities for study and reflection. We can't start talking about what God sees for our church without first and foremost taking the time to reflect on what God sees for the Church as a whole. I am truly looking forward to this series of study and worship this fall, and I pray that many of you will take the time to be a part of it.

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

The Trustees have been working diligently during the past year to move forward with a project to improve the bathrooms in the church. We hope to have more information to share about designs, plans and timeline soon. Stay tuned!



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



Please mark your calendars!

The **Tuesday Morning Book Group** meets in Friendship Lounge on **Tuesdays from 10-11 am.**

Starting **September 11** we will begin discussion on ***Everything Happens For a Reason: and Other Lies I've Loved*** by Kate Bowler.

If you ordered a copy already, they are available in the church office, cost is \$14.50. Contact Rev. Julie if you wish to have a copy ordered.

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: Join us in Friendship Lounge on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 for engaging conversation with the Bible and each other.

Beginning the week of **September 17**, we will be engaging in a variety of scripture passages that illuminate images of being “**the Church.**” Our prayer, conversation, and study is deep and rich with friendship and laughter. If you have an interest or would like to simply come and see if this is for you, please feel free to join us in Friendship Lounge.



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



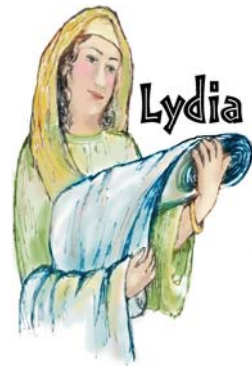
Note! We do not make lunches in September, but will be glad for your help on the first Sunday of October, and beyond, making 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter.

Please contact Jane Ford (janer1975@gmail.com) or Mary Kramer (mewkramer@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to donate food items, shop for supplies, or deliver the lunches.

Join Lydia Circle for our 2018-19 program year Kick Off
Monday, September 24, Kick Off “Potluck” at Barb Holzhauer’s, 11464 N. Lake Shore Dr., Mequon.

Gather @ 5pm, bring an appetizer or salad to share, and a beverage of your choice. We’ll catch up on summer activities, play a “getting to know you” type game, share our food/beverages and finish off the evening with a bonfire, marshmallows and/or s’mores.

We’re always hoping for new faces, so please consider inviting a friend. See you there!



Chair Yoga continues in Friendship Lounge on **Thursdays, 11:15-12:15.**

This is a gentle form of Yoga adapted to do while sitting on a chair or standing with a chair as support. Chair Yoga offers improvement for mobility and flexibility, overall health and relaxation.

Drop in and try it out (\$10) between now and the end of September. *The next 6 week session begins September 27.* Fee: \$54 for 6 sessions, checks payable to Erica Boos. Please contact Rev. Julie to sign up, or if you have any questions.

Knitting and Crochet enthusiasts!

Need a project?

We have received a donation of many skeins of yarn for the purpose of making simple hats, scarves,

and mittens that we will donate before Christmas to Next Door Milwaukee. Contact Rev. Julie if you can use this yarn.



LOAVES AND FISHES

September 18, 2018

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Cook	Shawger
Gorham	Arnold
Soupers	Dowsett
Soupers	Holmes
Soupers	Lemorande
Ritke	Tornetta
Wininsky	Zimmer
_____	Zganjar
_____	Wink
_____	Weber
_____	Wauck
_____	Sweet



MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON
BREAD ALONE BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
DEUTERONOMY 8:3

DRIVERS

Osborne	Gorham	Arnold
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SERVERS

Zimmer	Hannan
Zimmer	Mullins
Gorham	Nurse
Arnold	Jonasen



Upcoming Dates to Note

- ❖ Make sure to join us on **Sunday, September 9**, for our annual **Commissioning Sunday celebration**. We will have a wonderful celebration of worship at 10am (please note that there is no early service that day) that will be followed by an ice cream social hosted by our Fellowship Committee. Please make an effort to be here for this joyous day of worship and fellowship.
- ❖ Please remember that on **Sunday, September 9**, there will be **only one worship service, at 10am**. There will be no early chapel service that day. **On Sunday, September 16**, our schedule will return to the normal program year schedule with worship in the chapel at 8am and in the sanctuary at 10am.
- ❖ In addition to the ongoing Thursday morning **Bible study** and Sunday Centering Prayer) both of which will turn their attention to images of **the Church in the New Testament** in mid-September), note that another study, gathered specifically for this purpose, will run on **Wednesday evenings, at 7pm, from September 19 through October 24**.



Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will be coming together for our restart to music ministry, with the goal of Chancel Choir joining to share in worship on September 9 and Handbell Choir sharing 1 or 2 weeks later.

Chancel Choir family, truly, is open to any members....including HS age singers...who love to sing. Our current choir includes four employed section leaders as well as a wide range of musicianship skilled singers. We have fun as we strive to provide worship filled music experiences for our congregation.

Handbell Choir....same age group opportunities....requires some basic (yes) music reading skills. We, too, have fun! **HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDS YOU!** It has become more challenging to maintain membership....busy lives and schedules. If sorta interested, contact Rick....who will set up a short (15 minute) hands-on introduction. (414-698-6252)



In closing, I will say that my experience with people who are involved in these music ministries find a deep connection to the congregation, and their own God centered spirituality, in a fearless loving environment experience.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Commissioning Sunday!

Sunday, **September 9**, at 10:00am we “**Dig In**” to Discipleship during Sunday school! All families, children, and teachers will begin worship together. During this time we will commission all teachers and learners. Following the commissioning, the children and adult volunteers will be invited to go to Sunday school and dive into a great and engaging curriculum that brings those big Bible stories to life! A Bible story will be taught each week using experiments, videos, activities, crafts, praying, and games.

We will have two classrooms for our younger students. K3 - grade 1 and grades 2 – 5.

This year we are looking for a dedicated teacher for the K3 - grade 1 classroom. We believe we can offer a stronger experience for the younger children with a consistent presence in their class. Leslie will oversee this person as well as curriculum, room set-up and supplies. Leslie will continue with all of her regular responsibilities and as the primary teacher for grades 2 -5.

We encourage our older youth and adults to join us in the classrooms, assisting with crafts, experiments, and games. If you love kids, want to play and enjoy watching them learn and be excited about church and the Bible stories, this might be an opportunity for you. Please contact Leslie Krueger if you are interested in helping.

Classroom Location/Lower Level

- ❖ **K3 – Grade 1** – the room with the slide and loft
- ❖ **Grades 2 – 5** – the middle classroom with the tree mural on the wall.

Children in K3 through 1st grade should be picked up downstairs in the classrooms at 11:15. Children in grades 2 through 5 will be dismissed at 11:15 to meet their parents on the main floor.

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





Keep watching for regular emails labeled **Weekly Update!** This email will give you all the information you need to know about the lesson and special activities that will take place on Sundays. This is also one of the places where you can find out about volunteer possibilities, upcoming events and many more important things happening at NSCC! Please feel free to

comment on and respond to this email frequently!

Enrollment forms can be found on our website. Please take a moment to fill one out today! <http://nscchurchwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Childrens-Enrollment-form-2018-2019.pdf>

Children's Choir will practice from 9:00-9:50 on Sunday mornings **beginning September 9th**. It is a joy to have them sing in worship once a month! Contact Leslie Krueger for more information.



Worship Bags and Puzzle Binders are freshened up and ready to be used. They can be found on the Noah's Ark worship center each week to help the children during worship.

Upcoming events to look forward to starting in September:

KidConnect is back! September 9: 4:00-5:30. For grades 3-5 ...Sardines anyone!?

Sunday morning focus:

- 9/9: God is praise-worthy...so we celebrate him. (Lesson drawn from 1 Samuel 24, 26)
- 9/16: God is kind...so we are Kind. (Lesson drawn from 2 Samuel 9)
- 9/23: God is our provider...so we depend on him. (Lesson drawn from 1 Kings 17: 1-6)
- 9/30: God is generous...so we are generous. (Lesson drawn from 1 Kings 17: 8-16)

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

HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

Youth!! “Behold, I am doing a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19)

Youth, grades 6 – 8, come on Sunday mornings for **“In the Middle,”** 10:15-11:00, **(beginning September 16)** in the upstairs classroom. During **“In the Middle”** we will engage in discussion utilizing the Bible, icebreaker games, YouTube clips, music and most important YOUR thoughts! Sometimes we will go out of the classroom doing things like: making coffee cake for coffee hour, doing the bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach or making casseroles for St. Ben’s (for those that can, we will serve the meal at St. Ben’s the following Tuesday), gathering and sorting children’s books for Next Door Foundation, and making and delivering cookies later that morning to some of our older friends who are not able to make it to worship.



For High School Youth

Would some of you like to be assistant in the PreK - grade 1, grade 2-5, or “In the Middle” class sometimes? We would love to have you join in when you are available! Let Rev. Julie know of your interest and we can talk about the “when and where.”

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.

YouthConnect

YouthConnect will offer a variety of activities for fun and service. Check out the line up for fall and mark your calendars. Friends are always welcome and another adult to join me is always needed.

- ❖ **September 30**, a Sunday afternoon at the **Urban Ecology Center** (Riverside Park location) from 3-5 PM. We will start at the Rock Climbing wall at 3 PM (\$5 for those who wish to climb)
- ❖ **October 12**, Friday evening **Glo Mini-golf, Yard Games and Pizza** at Baemanns Golf Center in Cedarburg, from 6-7:30 PM.
- ❖ **October 28**, Sunday afternoon **Pumpkins (carving and broom hockey) and Pizza @ Church**, from 11:30am to 1 PM.
- ❖ **November 7**, Wednesday afternoon **“Books for Kids” at Next Door Milwaukee**. Bring gently used books for preK/Kindergarten children. We will sort, repair, clean, and label books for their monthly giveaway building home libraries for children in need.
- ❖ **November 18**, Sunday afternoon at church. **Games, snacks, and making cookie dough in a jar** for the Food Pantry from 4-5:30 PM.

Winter Ideas?

- ❖ Brown Deer Jump Park, Candlelight Hike, Papermaking at Urban Ecology Center, The Swing Park, Pizza and Game Nights.



2018-2019 ‘Year at a Glance’

The following is a list of programs, ministries and events currently scheduled for the 2018-2019 program year. Many events are yet to be scheduled. Always stay tuned to the church calendar (available online), the church Facebook page, newsletters and orders of worship for changes and additions.

General Dates and Schedules (always watch calendar/announcements for exceptions):

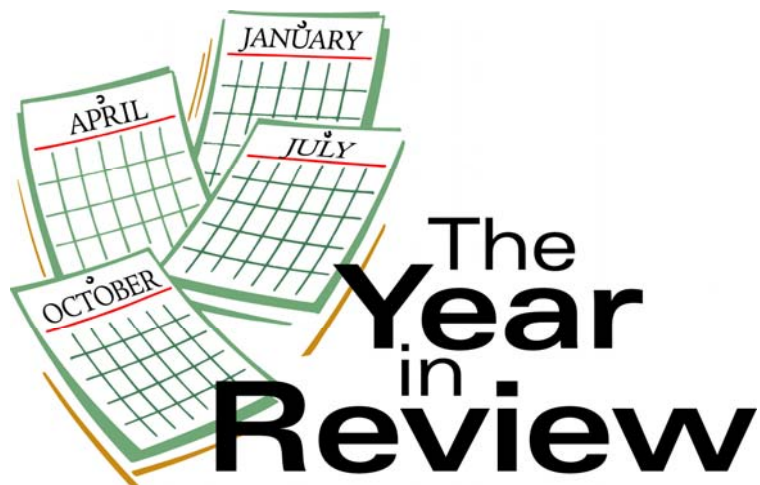
- Communion: First Sunday
- KidsConnect (grades 3-5): Second Sunday at 4pm
- YouthConnect (grades 6-12): As scheduled
- Repairers of the Breach: First Sunday after 10am worship service
- All Board Meetings: First Tuesday at 7pm
- Church Council: Third Tuesday at 7pm
- Alexian Pilgrims: Third Wednesday at 10am

Special Dates and Programs:

- Sunday, September 9:
 - Commissioning Sunday with Ice Cream Social (one worship service at 10am)
 - Choirs, Confirmation and Sunday school resume regular schedule
- Sunday, September 16:
 - Standard worship schedule resumes (chapel at 8am, sanctuary at 10am)
- Tuesday, September 18:
 - Loaves and Fishes begins (continues monthly on the third Tuesday)
- September 23—October 31:
 - 2019 EOG Campaign
- Sunday, October 7: World Communion Sunday and Bible Sunday
- Sunday, October 21: 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat at 4pm
- Sunday, October 28: Congregational Meeting—Preliminary Budget
- Sunday, November 4: Remembrance Sunday (one worship service at 10am)

- Sunday, December 2: Advent Fest after 10 worship service
- Sunday, December 9: Music Sunday
- Sunday, December 16:
 - Carol-Sing at 9:30am
 - Pageant during 10am worship service
- Sunday, December 23: Congregational Meeting—2019 Budget Approval
- Monday, December 24:
 - Christmas Eve worship at 4:00pm
 - Special Music and Carols at 8:30pm
 - Christmas Eve worship at 9:00pm
- Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm
- Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday with Eggstravaganza Brunch after 10am service
- Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday supper and worship at 6pm
- Friday, April 19: Good Friday worship at 2pm
- Sunday, April 21: Easter Worship at 9am and 11am (with choir breakfast at 10am)
- Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day Pageant during 10am service
- Sunday, June 9: Celebration Sunday (one worship service at 10am)

If you have any questions about programs or calendars, please contact the church office!



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