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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

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.” (Isaiah 9:2)

I’m a bit late in authoring this note, this month, because of the events that have played out for our family over the past few weeks. As many of you know, by now, complications in a heart procedure early this month led to a steady decline in my father’s health over the past two and a half weeks. On October 22 (two days ago, as I write this), that decline came to an end as we said goodbye and clung to the hope of eternal life that we proclaim in our faith. Yesterday, not much more than 24 hours after his death, I was headed back to WI to spend a few days back here before our entire family heads to MI for his celebration of life early next week.

That is when I saw it...

I was headed west at dinner time which, at this time of the year, meant I was chasing the sunset. It was a clear and beautiful night with just a few clouds that managed to catch the setting sun in just the right way! The density of the passing clouds created a contrast between the darkness of the cloud’s face and the glimmer of the sun behind it that allowed the brightness of the sun to glow in a truly astonishing way. The sun’s rays bounced off those clouds and radiated into the sky in a manner that is beyond compare. It was one of those moments in which you are reminded that not even the most gifted artists in history can reflect the beauty of the Artist that stands behind creation. In a quiet and contemplative drive, it was a sight that brought a warmth to my heart, a calm to my mind, and a smile to my face.

I chased that sunset for quite a while as I drove west, which

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allowed the views to linger a bit longer, but the sun did eventually set. I was saddened, for a moment, that the visual had passed, but then I looked into the darkness of my rearview mirror and what did I see but a full and seemingly enormous moon glowing as it rose into the sky to the east. As the beauty of one light faded, the glow of the next arose.

I found a tremendous comfort of God in those moments. Did God orchestrate a perfect sunset just for my drive in the early days of grief? Of course not! But, enjoying the beauty of God's creation through the echoing rays of the setting sun and the subtle glow of the rising moon was a powerful and timely reminder that the light is always there. There is darkness in our lives. There is sorrow, and pain, and loss, and fear, and...and...and... But, shining beneath, around, and through that darkness is the light of God's love. Shining through that darkness is the hope of Jesus, the Christ. Shining through that darkness is the companionship, strength, peace and guidance of the Spirit.

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them a light has shined.” In every season, in every time, in every darkness, the light that is the love of God, the hope of Jesus and the presence of the Spirit shines through. There will be times at which the glow is more radiant and enthralling than others, but we rest in the assurance that the same light will always shine. That, my friends, is a promise and a hope that knows no equal!

Your Pastor and Friend, *Marty*

Join us Sunday, **November 4**, for **Remembrance Sunday**. As we gather for worship we will have the honor and privilege of remembering those from our church fellowship who have passed to the glory of God in the last year. Please join us as we remember and honor these saints who have gone before us. (Note that there is only one service, at 10am, on this day).



EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Please mark your calendars!

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

All are invited **November 20**, 10-11 am for a special guest speaker, **Pamela Piquette, co-founder with Cindee Re of Chronic Joy Ministries**. This ministry is the church's focus for the Benevolence Board's Thanksgiving offering. All are invited to join us for this special event to hear their moving story about this vital ministry.



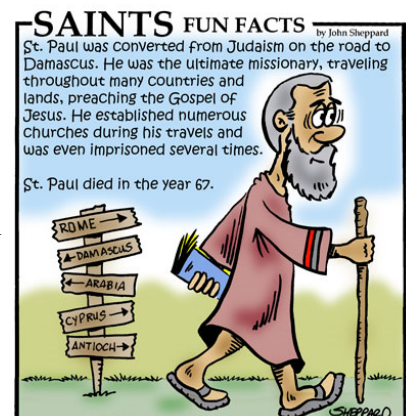
November 27 we will begin discussing our Advent selection, **Awaiting the Already: An Advent Journey Through the Gospels**. Contact Julie to order a book \$9 each (Large print available \$9.50). Join us in Friendship Lounge 10-11 am each Tuesday.

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.

We thoroughly enjoyed our thought provoking discussions on Images of the Church in the New Testament! In November we return to our exploration of Paul's letters. Join us, you will be glad you did!

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



November 4 we have the opportunity to remember and share with those in need, 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.

Knitting and Crochet enthusiasts!

Help us fill the Giving Tree with hand knit or crochet hats, scarves, and mittens! Yarn and simple patterns are available in Julie's office. Contact Julie if you can use this yarn.



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) or sign up for a 6 week session (\$54). Checks payable to Erica Boos. Please contact Rev. Julie to sign up, or if you have any questions.

The Deacons are **looking for volunteers to usher and greet** at the 10:00 AM worship service. This year we are dividing up the duty of signing up volunteers between our members. Donna Ritke is the Deacon receiving sign-ups for the month of November. As of this printing there are still a few openings. If you would like to help in this important and fun way please call or email Donna at (414) 334-0081, dkritz2009@gmail.com



LOAVES AND FISHES

November 20, 2018

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Cook	Dowsett
Kebbekus	Hadcock
Krosnosky	Holmes
Quilling	Lemorande
Petersen	Sweet
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BREAD ALONE BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
DEUTERONOMY 8:3

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Upcoming Dates to Note



- Take note that there are two Sundays in the next few months, in which we will have only one worship service, at 10am. On November 4 (Remembrance Sunday) and December 9 (Music Sunday) there will be no 8am chapel service.
- After exploring the long term and more recent ways in which we celebrated Thanksgiving in our Church, the Board of Deacons has made a decision to try to bring Thanksgiving worship into our regular services in 2018. In lieu of the 9am Thanksgiving morning service that has happened in recent years, we are excited to be planning a Thanksgiving Sunday worship service for Sunday, November 18. This will be a day of celebration and rejoicing as we gather together to give thanks for the countless blessings we know in God.
- As we head into a busy and exciting holiday season, please take note of the following important dates:
 - ❖ Sunday, December 2 after the 10am worship service - Advent Fest with an all-church luncheon and crafts and activities for the kids.
 - ❖ Sunday, December 9 – Music Sunday worship at 10am (note that there is no 8am service on this day).
 - ❖ Sunday, December 16 – Our annual carol-sing will begin at 9:30am with the Children's Pageant taking place during the 10am service.
 - ❖ Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve services at 4p and 9p (pre-service carols and music will start at 8:30 and lead up to the later service). Take note that there are two Sundays in the next few months, in which we will have only one worship service, at 10am. On November 4 (Remembrance Sunday) and December 9 (Music Sunday) there will be no 8am chapel service.

HEALTH COMMITTEE - PHONE SCAMS

During a recent standup routine, comedian Jerry Seinfeld mused: “Remember when getting a phone call was a nice thing? The phone would ring, and one or more members of the family would pleasantly announce, ‘I’ll get it!’” Today, he observed, it’s an entirely different thing. “Today, the phone rings and everybody goes into panic mode and shouts, ‘Nobody move! Don’t go near the phone until it stops ringing! It’s too dangerous!’” Laughter in the audience clearly demonstrated a recognition of this strange phenomenon.

As with many jokes, there is an unfortunate truth behind the humor. Robocalls (pre-recorded telephone calls) proliferate through the telephone wires today, particularly during this “season” of midterm elections. Political robocalls are one thing. Other types of robocalls, however, can be more than just an annoyance. They are scams.

The Health Committee has decided to begin featuring some of the latest scams that seek to get your social security number, banking and other information for nefarious purposes. This month, we will start with Robocalls that either offer to sell you something, or claim that you owe money to someone.

Quick And Important Facts About Robocalls:

1. Robocalls are illegal. Kati Daffan, an attorney with FTC’s Bureau of Consumer Protection, states: “If you answer the phone and hear a recording instead of a live person, it’s a robocall. If the recording is a sales message, and you haven’t given your written permission to get calls from the company on the other end, the call is illegal. Period.”
2. Hang up the phone. Period. (In fact, don’t bother asking yourself whether or not you think you “just might have given written permission somewhere, sometime.” HANG UP).
3. Don’t press ANY NUMBERS, whether it’s “1” to speak to a live operator, or another number “to stop further calls.” (If, by chance, you have pressed a number to stop further calls, don’t worry whether it was a fatal mistake! According to Ms. Daffan, if you press any number, “it will probably just lead to more robocalls.” Learn from the annoying lesson, and never press one of the number options offered on any other robocalls again).
4. Blocking the number might not work. The FTC notes that, while blocking the number that keeps appearing on your telephone’s Caller ID feature is an option, it might cost you to do so through your phone provider (be sure to ask). Even if there is no charge to block the number, “Telemarketers change caller IDs easily and often, so it might not be worth it.”
5. Contact the FTC and report the robocall. There are two telephone options: 1-877-FTC-HELP; or a number relating specifically to complaints about Pre-Recorded calls, 1-888-382-1222. If you prefer to report online, go to <https://www.ftc.gov/complaint>

There has been a “significant increase in the number of illegal robocalls because internet-powered phone systems have made it cheap and easy for scammers to make illegal calls from anywhere in the world, and to hide from law enforcement by displaying fake caller ID information.” (Emphasis added).

The problem has gotten so bad that the Commission has introduced a series of contests challenging technology gurus to design tools to block robocalls and help investigators track down the instigators.



Until that time, we must do what we can to protect ourselves.

- ❖ One example of this type of call can be found on my own home answering machine. A company purporting to offer Health Care sign-ups leaves the following message that always comes in mid-message: “. . . renewing every six months to every three years, meaning a policy can now last you and your family three years without renewing or paying any additional fees. You can now get an insurance plan at the price you can afford. We make it hassle-free to sign up with policies from Cigna, Blue Cross, Aetna, United and many more. Press “1” to get a hassle-free assessment, or Press “2” to be placed on our do not call list. Thank you for your time, and as always, be happy and blessed.” About such “health insurance” calls, the FTC states: “People who work in the [health insurance] Marketplace don’t make cold calls, and they never ask for personal information. If you get a call like this, hang up.”
- ❖ Still another example continually shows up in my neighbor’s voice mail box from a so-called collection company: “This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Press “9” to connect to a live representative. It could be that we have the wrong number, or just need to speak to you. Please call 866-862-8289, and press “9” to speak with me.” This, too, is an illegal robocall and a scam.

If you receive these same calls or messages, or any other call following this type of recorded formula, feel free to groan or growl, take a deep breath and remember: It is an illegal robocall; don’t answer, or if you have answered, hang up; don’t press any number on your phone pad (and do not call back any number left on your machine); and report the call to the FTC.

Towards 75 Years - and Beyond Imagining our Church Anew

It was a great blessing to attend the Wisconsin Congregational Fall Summit several weeks ago with Rev. Julie and John Tornetta. The theme was, “Getting Ready for Renewal” and though this event was planned well in advance of our own visioning process, “Towards 75 Years - and Beyond”, we could not help but be impressed with how seamlessly this dovetailed with our own nascent efforts to look at our church in a new light (truly a sign of the Lord at work!).

Remarkably, the bible passage our presenter used to highlight this renewal process - 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 - is also a part of a larger reading of Paul we recently read, and studied, during the fourth week of our sermon/study series. It speaks of a “new creation”, and “reconciliation”, and in uniting all things in Christ.

I cannot think of a more compelling way to describe the efforts of our own Congregation as we begin this journey: to be free in Christ to imagine - and fully explore - where we are and where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

We have now established a Leadership team of eight individuals, consisting of Marty, Julie, our Moderator-Elect, Bo Dowsett, myself, and four Team leaders. Each of these Team leaders will head a Core Ministry of this church, with the purpose of developing a vision for each ministry to help guide, nourish and sustain the life of this church, and our ministries, in the years ahead:

- ❖ TJ Molinari will be leading our Worship and Music Ministry, focusing on our worship life and our music, both in, and outside, the worship setting.
- ❖ Kathy Shill will be heading our Ministry for Children and Youth, devoting attention to the growth and enhancement of our ministries for the youngest members of our church family.
- ❖ Liz Loder is going to be leading our Benevolence and Service Ministry, taking a close, and prayerful, look at our existing mission programs and exploring other opportunities for this Ministry to be a more active element in our church life.
- ❖ Grant Gallinger will be spearheading our Ministry for Visitor and Community Engagement, with an emphasis not only with expanding our involvement and outreach within the community but for our congregation to continue to be a welcoming presence for visitors, and members, alike.

Each of these Ministries will be composed of a member from each representative board, in addition to several at-large members of this church. We will continue to earnestly share news about this initiative in the coming months, as these Ministries are formed and they begin to reach out to you - the members of this Congregation.

As we put our faith in the Lord, and where he will lead us, there will be much more for all of us to reflect on, think about, and actively discuss. This truly is an exciting and energizing time for our church!

So, who are we, and where will we be in six years - and beyond? Only God knows the answer. Let us see, and imagine, the world anew.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School News!



November at a glance

- November 4:** God is Our Potter (Jeremiah 18:1-6)
- November 11:** God Delights in His People (Zephaniah 3:16-17; Luke 15:8-10; Psalm 18:19; Psalm 37:23; Psalm 149:3-5)
- November 18:** One Room Sunday School - Thanksgiving lesson and games, learning about our Pilgrim roots.
- November 25:** One Room Sunday School – Advent activities and crafts.

KidsConnect (grades 3-5) will meet on November 11 from 4:00-5:30. Ever wanted to play CLUE in real life? What about having help setting the table this Thanksgiving? Your child will be a mastermind at “Spoons”! As always, please bring a friend to join the fun!



One Room Sunday School – Sunday, **November 18 and 25** during the regular Sunday school time (after the Children's message) there will be a One Room Sunday School opportunity for children ages preschool – 5th grade.

Save the Date

Advent Fest is on Sunday **December 2**. This year we will begin with an all church lunch following the 10:00 worship service. After lunch there will be advent themed crafts for all ages to complete the afternoon. It's a wonderful, well organized time for those who like to craft and a great opportunity to slow down and socialize with church friends. A small fee will be collected to help offset the cost of supplies.

Carol Sing Along. Please join us for a on **December 16** from 9:30-10:00. Following the sing along and during the 10:00am worship service, the Children will present a musical “Star Search”. This is NOT one you will want to miss. See you there!!!!!!



Acolytes/Greeters We are grateful for the children that light the sanctuary candles at the beginning of worship each Sunday. We are growing this team so if your child would like to be an acolyte but needs a brief “training” session please contact Leslie Krueger.



Children's Choir will sing November 11th!

Our Sunday school children have made a commitment to build God's team and support two children from **Happy Life Children's Home in Kenya**. The Children's Ministry offering has supported Happy Life for a number of years, a place in which abandoned or orphaned children are loved and cared for

All that your children bring in for the Sunday School offering at the beginning of class goes to this organization. It has helped them build a school and clinic that also serves the surrounding community as well as farm land that provides fresh produce for the children's meals. Recently Happy Life built additional cottages that serve as a home setting with a "house parent" until the children are adopted into their "forever homes." Check out the information board located downstairs in the Sunday school hallway.



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



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

- ❖ Reminder that November 4 (Remembrance and Communion Sunday) students are invited to **remain in worship with their families**.
- ❖ November 11 the class will meet in the **church kitchen** to make yummys for the coffee hour after worship.
- ❖ *November 18 the theme is **Thanksgiving...we the Pilgrims!**
- ❖ **NO class** on November 25.

*see more details under YouthConnect topics.

For High School Youth

- ❖ Watch for an email from Donna Ritke to **usher and greet** in November.
- ❖ If you can help with a game or craft on November 18 Ms. Leslie is doing a special **Thanksgiving celebration with the preschool-elementary age children**. Please contact Julie or Leslie if you can help from 10-11 that day.

Agape Table

Local college connection. Do you have a student at Marquette University, University of Milwaukee or the University of Madison? Rev. Julie with Rev. Rob Fredrickson (from Ozaukee Congregational Church) are rotating visits with our students on those campuses on the first Monday evening of the month. We plan to hang out at a local pizza place and host some dinner and conversation from 6-7:30. Contact (phone/text/email) information appreciated so we can let them know we're coming!



YouthConnect (grades 6-12)

YouthConnect involves a variety of activities for fun and service.

- ❖ We are doing a **Youth Book Drive** for Next Door Milwaukee's "Books for Kids" from **October 21 – November 4**. Bring gently used books for preK/Kindergarten children.
- ❖ **November 7, YouthConnect** will go to **Next Door Milwaukee** between 4-5:30 and help with their "**Books for Kids**." We will add our book drive collection to others and sort, repair, clean, and label books for their monthly giveaway building home libraries for children in need. Please **RSVP** so Julie can plan car pooling needs!
- ❖ **November 18**, Sunday afternoon at church 4 – 5:30. **Games, snacks, and making many jars of "cookie dough"** to give to the local food pantry.



Wisconsin Congregational Association Youth Fall Retreat (grades 3 – 12)

Join together with youth from other Congregational churches for an overnight.

- **Where:** Faith Community Church of Franklin
- **When:** November 2 (6 pm start, pick up November 3, 11 am).
- **What:** Friends, Fun, and Faith. Games led by our youth reps, discussion led by Rev. Rob Fredrickson (Ozaukee Congregational).
- **Fee:** \$15 at the door covers dinner, snacks and breakfast.

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.

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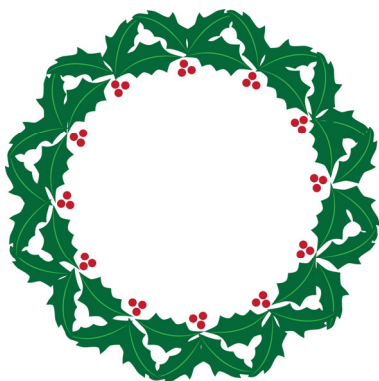
Saturday, November 10, at 3pm

- ❖ A team may have as many members as can fit in one vehicle. If you do not want to form your own team, but would prefer to be randomly assigned, that's also a possibility. No need to preregister, just show up. If participants are interested, we'll order pizza to enjoy after the event. Meet in the south church parking lot.
- ❖ Each team has 90 minutes to get as many of the photo shots as possible. Your entire team must stay together during the hunt. At least one team member must be in each of the pictures. All photos must be taken live, the day of the hunt—this is meant to be a fun activity, not a serious life or death competition—chill and enjoy!
- ❖ Depending on the number of teams, we may be able to determine a winner of categories such as Most Creative, Funniest, etc. The team with the most approved photos will be crowned winner and will hold that title until the next such event—following the event, photos will be on display at NSCC. You can have more than one shot/photo in a category as long as the team member and item are different.



FUNDRAISER

Poinsettias and Evergreens!



Our traditional November Poinsettia/Evergreen Fundraiser has begun! The Board of Christian Enrichment will be taking orders for Poinsettias and Evergreens (wreaths, table items and garlands) to grace your home for the holiday season.

You may place your orders on Sundays between November 4 and 18 in the Friendship Lounge from 8:45am to 11:30am. We will have your orders ready for pickup at church on Sunday, December 2.

If you cannot pick up your order that day, we can make arrangements for you to pick it up during normal church business hours, the following week.

This annual fundraiser of the Board of Christian Enrichment. Proceeds from this year's sale will help to fund the updating of the youth room being used for our Middle and High school education and youth programs.



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