

# North Shore Church News

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January 2019

## ***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

### ***Making Room...***

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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,

As some of you have heard, we have quite the collection of holiday decorations and amenities in our home. From clocks, to wall hangings, to platters and tea kettles, to snowman-theme dish-sets and a 6.5 foot Mickey Mouse shaped lantern adorned with lights and garland...we have bins and bins of décor that seem to burst into our home the day after Thanksgiving each year. The result is something that we truly enjoy every Christmas, and something to which we seem to add a little every year (each season starts with Sharon saying she has too much and ends with her proclaiming that we need more!). The process of putting it all out there, however, is a remarkable feat!

The thing that amazes me, when we pull out our Christmas decorations each year, is the amount of stuff that needs to be packed away in order make room for that which we want to bring out. It seems that the bins that stored the Christmas décor are just as full, while the decorations are out, as they are when they are stored for the year. Books, pictures, collectibles, toys, dishes...the list goes on and on. We spend as much time packing our ‘rest of the year’ stuff away as we do unpacking the Christmas items that we are pulling out. In the end, there’s simply no room for it all if we don’t take the time and effort to make room for it!

It’s amazing what it takes to make it work in our homes. The truth, however, is that it is an experience that goes far beyond the decorations we put on our shelves. It is a process we all engage throughout the Christmas season each year. We balance school schedules, recitals, parties, shopping, baking, cooking, cleaning, preparing, wrapping, practicing, etc... and we work tirelessly in an effort to juggle the schedules in a way that there is time for everything we want to do to celebrate Christmas. And, in the end, it comes together. We do fit it in! We do find ways to make it all

### *continued...Making Room...*

work! We do manage to celebrate Christmas in the ways we want to celebrate Christmas. But, we manage, we make it work, because we work at it! We find room for all of these things we want to do and experience at Christmas because we make it a priority to find that room. We fit it in – in our homes, in our schedules, and in our lives – because we make the intentional decision that we want to fit it in.

As we move through this Christmas season, and approach the New Year, I'm not sure there's anything more important to understand than that! The truth is that this is a reality that is compounded at Christmas, but present every day of our lives. The truth is that we make room, every day, for the things for which we choose to make room – we make room for the things we decide are important!

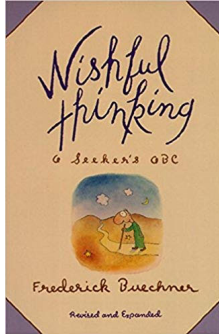
Consider how much you make room for at Christmas – the parties, the shopping, the presents, the worship services, and the caroling – consider how much effort you put into making time for the things you decide matter to you. Then, ask yourself what you'll make time for in 2019. As Christmas fades, and the New Year begins, some things will drop from our calendars and our to-do lists. But, if we're honest about it, we'll admit that something else will take up its place in a hurry. We're going to fill our schedules. We're going to be busy. We're going to have what seems to be an endless list of places we need to be, things we need to do, and objectives we need to complete. The other truth, however, is that we're going to make time for the things that we decide are important! I pray that, in 2019, our faith, and the spirit of the One we celebrate at Christmas, might be among them.

Your Pastor and Friend, *Marty*



Please note that the **church office will be closed through Tuesday, January 1**. The office will re-open for normal hours on January 2, and Kerrin will be back in the office on Thursday, January 3.

## EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



**Please mark your calendars!**

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

As the New Year begins we will read and discuss **Frederick Buechner's *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC's***. We will begin discussion on **January 8**. If you would like a copy ordered for you, please contact Rev. Julie ASAP. Cost: \$14 per copy.

*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](mailto:juliesmith@northshorecongl.org).*

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### **Thursday Morning Bible Discussion:**

There is joy, friendship, and something learned during our Thursday morning Bible study. We have been so glad to welcome in “friends of friends” as our study table expands. **Join us in Friendship Lounge on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 as we continue to explore Paul's letters.**



On **January 10**, the class will NOT meet in Friendship Lounge as we invite you **to join us on a field trip!**

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### **Scripture and Art Fieldtrip and Lunch!**

Thursday, **January 10**, all are invited to an **artist's interpretation of the Bible at the Haggerty Museum (Marquette University)**, featuring **Chagall's 1958 Bible**. At 10 am Lynne Shumow, Curator for Academic Engagement, will give a 15 minute background before we break off to tour, returning to church at 11:30 for lunch and discussion.

Contact Rev. Julie to carpool from church or meet at the museum (parking available) at 10 am. RSVP to Rev. Julie or on the sign up sheet below the bulletin board – this will help with planning for lunch, but last minute “joiners” are welcome!

## FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making



**Something New for the New Year!** Help us help others ~ **January 6**, meet in **Friendship Lounge at 9 AM** to make 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Wondering about other ways to help? Contact Mary Kramer or Jane Ford to donate supplies (bread, peanut butter, jelly, waters, desserts, carrots) or drive the lunches to the Repairers sight on Monday morning. [Janer1975@gmail.com](mailto:Janer1975@gmail.com) or [mewkramer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mewkramer@sbcglobal.net). Thank you!

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### Save the Date!

### Wisconsin Congregational Association *Smart Church Summit and Annual Meeting, May 3-4*

Watch for the complete flyer and information, but here are some tidbits to spark your interest.

- ❖ Friday evening we will host Adrie Groenewig, founder and CEO of Pizza Ranch. He will inspire us with his story of Christian practices in business leadership. The evening will conclude with fellowship and a concert.
- ❖ Saturday morning, following the business meeting, we will have two sessions on *Smart Church*. Do people and leaders in your church have questions about Stewardship, Fundraising, or new creative giving solutions? The morning will begin with a presentation and talk back with financial expert Angela Smith. Following lunch there will be a presentation and talk back with Lt. Chris D'Amato on the unique aspect of church security in our time.

These topics will be of interest to all church members, so we look forward to engaging many of you in the conversation!

## LOAVES AND FISHES

January 15, 2019

### CASSEROLES

### DESSERTS

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Quilling	Enea
Shawger	Bauzenberger
Streich	Block
Krosnoski	Ford
Ritke	Loder
Miller	Reimer
_____	Westfahl
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_____	Zganjar
_____	Navarro
_____	Tornetta



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

### DRIVERS

Osborne	Clor	Croysdale
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### SERVERS

Clor	Zimmer
Clor	<i>Need Help</i>
Croysdale	<i>Need Help</i>
Zimmer	<i>Need Help</i>





Get your farm-fresh foods in the middle of winter - right in our own Fellowship Hall!

After the tremendous success of hosting the Fox Point Farmers' Market last summer, the Fellowship Committee is excited to once again host a **Winter Farmer's Market - from 11am to 1:30pm on Sunday, February 10**. Before shopping, enjoy a pancake breakfast using the products of our vendors - then peruse their stands to take home some of your own!

The Winter Farmers' Market is a project jointly sponsored by the Food, Faith and Farming Network and the Harvest of Hope Farm Crisis Fund. Both are non-profit organizations that assist and support Wisconsin farmers. The vendors give 10% of their profit to the Harvest of Hope Farm Crisis Fund and a free will offering for the brunch will support the Food, Faith and Farming Network.

Tell your neighbors, invite your friends, and join us for great fellowship and food as we support the local farmers of Wisconsin.



## HEALTH COMMITTEE

### Save the Date - Poetry Read - February 12

The Health Committee, in partnership with the Book Group, invites NSCC members and friends to share **“Poetry of Love and Blessings”** on **Tuesday, February, 12 at 10am.**

Join us with a poem you have written or one you have read that is especially meaningful to you for any heartfelt circumstance in your life, ie: special thoughts of a loved one; for healing; quieting the mind; for joy; etc. Or just come to listen and enjoy.

We would love to have you share with us, but if you are unable to come or don't care to read aloud, please submit your poem to Rev. Julie so it can be included. A suggested resource to explore is Poetry.org and the Poem-A-Day project.





## LYDIA CIRCLE

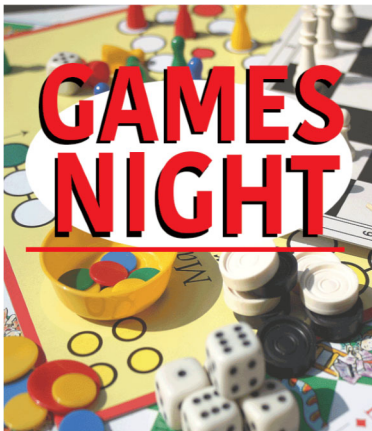
### Lydia Circle January 28, 2019

We'll meet in Friendship Lounge at 10am to view the 2008 DVD "Flow."

This documentary begins with a quote from W. H. Auden, "Thousands have lived without love, not one without water." This film was made over a 5 year period, from various places all over the world, examining interrelated water issues. The New York Times stated: "Still reeling, we're given a distressing glimpse of regions embroiled in bitter battles against privatization. In South Africa, villagers drink from stagnant ponds, unable to pay for the water that once was free, and protesters in Bolivia—where waste from a slaughterhouse is dumped into Lake Titicaca—brave gunfire to demand unrestricted access to potable water."

This promises to be a thought provoking, discussion generating opportunity.

Hope you can join us, as always, bring a friend.



### Warm up from the cold!

Come play **card and board games** with your church family on **Saturday, January 26, at 6:30 pm**. Bring a game to play and an appetizer or bag of chips.

Sign-up if able to attend starting January 6, in Friendship Lounge. Contact Sharon Hall at [disneyfamily01@gmail.com](mailto:disneyfamily01@gmail.com) or 262-236-9847 for more information.

## AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

- ♦ During the year, many members make contributions to the Church by selling stocks and shares. There are a few donations which I have not been able to match with a member, as at the time of the sale, I was not notified to expect the donation. In order that we prevent this in the future, I would appreciate it if you would follow the instructions below when making such a donation:

To make a contribution to North Shore Church by stock, do the following:

- ❖ Email ([KerrinWhite@Northshorecongl.org](mailto:KerrinWhite@Northshorecongl.org)) or send written notice to Kerrin White at the church office to give her notice of your intentions. Please state the date, name and number of shares you will be donating. Then, have your stock broker transfer the shares of stock you wish to donate to:

Account for North Shore Congregational Church at Robert W. Baird Inc.

Our broker at Baird is: Scott Sullivan – (414) 765-3570

Please call me for account and routing numbers.

- ❖ They will notify me when the stock has been received by them and the sale will take effect as soon as possible. Please note that Baird has a fee and this fee will be collected from your donation, after which the balance will be paid to the Church.
- ♦ We currently have 2 donations made via accounts at Morgan Stanley which I am unable to match to a donating member. The first was made on November 1, and the second on or about December 12. If you think either of these donations were made by you, please contact me at 414-352-6123 and let me have the name and number of shares in question.
- ♦ I have also been notified that as of 2018, any withdrawal from a retirement account which has not cleared the bank by December 31, will not be allowed for that year. In other words, please make sure that such withdrawals are made early in December by the latest, so that they can be processed in a timely manner.

Thank you,  
Kerrin





A huge thank you to the many hands that helped to decorate our meetinghouse this Christmas. I appreciate all your time so generously given with open hearts to ensure we all can enjoy the spirit of the season. Your willingness to work and the creative gifts you share always make everything we do together easier and joyful.

Thank you to all who made the seasonal decor of church possible with their generous donations. We appreciate the opportunity we are given to create the feeling of Christmas and the joy we have in worshiping together at this special time. The gifts you have given are also used throughout the year to add meaning and beauty to each season we celebrate. A sincere thanks for continuing to make this mission happen as it truly is a labor of love for our church family.

Sincerely, Your Decorating Committee

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



### CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS AT A GLANCE

- ❖ **January 6:** Jesus Calls Matthew to Be His Friend (Matthew 9: 9-13)
- ❖ **January 13:** Jesus Heals a Deformed Hand on the Sabbath (Mark 3: 1-6)
- ❖ **January 20:** Jesus Teaches Us to Live Differently (Matthew 5-7)
- ❖ **January 27:** Jesus Brings a Widow's Son Back to Life (Luke 7: 11-17)

### KIDSCONNECT- (GRADES 3-5)

Sunday, January 13, is the next KidsConnect: 4:00-5:30! Come in out of the cold for some games, activities and snacks that are sure to warm you up! Please bring a friend to join the fun!!

**A SHOUT OUT** to all those involved in this year's pageant, "Star Search"---to the kids for their time and talents. To the parents for their efforts and support. It truly was the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever!" Way to go everyone!

**Questions?**  
**Contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith today!**  
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Or  
Or **Leslie Krueger**  
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*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.*

## HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

### Our In the Middle class

- ❖ **January 6**, we invite students to remain with their families to share Communion. Come early (9am) and help make 75 bag lunches for the daytime homeless shelter, Repairers of the Breach, in Friendship Lounge (otherwise known as the donut room).
- ❖ **January 13 – 27**, the “In the Middle” class will meet upstairs at 10:15 (after the Children’s Message) for donuts and conversation about the Bible aided by YouTube clips and games.

### YouthConnect (grade 6-12)

Youth “**lock in**” at church Friday, **January 11**, to Saturday morning breakfast. Capture the flag, Sardines, or you name it games. Movie, food, and fun. Sleeping bags, comfy clothes, appetite for a good time with friends. Speaking of friends~bring some! I am also seeking another adult (or two) to help, let Rev. Julie know if that is you!

### Books for Kids

Wednesday afternoon, **January 16**, meet at church to carpool to Next Door Milwaukee for another “**Books for Kids**” event (with a stop at Kopps on the way home). Sort, clean, and ready piles of books for Next Door’s ongoing book give away. Last time we went, everyone wanted to stay longer! Let Rev. Julie know if you can come!

Meet at church 4 pm and back to church by 6:15 (after Kopps). If you are an adult who can come along as driver/helper, please let me know.

### Thank you!

Advent candles were lit, Christmas Eve Candlelit service was brightened, cookies were made, and cookies were delivered by a combination of our college students returned for Christmas break, high school and middle school youth. Thank you all for carrying the light of Christ during Advent/Christmas this year!





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