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## "A Few Thoughts On....."

75 and Beyond...

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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,

Do you remember our conversations, last fall, about 'Holy Indifference?' Do you recall our sermon and Bible study series on images of the Church in the New Testament as we kicked off the program year? Do you recall a mention, here or there, that these were early pieces to a larger journey that would be unfolding in the life of our church? Well – I'm excited to share that it's time for a new phase of that journey to take off!

Ever since we shared in those early conversations last fall, a small team of church leaders has been meeting to explore and frame the manner in which we might be able to 'tap in' to the vision God has for our church in the coming years. The work of that leadership team has led to the formation of four other teams that will focus on some of the core ministries of our church.

- Grant Gallinger is leading a team focusing on the manner in which we engage visitors and guests who come into our church, as well as how our church engages the community around us.
- \* Lizz Loder is leading a team looking at our mission and service ministries, and how we can continue to grow in our role of 'being' the church to the world around us.
- ❖ TJ Molinari is leading a team reflecting upon our worship and music ministries – both within and beyond our Sunday worship setting.
- \* Kathy Schill is leading the team that is considering our ministries to children and youth and how we might grow in the manner in which we impact the lives of the next generation of the Church.

In addition to these four team leaders, the Leadership Team for this journey includes our current Moderator (Rick Ruenzel), our Moderator-Elect (Bo Dowsett), Rev. Julie and me

The framework you will see for this journey as it unfolds is 'Towards 75 and Beyond.' This spring, as we note our 70<sup>th</sup>

## 75 and Beyond cont...

anniversary as a church, we are taking the time to reflect towards our 75<sup>th</sup> in 5 years. Where are we now, and where does God long for us to be at our 75<sup>th</sup>? What is the shape and form of these ministries today, and what vision does God inspire within us for 5 years from now? "What does North Shore Congregational Church look like at 75, and beyond?" That's the question we are asking! The answer, however, needs you!

While the framework of this journey is 'Towards 75 and Beyond,' the core information we will receive will come from our 'Listening Together.' Over the course of 6 weeks, a series of three sessions will be held in which members will be invited to share their thoughts with each of the teams listed above. As we gather to listen together...to one another and to God...we will reflect on the blessings of our ministries and the joys of our fellowship, and we will learn more of the future God has in store for our church. Our teams will be meeting individually with a number of groups in the church for more specific feedback on certain ministries, but a significant portion of our opportunity to listen and learn will come from **your participation** in these upcoming sessions.

As a member of this leadership team, and as the Sr. Minister of NSCC, I implore you to take the time to be a part of one or more of these sessions. There are four topics to be explored, and each 75 minute session will allow you to engage in up to three of the four. We encourage you to come more than once in order to get to all four, and perhaps to even go back to those you've discussed before to see how the conversation is taking form amongst other groups. Listening Together means we need to be **TOGETHER!** This is not a trivial conversation, and I encourage to make it a higher priority than 'if I have a few minutes...' Our coming together to listen will shape the future of this church, and we need your voice as we seek God's Spirit among us.

Our purpose statement as a church says that, "Our purpose is to grow and deepen Christian Discipleship in a faith community guided by the Holy Spirit." We are seeking that guidance, and I know that the voice of each of our members will help to offer clarity and concision to that which we are hearing. So, please, make the time to be a part of this – join us as we listen together – that, **together**, we can seek God's Spirit for North Shore Congregational Church at 75 years, and beyond!

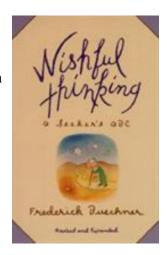
#### **Session Details:**

Wednesday, April 24, 7:00-8:15pm\* Sunday, May 5, 11:15 to 12:30am\* Sunday, June 2, 11:15-12:30am\*

<sup>\*</sup>Note – each session will include 3 rotations. In order to participate in all four areas, you will need to attend more than one date.

#### **EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

**Book Group:** We are having so much fun with the alphabet that we continue our intriguing and laughter filled conversation with Frederick Buechner's Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC's. Join us on Tuesdays in Friendship Lounge from 10-11am. Contact Rev. Julie for more information.





#### Lenten Series...

During Lent we continue our Bible studies, sermons, and experiential offerings on expressions of God's character as known through Jesus. For April we will focus on, God is: Compassion, King, and Life. Come and engage with us for some or all of these discussions, as well as considering how we live these characteristics out in our lives. At the end of April we will return to our discussion on Paul's letter to the Romans. We meet in Friendship Lounge from 9:30 to 11:00am.

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@NSCChurchWI.org.

#### FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

#### Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making - April 7

Come to Friendship Lounge between 9 and 10am. Make peanut butter sandwiches, or prep bags of carrots, pretzels, and cookies, or stuff lunch bags with water bottles and apples in order to provide 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Children and adults of all ages work together. Wondering about other ways to help? Contact Mary Kramer or Jane Ford to donate supplies (bread, peanut butter, jelly, waters, desserts, carrots) or to drive the lunches to the Repairers sight on Monday morning.





Knitters and prayers unite! Thank you to those who have knitted and dropped off prayer shawls. We are also glad to have some new people knitting and praying! Our prayer shawl ministry is a loving "hug" from God and we are grateful for this touch from the church that is shared with members and friends. Prayer shawl instructions (knit and crochet) are on the bulletin board in the hall. Please feel free to contact Rev. Julie if you



would like more information, OR if you know of someone who would appreciate receiving one.

## **LOAVES AND FISHES**

## **April 16, 2019**

## **CASSEROLES DESSERTS**

Bartlett	Dowsett
Cook	Holmes
Gaenslen	Lemorande
Lydia	Schill
Lydia	Wood
Lydia	Zganjar
Quilling	Bauzenberger
	Block
	Clor
	Levatich
	Reimer
	Ford



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

## **DRIVERS**

Clor	Osborne	

## **SERVERS**

Papineau	Levatich
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#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Join us, **Palm Sunday**, while we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The 10am service, on **April 14**, will include our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and handbells as we rejoice in the promise of Jesus' coming into our lives (see the note on **page 12** regarding the Eggstravaganza Event that will follow our 10am service!).





Our remembrance of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday will follow the pattern we have enjoyed the last few years, as we gather around the table and share in worship, fellowship and food beginning at 6pm. Gathering in worship, sharing in a light meal, and breaking bread with one another, we will be reminded of what it was like for those who ate with Jesus on that very night he was betrayed.



On **Good Friday** we will begin worship at **2pm**, as we have for many years, to reflect upon the crucifixion. The service will end with the tolling of the bell at 3pm.



We will celebrate the **joy** and wonder of the resurrection, Easter morning, with two services (one at 9am and the other at 11am). Both services will be identical, including the choir, brass, and an atmosphere of joy and celebration in the face of the Risen Lord.

#### NSCC ENDOWMENT TRUST



Many decades ago NSCC created an Endowment Trust for the purpose of meeting long-term "extraordinary" needs of the church. Initial funding came from budget surpluses. Today, most gifts arise from memorial donations and member stock gifts both of which can be directed to the Meetinghouse Fund and/or the Mission Fund within the Trust. However, the "extraordinary" restriction still in place tends to create ambiguity and limit use of the funds.

This prompted the Church Council to call for some changes: HOW CAN WE USE THESE FUNDS FOR THE LORD'S WORK, AND PRESERVE OUR LONG-TERM FOCUS BY NOT RELYING ON THE

FUNDS TO BALANCE OUR OPERATING BUDGET? Given these two criteria, an administrative concern, and an opportunity to pay tribute to our former Senior Minister, the Church Council will be proposing changes to NSCC's endowment at the April 28 congregational meeting. Following is a discussion of those changes:

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Instead of distributions being predicated on "extraordinary circumstances," inflation-adjusted earnings (1% per quarter rather than 1.5%) from the Meetinghouse Fund will transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund. Likewise, earnings (the same 1% per quarter) from the Missions Fund will transfer to a new Missions Reserve Fund. As in the past, Capital Reserve Fund distributions will be determined by the Trustees for long-term improvements, replacements, and major repairs. Distributions from the Missions Reserve Fund will be determined by the Benevolence Board for special projects and contributions to mission-oriented ministries of the church. Neither of the Reserve Funds will be used to underwrite the operational expenses of the church, and any distribution request exceeding the current value of its associated Reserve Fund will require approval by the congregation.

#### **DISSOLUTION OF THE TRUST**

The administration of the Endowment Trust is very cumbersome. The paperwork involved with registering the individual trustees with our investment management company, given the annual turnover of Fund Stewards, was problematic. Eliminating the trust, and streamlining the distribution process will result in tremendous simplification and efficiencies. All funds will continue to be an asset of NSCC.

#### **NAME CHANGE**

The Reverend Karl D. Schimpf Memorial and Special Gifts Fund. This is an opportunity to pay tribute to a Senior Minister who served our congregation for more than 3 decades. (cont. on p. 9)

#### Endowment Trust Cont...

The Church Council believes that the above changes will highlight this important asset of the Church and encourage members and friends to make lasting gifts while providing greater opportunities to do the Lord's work.

The Purpose and Policies of the proposed Fund, along with appropriate changes to the Church's Constitution and By-Laws, will be emailed to all church members on April 1, and printed copies will be available in the church office beginning Sunday, March 31.

#### Key dates:

- ❖ April 7, a Q&A session following the 10:00 AM service
- ❖ April 28, congregational meeting to approve changes following the 10:00 AM service

A Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, April 28. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the preliminary slate of nominees for our church leadership for the coming program year, as well as to discuss and approve trust and bylaw changes related to a proposed transition of the NSCC Endowment Trust into a newly formed and named Memorial and Special Gifts Fund. For more information on the Endowment Trust proposal, please see the description on the previous page.



#### **FELLOWSHIP**



Tour the **Lynden Sculpture Garden, May 18,** with your NSCC friends and family. Enjoy the beautifully appointed gardens and sculptures located right near the church, at 2145 Brown Deer Rd, Milwaukee. We will meet at the gardens at 10:30 am and tour as a group. Costs: \$9.00 for adults, seniors (age 62+) and children are \$7.00. Please sign up in Friendship Lounge beginning April 28. For questions please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily 01@gmail.com or 248-872-2449.

## Eggstravaganza, 2019

A new twist on a one of our favorites!

Following 10am worship on **April 14**, everyone is invited for our annual Eggztravaganza in Fellowship Hall. We will start with our famous egg-bakes prepared by the fabulous chefs of the Fellowship Committee (as in past years, all proceeds from the lunch will support the Hosanna Mission



Team). Then, as the adults continue to enjoy their fellowship, the kids will be set loose for classic Easter fun!

At 11:45, the Board of Christian Enrichment will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** outside (weather permitting), for children up through age 12. The hunt will be open to all who would like to participate: kids of our church, their friends, and any of our area neighbors who wish to stop by. (Kids be sure to bring a basket or a bag in which to collect your eggs!) For questions, or to volunteer, please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com.

Wanted! New or gently used plastic eggs (all sizes) and bags of wrapped candy for the Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt on April 14. A table will be set up for donations in Friendship Lounge from March 31 through April 7!

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN THEATER



#### Children's Christian Theater visits NSCC on Saturday, April 6, at 7pm!

NSCC is excited to be hosting one of the 2019 performances of the Children's Christian Theater: 'Once Upon A Parable.' This production of youth in grades 3-8 is a program of our sister Church in Franklin, WI. Join us for this uplifting 1 hour program and don't be surprised when you discover a few of our own in the cast!

### It's time to enroll!

Wisconsin Congregational Association Smart Church Summit and Annual Meeting. May 3-4



- **Friday evening** *Practical Principles for Christian Leadership* led by Adrie Groeneweg, founder and CEO of Pizza Ranch. The evening will conclude with fellowship and a concert.
- Saturday
  - 8:30am Delegate Business meeting followed by topics for everyone!
  - 10:00 Summit 2018 Highlights
  - 10:30 *Inspiring Biblical Generosity* led by Angela Smith
  - ◆ 12:00 Lunch catered by Pizza Ranch
  - ◆ 1:00 Smart Church/Safe Church led by Chris DeMotto
  - ♦ 3:00 Closing Worship

These topics will be of interest to all church members, so we look forward to engaging many of you in the conversation! Find a flyer below the bulletin board or go to <a href="https://www.wiscongregational.net">www.wiscongregational.net</a> or the calendar and news page at www.NSCChurchWI.org.

#### Lydia Circle

Join with Lydia Circle to prepare casseroles for St. Ben's. We'll meet Tuesday, April 16, starting at 11am in the kitchen and working until ?? Those interested could follow up with a lunch ???

No need to bring anything other than a willingness to stir some pasta, pour some sauce, and spread some cheese while lamenting the vagaries of Spring in WI! Bring a friend!



## **DIACONATE NEWS**

Change, it is all around us. And NSCC is also changing. Have you noticed? Due to changing worship attendance, the Diaconate Board is beginning discussions regarding Sunday morning. Our goal is to provide meaningful service options for all to grow as you journey with Christ. While there may be more broad discussions on worship as we



move forward with the "75 and Beyond" groups, the current focus of the Deacons will be the 8:00 AM worship in the Chapel. If you have any particular comments or questions on this topic, please feel free to contact any Deacon for more information.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATES

It's that time of year! No, I don't mean spring, I mean the gathering of nominees to work on Boards for the upcoming year. Every church member has the opportunity to participate in the running of North Shore Congregational Church. Whether your interests lie in finance, education, special worship services or anything in between, we have a place for you! Please give careful consideration to participating in our church activities. Contact any member of the Nominating Committee listed below with questions or suggestions. Also listed below you will find a brief description of the duties of each of the Boards.

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**Benevolence Board:** This Board researches and selects the missions (local, national and international) that will receive funds from North Shore Congregational Church.

**Board of Christian Enrichment:** The BCE is responsible for educational programming for the church. This includes the Sunday School for children and special programs for adult members of this church or community members.

**Diaconate Board:** The Deacons work with the ministers to attend to the spiritual interests and needs of the church. They oversee the worship services, baptisms, funerals, music programs, flowers, ushering and greeting and new members among other items.

**Stewardship Board:** The Stewards promote the giving of time, talent and possessions by the church members. All fund raising in the church is approved by the Stewardship Board.

**Board of Trustees:** This board is responsible for church finances and maintenance of all church property.

Nominating Committee: The members of the Nominating Committee identify members willing to participate in the running of the church and present a slate of nominees to the congregation at the regular spring meeting.



#### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

❖ April 7: Jesus Clears the Temple (Matthew 21:12-17)

❖ April 14: Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13: 1-17)

\* April 21: We will celebrate the joy of Easter together in the

sanctuary at either the 9 am or 11 am service. The crib and crawler will be staffed for our youngest and worship bags available with quiet activities to help children enjoy their time in worship Easter morning.

❖ April 28: Jesus Shows Us the Way (John 14:1-14)



#### WCA CAMP

Wisconsin Congregational Association Summer Camp!!!!! You can go to <a href="https://www.wiscongregational.net/">https://www.wiscongregational.net/</a> to access all info you need! Children completing grade 3 and up are eligible for this wonderful camp.





CHILDREN'S CHOIR will sing on April 14! We will be collaborating with the Chancel Choir. You won't want to miss this performance!



EGGSTRAVAGANZA will take place on April 14 after the 10am worship service. Please plan to join us for an All Church Brunch, an Egg Hunt (we are inviting our neighbors to join in the Egg Hunt), and fellowship!

#### **Summer Bible Adventures—2019**

We are so excited to offer some new opportunities this summer to enjoy God's creation in new places. Three Summer Bible Adventure days will be offered this summer: Please mark your calendars for June 18, August 6 and August 27 (see descriptions below).



- © Who is this for: Campers (Kids grades K3 6 grade) are encouraged to attend and invite friends!
- © When and Where: Three dates, three places.
- ⇒ June 18 we will go to the Urban Ecology Center (Riverside Park) 9 am 1:00 pm. We will combine our Bible lesson on God's good creation with the wonderful grounds and staff.
  - Urban adventure hike (all weather/wellies rain boots etc provided)
  - Utilize their education room
  - Related games, craft, and snacks
  - Lunch (bring a bag lunch please)
  - Climbing wall: children may climb or enjoy cheering friends on!
- ⇒ August 6 we will go to the Mequon Nature Preserve 9 am 1 pm. We will combine our Bible lesson on God's good creation with the wonderful grounds and staff.
  - Nature scavenger hunt
  - Guided hike/tour of animal habitats
  - Related games, craft, and snacks
  - Lunch (bring a bag lunch please)
  - Climb up the Observation Tower for "eye spy" God's creation
- ⇒ August 27 we will spend the afternoon at Lac du Cours, Mequon, 2-5pm. We will take the story of God's Creation and make a skit which we will present at the beginning of the Summer's End Family Bash at Lac du Cours!
  - As a group create a skit to tell the story of God creating
  - Related games and snacks
  - Make props and simple costumes
  - ◆ Practice, laugh and get ready to do our skit when families come for dinner, games, swimming and fun 5–7:30pm. All families are encouraged to attend this end of the summer celebration 5pm − 7:30 pm (you do not need to have children involved in the Summer Bible Adventure). Please bring a dish to pass: veggies, salads, chips, fruit, or dessert. The church will provide hot dogs and burgers. Bring your swim suits and towels.
- © A small fee of \$20 per day/per camper and helper is payable to NSCC. Brochure and Enrollment forms are available below the bulletin board or go to www.NscChurchWI.org



#### IN THE MIDDLE CLASS (GRADES 6-8)

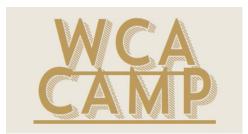
- \* April 7 Youth are invited to remain in worship with your family and share communion. We also invite you to come at 9 am to help make 75 bag lunches for the daytime homeless shelter, *Repairers of the Breach* in Friendship Lounge.
- \* April 14 and 28 Class will meet upstairs at 10:15 (after the children's message) for donuts and conversation.
- \* April 21 is Easter Sunday! We look forward to seeing you in worship to celebrate the resurrection at either the 9 am or 11 am service that morning.

Thank you to all the youth who were able to help make bracelets and book marks as well as stuff plastic Easter eggs for Project Angel Hugs. It is good to pass on the love and compassion of God to children with cancer.

#### YOUTHCONNECT (GRADE 6-12)

- Wusicals our Youth are in: It was great to see Haley and Olivia Krueger, and Meg Stewart in their roles at their school musicals! Please let Rev. Julie know if/when you child is in a special event. We would like to attend and let others know about the opportunity.
  - We hope to see many of you in the Sanctuary on April 6 at 7 pm to enjoy Children's Christian Theater's Once Upon a Parable. (Look for Becca and Jay Hall)
- ② Another **lock-in at church** for YouthConnect kids, and any friends you invite, on Friday, **April 12**, starting at 7 pm, ending the next morning after breakfast at 9 am. In addition to the "usual" games such as "capture the flag," pizza, and a movie, we will be stuffing plastic Easter eggs with candy to hide for our neighborhood egg hunt on Palm Sunday. Can't stay all night? No problem, come for all the fun and head home by 11.
- © On **Palm Sunday** we would be so glad to have you **help us hide Easter eggs** all over the grounds or building (inside if weather dictates). Please let Rev. Julie know if you can help.
- © There are some **special worship services during Holy Week** come with your families for the Maundy Thursday dinner and service downstairs in Fellowship Hall at 6 pm as well as a very moving Good Friday service at 2. It may be a unique experience for you.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP! Very soon families will receive a packet about the Wisconsin Congregational Camp at Mount Morris Camp and Conference Center in Wautoma, WI. This is for youth who have completed grades 3 – 12. Those that have gone before comment that this is their favorite week of the year! Here are the basics:



**Date:** Sunday, July 7 – 12pm Saturday, July 13.

Theme: Shine!

**Fee:** This is a great value. Registrations in by May 1 are \$395 per camper and those

in by June 15 are \$495 per camper (this includes a \$50 non refundable deposit). There are scholarships available to help defray the cost. Please Contact Rev.

Julie for more information.



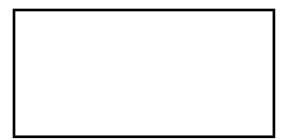
#### **SUMMER BIBLE ADVENTURES**

This summer we are trying a new thing with 3 individual days we are calling **Summer Bible Adventures**. While this is for children age 3 through grade 6, we would love to have older youth join us as helpers (earn some service hours for Confirmation or school). Please see pg. 17 for details. Please talk to Rev. Julie if you can help 1, 2, or all 3 dates.



Rev. Julie and Rev. Rob Fredrickson (from Ozaukee Congregational) head out to the University of Madison for our ongoing **Agape Table** with our college students. We enjoy meeting with the young adults every month at either the Milwaukee or Madison area - for dinner and conversation with students, keeping and growing a connection with these young adults of our churches. If you have questions, or know of a student on or near UW Madison or Milwaukee let Rev. Julie know - we notify the group when we are coming. What college person doesn't appreciate a free meal!

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