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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,

As many of you know, we are spending our summer focused on a group of people we are calling ‘Biblical Nobodies.’ Each Sunday sermon, and a few devotional offerings each week, are being drawn from characters who tend to be overlooked and forgotten in the Biblical narrative. Many of these are people we see in but one place in Scripture, and the question we’ve been asking ourselves, in each case, is what they have to share about this thing we call faith. What is their voice? What is their story? What do they have to say about God, about Jesus, about living as a Christian?

At the time of authoring this note (July 11), we are only a couple of sermons and devotionals into the series, but I’m already finding it to be a unique experience. To be digging into these brief and unknown stories has been, for me, a rich reminder of the plethora of ways in which God speaks through Scripture. I’ve learned things, I’ve been reminded of others, and I’ve enjoyed the challenges of seeking to understand the voice of characters I’ve never before explored.

One of the most eye-opening moments of the early days of this series, however, was immediately following the opening sermon. As we departed from worship, one of our members began expressing her appreciation for the series, and how she was looking forward to others we would explore. As we shared in that conversation, and began talking about the meaningful stories of some of these more subtle characters of Scripture, she commented that one of the reasons she most looked forward to the series was because, “That’s us!”

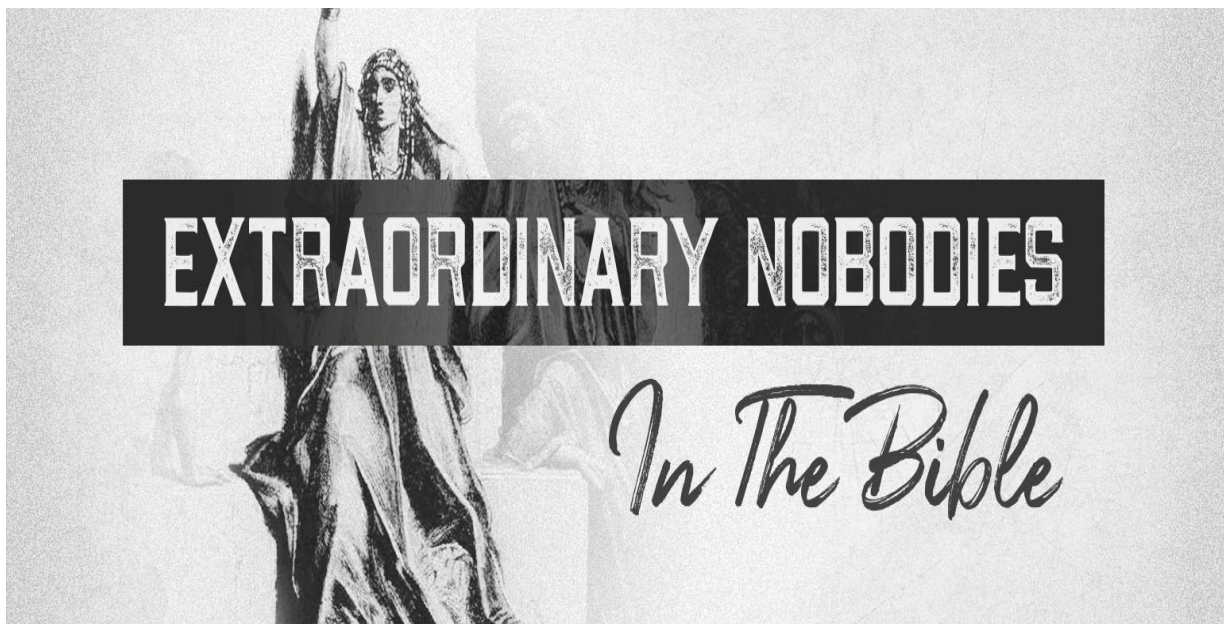
It was a passing comment in the midst of a greater conversation, but it’s one that has really stuck with me in the days that have followed. So much of our Scriptural focus tends to be on the grand heroes of our faith – Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, Paul, etc... We know them well. Their

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stories echo through the generations of the Christian narrative. Their faith is inspiring and their stories are empowering. But, if we are honest about it, we must also admit that their grandiosity can be a bit intimidating and their heroism can be daunting. These characters we are looking at this summer, however...these subtle stories of people who are so often overlooked...those are stories we can relate to, because they are us!

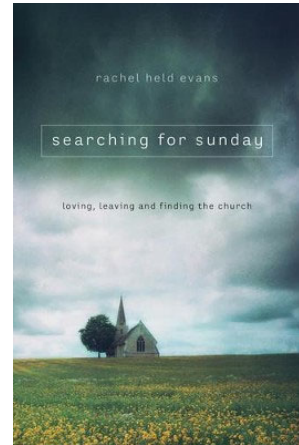
The grand heroes of our faith do wonders for our discipleship, but I was taken by that comment because I think there is an accessibility to these more subtle stories that can serve those of us who feel a little overwhelmed by the notion of building arks, parting seas and raising the dead. These stories – they are us. They are people who stepped into the moment of opportunity and lived to the faith of our calling. No grand miracles or history altering proclamations – just people who believed, who trusted, and who in faith made a difference in the moment. In every ideal sense of our faith – that is us!

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

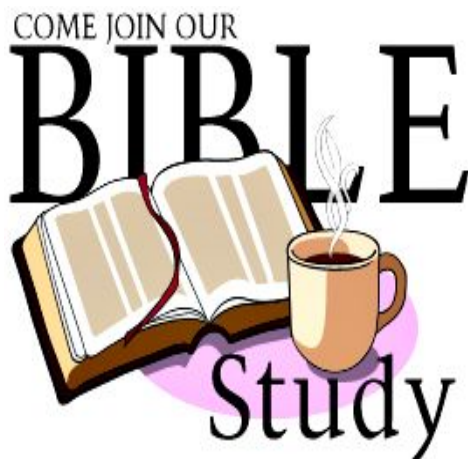


EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Book Group: The Tuesday Morning Book Group will meet on **August 6, 13, and 20 from 10 – 11 am.** We are enjoying discussion with Rachel Held's *Searching For Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church*. The discussions are always rich and multi-faceted. Join us if you have not already!



If you have any questions or thoughts about Bible studies and book groups, please contact the Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith at 414-588-8693 or JulieSmith@NSCChurchWI.org.



We are growing our relationships **with God, each other, and new friends during the Thursday Morning Bible Study from 9:30-11 am.** Mark your calendars to join us **August 1, 8, 22, 29 (no meeting August 15).** We are focusing our time on hospitality, as we find it in scripture and through our experiences.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making - August 4

A variety of people meet to make bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach (daytime homeless shelter) each month after the 10 am worship service. Please help us Sunday, **August 4**. This is a wonderful ministry for people of any age to enjoy each other's company while we make sandwiches, bag up pretzels, cookies, and carrots etc. 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. Thank you!



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.



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE



Please note that, due to staff time away, the **office will be closed on Monday, August 12.**

Mission Sunday:

Join us for worship on **Sunday, August 18**, as our Hosanna Mission Team shares stories from their trip to western PA in June. Hear about the people they met, the work they did, and the connections they made throughout their week together!



Agape Players:

Mark your calendar for the 10am worship service on **Sunday, August 4**. The Agape Players will join us to present a 40 minute musical during worship, and we will then all gather around the table for communion. The Agape Players is the high school and college age group connected to Children's Christian Theater – a faith based theater ministry centered at our sister church in Franklin. We have been blessed to host presentations by both CCT and Agape over the course of the past few years, and we look forward to sharing with them again on August 4. **Note that the 8:30am chapel service will continue with its normal timing and flow.**



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The Farmer's Market is back...and so is the NSCC Coffee Booth. After such a tremendous success in 2018 (in both raising funds for St. Ben's and welcoming the community to our church campus), we are excited to be hosting the coffee booth for the Fox Point Farmer's Market again in 2019. The market runs each Saturday from **June 15 through October 19**, and we need volunteers from 7:30am to 12:30pm each week. Two to three volunteers are needed at all times - so, yes, we need YOU! Sign up for an early shift (7:30-10), a late shift (10-12:30), or both. A form is available on Rev. Julie's office door, and a link to the digital sign-up is included with the This Week at NSCC email each Monday.

Please sign up for a few shifts and help us make 2019 another successful year for our participation in the market!

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 Wisconsin Woodchucks, Saturday **August 3** at 6:35pm at Kapco Park in Mequon. See Sharon Hall for tickets and more information (disneyfamily01@gmail.com).



The **church bridge group** will be playing four times during the 2019-2020 church year. We will play bridge at the church on **September 25, November 6, April 1** and **May 27**. Please contact Liz Strong at 414-351-6398 if you would like to join us.



BENEVOLENCE APPEAL

The Benevolence Board is getting behind the local charity, **Soles for Jesus**, and embarking on a shoe drive. Soles for Jesus is dedicated to sharing the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the under-served people in sub-Saharan Africa. Many recipients don't have shoes. Since being founded in 2009 by Diane Studer, the organization has thrived delivering more than 476,000 shoes to needy people in sub-Saharan Africa in 16 countries.

Soles For Jesus relies on churches, businesses, individuals, foundations and schools to provide the shoes, volunteer assistance and funds necessary to send ocean freight shipments to Africa.



After receiving shoe donations in their warehouse, volunteers come to sort and pack them. During these volunteer events, the shoes are organized by size and packed in boxes. When there are enough boxes packed for a shipment (8,000 pairs), they are loaded into an ocean freight container and shipped to their destination port. Their partners on the ground that receive the shoes are people that Soles for Jesus knows personally. They are respected leaders and pastors in their region, and as they plan each shoe distribution, they are aware of the greatest needs in their community. More on Soles for Jesus can be found on their website: www.solesforjesus.org

Starting in August, we will place donation bins in church and ask that you **donate shoes** that you think may be appropriate for Soles for Jesus. We will get them to their warehouse on 87th street in Milwaukee. We will be asking the youth group at church to consider volunteering for sorting and packing sometime this fall.

Thanks for your help.

NACCC CONFERENCE

Rev. Dr. Martin Hall Presented with Harry R. Butman Award

Each year at the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) Annual Meeting and Conference, a minister(s) is presented with the Harry R. Butman Award. One of this year's recipients was Rev. Dr. Martin Hall. CONGRATULATIONS!

Harry R. Butman was a Congregational minister and ardent proponent of Congregationalism. A graduate of Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine, he served several churches including the Congregational Church of the Messiah in Westchester, CA. Harry, a founding member of the NACCC believed in encouraging ministers and their spouses in their work on behalf of the church.

This very prestigious honor is awarded to a minister(s) who has at least ten years of service in an NACCC Church, and who is personally committed to the principles of Congregationalism. The selection committee also carefully reviews the ministers overall work and dedication within the community and church(s) served.

Please join me in acknowledging and congratulating our thoughtful, diligent and compassionate minister, Rev Dr. Martin Hall.

Submitted by: Debby Fulton



A Family Photo Album for North Shore Congregational Church

Do you miss having a church pictorial directory? In addition to being a valuable aid for church members, a pictorial directory is an especially vital resource for those who have recently joined North Shore Congregational Church and are confronted with scores of unfamiliar faces and names every Sunday.

To create a pictorial directory, WE NEED A DIGITAL PHOTO OF YOUR FAMILY!! Your family picture can be as formal or informal as you like. Please email a digital family picture to Melissa Block (bblock1@wi.rr.com) and include the names of all persons pictured.

Once compiled, printed pictorial directories will be available to all! Call or email Melissa with questions (414-351-3069). Thank you for helping to create the latest NSCC Family Album!

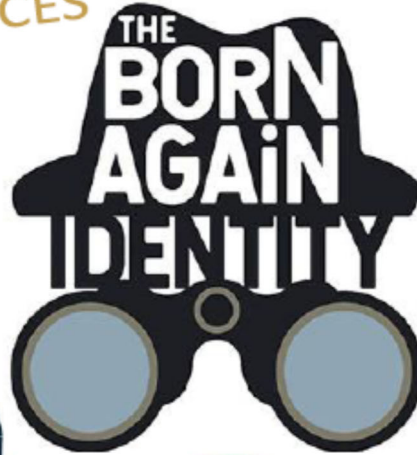


**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**



FREE
PERFORMANCES

PRESENTS:



Friday, August 2, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Faith Community Church
7700 W. Faith Drive
Franklin, WI

Saturday, August 3, 2019

7:00 p.m.

All Saints Lutheran Church
9131 S. Howell Avenue
Oak Creek, WI

Sunday, August 4, 2019

10:00 a.m.

North Shore Congregational Church
7330 N Santa Monica Blvd.
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Agape Players is an Ecumenical Outreach Ministry

Sponsored by Faith Community Church in Franklin, WI 414-433-0222

www.childrenschristiantheatre.com/agapeplayers/

<https://www.facebook.com/childrenschristiantheatre/>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date! Commissioning Sunday is just around the corner on **September 8!**

All children will begin in worship with their families at 10:00 and be dismissed for Sunday school following the children's message and the commissioning of this ministry.

We look forward to spending time with each other, sharing some stories of special summer things we did, and seeing God's face shine in each other's smiles.

Look for Sunday school registration forms on the church website and on the shelf under the bulletin board in the main hallway! We do need these filled out every year (don't worry - you only need to complete information that has changed since last year)

The Crib and Crawler will continue to be staffed from 9:45-11:15 each Sunday morning.

August 4: We encourage all Sunday School children to attend worship this day! Please enjoy an uplifting performance of the Agape Players during worship!

August 11: Self-Control found in Matthew 27:32-44

August 18: Praise through Psalm 100

August 25: God's Will as Jesus Seeks God's Will found in Matthew 26: 36-46



Summer's End Bash:

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 **Tuesday, August 27**, starting at 5pm (feel free to drop by anytime between 5-8pm). RSVP to Sharon Hall at DisneyFamily01@gmail.com and bring a salad/side/dessert to share. We'll take care of the rest!



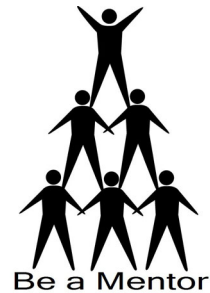


Confirmation



We are preparing for the incoming Confirmation class of 2020! Enrollment information and forms have been sent, please contact Rev. Julie if you have not received those or have questions about the process!

We look forward to this process; class time discussions with Rev's Julie and Marty as well as mentors Abby Hodgdon, Laura Lennie, and Jeff Leypoldt, hosting a coffee hour, service projects and field trips. We would be very glad to have one more mentor join the team. A mentor doesn't have all the "right" answers, but a willing spirit to join in the process. Mentors rotate as a presence in the classroom, assist with special projects and field trips. Speak with Rev. Julie if you want to know more!



Agape Players

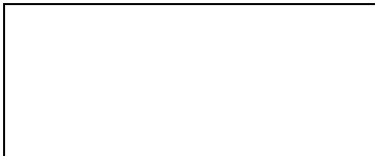
August 4, during the 10 am gathering for worship, we will enjoy a presentation from the **Agape Players**, an ecumenical theater group for young adults entering 8th grade through college. Come and see!



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