North Shore Church News

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September 2019

"A Few Thoughts On....."

Lots to Look at!

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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,

It's that time of year, again! Teachers and students are headed back to school, college students and travelling back to campus, weekly schedules are filling up with commitments and obligations, and you can already feel that crisp coolness of fall weaving its way back into the climate now and then. Yes, fall is rapidly coming upon us — as is the hectic schedule that oft comes with it.

As we enter into that season, we are anxiously looking forward to learning more from the final reports of our Towards 75 and Beyond project that we have tackled over the past year, and we expect to hear much more about that on November 17. As that happens, our church will have much to explore about new and exciting ministries that might emerge from that journey. As we anxiously look towards that opportunity, however, we are already seeing the fruits of the energy and spirit of that program blossom in the ministries of our church.

That is why I am going to keep my comments brief, this month, and instead implore you to take the time to truly read through the plethora of information that is included in this newsletter. You will find notes about continuing and new opportunities for adult education. You will see a litany of offerings that are available to our youth this year. You will read about ministries and programs, new and old, that will fill the life of the church in the year ahead. There is, most certainly, more that will unfold in the coming year. As we launch into the fall, however, I'm truly excited about that which is already happening among us.

Take the time, please, to read through the details included in this newsletter. Review the 'Year at a Glance' that highlights the dates and times of many of the 'touchpoint' moments of the year, and join us for a wonderful 71st year at North Shore Congregational Church!

Your Pastor and Friend, Marty

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

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Book Group: The Tuesday Morning Book Group meets in Friendship Lounge on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. We will complete our discussion on Rachel Held Evans' "Searching for Sunday." September 17 we will introduce "The Gift of our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate." We will begin discussion on October 1. Book cost is \$17.25. Contact Rev. Julie if you wish to have a copy ordered.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

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

We are currently doing a series on the Minor Prophets (from Amos, to Micah, to Zephaniah). These are not "minor" in meaning, they are simply a collection of shorter prophecies. 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.

New Bible Study Opportunity!

The Spirit is humming, as we hear a desire for an additional Bible study to begin! We are currently polling those interested to determine the best time: a Thursday evening, late afternoon Friday, Sunday afternoon?? If you have interest, questions or thoughts, please contact Rev. Julie, and share what time may work for you. We will begin in October.

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.

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 making 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Please contact Jane Ford (janer1975@gmail.com) or Mary Kramer (mewkramer@sbclobal.net) if you would like to donate food items, shop for supplies, or deliver the lunches.



Chair Yoga in Friendship Lounge

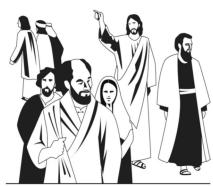
Chair Yoga is back! Until Friendship Lounge is finished, Chair Yoga will meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Come on **Thursdays starting September 5, 11:15-12:15**. This is a gentle form of Yoga adapted to do while sitting on a chair or standing with a chair as support. Chair Yoga offers improvement for mobility, balance, flexibility, overall health, and relaxation. Fee: \$54 for 6 sessions, checks payable to Erica Boos.



IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Join us for our 10am worship service on September 8 as we celebrate the continuing, re-starting and new ministries of the church in the months ahead. Our **Commissioning Sunday** celebrations will continue, after worship, with an ice cream social and fellowship outside (weather permitting).

Please note that, due to the Commissioning Sunday celebration, there will be **no chapel service on 9/8**. The chapel service will return to its normal 8am time beginning on 9/15.



Jesus Sends Out His Disciples



Due to some upcoming medical procedures, Kerrin's time in the office will be impacted for the next couple of months, which may lead to closure and/or delays in some items. We will do our best to communicate anticipated impacts, but appreciate your understanding as we support Kerrin through her treatments. In the meantime, if you would be willing to be a volunteer to help answer phones and doors in cases of her absence, please contact Rev. Marty by phone or email to be added to our list. Most importantly - please keep Kerrin, and her family, in your prayers!

As many may recall, the church office switched e-mail addresses last fall. As we approach the one year anniversary of that switch, the old addresses will soon stop forwarding to the new. Please make sure that your addresses for Marty, Julie and Kerrin are all updated to the @NSCChurchWI.org addresses. Later this fall, the @NorthShoreCongl.org addresses will no longer work.



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



The Farmer's Market is going strong...and so is the NSCC Coffee Booth. But, we still need a bit more help! The market runs each Saturday 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 sign-up form is available on Rev. Julie's office door.

Please sign up for a shift or two as we finish off another successful year.

Weed & Feed. We need some help with 1 more short weeding sessions – at 8 am on Saturday, September 7. Come to weed the front garden for 1 hour and then stay to enjoy the Farmer's Market!



IN SEARCH OF September Ushers & Greeters!

Looking for an easy way to serve our church and meet new people? Sign up to be a greeter or usher! No experience necessary. If interested, please contact Becki Schimpf by email at rschimpf@wi.rr.com, or by phone at 262-707-5223.



2019-2020 'YEAR AT A GLANCE'

The following is a list of programs, ministries and events currently scheduled for the 2019-2020 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):

- Weekly Worship: 8am (chapel) and 10am
- Communion: First Sunday
- *KidsConnect (grades 3-5):* Second Sunday from 5-5:30pm
- Youth Hangout (grades 6-12): Every Tuesday from 7-8pm
- Tri-Y Youth (grades 6-12): As scheduled
- Agape Table (college and young adult): Second Wednesday at 6p m
- Confirmation (grades 7-9): Sundays at 9am
- Book Group: Tuesdays at 10am
- Bible Study: Thursdays at 9:30am
- Centering Prayer: Sundays at 9am
- Loaves and Fishes: Third Tuesday
- Repairers of the Breach: First Sunday
- All Board Meetings: First Tuesday at 7pm
- Church Council: Third Tuesday at 7pm
- Church Staff Meetings: Tuesdays at 2pm
- Handbell Choir: Thursdays at 6pm
- Chancel Choir: Thursdays at 7pm
- Children's Choir: Sunday's at 9am
- Alexian Pilgrims: Third Wednesday at 10am

Special Dates and Programs:

- Saturday, September 7: Cares and Coffee from 1-4pm
- Sunday, September 8:
 - Commissioning Sunday with Ice Cream Social (one worship service at 10am)
 - Choirs, Confirmation and Sunday school resume regular schedule
- Sunday, September 15:
 - Standard worship schedule resumes (chapel at 8am, sanctuary at 10am)
- September 22—October 31:
 - 2020 EOG Campaign

- Sunday, October 6: World Communion Sunday
- Saturday, October 12: WCA Sing Praise workshop
- Sunday, October 13: Bible Sunday
- Sunday, October 20: 4th Annual Trunk or Treat at 4pm
- Sunday, November 3: Remembrance Sunday (one worship service at 10am)
- Sunday, November 17: Towards 75 and Beyond: The Mission Begins
- Sunday, November 24: Thanksgiving Sunday worship and fellowship
- Saturday, December 7: Women's Advent Celebration
- Sunday, December 8: Music Sunday (one worship service at 10am)
- Sunday, December 15:
 - Carol-Sing at 9:30am
 - Pageant during 10am worship service
 - Advent Fest following 10am worship service
- Tuesday, December 24:
 - Christmas Eve worship at 4:00pm
 - Special Music and Carols at 8:30pm
 - Christmas Eve worship at 9:00pm
- Sunday, January 26: Winter Farmer's Market after 10am worship
- Friday Saturday, February 7-8: Women's Retreat
- Sunday, February 23: 2nd Annual NSCC Pops Concert after 10am worship
- Wednesday, February 26: Ash Wednesday Worship at 7pm
- Sunday, April 5: Palm Sunday with Eggstravaganza Brunch after 10am service
- Thursday, April 9: Maundy Thursday supper and worship at 6pm
- Friday, April 10: Good Friday worship at 2pm
- Sunday, April 12: Easter Worship at 9am and 11am (with choir breakfast at 10am)
- Friday Saturday, April 24-25: WCA Summit and Annual Meeting
- Sunday, May 10: Mother's Day worship led by Confirmation class at 10am
- Sunday, May 31: Confirmation Sunday (on worship service at 10am)
- Sunday, June 7: Celebration Sunday (one worship service at 10am)
- Saturday, June 20 Friday, June 26: Hosanna Mission Trip
- Sunday, July 12 Saturday, July 18: WCA Camp

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



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

Donation bins are available at the entrances to the church building, and we 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.



YOUR HEALTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS



...another informative presentation, and delicious light lunch. All are invited!

Our topic: "WHO IS A CAREGIVER?" ... Is it you? Am I one already?

What are reasonable expectations of being a caregiver? What are not?

Where can I find resources? How do I take care of ME?

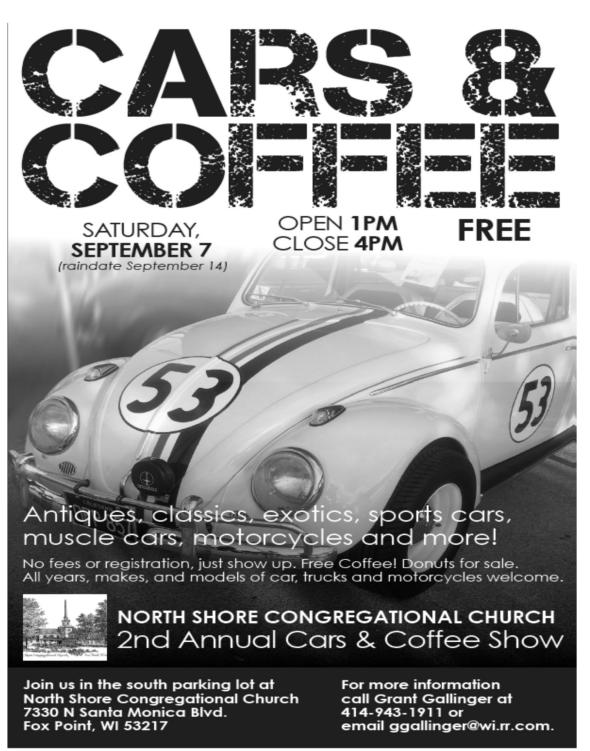
These and other questions will be further explored with our guest presentation, "The Gifts and Challenges of Being A Caregiver," by Adele Lund, renowned local speaker and director of communications for Laureate Group in Milwaukee.

Date: Sunday, October 13, at 11:30AM in Fellowship Hall
You are welcome to invite family and friends.

RSVP requested to Rev. Julie Smith: julie@NSCChurchWI.com

As a sidebar to our Health Committee presentation in October, Laureate Group is sponsoring a talk, "The Changing Face of Alzheimer's Research" by Dr Piero Antuono, Director of the Dementia Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

It will be held on Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30PM at the Whitefish Bay



FELLOWSHIP

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.



Lydia Circle will be gathering to share a potluck lunch Monday, September 23, at noon at the home of Dottie Schimpf, directions to follow.

Also, please plan on paying \$20 for dues.

A calendar of plans for 2019-20 will be available.



Dear Members and Friends of NSCC,

Thank you for your cards, prayers and love after the passing of Joe.

You are all my "extended" family, and I can't imagine my life without your love and support.

God Bless You All!

Pat Debelak





SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, **September 8, at 10:00am** we start a brand new year with our exciting curriculum! Continuing in the same fashion as last year, all families, children, and teachers will begin worship together. The teachers and children will be dismissed 10-15 minutes into worship 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.

Stay after the worship service for and Ice Cream Social on September 8! We look forward to being together with you.

Children will break into their classrooms following our time in worship:

K3, K4, K5, and 1st grade – the room with the slide and loft.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th grade – the adjacent choir room

Children in K3 through 1st grades should be picked up downstairs in the classrooms at 11:15. Children grades 2nd through 5th 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.

Enrollment forms can be found on our website. Please take a moment to fill out a form for your children.



Crawler

Children's Choir will practice from 9:00-9:50 on Sunday mornings beginning September 8. 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:

September 8: KidsConnect: 4:00-5:30. For grades 3-5 ... Sardines anyone!?

September 1: Asking (Looking to God for Help) (Psalm 121)

September 8 Forgiveness (David's Prayer) (Psalm 51)

September 15 God's Name (Names of God)

September 22 The Sabbath (Seventh Day of Creation)

September 29 Honor Your Parents





New News for Youth!!

Come for "**The Hangout**" with Abby and Nick Hodgdon! This summer we had a couple Fire Pits for people grades 6-12, and many of the youth came, talked and ate s'mores - and it was good! Abby and Nick listened to your ideas and have some great ones of their own. They will open their home for "The Hangout" on Tuesday evenings, from 7-8pm, starting **September 10.** Come as often as you can! Watch your email for their address and reminder the week of.



Parents, if you are interested in some planned ways to use your time during The Hangout rather than going home, Rev. Julie is pleased to organize with you. Call, text, or email.

TriY (Tri-Youth)

Once a month we will offer a reason for youth from the three local Congregational churches: North Shore Congregational, Ozaukee Congregational, and First Church of Wauwatosa to gather in one place.

The First Tri-Y will be October 6. Come to North Shore Congregational for a "Packer Party." We'll snack and watch the game and at half time we will "pack" baggies of necessary items for our homeless neighbors. Please bring some bar soap, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions and hand sanitizer (travel sizes) if you can. Come at 3 and stay through the game, friends are welcome of course!



Confirmation

A new Confirmation journey begins! Please join us on Commissioning Sunday, September 8, to pray for all involved in this process. **September 15** will be an **orientation** for students, parents, and mentors. And so it begins. We are blessed to have Abby Hodgdon, Laura Lennie, and Jeff Leypoldt as mentors this year! Watch for, get to know, pray for, and encourage our mentors and students! Sunday, October 6, make sure you come to a special coffee hour to meet and mingle with this group.



KARL SCHIMPF MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

The Health Committee would like to recognize the date of Karl's birthday by holding a blood drive in his honor. Our former pastor and friend was a long-time regular blood donor.

This event will be held **Sunday**, **September 29**, from 9AM to 2PM at the church. We will anticipate that non-members and other donors will be registered to donate during the 10-11 o'clock hour to accommodate our members in worship.

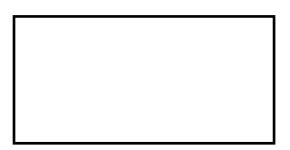
To donate you must be at least 17 years old (present photo ID with date of birth), in good health and weigh more than 110 pounds. You will be asked about your medication, health history and travel outside of the U.S. Allow about 45 minutes for your appointment. It is important to be well hydrated and to eat prior to donating.

Appointments are requested and sign-up will be handled by the Health Committee. Walkins are always welcome.

For more information on donating blood, you may contact: Catherine Shepard 414-788-7355 or Dottie Schimpf 262-488-7124.



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