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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 one who started Little League at age 6, continued through four years on the High School baseball team, and played in recreational softball leagues for nearly 20 years thereafter, many of my spring and summer memories revolve around baseball.

What I seem to be reflecting on the most this fall, however, is the experience of being ‘on deck.’ In baseball, when your team is up to bat, there is a circle in front of the team’s dugout that provides a place to warm up when you are the next person up to bat. When the person in front of you is at the plate, you are stretching and swinging in the ‘on-deck circle,’ anxiously awaiting your turn.

While you wait, however, there is a degree of uncertainty that wells up inside. So much of what you will need to do is determined by that person who is up before you. ‘Will I need to bunt?’ ‘Should I try to push it down the right line?’ ‘How many outs will there be?’ ‘How many runs will we need?’ ‘What runners will be on base?’ ‘Will I get a chance to bat at all?’ The list of questions goes on and on, and many of them won’t have answers until that moment you see the results of the one who is up before you.

Being ‘on deck’ can raise a lot of anxiety as a batter—you spend a lot of time thinking about what might happen—but you simply have to wait until you see the results of the one who went before you. No matter how angst-filled that waiting becomes, however, the thing about being on deck is that, eventually, you end up at the plate!

One of the standout principles of baseball at almost every level (with the exception of the American League in our pro system—a conversation for another time) is that everyone, eventually, comes to the plate. We can spend our time on deck, we can wait to see what those who go before us have

Batter Up! continued..

done, but eventually they will reveal to us what needs to be done, and it will be our turn to do it. We can only stay ‘on deck’ for so long.

For much of the past year, there has been a sense of our church being ‘on deck.’ We have done a number of things in and through our ministries, and we’ve made great accomplishments, but all of that has happened in the context of waiting and watching as the prayerful efforts of our 75 and Beyond journey has continued. A number of us have been ready to take our swing, but we’ve been waiting to see exactly what the field looks like before we step to the plate.

Very soon, that time of waiting (both relaxing and anxiety-producing as it has been) will be over. The leadership of our 75 and Beyond journey has stood in the batter’s box for most of year, listening to our church members, sharing together, praying, and looking towards what God is inspiring in our ministries and our fellowship. Next month, they will share that vision and those dreams with all of us!

The charge of those who have led the 75 and Beyond journey was to form a sense of who we are and where God is leading us as a church—they have admirably pursued that goal and are nearing completion. The charge on the church as a whole, however, is to follow through on that work and turn dreams into designs, visions into ministries, and possibilities into realities.

Those who have led Towards 75 and Beyond have had their chance at the batter’s box—and they’ve done a remarkable job. The rest of the church has had its chance in the ‘on-deck circle,’ and has waited patiently. But, next month, on November 17, ‘Towards 75 and Beyond’ will become ‘Towards 75 and Beyond: *The Mission Begins*,’ and it is your turn to step in. They’ll be plenty ways and a plethora of opportunities to get involved in the coming months and years. The time of waiting in the on-deck circle, however, is behind us.

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

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

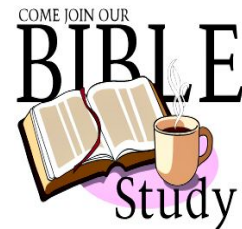
Book Group: The Tuesday Morning Book Group meets in Friendship Lounge on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. “The Gift of our Wounds: A Sikh and a Former White Supremacist Find Forgiveness After Hate.” This Milwaukee based story highlights the power of relationship and forgiveness that is stronger than hate. A topic so relevant today. We will begin discussion on October 3. Book cost is \$17.25. Contact Rev. Julie if you wish to have a copy ordered.



Thursday Morning Bible Study

The table we gather around just keeps getting bigger-what joy! Join in a lively discussion with the Bible each Thursday from 9:30-11:00am. We are currently learning the history and context around the writings of the Prophets.

New Bible discussion starting! In an 8 session series we will utilize video, discussion prompts, a study book, and our own inquisitive hearts as we look through the gospel of John. The series is written by Jenny Allen who invites, “Discover how our thirsty hearts can only be quenched by the living water.” We will generally meet every other Sunday afternoon, 4:30-6, beginning **October 13** (October 13 and 27, November 10 and 24, December 1, 15 and 29, January 12 and 26, and February 9). The Bible Study book is available for \$14. Contact Rev. Julie to order one.



Advent Devotional

Yes it's only October but it's time to write an Advent Devotional. Our theme is Songs of Christmas. Choose a date and scripture you connect with. Write a brief (150 words or less) reflection, devotional, or story. Pick up a reminder sheet on Sunday morning or watch for an email. Submission should be in by the end of October/Early November to give us time to produce the booklet by Thanksgiving weekend. We look forward to your thoughts!

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

October 6 we have the opportunity to “extend our communion table” with homeless and at risk Milwaukee neighbors. Come at 9 am and help make 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Individuals and families - come together, all ages needed. 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.



Chair Yoga continues in the Friendship Lounge Thursdays at 11:15 - 12:15 am. 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.



The Wisconsin Congregational Association is hosting **"Sing Praise" on October 12** at Ozaukee Congregational Church. Featuring guest speaker Grace Lund, a seasoned worship pastor who brings a broad view of worship ministry, spiritual shepherding, team leadership and excellence in church music, from traditional choir and orchestra to modern worship.



Schedule:

- 8:30 am Registration and Fellowship
- 9:00 am Session 1 - Why we worship and the spirit of congregational singing
- Session 2 - How we worship: Practical breakout and table discussions
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm Bring us together with song
- 1:00 pm Session 3 - Panel discussion representing a variety of music perspectives
- 2:30 pm Closing worship

\$20 registration fee includes lunch. Sing up online via wiscongregational.net (preferred) or register at the door upon arrival.

LOAVES AND FISHES

October 15, 2019

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Anderson	Lemorande
Cook	Weber
Gaenslen	Zimmer
Petersen	Bauzenberger
Block	Callaway
Enea	Sweet
Ford	Ford
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_____	Kebekkus
_____	Loder
_____	Navarro
_____	Schimpf, Dottie



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

DRIVERS

Osborne	Dottie Schimpf	
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SERVERS

Zimmer	Schuyler
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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.

Lydia Circle will be meeting **Monday, October 21 @ 10am in Fellowship Hall** to work on making polar fleece scarves. Please bring scissors and a friend! We have a great assortment of colorful polar fleece, but if you have extra polar fleece, feel free to bring it.



By Popular Demand! Souper's Chili Sale

Let the Soupers make Chili for you on **Sunday, November 3**, after both services.

Forms are available for pre-order.
Prices are: Quart \$10.00 and Pint \$6.00.



OF NOTE...

A **Congregational Meeting** has been scheduled for immediately following the 10am worship service on **Sunday, October 27**. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear a presentation of the preliminary budget for 2020, as well as to act on a proposed bylaw change creating provisions for hiring an outside audit firm if/when there is a vacancy in the office of Auditor in the church.



Mark your calendar for **November 17** as we gather for **Towards 75 Years and Beyond: The Mission Begins**. After prayerfully listening to all we shared in our conversations last spring, we are excited to look to some of what God is inspiring in the ministries of our church. A special worship service at 10am will be followed by a luncheon and fellowship as we look at the many ways in which we will seek to grow and deepen Christian discipleship in our faith community guided by the Holy Spirit!

Please mark your calendar for these special dates and events coming up later this year:

- ⚙ **Remembrance Sunday – November 3** (no 8am chapel service on this day).
- ⚙ **Towards 75 and Beyond: The Mission Begins – November 17** (no 8am chapel service on this day)
- ⚙ **Thanksgiving Sunday – November 24**
- ⚙ **Music Sunday – December 8** (no 8am chapel service on this day)
- ⚙ **Pageant Sunday – December 15**
- ⚙ **Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 4p and 9p**



STEWARDSHIP

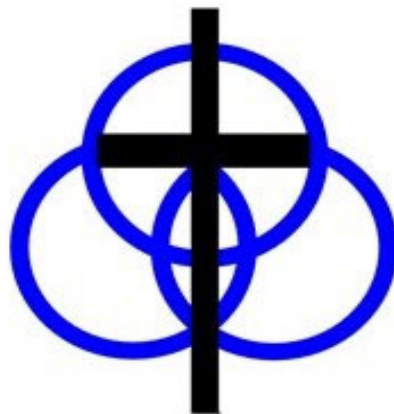
"How do we connect to our faith? To God? To the love of Jesus and the presence of the Spirit? These are the questions being asked in our **2020 Estimate of Giving (EOG) campaign**. In a world in which technology has us incessantly connected to news, gossip, entertainment, social networks and more, our EOG campaign is asking us how we connect to our faith.

The answer?

Our church!

In worship, study, fellowship and service, it is our church that stands at the heart of our connection to God.

As we look ahead to growing and deepening that connection in 2020, it is the EOG campaign that will help us to continue to step forward, together, in faith. You should have received an introductory letter, and an EOG card, in the mail (if you haven't, please contact the church office). We ask that you prayerfully reflect upon the many ways in which this church helps to connect you in faith, and consider what commitments you are drawn to make to North Shore Church in 2020. EOG's can be submitted by returning those cards to the church office, or by entering your EOG directly into your personal account at <https://onrealm.org/>. (If you don't yet have a Realm account, contact the church office for assistance).



CONNECT TO YOUR FAITH

BENEVOLENCE APPEAL



Our Soles for Jesus shoe donation boxes have been filling up! Thank you for all your wonderful contributions. If you haven't had a chance yet to clean your closets, there is still time. You may still bring in shoes until Sunday, October 13. Please remember that all sizes of new or gently used shoes are welcome, but no high heels or plastic flip-flops.

By taking a "step" to donate shoes, you will help others take many steps forward. According to Soles for Jesus, it is estimated that over one billion pairs of unworn shoes are taking up space in U.S. basements and closets. Some are outdated or outgrown, but many of them are in good condition and considered a treasure in a developing country. You can be part of this mission to provide shoes to those in need.

You are also invited to join us at the Soles for Jesus warehouse at 8480 N. 87th St. on Thursday, October 24, from 6:00-8:00 pm to Sort and Organize Shoes (SOS)! This is a hands-on volunteer event that you don't want to miss! You will have an important role in supporting the mission through the final stages of preparing the shipment for Africa, while gaining first-hand insight into the operations of the organization. Participants need to be 12 and older. We are limited to only 20 volunteers on this day, so get your name in. You may contact Lorna Hilyard at 414-540-1284 or lhilyard65@gmail.com to sign up or with any questions@gmail.com or 414-540-1284.

YOUR HEALTH COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Join the NSCC Health Committee for a light lunch and informative presentation after worship on **Sunday, October 13.**

Our guest, Adele Lund of Laureate Group, will speak on **“The Gifts and Challenges of Being A Caregiver.”** Most of us have been or will become a caregiver of a family member or friend, young or old, sometime in our life.

You can hear from and speak with Adele, an expert in the field.

Join us! Invite a friend. An RSVP is helpful to Rev. Julie at JulieSmith@NSCChurchWI.org.



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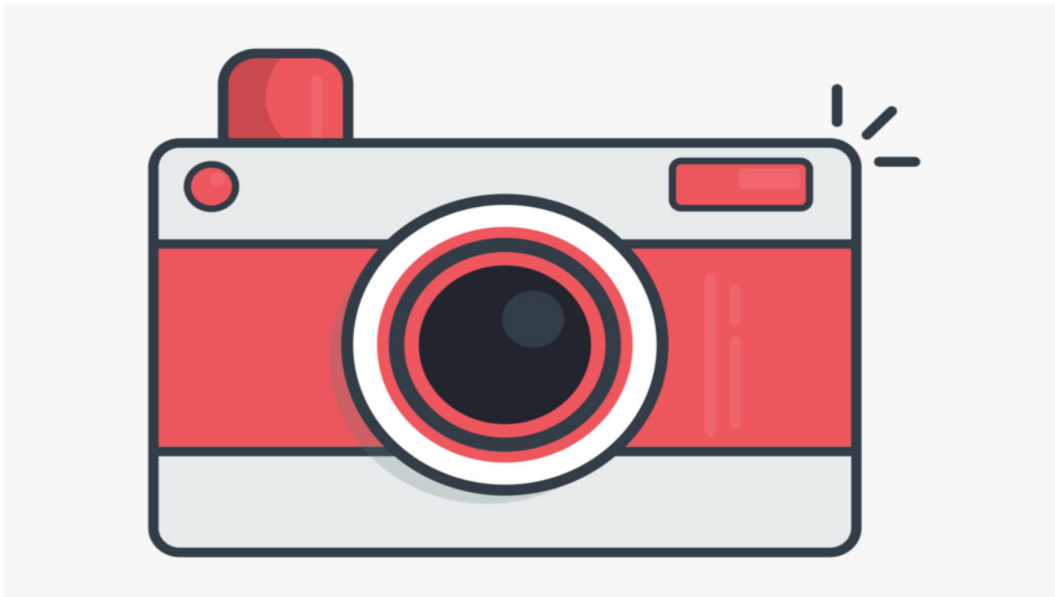
Thanks to everyone who has submitted a photo for our church pictorial directory. As of the printing of this newsletter, we have received over 75 pictures, but we still have a way to go before we have a photo of every member and friend of our church family.

You may think that it's not important to be pictured in the directory. Even if you are good about keeping track of who's who at NSCC.....not everyone may know YOU!! The directory will not serve its purpose unless ALL are included.

If you haven't already emailed a digital family photo to Melissa Block (bblock1@wi.rr.com) for inclusion in our church pictorial directory, please do so as soon as possible. Your family picture can be as formal or informal as you like. Remember to include the names of all persons pictured.

If you are not computer savvy, or do not have a picture, please call Melissa (414-351-3069) and she will make sure your picture is taken and submitted.

Please help us to make this church family album a success. Thank you!!



NSCC's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat

Sunday October 20, 2019 (4-6 pm)

Wanted: Fairies and Ninja Turtles to go trick or treating car to car!

Seeking: Witches and Warlocks to decorate their cars in Halloween themes!

Calling: Everyone! People of all ages to join in on our annual Trunk or Treat!

Trunk or Treat will feature kids (and adults!) in costume, crafts, food, games, trick or treating, and cars decorated by YOU! Set up for cars begins at 4 PM. Festivities begin at 4:30 pm. Costume awards (for the people and the cars) and 'trunk or treating' will begin at 5:30 pm. We will provide the hotdogs, chips and drinks – please bring chili for the Chili Cook-off contest or a dessert, salad, or finger food to pass. Sign up in Friendship Lounge beginning October 6. Questions, or to volunteer to help with set-up or clean-up, please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com.

Invite your friends, get out your costumes, plan the decorations for your car, grab a bag of candy to distribute during trunk or treating, and join us October 20 for this unique and fun-filled fellowship event for all ages! We need everyone make this event a success!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are in full swing and learning about the stories in the Bible! We are eager to keep moving forward to learn more about the people and events that are so important to our Christian faith!

October lesson focus at a glance is:

October 6---Stealing (Judas Skims for the Treasury)/John 12: 1-6

October 13---Lying (Ananias and Sapphira Lie)/Acts 5: 1-11

October 20---Jealousy (Joseph's Brothers Are Jealous)/Genesis 37: 1-11

October 27---Spiritual Gifts: Where They Come From (Jesus Talks About the Holy Spirit)/John 14: 15-31, 16: 5-15

Bible Sunday will recognize our 3rd grade students on **October 20**. This is a wonderful day in the life of God's church as we equip our children to grow in their relationship with God, the Bible, and NSCC. Join us as we celebrate this special day with them.



KidsConnect is a fun group for kids grades 3-6 that meets on the second Sunday of every month from 4:00-5:30. This month we will meet **October 13** for some Festive Fall Fun! Ghost in the Graveyard, a mini Haunted house, and a Fall Scavenger hunt outside. Bring friends and dress appropriately!! Leslie is in need of a second adult for this event. Please contact Leslie if you are able to help.

Trunk or Treat is an event you won't want to miss. **October 27** beginning at 4PM...decorate your car and enjoy treats and fellowship.



Children's Choir is meeting in the large classroom area in the basement this year from 9:00-9:45. If your child is interested in being part of choir, please contact Leslie Krueger for more information. We will be singing in worship on October 20.

We are looking forward to getting ready for our **Christmas pageant**. Sunday school and Children's Choir are all invited to participate. Please let Leslie know if your child(ren) would like to join in.



DIG IN
CREATING DEEPER BIBLE EXPERIENCES FOR KIDS



New News for Youth!!

Outreach Opportunities for all ages

We gathered LOTS of shoes for “Soles For Jesus.” Let’s step in a bit further and help sort to send shoes at their warehouse at 8480 N. 87th St. on Thursday, October 24th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Confirmation students, mentors, families - work on some of your service hours together.

Contact Lorna Hilyard 414-540-1284 or lhilyard65@gmail.com to sign up (everyone age 12 and up is welcome).



So Much Fun! For all ages, costume yourself and/or the car for our annual **Trunk or Treat** Sunday afternoon, October 20, beginning at 4 pm. Chili cookoff, crafts, games, prizes! Youth confirmation and above - would you like to help with a craft or game? Let Rev. Julie or Sharon know. See the full article on page 15.



Confirmation Journey

The journey has begun for our students, mentors, and families! Sunday, October 6, the church is invited to a “Meet and Greet” coffee hour at 11am, hosted by the Board of Christian Enrichment. Please encourage and show your support, be part of the journey with them.

The Hangout

Don't forget to put these on your weekly reminder Tuesday evenings, 7-8PM, for grades 6-12! Abby and Nick's door is open and friends are very welcome. Make this a regular part of your week. Address: 520 W Cumberland Ct. Bayside, WI 53217.



TriY is another opportunity for youth grades 6-12 to meet up with old friends or make new ones involved in Youth from NSCC, Ozaukee and Wauwatosa Congregational churches (3 churches = Tri-Youth). Come **October 6**, at 3PM, for a Packer Party! Snack, watch the game and during half time we will “pack” bags for our homeless and at risk people in Milwaukee. Please bring some travel size bar soap, shampoos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotions and hand sanitizer if you can.



Agape Table

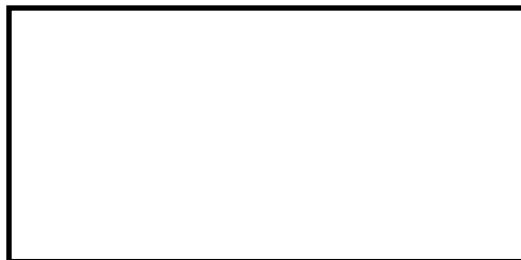
October's table will be on the University of Madison campus Oct 9, 6 pm. Revs. Julie and Rob Fredrickson (from Ozaukee Congregational Church) rotate visits between Milwaukee and Madison on the second Wednesday of the month. Do you have a student at Marquette University, University of Milwaukee or the University of Madison? Please share contact (phone/text/email) information as we send reminders out each month.

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