

North Shore Church News

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*Give thanks
unto the LORD;
for he is good.*

PSALM 136:1, KJV



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November 2019

“A Few Thoughts On.....”

What Happens Now?

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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,

Have you ever thought about the manner in which the heart of God's message is so often shared through stories? From the stories lived by the pillars of our faith, to the parables shared by Jesus himself, to the Gospel authors who articulated the narrative of the Son of God...the heart of God's message for us has been shared, again and again, through stories. What is most fascinating to consider, however, is that this reality didn't end with those stories shared in the Bible. In the generations that have followed, the storytelling has continued through families, friends, preachers, teachers and, most certainly, churches!

So, ask yourself, 'What has been the Gospel as told by North Shore Congregational Church?' Over the course of the past 70 years of ministry in suburban Milwaukee, in what ways has the church shared the hope, peace, love and promises of God? And, even more so, ask yourself, 'What will be the Gospel as told by North Shore Congregational Church in the years to come?' These are the questions we will just begin to answer as we gather, on November 17, for Towards 75 Years and Beyond: *The Mission Begins!*

I would hope that, by now, this November 17 date is fully etched into your minds (and your calendars!). After a year of meeting, discussing, dreaming, praying, and learning, our Towards 75 Years and Beyond teams have come up with proposals and ideas to help us take our first steps in pursuit of the paths God has in store for our church, and we are excited to share those with you on November 17. For today, however, I simply want to use my time in this newsletter to remind you of the order, and importance, of the day.

The day will begin with a celebratory service of worship, at 10am, in which members of our church reflect upon the manner in which the Gospel has been shared throughout the history of our church. Uplifted with special music from our

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choirs and musicians, we will rejoice in all that God has done through the generations of our church. *Note that we will not have an 8am Chapel service on this day!*

Immediately following our worship service, we will head downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a lunch hosted by our Fellowship Committee, and a presentation of some stories of what people might say about the Gospel as shared by our church in 5 years. After we hear our stories, we will share the full outline of the work of the teams and a little more information about some of the dreams we've heard over the course of the past year.

For those unable to attend on November 17, we will have the printed documentation available thereafter, as well as a Q&A for anyone who would like to participate after the 10am worship service on December 1. We hope and pray, however, that you will make every possible effort to be here to be a part of this day. Some of the dreams are small, while others are a bit bigger (I assure you that none of them 'throw the baby out with the bathwater,'). What they all have in common, however, is this – we have to pursue them together! From benevolence, to worship, to children and youth, to engaging our visitors and the community around us, the one most consistent theme in it all is the ministry of all believers. We need you here on November 17 to get a sense of some of these first step dreams, and we need you here in the years to come to be a part of making it happen!

So, mark you calendars, set aside the day, and join us at 10am on Sunday, November 17, for Towards 75 Years and Beyond: *The Mission Begins!*

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

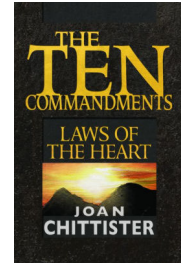


Don't forget that the time changes overnight on Sunday, November 3. Set your clocks back an hour (or, leave them be and arrive in time to join in choir that morning).

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Book Group:

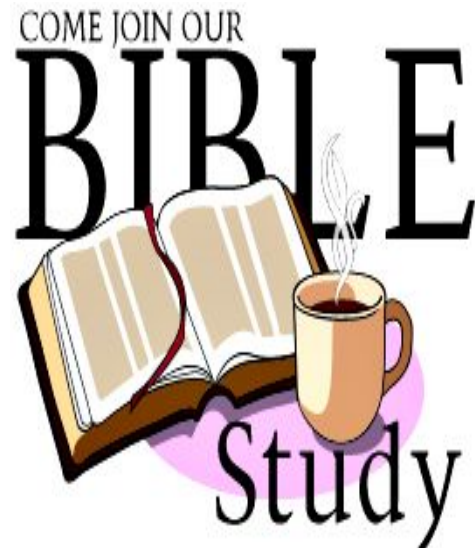
- * **November 5-19** we are discussing Joan Chittester's, "The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart."
- * **November 26 – December 17** we will take part in our **Advent selection, "Light of the World."** Through a book and video presentation, Amy-Jill Levine traces the Christmas story through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. Contact Rev. Julie to order a book: \$13 each. You are welcome to come to some or all, even if you don't have the book. Join us in Friendship Lounge, 10-11 am, each Tuesday.



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.

Join us in Friendship Lounge on **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00** for engaging conversation with the Bible and each other. We keep adding tables as we continue to grow! We are reading and looking into James together and invite you to join in.

Sunday afternoon Bible discussion on John's gospel will meet in Friendship Lounge from **4:30-6pm November 10 and 24, December 1, 15, and 29**. We are just beginning and are happy to fold you in. This study is a combination discussion and video. There is an at home workbook that you may opt to use. Contact Rev. Julie if you would like a book ordered.



FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making - November 4

Our Confirmation class will meet in the downstairs kitchen at 9 am to make 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Feel free to drop in to help and get to know these students! 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.



It's never too early to start planning for next summer!!!

SAVE THE DATE
Hosanna Industries Mission Trip
June 20-26, 2020

Contact David Schimpf or Rev. Julie if you are planning on serving!

Chair Yoga in Friendship Lounge

Chair Yoga continues in Friendship Lounge on **Thursdays, 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 and flexibility, overall health and relaxation. Drop in and try it out (\$10) or sign up for a 6 week session (\$54). Make checks payable to Erica Boos.



LOAVES AND FISHES

November 19, 2019

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BREAD ALONE BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
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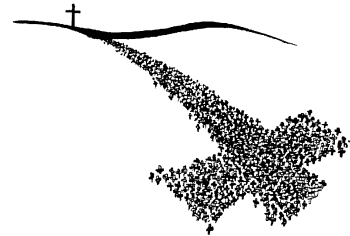
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TAKE NOTE!

Don't forget to 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 share the Gospel in the years ahead.



Join us in worship for **Remembrance Sunday on Sunday, November 3, at 10am**. This annual service of remembering members of our church family we have lost in the last year is always a tremendously rich and powerful experience of worship for our congregation. Please be with us for this special day.

Join us for our second annual **Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Feast Fellowship** on Sunday, **November 24**. As we look towards all of the ways in which we are grateful for God's blessings, come for a special worship service and then stay, after the 10am service, for our Pie Feast. Bring a sweet or savory pie to share!



Did you know that our church is active on Facebook and Instagram? For both announcements and pictures of events, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/north.church.3 and/or follow us on Instagram at NSCChurchWI.



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BENEVOLENCE

HARVEST OF HOPE HELPING WISCONSIN FARM FAMILIES IN CRISIS

The Benevolence Board has selected *Harvest of Hope*, Wisconsin family farm crisis fund, as the recipient of our congregation's Thanksgiving offering. Each of you have or will be receiving a letter in the mail that shares information about this organization's great work, and the need for your support.

Farmers and their families in Wisconsin are experiencing a financial crisis, so much so that our state is leading the nation in farm bankruptcies. It is now predicted that nearly 10% of Wisconsin's dairy farmers alone may go out of business this year.



Harvest of Hope is standing alongside farming families and providing a simple, straightforward process for those families in crisis to receive financial assistance. This fund provides farmers with support for such problems as drought, floods, medical crises, fires, machinery repairs, and more. In addition, *Harvest of Hope* has been involved in several special projects to assist farm families and to raise awareness about the farm crisis.

The Benevolence Committee thanks you for your overwhelming support of
SOLES for JESUS!

We collected 7 bins (300 pairs of shoes)!

Our donated shoes have made a Good Year even better!

Thank you to all who served on October 24 sorting and packing the shoes!



Want to make a difference in the life of a child this Christmas?
Look for the **Giving Tree** this coming Advent!
We will be supporting the **Neighborhood House of Milwaukee** and the **Nehemiah Project**.

UPCOMING..

One Church, One Worship Sundays - Please note the following dates in November and December in which there will be no 8am chapel service.

- ♦ **November 3** - Remembrance Sunday
- ♦ **November 17** - Towards 75 Years and Beyond: The Mission Begins
- ♦ **December 8** - Music Sunday



The Soupers are holding their much anticipated **Chili Sale** on **November 3**.

Pick up your Chili after both services on November 3, 2019. Contact Sue Wood at (414) 964-1722 or Suewood@wi.rr.com or Lonnette Richards at (262) 345-1095 with any questions.

The Board of Christian Enrichment is pleased to host our Poinsettia and Evergreen Fundraiser. ALL proceeds go toward very needed updates for our Youth Room upstairs! Please place your orders up through Sunday, November 17. Your items may be picked up at church starting Sunday, December 1. If you need to pick up during the following week, arrangements can be made to pick up during normal church business hours.



IN SEARCH OF **November 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 Sheri Scharnweber by email at sscharny@att.net, or by phone at (262) 352-3675.

ADVENT

Women's Advent Lunch: We are so excited to begin what we hope is a new tradition! Let's set aside the flurry of December, relax and reflect on the meaning of the Advent season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. **Saturday, December 7**, beginning 11:30, gather around beautifully decorated tables in Friendship Lounge for a "Tea" style luncheon with Advent songs and readings. Make an Advent prayer bead bracelet to help you mark this season of preparation.

Do you have a special tea pot? Bring it for your table! This will be a sweet time to invite friends to join us. We are grateful to the Soupers for providing funds to host this lunch. Please RSVP to the church office or find the sign up sheet below the bulletin the hallway television. For those who would like to participate – there will be an ornament exchange as well (so fun!), bring one concealed in some kind of wrapping.



Advent Devotionals

Thank you to the many who have written a page for this devotional. If you have not as yet sent your submission to Rev. Julie, please do so in the **first week of November**. We will compile into a booklet for members and friends just before Thanksgiving weekend.

Save the Date: Women's Retreat

Mark your calendars for an overnight retreat at Christ Pond in Random Lake Wisconsin Friday evening, February 7, through Saturday afternoon. We will enjoy a warm fire, make and share meals together, and enjoy the beautiful surrounding grounds as we reflect on God's presence. More details to come.



HEALTH COMMITTEE

Thank you to Catherine Shepherd, Dottie Schimpf, members of the Health Committee, and all the donors that supported the Karl D. Schimpf Memorial Blood Drive.

21 units of blood were donated,
which will help 63 individuals with a dire need for blood!



Are you **missing something**? We have a sizeable collection of items in our coatroom at the south door, collected over a lengthy period.

Please check to see if you have left a coat, umbrella or other item in the building. Anything not claimed at the end of November will be donated to the needy.

November at a glance:

- ♦ **November 3-** Spiritual Gifts: What is my Gift?
- ♦ **November 10-** Spiritual Gifts: The Purpose
- ♦ **November 17-** Spiritual Gifts: The Body of Christ
- ♦ **November 24-** One Room Sunday School---Thanksgiving lesson and games



Our Sunday school children have made a commitment to build God's team and support children from **Happy Life Children's Home in Kenya**. Check out the information board located downstairs in the Sunday school hallway. Our offering that we collect during Sunday school each week will go to help this amazing place! Help your children be generous.

KidsConnect (grades 3-6) will meet on **November 10, from 4-5:30**. Ever wanted to play CLUE in real life? What about having help setting the table this Thanksgiving? Your child will be a mastermind at "Spoons!" As always, please bring a friend to join the fun! And, let Leslie know if you are able to be a second adult for this event!



One Room Sunday School – Sunday, **November 24**, during the regular Sunday school time (after the Children's message) there will be a One Room Sunday School opportunity for children ages preschool – grade 6 where we will have a Thanksgiving lesson, explore the Mayflower, and play fun games that Pilgrim children played.

Save the Date!!!! Sunday **December 15** is our **Annual Advent Fest**. This year we will begin with an all church lunch following the 10:00 worship service. After lunch there will be advent themed crafts for all ages to complete the afternoon. It's a wonderful, well organized time for those who like to craft and a great opportunity to slow down and socialize with church friends.



Children's Choir will sing **November 17**.



Please join us for a **CAROLS SING ALONG** on **December 15** from 9:30-10:00. Following the sing along and during the 10:00am worship service, the Children will present a musical "One Starry Night." This is NOT one you will want to miss. See you there!!!!





The Hangout

This time at Abby and Nick's has become a welcome part of each week between 7 and 8 pm. Friends are always welcome to join in. The Hangout doors are open on November 12, 19, and 26. Both Abby and Nick are on church boards that meet the first Tuesday of the month, so **no Hangout on November 5.**



YouthConnect (grades 6-12)

Wisconsin Congregational Youth Fall Retreat! Overnight for grades 6-12. **November 8, start with Pizza at 6 pm, end November 9 at 12:30 pm.**

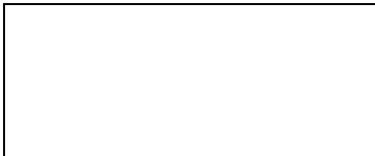
- Where:** Fox River Congregational Church, Pewaukee.
- Cost:** \$15 with RSVP by November 4, \$20 anytime after. Fees collected at the door.
- Topics:** What does joy look like with others? What does joy look like with God? What does joy look like in the world? **Send us advance pictures/ images that you think show joy in the world. While we make items for "Project Angel Hugs," we'll talk about what joy looks like in service.*
- RSVP:** wca youth@gmail.com or text Rev. Julie at **414-588-8693**.



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