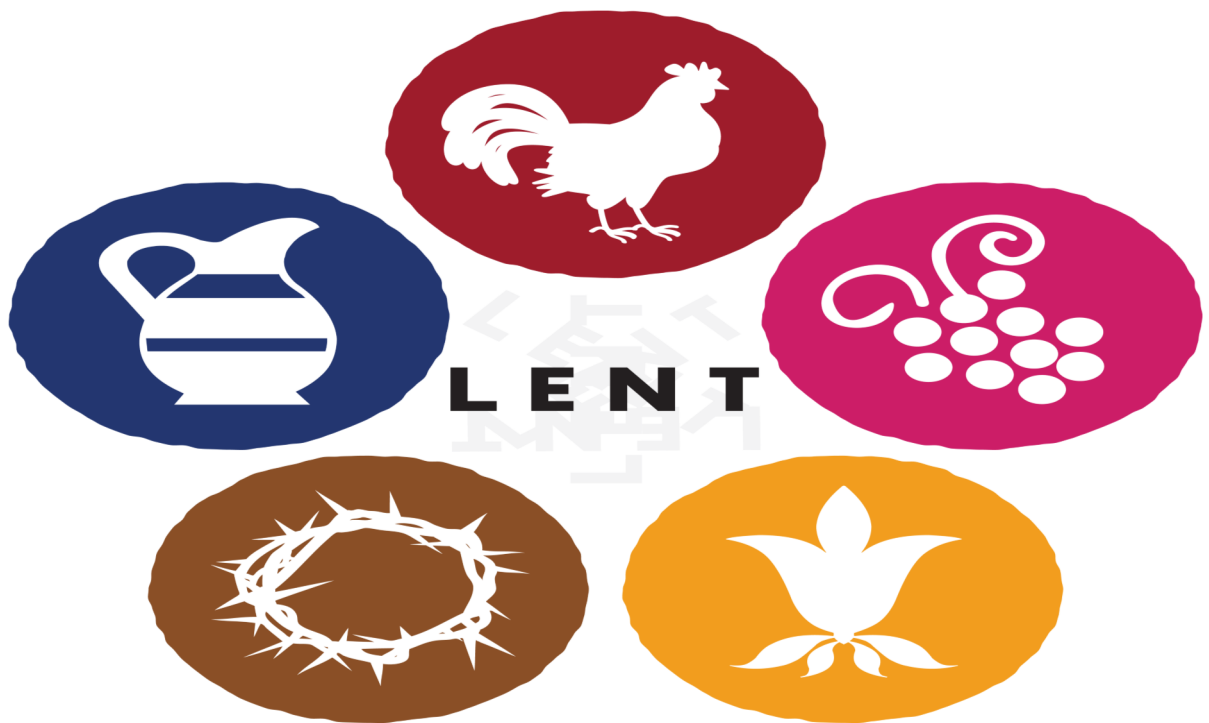


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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

A Lenten Invitation!

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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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In last month's newsletter, I teased the theme of our Lenten theme for this year. Our exploration into the Holy Week story, through the characters and perspectives of those who journeyed with Jesus, will provide us with fresh insights as to what it is to say that this is OUR story. This month, as Lent kicks off, I want to take the time to tell you a bit more about how the series is going to unfold.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the series will have already kicked off in our worship settings. Beginning on Sunday, February 23, and continuing through Easter morning, our worship services will reflect on specific characters of the Holy Week story. From Herod and those who cheered for Jesus' crucifixion, to Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter, our weekly services will reflect on a character and what it was like for them to be a part of the story. Both in sermon, and in narratives shared from the character of the day, we will learn from those who were there.

As this setting continues in our weekly worship, we will also engage in a new form of reflective discussion and exploration of Scripture. Each week's lesson will be a part of a discussion to take place later that afternoon in our Creators' Workshops. More can be found about this study opportunity on page 16, but the most important point is that this discussion opportunity is open to all who want to participate. Whatever your medium may be, this is a chance to come together to pray, explore, and allow the Spirit to work creatively in and through each of us.

A Lenten Invitation continued...

Finally, as we work through Holy Week itself, our journey will carry us from the owner of the colt on which Jesus rode into Jerusalem, through the Last Supper with our Maundy Thursday worship, to the cross on Good Friday, and then to the empty tomb, accompanied by the disciple who ran to the tomb that first Easter morning, but just couldn't get himself to enter in!

I want to thank all of those who have signed on to be a part of leading some portion or another of our Lenten series, and I want to encourage all of you to take part, as you are able, in what we pray will be a unique and enriching opportunity for worship and growth as we endeavor ever closer to the empty tomb.

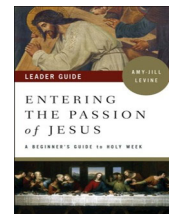
Your Pastor and Friend, *Marty*



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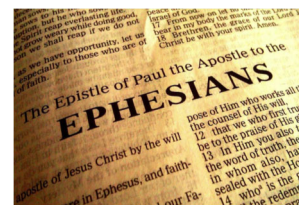
EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Book Group meets in Friendship Lounge on **Tuesdays from 10-11 am**. In March for Lent we will read, watch a video and discuss Amy Jill-Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. Each week is a contained topic so feel free to join in when you can.



- * Join us in Friendship Lounge on **Thursday mornings** in March from **9:30-11:00**, discussing Mark's gospel. The expanding table has room for you - Feel free to come.

- * **Sunday morning Ephesian's discussion:** The Ephesians discussion continues at 9 am Sunday mornings March 1 and 8, then returns to a time of Centering Prayer through the remainder of March. Please feel free to join in when you are able.



- * **Sunday Afternoon Bible study:** See page 16 for information regarding our "Creators' Workshops."

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, **March 1**, a wonderful opportunity to begin the Lenten season. You are invited to the church kitchen following the 10 am worship service to make bag lunches for the daytime homeless shelter: Repairers of the Breach. Join in with people of all ages, you might meet someone new! Contact Jane Ford or Mary Kramer with questions or additional ways you may help.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH - HOSANNA MISSION

Mission trip dates: June 20-26.

April 5, stay for the delicious **Palm Sunday Brunch**. The proceeds and donations from the brunch help support the mission “goers.” Watch for your Easter Special Offering letter from your Board of Benevolence: Hosanna Industries has been chosen for this special offering as they celebrate 30 years of making “God’s business, everyone’s business.”



LOAVES AND FISHES

March 17, 2020

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Bartlett	Dowsett
Confirmation/Youth	Lemorande
Confirmation/Youth	Weber
Confirmation/Youth	Wink
Miller	Wood
Quilling	Zganjar
Ritke	Petersen
_____	Hadcock
_____	Jipson
_____	Lange
_____	Schimpf, D
_____	Westfahl



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

DRIVERS

Confirmation/Youth	Confirmation/Youth	Confirmation/Youth
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SERVERS

Confirmation/Youth	Confirmation/Youth
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking for North Shore Church members who would like to serve on our boards or committees. Each year, some current members complete their terms – which means that their positions need to be filled. There are now openings on all boards and committees.



Please let anyone on the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in serving or know someone who might be. (See contact information below.)

And if you have questions about the duties and responsibilities of any board or committee, please ask us. We are in church each Sunday and available for discussion in Friendship Lounge after 10 a.m. worship.

Please give some thought to how you can further serve the church. Our strength lies in the involvement of our members!

Larry Molinari

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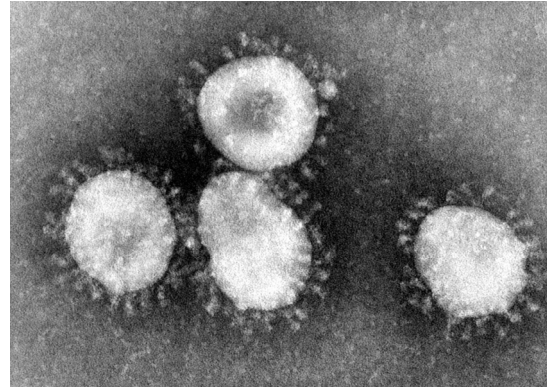
It's Eggztravaganza time! Following worship on April 5, our annual Eggztravaganza will take place in Fellowship Hall with an all church egg baked breakfast cooked by the fabulous chefs of the Fellowship Committee. At exactly 11:30 am, BCE will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt outside, for children 0-12. If weather is bad we will hold the hunt inside. Kids - be sure to bring a basket or a bag to place those treat filled eggs in! With questions, or to volunteer, please contact Sharon Hall or Leslie Krueger.



Wanted! Bags of candy and small items to fill **plastic Easter eggs** for the Easter Egg Hunt April 5. We will be taking donations in Friendship Lounge from **March 15-29**.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Health Committee offers this article to help inform about the current global concern for the new Coronavirus. Right now, while the threat is low in the United States, the greatest risk is in mainland China. But there is still much unknown about this particular virus; such as its transferability, severity and incubation period. Therefore, please keep abreast as new information becomes available.



The virus originated in an animal species although at this time it is unclear which animal may have been the original source. The outbreak may have begun when a human contact with the animal infected with the virus occurred. From there the virus began spreading among humans mainly by coughing or sneezing or by close contact.

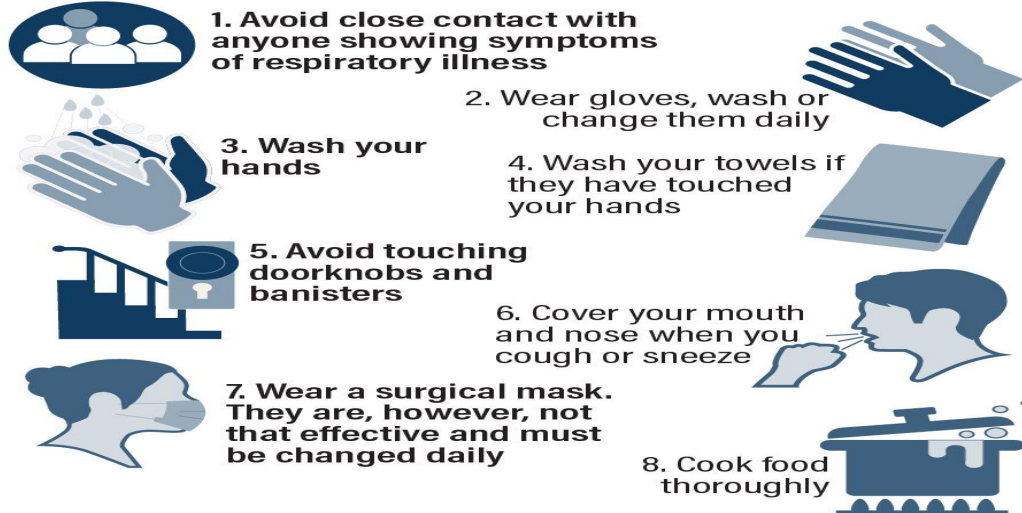
Current guidelines to protect against the Coronavirus are the same guidelines to protect against the common influenzas or flu.

The Guidelines:

- * Stay away from ill people or YOU stay away from others if you are ill.
- * Wash hands often with soap and water (20 seconds). Use Sanitizers only if soap and water are not available.
- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- * Use single tissue and dispose immediately.
- * Do not share food, drinks, or utensils.
- * Get plenty of rest and drink at least 8 (8 oz) glasses of water daily.
- * Cleanse and disinfect commonly touched surfaces such as kitchen and bathroom areas and doorknobs.
- * If you are ill, avoid large crowded areas.
- * See your primary care doctor if you have any questions.
- * Get a flu shot if you have not already done so.

This information was condensed from the Indiana University – Coronavirus website resourced January 24 and 31.

PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST CORONAVIRUS



Change Is Inevitable

Most of us have heard this said, along with other quotes, as we are faced with change of one kind or another in our lives. Do you fight it? Do you welcome it?

Join us on Sunday, March 8, as we explore together the challenges of change and ways we might adapt, accept and achieve peace of mind.

Meet in Fellowship Hall after the 10am worship service to share a meal as we learn from each other



BENEVOLENCE

Your Benevolence Board has worked diligently this year to allocate the funds that were generously provided to us in the 2019 budget. Depending on how you look at it, our job in 2019 was either easier or harder as the amount that we had to distribute was 33% smaller than in 2018. This was due to priorities our Congregation determined when the 2019 budget was approved.

For 2019, we prioritized our \$30,000 budget with a focus on first, local organizations (70% of our giving), second, national organizations (17% of our giving), and third, international organizations (13% of our giving). After a lot of contemplation and incorporating input from the 75 and Beyond initiative, we prioritized our local giving to those organizations where we felt our amounts would have the greatest impact and where our church members are involved. We hosted and welcomed several organizations to our 2019 monthly meetings who appealed to the Board for support.

We are happy to present to you the organizations we supported with 2019 funds:

Local: \$21,000		
	Amount	Organization
	\$ 1,000.00	Benedict Center
	\$ 1,000.00	Literacy Services
	\$ 1,000.00	Milwaukee Christian Center
	\$ 1,000.00	St. Ben's Outreach
	\$ 1,000.00	Chronic Joy
	\$ 1,000.00	Helping Hands, Healing Hooves
	\$ 2,100.00	Audio & Braille Literacy
	\$ 2,100.00	Advocates of Ozaukee
	\$ 2,100.00	Children's Dyslexia Center
	\$ 2,100.00	Community Project for Seniors
	\$ 2,100.00	Hope House
	\$ 2,100.00	Kyle's Korner
	\$ 2,100.00	Project Angel Hugs
	\$ 300.00	Winter's Farmers Market

SQUEAKY CLEAN..

Squeaky Clean

As we move toward Spring and Lent, we are mindful of new beginnings. Sojourner Family Peace Center is a place where new beginnings can become a reality for families in Milwaukee. It is the largest nonprofit provider of domestic violence prevention and intervention services in Wisconsin, serving over 9,500 people per year. Our Squeaky Clean donations will contribute to giving women and their children a fresh start!

Listed below are the most needed items:

- ☺ Diapers and Pull-Ups (all sizes)
- ☺ Shampoo and conditioner
- ☺ Body wash and deodorant
- ☺ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- ☺ Socks, underwear, slippers for women and children (all sizes)
- ☺ Sippy cups and bottles



Beginning Sunday, March 1, you will find baskets at all three entrances where you can drop off your contributions. The collection will continue until March 30.

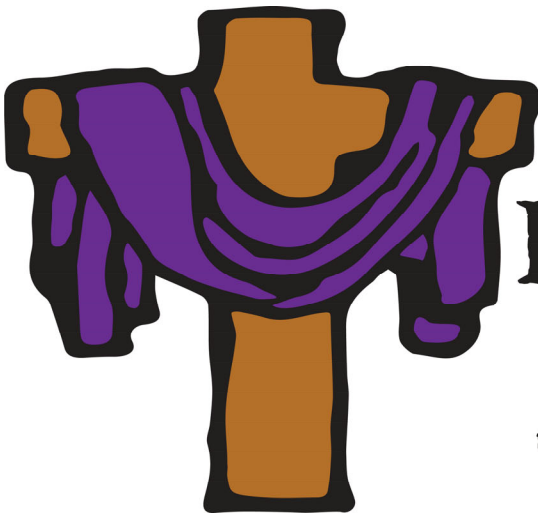


Your Benevolence Board thanks you for your generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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- ♦ Join us, **Palm Sunday**, while we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The 10am service, on **April 5**, will include our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir and handbells as we rejoice in the story of the Triumphal Entry and reflect upon the subtle example of the owner of the colt Jesus rode into Jerusalem. See the note on **page 7** regarding the Eggstravaganza Event that will follow our 10am worship 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**). Join us as we gather at the empty tomb and enter in, together, to the glory of the risen Christ.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

DIACONATE BOARD

Did you notice?

During 10am worship on Sunday February 2, Marty delivered a wonderful sermon about why we sing the Gloria Patri in our Communion service. He talked about the spirit of openness to change, the ability to listen, and our commitment to seeking God's plan for our church.

"The NACCC is a denomination of autonomous Churches bound by our belief that Christ alone is the head of the local Church. There is no one document which directs all our Churches, rather clergy and laity are encouraged to establish their own understandings of scripture and congregational life in Christ."

This passage from our own National Association rings true throughout this conversation and others we will have as a church.

If you haven't yet noticed, the Diaconate Board has examined the long held practice of our ministers receiving the offering plates during the Doxology, and have decided to grant the ushers that opportunity.

"Congregationalists have long embraced the idea that in God's eyes, all of the faithful are spiritual equals."

Again, our belief as Congregationalists is that Christ is our leader, and we as believers are all his priests. By giving the offering plates to the ministers to present to God, we sacrifice our equality as priests of Christ in presenting our offering.

Our Congregation gladly offers its gifts to God, presents them through our members as ushers, and proudly accepts the privilege of serving God in this way. We encourage each other to seek Christ's path for our congregation and humbly accept the choice we have in how we practice our faith through our worship service.

The Diaconate Board, as the representatives of the congregation regarding matters of our worship service, dedicates their time to discussing and reflecting on the spiritual desires of the church. We are proud to serve this wonderful congregation!



CREATORS' WORKSHOPS

In March, as part of our Lenten series, the Sunday afternoon Bible study will morph into prayer, Bible reading, reflection and discussion, as well as an opportunity to creatively depict the passage through story writing, poetry, art, crafting, and more. Each Sunday, from 4:00-5:30pm, we will engage in a scripture reading and character from Holy Week

- ✿ **March 1**, our focus will be **Mary Magdelene**.
- ✿ **March 8** will be an interaction between **Pilate and a person in the crowd**.
- ✿ **March 15**, our focus will be **Mary, the mother of Jesus**.
- ✿ **March 22** will bring a perspective from a **man and two women** who watched as **Jesus walked toward his crucifixion**.
- ✿ **March 29** asks about the owner who let the **disciples take his colt for Jesus**.

Some supplies for creative expression will be on hand, but please bring items you might wish to use as well.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

March Sunday School News!

We continue our journey to Easter!

March 1: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)

March 8: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32)

March 15: The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23)

March 22: Jesus the Good Shepherd (John 10: 11-18)

March 29: The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22: 34-40)



Save the Date!



Sunday, **April 5, Palm Sunday**, is a fun day at NSCC. We will begin in worship with the Children's Choir singing with the Chancel Choir. After Sunday school and worship, everyone is invited to the **Eggstravaganza brunch** hosted by the Fellowship Committee, **proceeds** support our mission team going to serve at **Hosanna Industries June 20-26**. An Easter Egg hunt on church grounds (or inside if inclement weather) will cap off a wonderful morning. Neighbors and friends invited!

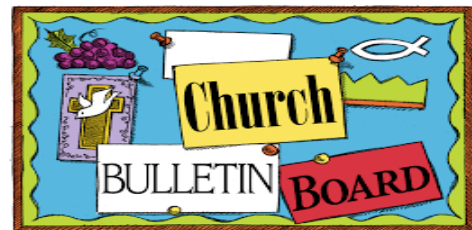
KidsConnect will meet **March 8**, from **4-5:30**. For grades 3-6. We will play Capture the Flag! Please bring a friend and let Leslie know if you can be a second adult!

Children's Choir will sing March 8...won't want to miss this one!





Thank you to Bob and Pearl Czisny for the many years and beautiful **bulletin boards** they created for children and youth ministries. We appreciate the heart and inspiration that went into each and every one. Please tell them thank you when you see them in church!



Confirmation Class Update

During the month of March we will talk about and explore areas and ways of ministry. As a class we will get together to **make casseroles at 9 am Sunday, March 15**, for the St. Ben's "Loaves and Fishes" meal and then go together to **serve on Tuesday, March 17**. Please note, we are looking for a couple adults to help us make the casseroles that Sunday morning.

"The Hangout" at Abby and Nick's

Hangout at Abby and Nick's on **March 10 and 31, 7-8pm (for youth in grades 6-12)**.

***March 17** come "Hangout" and serve the meal at **St. Ben's Loaves and Fishes**. Carpool (leave from church at 4pm) or meet at St. Ben's at 4:45- serve until 6:30.





Looking Toward Summer for Youth

The **Wisconsin Congregational Association Summer Camp at Mt Morris**, Wautoma, Wisconsin is **July 12 – 18**. This camp is for youth completing grades 3-12. See information below the screen in the hallway or go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/youth>

The Agape table for young adults will be on the **UW Madison campus at 6 pm on March 11** and at **Ma Fischer's with Milwaukee area students** and young adults on **March 25**. Rev. Rob Fredrickson and Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith are so glad to share a meal and conversation with whoever is able to come. A reminder message goes out several days ahead of time.

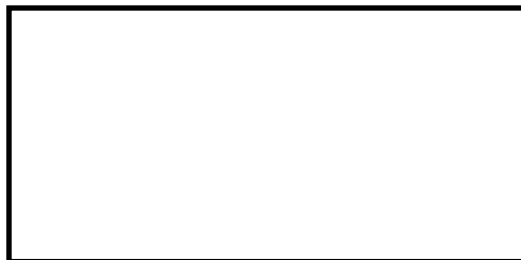


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