

North Shore Church News

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Sunday Morning

9:00 Worship—Sanctuary/Facebook
10:00 Sunday School—Facebook
11:00 Worship—Outdoors
11:00 Godly Fun—Outdoors

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Connecting

It is not a new thing for you all hear or read items, from me, in which I discuss our inherent need for community and connection in our lives. I have a firm conviction that we were built, at the core of our being, for relationship, and that we need strong connections with our families, our friends, and our church communities, if we are to thrive in the face of the challenges that life can throw our way. We need those who will rejoice with us in our times of celebration, mourn with us in our times of sorrow, bolster us in our times of strife, and confront us when we are falling astray. The challenge, of course, is that this just doesn't seem to be easy to come by right now.

We don't have to look far, these days, to see the many ways in which life is pushing us apart. From political partisanship and social divisiveness to debates over what rules should or should not be in place and who should or should not be able to make them, our very social construct seems to be seeking to create chasms in our relationships. Add in the masks, social distancing, and quarantines that add a physical element to the psycho-emotional divide that already simmers in our daily living, and it is very easy to begin to feel very alone in the face of it all.

It is for this reason that I really want to encourage you to look, in detail, at that which follows in this month's North Shore News. In light of the growing sense of separation with which many of us struggle, the staff and leadership of

Connecting continued...

North Shore Church are working as diligently as ever to bring forth opportunities for us to connect with one another in faith.

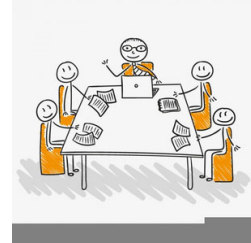
- As of the sending of this newsletter, we have had three tremendously successful outdoor worship services – allowing a growing number of our members to reconnect as part of the in-person worshiping body of our church.
- In light of the fact that our annual Trunk or Treat is not an advisable event this year, the Fellowship Committee is scheduling a Halloween Drive-In Movie to allow members of all ages to gather for some safely distanced fellowship.
- At the same time, the Fellowship Committee is preparing for a new way of coming together via ‘Tiny Talks – 6 people, 6 feet apart,’ a wonderful new opportunity for connecting with members of the church in a new, interesting, and COVID-responsible way.
- And, of course, we continue to work towards Bible Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas in the months ahead.

You can read much more about these items, as well the many ongoing opportunities for worship, service, and study in the pages ahead. What I hope you will seek in all of it, however, is the opportunity to create some connection in a time when circumstance seems to be holding us back from the very fellowship we crave. God created us to thrive in relationship with one another, and I pray you will avail yourself of some of these ministries of our church that are seeking to find news to provide that very opportunity for you, and for every member of our church family.

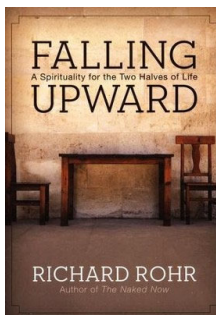
Your Pastor and Friend, ***Marty***

ADULT FORMATION

Come via Zoom or in person for our **Thursday Morning Bible Study from 9:30-11:00am**. We are in the middle of the Gospel of Luke. Feel free to join any time. There is seating for up to 7, so please contact Rev. Julie if you plan to join in that way. Through the wonders of technology others join us in the room via Zoom, a speaker phone and large screen. An email reminder goes out the morning of, so contact Rev. Julie to get on the list if you are not already on.



Our **Sunday Afternoon Bible Study** currently meets in person (with masks) in our spacious Friendship Lounge from 4-5:30pm on the first, third, and fifth Sundays. We are enjoying our conversation as we read through the book of Genesis. Contact Rev. Julie with questions, or if you would like to join this discussion group and wish to receive reminder emails.



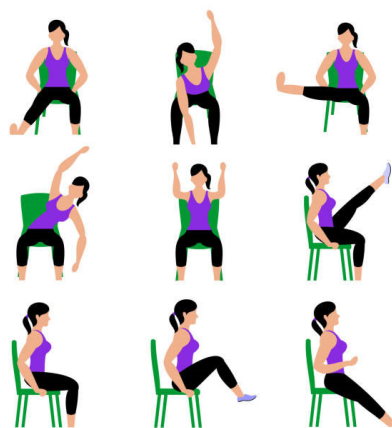
From 10-11am, the **Tuesday Morning Book Group** meets as one group but through a hybrid method of Zoom and in-person. Those coming to church meet upstairs in the large classroom with tables spaced 6 ft apart. Much of the group Zooms in through a large screen set up. Through October we are discussing Richard Rohr's "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the two Halves of Life." Contact Rev. Julie with any questions.

See the Monday morning email for links to all these opportunities

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Chair Yoga in Friendship Lounge

Chair Yoga is back and will meet on the main floor in Friendship Lounge from 11:15-12:15 on Thursdays. Classes are \$75 for 8 weeks, \$66 for 6 weeks or \$10 for drop in classes, which are always welcome. Contact instructor Erica Boos at ericayogafitness@gmail.com or call 414-559-5567. Masks are required please. 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, and flexibility, overall health and relaxation.



Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making

We will deliver lunches to the Repairers of the Breach sight, late morning, on Monday, **October 5**. A link to sign up and make lunches in your home was in the Monday email earlier this week.

This is our current method to help serve the at risk and homeless community with lunches each first Monday of the month. Those who wish to do this simply click on the sign up link, then input how many bagged lunches you will make (5, 10, 12?). Lunches usually include a peanut butter sandwich, piece of fruit, bottle of water or juice, salty snack, and a sweet treat. Lunches are dropped off at church the first Sunday of the month, between 8-12, inside the north parking lot door. Blessed to be a Blessing!



STEWARDSHIP 2021

Dear Friends of our Congregation.

We have all certainly had a challenging 2020. Our church has also had these challenges. We are fortunate in that we have wonderful pastors, church staff, and church members who faced these challenges and found ways to cope. They developed new and unique ways to bring God's word to us. Through the process, new and exciting ideas come to existence.

We need today more than ever to know your 2021 commitment to North Shore Congregational Church. We need this information so a budget can be formulated. When filling out your Estimate of giving (EOG), remember the hard work your Church has done and will continue to do for you, your family, and community.

With God's Blessing

The Stewardship Committee

ESTIMATE OF GIVING



North Shore Congregational Church

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

My/our commitment
for 2021: \$ _____

weekly/monthly/annually
(please circle one)

"...but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches." — *Matthew 13:31-32*

Please return this card to the church office by November 1, 2020

FOOD DRIVE

**The North Shore Congregational Church Food Drive is now focusing
on the needs of**

Just One More Ministry!

Just One More seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by caring for Milwaukee's poor in spirit, providing regular nutritious meals for the hungry, and offering those who suffer with addictions a faith based recovery program for creating a fulfilling and God-centered life.

J.O.M.M. currently distributes to roughly 42 partners. Besides partners that receive food (they range from sober houses, kids and mothers programs, elderly folks, at risk youth, and so many others), J.O.M.M. goes out on their own outreach, currently 4 days a week, into the poorest areas of the city and distributes food out of the back of a truck to those who are hungry. They keep the same scheduled days and times so those in need know when there are opportunities to receive food.

One in six children in the U.S. are hungry and in Milwaukee the number is even higher, with 43% of children struggling with hunger. One in three Milwaukee residents lives in poverty and one in seven seniors is food insecure. Covid-19 has these numbers growing.

Please, will you share your blessing of food with our ministry so we can bless the hungry of Milwaukee? Your donation is the key to this ministry!

Thank you so much,
Your Benevolence Board



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Rescuing Food, Helping Souls

BENEVOLENCE

“Many hands make light work.”

And thankfully, the Benevolence Board had many hands to help assemble almost 800 “Pen to Paper” packets that are sent to the chronically ill or to caregivers and those who care about the chronically ill. These packets are part of the Chronic Joy Ministry, a non-profit organization founded by Cindee Re (former member of NSCC) and Pamela Piquette, whose goal is to provide support and education rooted in Jesus Christ to those who suffer from chronic physical or mental illnesses. The materials in the “Pen to Paper” packets are designed for a letter writing mission to share hope and encouragement and to remind others that they are thought of, cared about and prayed for. Each packet contained several inspirational flyers and two postcards to pass along encouragement to still others in need.

Part of our task was to write the name of the recipient on a card. Some of us found it a touching experience as we felt a connection to that person and prayed for them. One member said, “I just hope this makes someone happy.” We are sure you can imagine the isolation and loneliness some with chronic illnesses feel – especially during the pandemic. Every connection, every “touch,” matters!

Thank you to those church members who touched the lives of others – Anne Butt, Pat DeBelak, Terry Doty-Webb, Jeannie George, Lorna Hilyard, Pam Holmes, Betty Meyer, Judy Miller, Betty Moore, Dottie Schimpf, Julie Sheridan-Smith, Mary Tornetta and Carol Wink. You made a difference that counts.

If you are interested in finding out more about Chronic Joy or wish to receive “Pen to Paper” packets yourself, you may check the website at <https://chronic-joy.org>.



UPCOMING

Plan Ahead to be at the NSCC Fall Work Day November 7, 9-Noon.

Dress comfy, bring some gardening tools and gloves, and work with each other prepping the front garden for winter. Come as a family or alone, we need you! Start at 9, “all hands on deck,” more helpers means we are done well before noon. Pre-prepped sandwiches, water and hot chocolate will be provided. Let us know you can come so we can order enough sandwiches. Gathering outside is a healthy thing to do while serving your church.



Mask Making for Sojourner Family Peace Center

We currently have about 20 kits of 50 disposable masks to be made. This is a simple process of folding, cutting, and inserting rubber bands. Instructions and supplies are bagged and ready for you to pick up, make at home, and drop back off at church. We donate these to Sojourner Family Peace center, and they are much needed! Some kits are available just inside each entry door or you may contact the church office and we will put a kit for you in the bin outside the portico doors for pick up and drop off. This is a great individual or family project. Can you help?

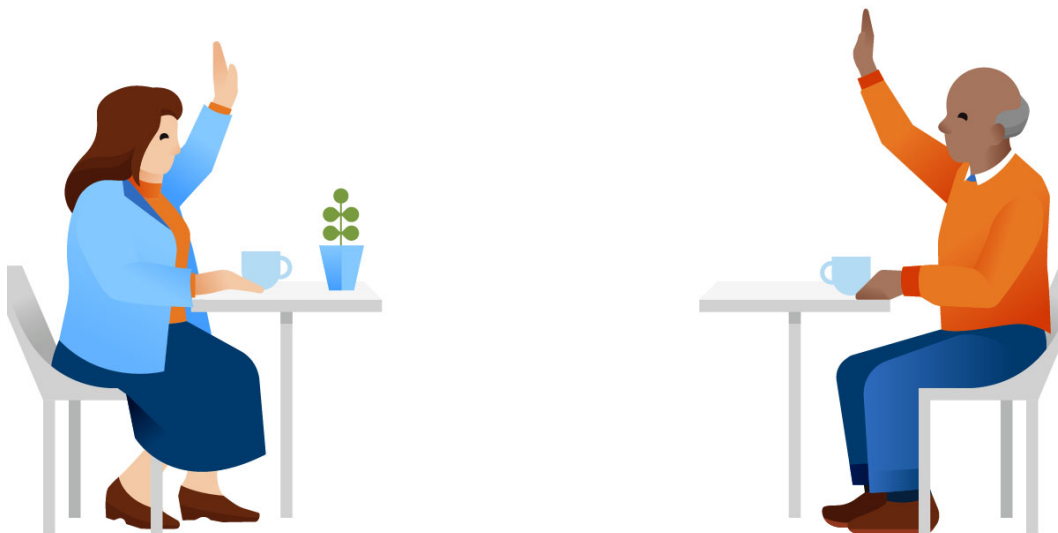
FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“Tiny Talks”

A friendly fellowship opportunity once a month is to be held beginning Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm. The Fellowship Committee is referring to this gathering as “Tiny Talks – 6 people at 6 feet,” and the goal is the same as that of the Scrooby dinner group gatherings.

For an overview... Show up. Break into groups of 6 or fewer. Converse with a provided topic to kick things off, if necessary. An hour later you go home!

Now for the details... Any number of people can attend. People pull a sticker from a container. The stickers are of different colors. There are 6 stickers with the same color. People with the same color form a group. The groups will sit apart, and the individuals within the group are to sit six feet apart, with masks. Arrive shortly before 7:00 pm on October 15 for this new and fun way to socialize with your church family.



North Shore Drive-in Theater

Showing: Hocus Pocus

Date: October 18

Time: 6:00 pm



Join your church family for a drive-in movie showing of Hocus Pocus on October 18 at 6:00 pm. We ask that movie goers remain socially distanced by staying near their parked cars to view the movie in our church parking lot. Participants are welcome to bring their own blankets, snacks and lawn chairs. With questions, please contact Sharon Hall at 248-872-2449 or disneyfamily01@gmail.com.



Poinsettia/Greens Fundraiser

The Board of Christian Enrichment will again be having a Poinsettia/Greens Fundraiser in time for the holidays. Proceeds will benefit our Youth Room.

New this year:

- ♦ Online ordering/payments
- ♦ A set drive through/pick-up time at the Church Portico
- ♦ Direct shipment within the US for those who wish to send a gift

Order forms/price lists will be available soon. Orders will be taken the first three weeks of November.



Wisconsin Congregational Association Opportunity!

Join in a zoom presentation: "Renewing the Church Following a Pandemic."

Dr. Matt Cook from Center for Healthy Churches will speak on October 10, from 9:35-10:35, during the Wisconsin Congregational Association Fall Summit and Annual meeting. Come for the hour or come for the morning.

This meeting will be presented on Zoom and a link will be sent to all registrants. A \$10 fee will be donated to the Wakefield Fund which offers scholarships for youth to attend camp.

For more information and registration go to:

<https://www.wiscongregational.net/fall-registration>

Full schedule for the morning events:

- ◆ 9:30 Welcome greeting and getting connected
- ◆ 9:35-10:35 Dr. Matt Cook "Renewing the Church Following a Pandemic"
- ◆ 10:40 Annual Meeting
- ◆ 11:10 Worship and Closing Comments



SOLES FOR JESUS



Can we get to 500 Pair of Shoes?

The NSCC/Farmer's Market effort is closing in on 500 for the summer!!!

Ask your neighbors, friends, and relatives for their unused shoes that could bless someone in Africa!

SOLES FOR JESUS Collection ends October 17!

Look for another sorting date coming up in October!!!

On September 22, a group from church served again at the Soles for Jesus warehouse, sorting shoes for shipment to their locations in Africa. This summer church members and the people of the neighborhood have donated hundreds of shoes! Thank you to shoe donators and sorters: Sharon and Megan Hall, Mary and Shirley Kramer, Laura Lennie, Sheri Scharnweber, Becki, Sarah, Dottie and David Schimpf, Julie Sheridan-Smith. Watch for further opportunities!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



During our beautiful Fall weather, we plan to worship together outside in front of the church for the 11 am service. For families with children, Gaia will be here to do some “**Godly fun**” activities with the children at the northwest lawn area. No need to register ahead, but if inclement weather means we cannot worship outside, a morning email will go out to all.

The Sunday morning Facebook **Kidmessage at 10** can also be accessed later at facebook.com/north.church.3 This brief message from Rev. Julie touches on the story book, lesson activities and music links sent out to the families each week. If you are not receiving these please contact Julie! Through the fall, we are active with the “big” Old Testament stories.



It is so good to be able to do some of our “traditional” celebrations in new ways. During the 11 am outdoor service on October 11, we will have the joy of handing on new bibles to our third-grade youth! Bible Sunday is a treasured and exciting day for the children, their families, and all of us. Come share this time with us! Help the children know how important they are to you.





We are looking forward to a new youth room launch! The walls are painted and new furniture, ping pong table, media area and gathering spaces are coming together. A big thank you to all who helped clear the room, primed, and painted, shopped and began putting furniture together. A real labor of love for the youth of the church and their friends. Watch for an invitation for a “Hangout” time together!

Wisconsin Congregational Association Youth, October 31, from 1-6. Bo and Tom, our youth event directors, have some good things planned for an **outdoor gathering of Jr. and Sr. High youth at Fox River Congregational Church.** “Running the Race” is the theme with small group break outs, activities, and a campfire. It’s Halloween, so costume up! Contact Rev. Julie for more information or if you are on Instagram watch for WCA Youth updates.



AgapeShere, our monthly gathering for college students and young adults from Wisconsin Congregational churches, currently meets on Zoom. We are connecting from homes and campuses around the country. October’s AgapeShere is **Wednesday, October 14, at 7 pm.** We will share devotion, conversation, a bit of trivia, and prayer. If you or someone you know would like to be part of this, please contact Rev. Julie, we simply need an email to which to send the zoom.

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