

North Shore Church

A graphic featuring the text "MAKE SUMMER COUNT." in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The text is arranged in three lines: "MAKE" on the top line, "SUMMER" in the middle, and "COUNT." on the bottom. The text is superimposed on a large, bright yellow circle that resembles a sun. The entire graphic is set against a light yellow rectangular background.

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Sunday Morning

9:00 Worship—Sanctuary/
Facebook

11:00 (10:30 as of 6/13)
Worship—Outdoors

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Godly Fun—Outdoors

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Gathering Together

In many ways, my newsletter message this month can be summed up in just 7 words: “I can’t wait to see you again!”

It has, without a doubt, been far too long! While there is a group of members who have been worshipping and gathering with us with some regularity since we first re-opened the building last June, for some who are reading this message, it’s been upwards of 15 months since we’ve held a conversation face to face, shared a laugh, or lifted our voices together in song. As individuals, and as a community of faith, we’ve had our tumults and our triumphs throughout these months, but our opportunity to be fully enfolded in the blessing of one-another’s presence has been far too rare a gift, and I can’t wait to see you again!

As you will discover in the pages that follow, the church is taking consistent steps in the direction of ‘normalcy,’ and the coming weeks will highlight some of the most significant among them. Our updated Covid policies have significantly shifted expectations regarding mask usage (see page 8 for more information), congregational singing has returned to our indoor services, and in recent weeks we have had the blessing of more and more of our choir members leading our worship music. In the weeks to come, we will see a shift in our worship schedule to accommodate the return of our weekly Sunday fellowship (see page 6 for more information) and we anticipate that more significant fellowship gatherings may return later this summer. All in all, we are excited to be taking significant steps forward as we continue to climb out of the pandemic realities of the past 15 months. The biggest piece of the puzzle that we are missing for these coming weeks and months, however, is you!

Gathering Together continued...

I want to be abundantly clear that this message is in no way intended to be one of pressuring anyone to return to conditions with which they are not yet comfortable. Each and every one of us has our own circumstances that impact how we feel about gathering in worship, and I in no way mean to imply that anyone should be stretching beyond that point of comfort in the weeks to come. We have continued to maintain certain standards in order to provide as comfortable a setting for all as we can (staggered seating, outdoor services, asking the unvaccinated to continue masking, etc.), and we will continue to offer the streaming of our weekly services for those who are better served through that avenue of our ministry. We want everyone to be able to engage in our ministries in a way that supports their individual circumstances, and this message is in no way meant to pressure anyone to return before they are ready.

For those of you who are feeling a bit more ready to consider a return to our in-person gatherings, however, I want to extend this very specific invitation. On June 13, fifteen months (to the day) since we first announced the closer of our building last March, we will kick off our summer worship services with great joy. Our schedule will move to the 9/10:30 format, our weekly fellowship will return, we will launch our 'Summer of Sabbath and Song' series, and the choir will be with us to help us rejoice in this next step in the worship and ministries of our church. If you are ready, and if you are able, I truly hope you'll be with us that day – I truly can't wait to see you again!

Your Pastor and Friend, *Marty*

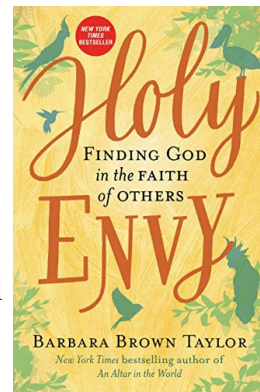


FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group:

We begin in June reading Barbara Brown Taylor's, *"Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others."* The author explores the ways other people and traditions encounter God, digging in so we can learn more about other traditions as well as find new meaning in our own.

Let Rev. Julie know if you would like a copy of the book ordered for you (\$16.00).



Thursday Bible Study:

This Bible Study meets from 9:30-11am each Thursday. We continue our discussion on Isaiah. You will find the Zoom link in the Monday email to the church, or come "in-person." See the note below about our "hybrid" method.



Sunday Afternoon Bible Study:

On the **first, third, and fifth Sundays, from 3-4:30**, the Sunday Afternoon Bible Study meets in person in Friendship Lounge.

Special note! Sunday, **June 20**, we are watching the movie "Song of Names" on the large screen in Friendship Lounge. We will gather from 3-5 as the movie is just under 2 hours long. Come join us for the movie!

As we conclude our reading of Genesis, mid-June we begin to explore Exodus together. Would you like to join in on the conversation?



Both Tuesday Book Group and Thursday Bible Study meet "hybrid" style, some on Zoom and some in the room (6-person limit for "in-person," please let Rev. Julie know if that is your choice). If you have not yet, but would like to join or "stop in" please do. Zoom link included in Monday email as well as a reminder the morning of.

GRADUATION

- **Olivia Krueger** is going to attend UWM and study Theater Education.
- **Sara Krueger** is going to UW Madison and will study Chemistry.

They are both really excited. They graduate from Nicolet Highschool on June 6. We are thrilled that an in person ceremony is planned at the Panther arena for them. They have missed a lot of milestones these last 15 months and it will be wonderful to celebrate their accomplishments and the accomplishments of their classmates.



- **Max Crouch** is graduating from UWM with a degree in Special Education.
- **Jack Schill** graduates from Carleton College on June 12 and his next steps are TBD.
- **Nathan Schimpf** will be graduating on the 13th, with the virtual Northwestern University commencement taking place on June 14th. He will be receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience. Nathan is planning to take a “gap year” and plans to work as a medical scribe while applying to medical schools. We are so proud of what Nathan has done and accomplished while at Northwestern, and are super excited to see where he will go on his next chapter.
- **Callen Papineau** is graduating from Marquette in Civil Engineering. He has a job with Collins Engineering, and is moving to Fairfax, VA in June. His primary focus will be with Bridges, with an emphasis on underwater structural inspection and certification. Yes, that means more scuba diving and special training. He's very excited about his next chapter!!

SUMMER WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendar for **June 13, 2021**, as we shift gears into our summer worship schedule AND return to weekly Sunday fellowship time. The summer worship services will come with two primary changes:

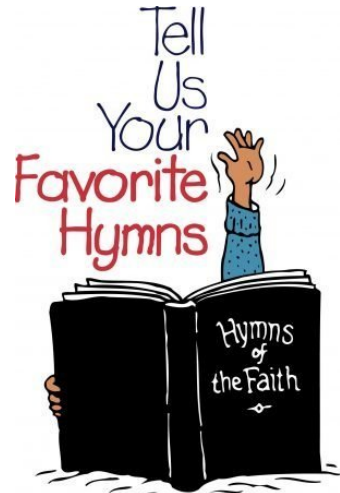


- The **schedule will shift to 9am** (indoors and online) **and 10:30am** (outdoors, weather permitting) each Sunday.
- Sunday **fellowship** will take place between the two services (**9:45am to 10:25am**) and will be held **outdoors** (weather permitting). Note that, in the case of inclement weather, the fellowship time will be moved indoors to Fellowship Hall.

A SUMMER OF SABBATH SONG

Our **summer series**, 'A Summer of Sabbath and Song' will begin on **Sunday, June 13**. Throughout the course of the series, there will be three '**hymn-sing**' **Sundays**, during which we will focus our worship on sharing in some of our favorite hymns. These Sundays will be **June 27, July 18, and August 8**.

If you have a hymn or hymns you'd like to see included in these hymn-sings, please contact Rev. Marty at martinhall@NSCChurchWI.org, with your hymn(s). If you are unable to attend worship on any of those three Sundays, please include that information with your hymn suggestions.



A Message From Your Trustees:

Dear North Shore members,

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we are investigating the potential of “refreshing” Friendship Lounge. This room is critically important to our ministry as it is one of the first rooms to provide an impression to anyone walking into the building.

As we move forward with our plans, it is very important to us to also learn about the furniture currently in this space. If you and anyone you know knows the history of the couches, chairs, dining table, end tables, or lamps, your Trustees want to hear from you. Please send us a note either by dropping off paper in the Trustees’ mail box or send us an email at JonRB@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.



UPDATED COVID-19 POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR NORTH SHORE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MAY 24, 2021

The following highlights reflect changes made to our Covid-19 mitigation policies and procedures at the meetings of the Covid-19 Response Team on Thursday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 19.

Masks: Based on CDC guidance, masks are optional for vaccinated individuals during our worship gatherings. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks. When any worship attendees are masked, hosts and staff will mask prior to, and after, the indoor service.

Physical Distancing: In order to provide distanced seating options for those seeking to do so, the staggered structure of seating in our worship space will be maintained.

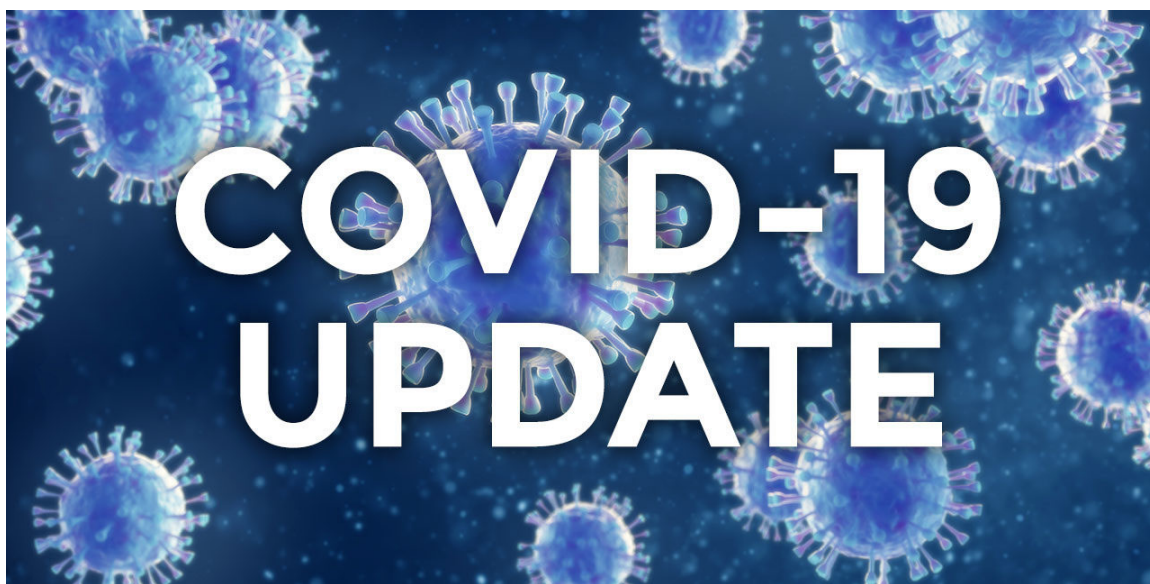
Worship Details: Congregational singing is now taking place in both weekly services, and hymnals and Bibles have been restored to the pews. Our practices for communion and the weekly offering will remain unchanged at this time.

Children's Programs: All staff supporting Sunday School, Godly Fun, and Crib 'n Crawler activities will continue to mask at all times. Children participating in Sunday school and Godly Fun activities will continue to wear masks in most cases. Children may be allowed to participate unmasked when the only participants are children from the same household, the leaders are vaccinated, and the parents/guardians request that masks be removed.

Youth Programs: Programs for youth ages 12 and up will follow the same CDC-based guidelines as our worship services. Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals during all church youth activities. Unvaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks.

Fellowship: Our weekly fellowship time will return on June 13, with drinks and pre-packaged snacks provided. Except in cases of inclement weather, the fellowship time will take place outdoors. Watch upcoming worship orders and newsletters for more information on the structure and timing of summer worship and fellowship. We anticipate that fellowship meals and events may return to the life of the church as summer progresses.

Additional Changes: A number of other changes were made to policies governing funerals/memorials, baptisms, choirs, small groups and more. These changes will be implemented with each of these families and groups, but any member of the team would gladly answer questions regarding these policies at any time.





Welcome to BEYOND OUR WALLS, our new home for all things Benevolence related!

We hope it will become the recognized go-to place to find out what is happening in areas of outreach in our church community and how you can get involved! We hope to keep you up to date on donation needs, volunteer opportunities, what is happening in the non-profit organizations we support, service projects and helping raise awareness on broader community issues. We hope this makes it easy and fun to get involved and
“Be Doers in the World!” (James 1:22-25)

Repairers of the Breach:

Lenten Offering - Dona Wininsky kindly volunteered to deliver the weekly collections of items that you generously donated for Repairers of the Breach, an organization that was finding themselves with challenging needs. Her car was packed! She reported that they expressed their sincere gratitude for what we have provided for them. In addition to the collections, members of our congregation gave a total of **\$4,280**. Thank you!!

Bag Lunches:

We continue to make bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach shelter from our homes, signing up to make anywhere from 5-20, completing the need for 85 bag lunches. For those who choose to serve our community this way, find the link in the Monday email May 31, choose how many bag lunches you will make, deliver to church (north parking lot door) by noon, June 6. We always need someone to sign up to deliver on Monday morning from church to the Repairers of the Breach sight on Vliet street as well. Lunches usually include a Peanut Butter sandwich, piece of fruit, bottle of water or juice, salty snack, and a sweet treat. Contact us if you need help with the link!

Just One More Ministry:

Food Collection - Vans drive to areas of Milwaukee that are the most needy to hand out between 600 and 700 bags of food items EACH WEEK! Our continuing collection of pantry items and paper or plastic bags certainly helps Just One More Ministry in filling these great needs. We thank Terry Doty-Webb for providing weekly delivery services of all our donations to the warehouse.

Soles for Jesus:

“Walking barefoot is of great concern in tropical regions lacking proper hygiene and sanitation standards. A report written by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) explains how the lack of proper sanitation leads to soil contaminated with hookworms, parasites and other Soil-Transmitted Helminths, which pass easily into the human body through exposure to bare skin. Finally, children without shoes often cannot attend school decreasing the possibilities for advancement that education offers. A simple pair of shoes helps control or eliminate needless suffering and improves the public health of a community. While shoes provide for a physical need, SFJ believes there is also a spiritual need that is important to address. Believers in Christ experience a life transformation characterized by love, peace, faith, and joy that has an impact on everything they do.” Soles for Jesus



- **Saturday, June 12 at 9am to 11am** – Volunteers 12 -years and older are needed at the Soles for Jesus warehouse (8835 W. Heather, Milwaukee) to sort and organize donated shoes for shipment to the people of Africa. You will gain first-hand insight into the operations of this organization as we have fun getting together for this good cause. Please contact David Schimpf at dschimpf@wi.rr.com if you are interested.
- **Saturday, June 19 at 11am to 1pm** – Soles for Jesus is holding their “Stroll for Soles” at Fox River Park in Waukesha. You are invited to “walk” (jog or push a stroller) in their shoes. Food trucks will be free to all who register. There will be activities for kids, event t-shirts and lots of fun. All details, registration forms and fees are at solesforjesus.org.
- **Saturday, June 19 at 8am to noon** – On the first day of the Fox Point Farmer’s Market we will have collection boxes for shoe donations for Soles for Jesus. These will be available throughout the Farmer’s Market season until October 16. So clean out those closets and give your old shoes a new purpose.

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Friends,

The Stewardship Committee is concerned. It has noticed the lack of funds reaching the church. Our EOG goal has not been reached. Only 131 out of 156 giving units of our church have posted an EOG. In other words we are not meeting our budget goals.

We have been through a lot last year. Let's not forget that OUR church has been there through the whole year. Our Pastors and church staff have worked relentlessly for us.

Please do your best to speed up your EOG giving, and give some more to help supplement those who can't. We all need to step up.

God Bless You

Bill Dowsett Chairman Stewardship Committee



SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

After a week of digital and paper balloting, we received well above the 50 participants required for a quorum for our congregational meetings, and the votes unanimously approved the slate of officers and board/committee members as presented.

We thank all of those who are completing their terms of service this year, as well as all of those just stepping into leadership in our church. We look forward to another great year of God's work being done in and through the life and ministries of North Shore Congregational Church.



HEALTH COMMITTEE

Are Plant Milks a Healthy Option?

Plant milks have become very popular with new varieties popping up from more sources. It is important to become knowledgeable regarding the ingredients and nutritional aspects of plant milk vs our long relied-upon dairy milk.

Dairy milk, as a food, is a significant source of protein, calcium, potassium and B vitamins, also lactose, its natural sugar (akin to the natural sugar in fruit). Vitamins A and D have been added. Cow's milk contains 8 Gm protein per cup and 12 Gm lactose.

Plant milks, however, do not include all the necessary nutrients needed to be taken as a replacement for dairy food. (from the US Dept of Agriculture) Many are very low in protein and calcium, and some sweetened varieties may contain as much added refined sugar as a Krispy Kreme donut. Common plant milk sources on the market are almond, oat, rice, soy, pea and coconut.



Here are some important comparisons:

- ◆ Soy - 6 Gm protein; when fortified with Vitamins A&D is most equivalent to dairy.
Almond* (unsweetened) - 1 Gm protein per cup; lower in calories and fat; nutty flavor; could spike nut allergy.
- ◆ Oat - creamy texture; 3 Gm protein with 7 Gm added refined sugars per cup.
Coconut - 0.5 Gm protein and 5 Gm saturated fat per cup; as all coconut products has risk of raising LDL ('bad' cholesterol) levels.
- ◆ Pea (also called Plant Protein milk) - 8 Gm protein per cup; creamy texture most similar to cow's milk; mild taste. Rice - 0.7 Gm protein per cup; little if any nutritional benefit; metabolizes rapidly leading to spikes in insulin and blood glucose levels.

Plant milks can be welcome alternative beverages for those who are allergic or intolerant to dairy, but must be chosen wisely based on knowledge of ingredients and dietary needs. Young children should not be swapped to them unless a special medical or dietary reason requires it. It's always preferable to eat foods in their whole form, in this case, soybeans (edamame), raw almonds and oat cereals which contain all nutrients and fiber. *Did you know? It takes nearly 15 gallons of water to grow 16 almonds! (most are grown in drought-ridden California). Another alternative to consider.

article adapted from New York Times

SEEKING WORSHIP MEDIA TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Are you comfortable with an iPad or tablet? Do you want to be a part of helping those at home engage in our worship life while still being able to enjoy worship with your friends or family sitting in the pews? If so, this opportunity is for you!

As we look ahead to worship life in the coming months and years, we are hoping to expand the pool of individuals operating the camera for the live-stream of our worship each Sunday. A Wi-Fi enabled iPad is used to control the camera through pre-sets, allowing volunteers to sit in the pews with their families as they manage the controls throughout the service. It is our hope to create a sufficient pool that no one is being asked to manage this responsibility more than once a month.

If you would be interested in being a part of this team, or would like more information, please contact Rev. Marty. We hope to have a training session sometime in May, allowing us to begin utilizing team members during our summer services.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Stop in and see the youth room- it is ready for you YOUTH to start using for gatherings!

Our younger families continue to receive a packet with weekly items to engage in at home relating to a Bible lesson. Sunday morning, during the 9 am worship we will have a children's message that corresponds with the packets.

During the 10:30 am outdoor worship will be here for "godly fun" activities with children. If weather indicates a move inside, "godly fun" will be held in the large classroom downstairs.



Outside fun:



- ⇒ **June 6, YouthConnect kids** (high school), Let's meet at Missing Links in Mequon for Putt Putt golf from 3-4:30. Please RSVP to Julie – for planning purposes, thank you.
- ⇒ **June 22, KidConnect kids** (grade 4-middle school), meet at Missing Links in Mequon 6:30-8 for Putt Putt golf. Please RSVP to Rev. Julie, for planning purposes.

Let's get together and serve: June 12, we have an opportunity to work at the **Soles for Jesus warehouse from 9-11**. We encourage you to bring your gently used shoes to our "Soles for Jesus" bins placed by the Portico and South doors. Invite a friend to come sort and prep these shoes for shipping to Africa on the morning of June 12 and learn about the incredible impact we can make together. Do RSVP if you are able to come to David Schimpf dschimpf@wi.rr.com

Families with children completing grades 5-12- **Good News! The Wisconsin Congregational Association week long camp, July 11-17, is happening!** Youth that have experienced this camp often call it "the best week of the year!" Contact Rev. Julie for more information and/or go to <https://www.wiscongregational.net/> to find information about camp, covid mitigation plans, and what we do, as well as forms and scholarship information.



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