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Sunday Morning

10:00 Worship—Sanctuary/
Facebook
Godly Fun
10:00 am

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Together Matters ...

I will never forget a meeting of the Pastoral Relations Committee, in mid 2021, when that group met under the portico – gathering for the first time since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. As we spent time together in prayer, I recall so clearly the one member who prayed with thanks and praise to God for the joy of being in the company of one another, and went on to name that togetherness as, ‘a privilege we now realize we had long taken for granted!’

That comment hit me like a ton of bricks, and many of you have heard them echoed in my words, in various settings, in the months since. Up until 18 months ago, being together was something we did, and could, take for granted, because it was something that just was. Being in the presence of others – sharing in the joys and sorrows of the moment – was something that was a natural part of our daily experience that seemed to be the predictable core of our daily living...until it wasn’t! All of a sudden, we realized how we’d long taken the privilege of being together for granted, and how desperately we missed it when it was gone – because being together matters!

You’re going to hear that phrase a lot as we get into the fall – ‘together matters.’ We’re going to talk a lot more about the why’s of it all in our worship services in September and October, but the fundamental assertion that we are going to explore in our worship life this fall is that being together matters. We are built for community. We are built to support and to be supported...to encourage and be encouraged... to teach and to learn... to listen and to speak... to be guided back to God and to guide others to the same... I could go on with these platitudes endlessly, but there is no doubt in my mind an essential part of the human construct is our need for humanity.

Together Matters continued...

Together matters – and, that’s something we’ve been missing for quite some time!

It’s for this reason that we are truly thrilled to look ahead to the next phase of our worship life as a church. As many of you know, by now, our worship schedule will adjust, once again, this fall. Beginning on Sunday, September 12, we will be together in one service at 10am. Since reopening worship to in-person attendance in June of last year, we have held multiple services each week, including an outdoor service in hospitable weather, which has served us well as we have endured the strains and unknowns of the pandemic. While current transmission rates make clear that the pandemic is anything but behind us, we know that together matters, and it is time to be together.

As you will see later in this newsletter, there are some adjustments to our seating expectations on the main level of the sanctuary that allow for this change, but we will continue to strongly encourage masks while attending worship, and will maintain a delineated set-up for physical distancing in the balcony for those who are more comfortable with the assurance of such designated seating. In all, it is our hope that our online presence, our structured seating in the balcony, and our more ‘traditional’ seating on the main floor will allow for as many of our church members as possible to be together, again, in worship.

As always, we welcome any and all questions you have, but most of all, we pray that you will come to be a part of our being together, once again, as we gather for worship at 10am on Sunday, September 12.

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

September 2021						
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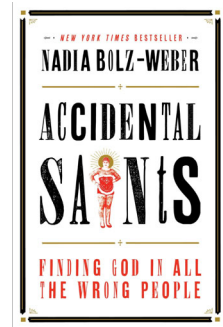
Sunday, Sep 12th 2021

FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group:

Tuesday Book Group meets at 9 am on Zoom and 10 am in Friendship Lounge.

Our Tuesday Morning Book Group will begin discussing Nadia Bolz-Weber's "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People." Two options to meet each Tuesday beginning **September 14: 9am on Zoom** (link will be in the Monday email), **or 10:00 am in Friendship Lounge**. On **September 14** we will begin with and overview conversation about the author. Please contact Rev. Rev. Julie if you would like to order a book (cost \$11).



Thursday Bible Study:

This group meets from **9:30-11am**. Beginning **September 9**, we will work through the book of Exodus together! We will meet in person (in Friendship Lounge) and online through Zoom. Please let Rev. Julie know which method will work better for you. The link for Zoom will be in the Monday emails each week.



Sunday Afternoon Bible Study:

Another opportunity for discussion on the book of Exodus will be the Sunday Afternoon Bible Study, which meets in Friendship Lounge on the first, third and fifth Sundays, from **3-4:30pm** beginning **September 19**.



If you have questions, or would like to be on the email reminder list for any of our study groups, please contact any of the staff in the church office. The links for Zoom gatherings are always noted in the weekly Monday emails.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



Little Library: Books and Faith

Some titles have circulated in and out of our “Under the Portico” Little Library: Books and Faith.

You are welcome to take, exchange, and enjoy! Books for children and adults available.

LOAVES AND FISHES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

Youth	Hadcock, J.
Youth	Lemorande
Youth	Nelson
Petersen	Tornetta
Zimmer	Wood
Wininsky	Zganjar
Anderson, B	Callaway
Enea	Ford
-----	Holmes
-----	Krosnosky
-----	Lange
-----	Loder

DRIVERS

Youth	Youth	Youth
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SERVERS

Youth	Youth
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WE'RE BACK!!!! St. Ben's Meal is an outreach program that serves Milwaukee's neediest citizens. On the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, NSCC provides casseroles, desserts and servers for the evening meal. Please consider joining our NSCC volunteers who already help out on this much needed, and personally gratifying program. If you have questions, please contact Dona Wininsky, 414-426-3086 or Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com.

I will provide **casseroles** (one recipe = two pans)

Monthly (September-May) _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will call to confirm) _____

I will prepare **desserts** (60 pieces)

Monthly _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will call to confirm) _____

I will **serve (5:00 – 6:30pm)** at St. Ben's (please list number of servers)

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will call to confirm) _____

I will **drive** food from church to St. Ben's (pick up at 3:30pm)

Monthly _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will call to confirm) _____

Name _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Please return form to church or to Dona at Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com. Thank you.



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

St. Ben's Community Meals

September 19th will be a special day. Brother Robert from St. Ben's will be with us and will have an opportunity to speak with the congregation during the service. We look forward to his visit as we transition to once again preparing and serving meals. Please join us as to reignite our service with St. Ben's.

St. Ben's Community Meals has been serving the poor, the hungry, and the homeless of Milwaukee since 1968. All are welcome and are considered family in a community that shares a warm, safe environment.

Serving meals at St. Ben's has a long history at NSCC. When a few members starting serving, **Pat DeBelak** decided it should be a church ministry. For about 20 years she organized, prepared, delivered and served the meals. She says that she was always a "born volunteer," but wanted to "do something that meant something" and when serving at St. Ben's you could see that you were helping.

It was then **Dona Wininsky** who graciously and enthusiastically took over the task and for over 20 years has been organizing volunteers, making meals, serving and keeping this ministry going. She said, "I have a passion for making sure people are fed. This is one of the most fundamental human needs and nothing else can be addressed if people are hungry. Kids can't learn. Adults can't work. With all the abundance this country has, there is NO REASON whatsoever that any human being should ever go hungry." The people served are profoundly grateful. Dona reports that almost all say thank you and many add, "God bless."



Neighbor's Care – Back-to-School Collection

There is much appreciation for all the crayons and markers, tissues and disinfecting wipes and all the other school supplies collected for the children of intercity Milwaukee. Once again our congregation has proven to be generous and caring!

Soles for Jesus – Shoe Collection for Africa

Please note a change in the date for the September volunteer opportunity to sort and pack shoes for shipment to Africa. It will be held on **Thursday, September 23** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at their warehouse at 8835 W. Heather Avenue in Milwaukee. You will be trained and will work with others who can help with any questions. Sign up with this Sign-Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles1> or contact David Schimpf directly at dschimpf@wi.rr.com. Collections of shoes will continue into October.

Just One More Ministry – Feeding the Hungry

Would you like to know more about the Just One More Ministry and even visit their warehouse? You will be able to hear the **inspiring story of the founder** and how one box of bread grew into feeding thousands. How does this happen?

A special tour has been arranged for us and YOU are invited. It will take place on **Saturday, September 11** at 9:00 in the morning at 4180 N. Lydell Ave. There is plenty of parking. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-just>



Pantry items (especially peanut butter) and grocery bags are still in need and can be placed in the big bin under the Portico.

Repairers of the Breach – Daytime Shelter Sandwiches for the Homeless

Beginning October 3, each first Sunday of the month we will prepare bag lunches at church, to be delivered on Monday morning to the Repairers of the Breach site. We will continue to offer the sign up link (sent in the Monday email the week before) with a list of supplies needed to make the lunches, and volunteer opportunities such as delivering the lunches the next day. If any groups wish to host one of the lunch making events, using the church kitchen or their home please contact Jane Ford at janer1975@gmail.com and specify which month.



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Fall Worship Schedule to Begin September 12

Please note that, *beginning September 12, 2021*, our worship schedule will change as we center our focus on a *single weekly service*, indoors and online, *each Sunday at 10am*.

In order to facilitate this single gathering, the reserved seating markers will be removed from the pews on the main level of the sanctuary, and people will be asked to be mindful of others and their desires for physical distancing when selecting seats. For those who want the assurance of significant physical distancing while in worship, designated seating areas will delineated in the balcony.

At this time, with Covid numbers continuing to run high in our area, we will continue to strongly encourage masks for all who attend our weekly service.



HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Together Matters...

Join us for

Homecoming Sunday

10am on Sunday, September 12.

One worship, indoors and online, for all to enjoy. Members of the Chancel Choir once again leading our worship.

And, a delicious picnic of grilled chicken, brats and hot dogs to take place outside immediately after worship.

If you haven't been here, we've missed you. Come to be a part of our being together once again!



#TogetherMatters

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

You are much in our thoughts and prayers as you move into all the activities, fun, and pressure the beginning of the school year brings!

We offer this framework for opportunities for families of children and youth.

- Sunday mornings for our **PreK – grade 4 children**: beginning **September 12** we look forward to starting together in the Sanctuary with a children's message. The children will then move downstairs for a bit of fun with music and movement led by Kelsie Molinari and Katie Steele! Our Sunday school teachers will complete the hour with a story and activity. Children are encouraged to bring their children's bibles along! If you have not yet received a children's bible from church please let Rev. Julie know.
- The crib and crawler is available for children under age 3



In the Middle (youth grades 5 through 8) will learn about helping organizations, interact with, and then reflect on our interaction, and how we feel God is present in this. We will offer these opportunities for youth and friends through a cycle:

- Gather in the youth room on a Sunday morning to learning discussion/ during worship
- Serve together (non Sunday morning) with the organization
- Gather in the youth room to discuss reflect on the experience
- Gather for fun offsite and in the youth room

We feel that this experiential cycle with offer different days and times to gather, as well as being open and invitational to invite friends into an experience.

For **September 19**, we encourage youth to come to worship, Brother Robert will be with us from St. Ben's speaking. Following worship, **we will make casseroles in the church kitchen**, which will be served at the St. Ben's site on Tuesday September 21! Sunday, September 26, meet in the youth room during worship to talk about our experience!

*Parents please let Rev. Julie know if your child(ren) will be able to help with casserole making on Sunday and/or serving on Tuesday late afternoon.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

YouthConnect (youth grades 9-12) will have opportunities to engage in service, fun, and reflection. Youth are invited to **serve on September 21** at St Ben's (contact Rev. Julie!)

Sunday afternoon, **September 25**, we go to Morningstar Productions and “**Escape from the Gulag**” through an Interactive outdoor escape theater where audience members are challenged to attempt an escape from the Russian Gulag, the Communist prison camps of the 1950s.

Parents, watch for email and text reminders - and remember friends are always welcome to join in! Volunteer adults always needed and welcome. Please contact Rev. Julie with questions or to help!

Agape Table for Young Adults

We are expanding our reach with our “post High School” young adults. During the previous year Rob Fredrickson, Tonia Wallner and I (Rev. Julie) hosted our Agape Table gatherings on Zoom, which stretched our engagement with young adults in various cities around the country. As we return this year to a monthly visit near the UW Milwaukee and UW Madison campus' we look forward to hosting dinner, devotional, and conversation in person in addition to a Zoom date as well. We also offer dinner to Zoom attendees sending gift cards to local eateries that deliver.

Dates: September 15 in Madison 6 PM, September 29 on Zoom 6 PM. Looking ahead, October 13 in Milwaukee 6 PM, October 27 on Zoom 6 PM

Families- please share this information or send along an email to which a Zoom-link invitation can be sent.



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