

# North Shore Church News

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**Sunday Morning**

10:00am  
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)

10:15am  
Music & Movement and  
Godly Fun

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***“A Few Thoughts On.....”***

***Where and When You Are...***

Earlier this week, I shared a reflection out of the Upper Room devotional series at the outset of our weekly staff meeting. The devotion was from an individual who was reflecting on a winter's night in which a storm had trapped them in an airport terminal. Caught in an unknown city after a missed layover, this individual frantically called their Minister wanting to pray. “We’re trapped.” The gentleman said. Their Minister quickly confirmed that they were warm, dry, safe, healthy, and had access to food as needed. With all of those necessities confirmed, the Minister quickly changed the premise of the conversation. “You’re not trapped,” he said, “but I will pray that you find your ways to be of service to God where you are!”

The individual shared that this shift in perspective changed the entire experience of the next 16 hours they spent in that terminal. Sharing in conversation with others... Helping people get food.... Purchasing and delivering children's books to families... Praying with those feeling particularly anxious and concerned... “The 16 hours in the terminal went rather quickly when we made ourselves available to others.” He writes. “We were not trapped. We were in the right place at the right time to reflect the love of God.”

This reflection struck a chord with me, as I think there's a sense of that ‘trapped’ frustration that we are all experiencing these days. There's something of a ‘Groundhog Day’ experience as we enter into 2022 with many of the same tensions and hopes with which we entered 2021. As Covid cases continue to climb and hospitals increasingly buckle under the pressure, it can begin to feel like things are starting all over again. With the announcement that masks would once again be

### ***Where and When You Are continued....***

required at school, the clear text came from one of our kids, “Feels like such a setback!”

As we emerge from the ebullience of the Christmas season, and descend into the dark and blustery days of January and February – all while Covid seems to be, once again, moving in the wrong direction – I think it can be easy for us to feel a bit trapped in what can appear to be an endless cycle of frustration. It’s at those particular moments of heightened frustration, however, that I think that Pastor’s wisdom rings true. No matter how frustrating the moment may seem, there is an opportunity to reflect the love of God in the lives of others who are feeling it to – and that change of perspective can alter the entire experience for them, and for us.

So, as we enter into these cold and wintry months (with the pandemic not being nearly as cooperative as most of us expected it to be!), I will seek to keep that perspective in mind, and I encourage you to do the same. It’s easy to feel a bit trapped, right now. But, perhaps by shifting our thoughts to the question of how we can reflect the love of God to others in the midst of our shared moment of frustration, we too might be able to look back upon these days not as a gauntlet we endured, but a blessing we shared!

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

## ADULT FORMATION

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study, from 9:30-11:00am.**

In January, we complete our Exodus 'journey' and spend several weeks in the Book of Ruth. Those of us who come in person meet in Rev. Julie's office where we are joined by others online (through Zoom). The link for Zoom will be in the Monday emails each week. If you have any questions or would like to receive more communication about the Bible study, contact anyone in the church office.



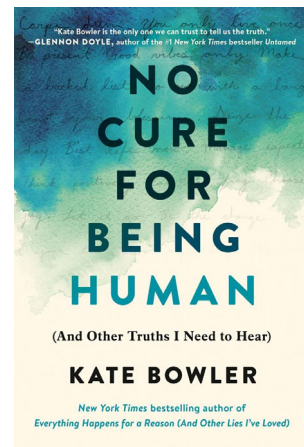
**Sunday Afternoon Bible Study** - A journey through Exodus also meets on Sunday afternoons on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, from 3-4:30, in Friendship Lounge.

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### **Tuesday Morning Book Group**

On January 4 we will have conversation and connecting along with an introduction to our next book: "No Cure for Being Human: And Other Truths I Need to Hear"

Author Kate Bowler writes with humor, honesty, and faith about living with her cancer diagnosis. "Everyone wants to believe that they are headed toward good, better, best. But what happens when the life you hoped for is put on hold indefinitely?" We will begin our discussion on January 11, on Zoom at 9am and in Friendship Lounge at 10am.



Let the church office know if you would like a book ordered for you (the cost is \$20). The link for the Zoom gathering at 9 am can be found each week in the Monday E-News.



## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### Women's Retreat

Ladies! Looking ahead for an overnight retreat at Christ Pond in Random Lake. Friday evening through Saturday afternoon, **March 4-5**. Gather in the kitchen to make meals together, around the fireplace for conversations, relax, read, or walk trails on the ground. \$36 overnight fee, bring your own bedding (comfortable beds!) or bedding provided for \$10. The group will organize meals for our time together. Go to <https://christpond.org/> for a look at the facility and grounds.

Please RSVP to the church office for booking and planning purposes! This will begin the Church season of Lent- hope you can join us.





## **BEYOND OUR WALLS – January 2022**

A very big thank you to all of those who so generously gave of time, talent and treasure during the past year! Overflowing bags of shoes, boxes of peanut butter, more than a 1000 sandwiches, school supplies, delicious casseroles, frozen turkeys and brightly wrapped Christmas packages – all proof of a loving and generous church community connected to those in need. Thank you all!

### **SPECIAL SHOUT OUTS TO:**

Dona Wininsky, who delivered more than 30 turkeys to Just One More Ministry for their special Thanksgiving meals and, even more importantly, organizes St Ben's Loaves and Fishes each month. We are so grateful for your service! And thank you to Jane Ford who organizes our bag lunch making for Repairers of the Breach daytime shelter.



The high schoolers and the In the Middles who have come to help at Soles for Jesus and to make sandwiches for Repairers of the Breach.

All of those who purchased a total of 110 gifts for the children at Neighborhood House.



David Schimpf who has hauled more shoes than we can count to Soles for Jesus and to Betty Moore and Terry Doty-Webb who gathered up the shoes that were collected each week at the Farmers' Market.

Terry Doty-Webb who is our faithful connection to Just One More Ministry and delivered boxes of goods and bags throughout the year and we are grateful to Midge Croysdale for stepping in to cover this.



## LADIES ADVENT LUNCHEON

What a warm and wonderful time was had by more than 60 multigenerational women from our church and the surrounding community at the annual Advent Luncheon. Along with much laughter, comradery and a wonderful meal, these special ladies collected three bins of mittens and children's books for Neighborhood House. Very special thanks go out to Becki Schimpf, Julie Smith, Sheri Scharnweber and Jeannine George for organizing this lovely event.



## REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

We invite you to make lunches for our January 2 Repairers delivery from home! Please find the link in the Monday email and sign up for however many bag lunches you will make. These should be delivered to church Sunday morning, January 2. Lunches include a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, a fruit, pretzels, treat and bottled water. We provide 85 bag lunches. We also need someone to drive and deliver to Repairers by 10:30 on Monday morning. Contact Jane Ford: janer1975@gmail.com.



## ST. BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

The third Tuesday of each month we need casseroles, desserts, servers and drivers to help those in need at this long standing NSCC outreach. Please consider aiding in this good work. Contact Dona Wininsky dona.wininsky@gmail.com.



## SOLES FOR JESUS

We are back sorting shoes at Soles for Jesus January 15, 9:00-11:00. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles3> or contact David Schimpf at dschimpf@wi.rr.com.



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**Check out the Noah's Ark shelf!** There are books, bags of items, and children's bulletins available for children to take into worship with them. These are refreshed each week. We are always happy for the sight and sound of children in the Sanctuary.



Our **Sunday morning Godly Fun** (for children PreK-grade 4) begins with Music and Movement with Kelsey Molinari and Katie Steele, followed by a story and activity led by our Sunday school team. Everyone begins together in worship and is invited to Godly Fun following The Lord's Prayer. If you have any questions or want to know and see more of how this works, please contact the church office by phone or email!



If you have children under age 3, and would like to make use of the **Baby and Toddler room**, contact the church office and we are glad to staff that room!



**In the Middle (Youth grades 5-8), January 9**, come upstairs to the Youth Room (right after the Lord's Prayer in worship). We will talk about Matthew 25: 34-40 and the variety of ways we may see Jesus in others when we care for them. We will also learn some things about the organization Neighborhood House (where our Giving Tree gifts went). On the morning of **January 22**, we will have a chance to do some work at Neighborhood House. Friends and adult helpers always welcome!!

Come for an **In the Middle Hangout** in the Youth Room on Sunday afternoon, **January 30**, from 5-6pm. Pizza and games, and a good time to bring friends.



**The Hangout for grade 9-12** continues on the first and third Sundays in January. Come, bring friends to YOUR Youth Room **January 2 and 16**, from 5-6pm. Gummies, pizza, beverages and a game or two.



### Agape Zoom

Rev. Julie and Rev. Rob Fredrickson continue to host monthly gatherings for young adults, both near the UW Milwaukee and Madison campus' (dinner too!). They also host a Zoom which allows us to get together from the variety of places we are.

**January 26** is our next Zoom, from 6-7pm. If you are not already on our text reminder list - contact the church office. RSVP's help us send you a link to dinner on us.



# LOAVES AND FISHES

## JANUARY 18, 2022



### CASSEROLES \*

### DESSERTS \*

Anderson	Schill
Bartlett	Tornetta
Dowsett	Wood
Zimmer	Wermuth, L
Navarro	Wink
Wininsky	Wood
	Petersen
	Loder
	Ford
Only 1 pan - half recipe	Single recipe do not double

### DRIVERS

Dowsett	Holmes	
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### SERVERS

Dowsett	Zimmer
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