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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

From Repaired to Repairers ...



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Sunday Morning

10:00am
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)

10:15am
Music & Movement and
Godly Fun

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As you may or may not have heard in our recent Benevolence Minute (but certainly will as we move towards Easter), our Easter offering, this year, is dedicated to Repairers of the Breach. Repairers of the Breach is Milwaukee’s only daytime refuge and resource center for homeless adults, and you can read much more about their services in the letter that our Benevolence Board will send closer to Easter, or on their website at any time (www.repairers.org). For our purposes today, however, I want to focus in on the name itself.

Repairers of the Breach draws its name from the prophet Isaiah. In the 12th verse of the 58th chapter, Isaiah speaks of the people letting their light shine in the noonday, removing the yoke from among them, and satisfying the needs of the afflicted. Then, categorizing that life of service and compassion, he writes, “Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” That’s where the name for this ministry is rooted – in Isaiah’s call to the people of Israel to be a people of compassion and service... to restore the brokenness that surrounds them... to be repairers of the breaches that they know.

There is, however, a truth that lies beneath this call that Isaiah proclaims. While Isaiah focuses, in this chapter, on God’s people as the repairers of the breach, the Christian narrative is rooted in the fundamental truth that THE repairer of the breach is the one who stands behind all we are called to say, to do, and to be. Our healing and restorative efforts in the face of the brokenness that surrounds us is grounded in the power and inspiration that we know through the brokenness that God heals in and around us in Jesus. In other words, we are called to be repairers of the breach because we are among those who have been repaired! We are called to work towards restoring the brokenness that we see because God is already at work in restoring the brokenness that we

From Repaired to Repairers continued....

know. We are called to move from repaired to repairers - which is precisely what we will spend our time on in the coming months.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, and continuing through Easter Sunday, we will focus our reflections on the many-faceted ways in which Jesus seeks to be a repairer in our lives. Moving beyond the physical restoration that so quickly comes to mind when we consider the healing acts of Jesus, we will look at the stories that Jesus lived in Luke's Gospel as a window into the plethora of ways in which God seeks to bring healing and restoration into our lives. Then, through the spring, we will turn our attention away from the stories that Jesus lived and towards those that he told, as we use the parables to inspire our reflections on how we are to move from repaired to repairers in this world around us.

From Repaired to Repairers – The Christian Narrative of Brokenness Restored. It's a cycle that starts with all that God does in and around our lives, and a cycle that continues into all that God will do through us in the lives of those around us. I pray you will join us, throughout the season, as we claim all that God has done, is doing, and will do in our lives, and continue with us into spring as we respond to the charge of Isaiah and consider how we might ever more fully be the repairers of the breach God has called us to be.

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

After two years of Covid interruptions, we're back! Following the 10am worship service on **April 10**, everyone is invited for our Eggstravaganza in Fellowship Hall. Then, as the adults continue to enjoy their fellowship, the kids will be set loose for some classic Easter fun!



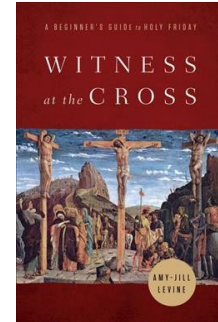
In addition to crafts, we will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** outside (weather permitting) at 11:45am, for children up through grade 8. The hunt will be open to all who would like to participate: kids of our church, their friends, and any of our area neighbors who wish to stop by. (Kids be sure to bring a basket or a bag in which to collect your eggs!) For questions, or to volunteer, please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com.

Wanted! New or gently used plastic eggs (all sizes) and bags of wrapped candy for the Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt on April 10. A bin will be set up for donations in Friendship Lounge from March 6 through March 28!

ADULT FORMATION

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

In March we move into our Lent book and video series: “*Witness at the Cross*,” by Amy Jill Levine. Each week has a particular theme. If you wish to join us you may purchase the book for \$11.99 or simply view the video. 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.



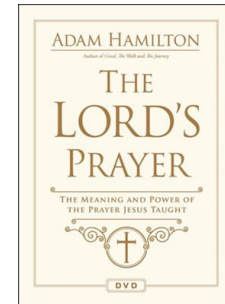
Sunday Afternoon Bible Study - A journey through Exodus meets on Sunday afternoons on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays, from 3-4:30, in Friendship Lounge.

Tuesday Morning Book Group

The “Zoom” group meets at 9 am (link provided in Monday E-News), the 10 am group meets in Friendship Lounge.

March 8 we begin our Lenten series with Adam Hamilton’s new book and video series, “*The Lord’s Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*.”

Contact the church office if you would like a book: \$13.99; large print: \$14.99; E-book: 13.49.



If you have any questions, or would like to receive more communication about our studygroups, contact anyone in the church office.



We are grateful and excited to have 17 women participating in the retreat, March 4-5, at Christ Pond. We look forward to telling you all about it!

NEWS AND NOTES



***Wednesday, March 2
7pm***

Ash Wednesday is March 2, the beginning of our season of Lent.
Join us for worship at 7pm (in person or online).

As we look toward the season of Lent, please consider if there is something broken, some area you seek God's restoration and healing. We will have cards available on which you may note this during the service, or send it ahead of time to Rev. Julie or Rev. Marty. No names will be identified when we share prayer near the close of that service.



When: *Saturday April 2, 9am - 2pm*
What: *Karl D Schimpf Memorial Blood Drive*
Where: *Fellowship Hall*

As Covid-19 prevented us from scheduling last September we are excited to offer this most vital need in a few weeks!

Our health committee also wishes to honor the memory of Catherine Shepard who was dedicated to organizing past blood drives and other work of the church. Prepare to donate! Watch for details in Marty's Monday emails and other publications.



Jeanne Gaenslen has asked that we reiterate her deep gratitude for the continued prayers and support of her church family. From cards and calls, to visits and chats, Jeanne has been extremely grateful for all of the love she has received from the church, and she wants everyone to know how truly grateful she is for that care!

Nominating Committee WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?



The search continues! We are still seeking NSCC members to serve on our boards or committees, or as officers of the church. A number of current members will complete their terms on May 31, and about 15 positions remain to be filled on nine boards and committees.

In most cases, volunteers will be asked to serve for three years, starting June 1, 2022. If you are interested in serving, or if you know someone who might be, please let any of us on the Nominating Committee know, or call the church office. (See contact information below.) And if you have questions about the duties and activities of any board, committee or officer, please ask us. We can provide one-page summaries that describe each group and position.

Please give prayerful thought to these opportunities for service. The strength and continued growth of our church depend on the active participation of our members!

Joe Hilyard (414) 540-1284 (home)

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Don Osborne (414) 704-8035 (cell)



With many of our members continuing to worship, regularly, from home. We want to offer to make the weekly order of worship available by email each week, but we do not want to clog the inboxes of those who do not wish to receive it. If you'd like to receive this weekly email (usually on Thursday or Friday) with a link to the order of worship, please contact the church office to be placed on the list for future mailings.

LOAVES AND FISHES

MARCH, 15 2022



CASSEROLES *

DESSERTS *

Bartlett	Young Adults
Tornetta	Young Adults
Zimmer	Wermuth
Navarro	Lemorande
Lange, H	Petersen
Wininsky	Schill
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EASTER OFFERING AND FOUR WEEKS OF LENTEN GIVING

The Benevolence Board has again chosen Repairers of the Breach as the beneficiary of our Easter Giving. The pandemic has had a devastating impact on the homeless and the organizations serving them. Repairers has successfully navigated this unprecedented situation and continues to consistently provide meals, support and a pathway to a better life for this compromised population.

They partner with other amazing non-profits to provide the services and care their clients need – whatever that may look like. Job training, permanent housing, healthcare and counselling are just a few of the critical services they are able to offer. They are the only daytime refuge and resource center open six days a week for adult homeless men and women.

Along with your financial support we are also sponsoring a FOURTY DAYS OF LENTEN GIVING drive to collect specific items in great need at Repairers. We hope you will choose at least one item from each category and drop them off under the portico at your convenience.

Repairers Wish List

March 2-13

Cleaning Supplies:

Disinfectant sprays, paper towels, Pine-Sol Multipurpose Cleaner,
Febreze, Clorox wipes

Lenten Verse: 1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

March 14-24

Toiletries:

Deodorant, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, toothpaste (travel size),
alcohol-free mouthwash (travel size), soaps (travel size),
shampoo (travel size), Chapstick, shaving cream

Lenten Verse: Psalm 51:7

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

March 25-April 3

Men's and Women's Clothing (New/Clean/Gently Used):

Gloves, black and white socks, underwear (all sizes), jeans (all sizes),
t-shirts (all sizes), professional clothing (all sizes)

Lenten verse: Luke 3:10-11

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

April 4-17

First Aid Items:

Non-latex gloves, Vaseline (small tubes) diabetic test strips w/meters,
Anbesol, reading glasses, travel size first aid items, epsom salt

Lenten verse: Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

We pray that you will give thoughtful and caring consideration to generously supporting this worthy and much needed mission. Thank you!





BLOOD DRIVE

The Health Committee is working in conjunction with Fox Point Lutheran Church to host a blood drive April 2 from 9:00-2:00. More details to follow.

JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

The need for peanut butter, bags and non-perishable items remains high. Please drop off as often as you can in the Under the Portico bin. Our 'In the Middles' youth group learned firsthand about the workings of JOMM when they took a tour and then rolled up their sleeves and helped organize the pantry Feb. 19! "This was fun!" And "Can we come again?" were just some of the comments heard.

SOULS FOR JESUS

We are back sorting shoes at Soles for Jesus March 12 and April 2, 9-11 am. Sign up online or contact David Schimpf at dschimpf@wi.rr.com.

Sign up for the March 12 date here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles5>

And/or the April 2 date here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles6>

ST. BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

The doors are open again! March 15 we will need casseroles, desserts, servers and drivers to help those in need at this long standing NSCC outreach. Please contact Dona Wininsky if you are able to help: dona.wininsky@gmail.com.

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH SANDWICH MAKING

Meet in the church basement, immediately after worship on March 6, to make 85 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless clinic and shelter. This is a great opportunity to work together with people of all ages - there is something for everyone!

HEALTH COMMITTEE

SCREEN TIME AND CHILDRENS' VISION

It is unlikely there is a parent or grandparent who has not been amazed, even amused, by the skills their little loves display on smartphones and tablets. However, too much screen time can result in serious damage to children's eyes, warns Dr. Noha Ekdawi, a pediatric ophthalmologist and spokesperson for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. With children spending more time at home due to Covid, their average amount of recreational screen time has doubled from 3.8 hours per day to 7.7 hours.



Lack of time spent outdoors also has a negative impact, since natural light increases dopamine levels which improve the growth rate of the eye.

Researchers believe this has led to a significant increase in myopia, better known as nearsightedness, in children ages 6-14. Those aged 6-8 have triple the rate of myopia that they did pre-pandemic.

With myopia, the eye becomes elongated, retinal stretching and tears can occur. This can lead to retinal detachment, glaucoma, early cataracts, and mild maculopathy which is a primary cause of blindness.

Yes, it is alarming. Being aware gives us the opportunity to act. Dr. Ekdawi offers these recommendations:

- ◆ Limit screen time to 1-2 hours a day.
- ◆ Have screen-free zones in your home.
- ◆ Spend 2 hours outside each day.
- ◆ Follow the 20/20/20 guide: take a break every 20 minutes of screen time, and look 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

Download the GoCheck Vision at Home app. GoCheck is used by pediatricians and supported by studies.

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. 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 church 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!



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

In the Middle (grades 5-8)

March 13, come downstairs to the Kitchen (right after the Lord's Prayer in worship). We will talk about what is going on when Jesus ask's Peter, "do you love me?" and then says, "Feed my sheep." We will spend our time making desserts for St. Ben's Loaves and Fishes meal that the church provides and serves on March 15. Friends and adult helpers always welcome!!



Come for an In the Middle **Hangout** in the Youth Room Sunday afternoon, March 27, from 5-6. Pizza and games, and a good time to bring friends.

High School Hangout (grades 9-12)

The Hangout for grade 9-12 continues on the first and third Sunday's in March. Come, bring friends to YOUR youth room March 6 and 20 from 5-6pm. We always have pizza and beverages and a game or two!



Children and Youth of all ages...Meet in the Church Kitchen March 6 to be part of the team making bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach, daytime clinic and homeless shelter. Parents, watch for email and text reminders- and remember friends are always welcome to join in! Volunteer adults always needed and welcome. Please contact the church office with questions or to help!

Wisconsin Congregational Summer Camp Mt. Morris, Wisconsin.

MiniKamp, grades 3-5 (complete 2022)
Jr. High, grades 6-8 (completed 2022)
Sr. High, grades 9-12 (completed 2022).

For kids who have come, they call it “the best week of the year!”

Join us for a weeklong “Summerfest” style celebration of Peace and Faith through music! How can we think about faith in the media we consume, the movies we love, the music we listen to, and more? Music, great food, field games, craft barn, pool time, nature hikes, skit night, campfires and more.


July 10-16. \$425 Early Bird, or \$475 to register in June. Scholarships available through both NSCC and the WCA!



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