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A Full Spring ...



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Sunday Morning

10:00am
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)

10:15am
Music & Movement and
Godly Fun

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As I sit to write this note, I am a few days away from a Spring Break week away with my family (by the time you read it, I will have gone and returned). I am, as always, looking forward to having some time away from the busyness of daily life. As I shared with our Church Council at our meeting last night, however, I am particularly anxious for this coming week, as it is a chance to detach and recharge before the very full and exciting spring we have before us at NSCC.

April will mark the beginning of an exciting and busy season that will take place here at the church. While we are never certain of what lingers around the corner with Covid-19, the current state of the pandemic is such that these coming months will (hopefully) look more ‘normal’ than much of anything we’ve known in over two years!

April will kick off with the receiving of new members into our church fellowship on April 3.

Holy Week will return to pre-pandemic practices with our Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza Brunch and Egg Hunt (April 10), our Maundy Thursday supper and worship (April 14, 6pm), Good Friday (April 15 at 2pm) and Easter worship services at 9 and 11am.

The very next Sunday, April 24, will be our spring congregational meeting exploring both the preliminary slate of nominations for the coming year and the presentation of a proposal from the Church Council to begin offering a mid-week worship service on Wednesday evenings (both of these items will be acted upon at our Annual Meeting in May).

On the weekend of April 29 and 30, our church will serve as the host of the Annual Meeting and Summit of the Wisconsin Congregational Association.

A Full Spring continued....

The Worship Vision Team will host a special fellowship time after worship on May 1, providing another opportunity to ask questions about the worship proposal to be considered at the May 15 meeting.

Mother's Day on May 8 will then lead towards our Annual Meeting after worship on May 15, and then our sights will quickly be set on Celebration Sunday, and the end of the 2021-2022 program year, on June 5.

Details for many of these items are included in the pages that follow. For my part, however, what I really want to encourage is your participation and engagement in everything that is in store at NSCC in these coming weeks and months. It has been a long and difficult two years (for many reasons), and there is no assurance that the pandemic strife is a thing of the past. In this moment in time, however, we have an opportunity to enjoy our life together, as a community in faith, in ways that we have missed for far too long. I pray that you will mark your calendars and hold these gatherings as a priority in your lives in the weeks ahead!

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!



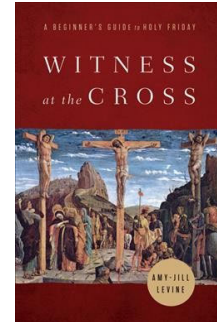
In addition to crafts, we will be hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** outside (weather permitting) at 11:45am, for children up through grade 8. The hunt will be open to all who would like to participate: kids of our church, their friends, and any of our area neighbors who wish to stop by. (Kids be sure to 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.

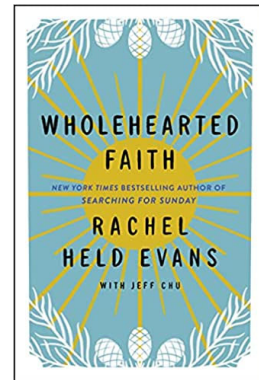
In April we will complete the book and video series: “*Witness at the Cross*” by Amy Jill Levine. Each week has a particular theme. If you wish to join us you may purchase the book for \$11.99, or simply view the video. Those of us who come in person meet in Rev. Julie’s office where we are joined by others online (through Zoom). The link for Zoom will be in the Monday emails each week. If you have any questions or would like to receive more communication about the Bible study, contact the church office



Sunday Afternoon Bible Study - We are in the midst of Exodus and meet 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. April 19 we begin a discussion with “*Wholehearted Faith*” by Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu. This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness. The author wrestles with God’s grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book.



Contact the church office if you would like a copy of the book ordered: \$20

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Thank you to those who were able to participate in the Women's Retreat March 4-5 at Christ Pond. It was a warm time of making connections and reconnecting together. We gathered on Friday Evening, settled our belongings into our rooms and then met in the kitchen for introductions.

A wonderful reality of this group was that we did not all actually know each other, in some cases having not met before and in other cases coming from different age and life stages.

We "potlucked" meals, talked and talked around tables and in front of a large fire, told stories, knit, and read. We discussed places in our lives that may feel "chipped, cracked, or broken" and the way God may be working through this, and how God's light may shine through the cracks.

Then we actually broke ceramic bowls and practiced the art of Kintsugi, which honors the beauty of imperfections. (And isn't that how God sees us all!) The Kintsugi artisan uses gold paint and super glue to repair the broken piece, emphasizing rather than hiding, the breakage.

We parted having strengthened our sense of connection with each other and God...and look forward to more opportunities!



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APRIL**

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9:00 AM- 2:00 PM

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Visit bit.ly/northshoreapril2 or call 877-232-4376 to Save the Day!



LOAVES AND FISHES
APRIL, 19 2022



CASSEROLES *

DESSERTS *

Schimpf	Wood
Block	Zganjar
Petersen	Lemorande
Scharnweber	Lemorande
Swenson	Dowsett
Westfahl	Nelson
	Nelson
	Enea
	Schuyler
Only 1 pan - half recipe	Single recipe do not double

DRIVERS

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SERVERS

Schimpf	Tollefsen
Scharnweber	Tollefsen
Schuyler	
Schuyler	

Holy Week Worship



Palm Sunday - April 10, 10am

Join us, **Palm Sunday**, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Our worship service will be followed by our Eggstravaganza Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt!

(See page 3 for more information)

Maundy Thursday - April 14, 6pm

Our **remembrance of the Lord's Supper** on **Maundy Thursday** will follow the pattern we enjoyed in the years prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, as we gather around the table and share in worship, fellowship and food beginning at 6pm. Gathering in our Fellowship Hall, sharing in a light meal, and breaking bread with one another, we will be reminded of what it was like for those who ate with Jesus on that very night he was betrayed.

Good Friday - April 15, 2pm

On **Good Friday** we will begin worship at **2pm**, as we have for many years, to reflect upon the crucifixion. The service will end with the tolling of the bell at 3pm.

Easter Sunday - April 17, 9am and 11am

We will celebrate the **joy and wonder of the resurrection, Easter morning**, with two services (one at 9am and the other at 11am). Both services will be similar, including the choirs, brass, and an atmosphere of joy and celebration in the face of the Risen Lord.

Easter Decorations and Dedications

Your Decorating Committee is once again making plans to adorn our beautiful building for the upcoming Easter season. We always look forward to seeing our sanctuary in all its glory as we worship at this very special time of year. This is an opportunity to remember or honor someone, or something, by making a contribution and having your message printed on the Order of Worship on Easter morning. Please return the section below to the church office by April 11, 2022 with your check, or make a donation at <https://onrealm.org/NorthShoreCongr/give/dedications>.

Name: _____

I would like the wording in the Easter bulletin to appear (select one):

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In celebration of: _____



From the Moderator: Save These Dates!

A Call to Attend Our Spring Congregational Meetings

What is the Kingdom of God?

“It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.” Luke 13:19 (NRSV)

In this season of Lent, we await the celebration of the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we look forward to this renewal of spirit, take joy in the knowledge of God’s everlasting presence, no matter the circumstances!

In April and May, two congregational meetings will be held to introduce and to vote on a preliminary slate of nominees for our church boards and committees, as well as position-holders who are continuing their terms. This preliminary slate not only reflects the diligence of members of our Nominating Committee seeking those who are willing to serve, but also the generosity of those members who have committed to service. We are so very grateful for both.

Notice and distribution of the preliminary slate will be given at the April 24th meeting. Historically, this first meeting is a short one. Three weeks later, on May 15th, we’ll conduct our end-of-year church meeting, distribute the annual report, and vote on the slate.

In accordance with our church bylaws, it is vital for us to have sufficient attendance at both meetings. A quorum of at least 50 members is required, including those attending in person and those on Zoom.

Both meetings follow the Sunday morning 10:00 worship service and begin at 11:00.

The 11:00 start time allows us to accommodate those attending remotely on Zoom. It also gives those attending worship in person an opportunity to go to Friendship Lounge, get refreshment, and rejoin us for these meetings, which have a bearing on our future.

Please be a part of these gatherings...whether in person or on Zoom...to learn about and appreciate what we’ve accomplished this church year, and to rejoice together as we move forward into the next one, so filled with promise.

Susan Wauck, Moderator

Wisconsin Congregational Association Annual Meeting and Retreat
Friday evening, April 29, & Saturday, April 30

Spring Refresh Retreat: Rest. Receive. Respond.

Guest facilitators from the *Pilgrim Center of Reconciliation* (Minneapolis, MN) will lead us through a retreat on the *Rhythm of Ministry*, followed by a workshop on *Growing Common Bonds*.

Schedule:

April 29

6:30pm: Registration and Fellowship

7-9pm: Rhythms of Ministry

April 30

8:30am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

9-11:45am: Rhythms of Ministry

11:45am-12:30pm: Lunch

12:30-1:30pm: Growing Common Bonds

1:30-2:30pm: Business Meeting

Please find more information and registration at <https://www.wiscongregational.net/>

ANNUAL
MEETING



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.

Repairers would like us to know that: “You provide Milwaukee's most vulnerable population with hope, by offering the homeless or at-risk with a chance. You provide opportunity, something that some people have never truly gotten before. Most importantly, you provide love, showing the homeless or at-risk that they have worth, because you're willing to invest in them.”

Please fill out your Lenten giving envelopes and return to church as soon as possible or donate online through Realm.

Remember also that we are sponsoring a **FOUR WEEKS OF LENTEN GIVING** drive to collect specific items in great need at Repairers. Please bring donated items to the bin under the Portico. The last two drives are:

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.

SOULS FOR JESUS

Be part of a team serving at Soles for Jesus sorting shoes to be sent to people in Africa who need them! April 2 9-11AM. It is a joyous work! Our team in March helped complete a shipment of 8000 shoes (10 pallets) that will be sent to Guinea.

Contact David Schimpf dschimpf@wi.rr.com or sign up online at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles6>

ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

April 19 is St Ben's day! Please contact Dona Wininsky at dona.wininsky@gmail.com if you are able to help with casseroles, desserts, to serve or to deliver the food.

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

April 3 is sandwich making day back in the kitchen, downstairs, immediately after worship - TOGETHER!! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and gratification of helping to feed our struggling and homeless population. Many hands make light work – we have 85 bag lunches to prepare, so please join in!

JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

We continue to collect peanut butter, non-perishable items and bags, especially plastic, as they are more durable. Drop off your items Under the Portico. Many thanks for the ongoing support of this important mission.



MISSION RESERVE FUND

What is the Mission Reserve Fund? The Mission Reserve Fund is one of the “branches” of the Reverend Karl D. Schimpf Memorial and Special Gifts Fund. According to official church policy, its purpose is “to provide special projects, gifts and programs related to the benevolence and mission ministries of the church.” Funds from the MRF shall not be used to support or underwrite the church’s regular annual giving to mission partners and programs.

The Benevolence Board has given out three \$5,000 grants from this fund thus far:

- Neighborhood House to help with the establishment of a new food pantry at the beginning of the pandemic.
- Soles for Jesus to send a shipments of shoes to Africa.
- Hosanna Industries to help rehab and build new homes for those in need and to assist in disaster relief in their community.

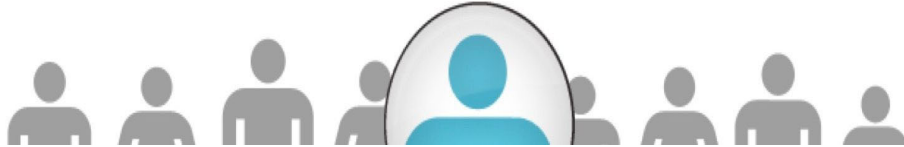
There are two ways YOU can get involved - If you know of such a need or hear of a special program that fits these requirements, let the Benevolence Board know. **DONATE!** This Fund is another special way our church community touches the lives of those less fortunate. Please consider a donation to keep this good work going! It is a wonderful way to honor a loved one, give a lasting gift in someone’s name or to just make you feel good!

UKRAINE RELIEF

For those who wish to send financial support to relief efforts in Ukraine, donations can be made to the church that will then be passed along to the One Great Hour of Sharing Fund at the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, who will see to the distribution of the funds for relief efforts. Checks and cash can be contributed at any time (with the envelope or check noted as support for Ukraine), or online contributions can be made directly to the fund <https://onrealm.org/NorthShoreCongr/give/Ukraine>

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)

Bruce Loder (414) 975-5561 (cell)

Betty Moore (414) 351-5587 (home)

Lisa Wermuth (414) 659-9603 (cell)

Don Osborne (414) 704-8035 (cell)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Easter Sunday we will have services at 9AM and 11AM. No Godly fun that morning, **so 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. We are currently exploring the meaning of 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)

Come for an **In the Middle Hangout** in the Youth room Sunday afternoon, **April 24, from 5-6pm.** Pizza and games, and a good time to bring friends.

Let Rev. Julie know if you can **help hide Easter Eggs** on the morning of **April 10** for the Egg Hunt after worship!

High School Hangout (grades 9-12)

The Hangout for grades 9-12, on April 3, will include not only pizza and games, but stuffing many plastic Easter Eggs for the Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza after worship. Come, bring friends to YOUR youth room, from 5-6pm.



Children and Youth of all ages

Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza!

Stay after church for a delicious brunch (provided by the Fellowship Committee), a few special Easter items to make and take, and an Easter Egg Hunt! Your friends and neighbors are invited too, so let them know.

In April we have several opportunities to join in serving others.

- On **Saturday, April 2**, join others at **Soles for Jesus, from 9-11am**, sorting shoes and preparing them for shipments to people in Africa. Let David Schimpf know who will serve. Email David at dschimpf@wi.rr.com or sign up via this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles6>.
- **April 3**, join us at **11:00am**, downstairs in the church kitchen, to make **bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach** daytime homeless shelter and clinic.

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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Mike Fugarino, Custodian

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