

North Shore Church News

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

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Sunday Worship

10:00am
Worship (Sanctuary/Facebook)

10:15am
Music & Movement and
Godly Fun

Midweek Manna

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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While not at all surprised, I have to say that my heart and spirit have been strengthened, over the past 6 weeks or so, by a recurrent conversation that I have shared with a great number of members of the church. As the news of Julie's new call was shared with the congregation, there was an expected and appropriate period of surprise (even shock) and sadness that was shared by many. We all know how blessed we have been to have shared in Julie's heart and faith for all these years, and she will be deeply missed by all of us. While we rejoice in this new opportunity for her, we are saddened by the loss it means to us, and to our church.

As much as that sadness remains, however, it has been truly heartwarming, personally, to hear from so many in the church whose attention and consideration of Julie's departure had very quickly broadened to include their concerns over the impact that this would have on me, my role in the church, and my responsibilities to my family. I have been truly touched by the number of people who have approached me with concern, questioned how I was doing, and offered encouragement and support. It has been a true and deep reflection of the faith and compassion of our congregation, and I am profoundly grateful for it. For each of you who have made such outreaches – and the others who have had such thoughts on their hearts – I offer my deep appreciation. It has meant much more to me than you might know!

At the same time, however, I want to take this opportunity to answer the question that has been recurrently asked. In most every one of these conversations, as these kind conversations of concern and support have been shared, it has included the question of how people can help as we take steps forward. In answer to that question, I say simply this – read all that follows this note!

How you can help continued....

In the pages that follow, you will find a litany of things coming up in the life of the church. Much of this is reflective of the busiest time of year in an active community of faith. There are some key areas, however, where we are looking for people to step in. We are looking for volunteers to help fill out a rotation of teachers for our Sunday children's programs. We are looking for people to help engage a new visitation ministry that is soon to begin. We are desperately looking for connections with people who might be interested in becoming a part of our children's ministry staff. The list goes on!

I am deeply grateful for the spirit of support that people have shown these recent weeks, and for that which I know is still to come. For those of you wondering how you can help, however, the answer lies somewhere in the pages that follow (or in others that will come in the months ahead). If and where you are willing, consider finding new places to engage as we claim the next chapter of ministry that God is setting before us. The more who are ready and willing to be an active part of what is going on, the more we will grow together in the directions that God is guiding us. For whatever role you each may play in that journey, I give you thanks!

*In Faith, **Marty***



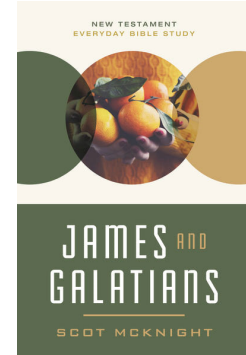
ADULT FORMATION

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

The Thursday Bible study is beginning a conversation and study on Galatians and James with a Kerygma study guide. Several members of the current group will be working together, sharing responsibilities for facilitating conversations. Please watch for updates and, if you are not already on the email reminder list, let us know and you will be able to get first-hand notes and updates.

Those who attend in person will meet in the library for the first few weeks of October (later to switch to a hybrid meeting space that is in the works).

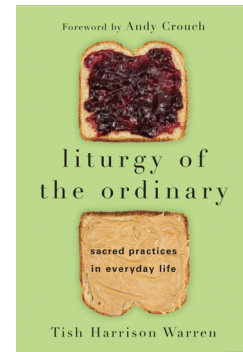
The link for those who wish to join us on Zoom will be in the Monday emails each week.



Tuesday Morning Book Group

Our Tuesday Morning Book Group is beginning to discuss “*Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*,” by Tish Harrison Warren (check your local book store or Amazon if you haven’t already ordered a book). Please watch the Monday E-news (and if you are not currently in the Book Group email list, and wish to be, just contact us on the office).

The “Zoom” group meets from 9-9:50am (link provided in Monday email), the in-person group meets from 10-10:50am in Friendship Lounge.



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

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendar for some of these key dates coming up later this fall and into the holidays...

- ◆ November 6, 2022 – Remembrance Sunday
- ◆ November 13, 2022 – Harvest Fest after worship
- ◆ November 13, 2022 – Souper's Chili Sale
- ◆ November 20, 2022 – Thanksgiving Sunday
- ◆ December 4, 2022 – Advent Fest after worship
- ◆ December 11, 2022 – Music Sunday

Advent Devotionals, What? Yes your Advent team has already met, put together a theme and chosen scriptures for our annual Advent devotional that YOU write! Watch for the announcement, an email sign up link, and a sign up table during coffee hour, in mid October.



LOAVES AND FISHES

October 18, 2022



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Anderson	Zganjar
Moore	Wood, Sue
Scharnweber	Petersen
Schimpf, B.	Hadcock, M
Webb 1	Krosnosky
Webb 2	Loder
Wink	Lemorande
Wermuth	Hadcock, J.
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	Arnold
-----	Nelson 1
-----	Nelson 2
-----	<i>Single batch ~30</i>

DRIVERS

Osborne	Block	-----
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SERVERS

Scharnweber	Scharnweber
Schimpf	Dallman
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Schimpf	-----

HEALTH COMMITTEE

There is never a good time to learn you have cancer. For me, it was 10:15 am on Halloween of 2001. I never questioned, “Why me?” My first thought was, “What now?” It would be days until I met with my health care providers. Time passed slowly, while so many thoughts and questions raced through my mind.

Today, those in a similar situation can turn to the **Cancer Support Community**. It is their mission that no one faces cancer alone. Experts are available by phone or an online chat. They offer guidance, resources, and support in over 200 languages. They can provide information on Clinical Trials, Genetics, Navigating Finances, and Pediatric Oncology as well.

To reach them, call their support line 888-793-9355, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am-7:00 pm. Saturdays they are available 8:00 am-4:00 pm. To have an online conversation, go to their site <https://cancersupportcommunity.org> and click on live chat. The hours are the same.

This wonderful organization has the support of the American Cancer Society.

Carol Wink

NSCC Health Committee

If there are topics you would like us to address or share, please contact a member of the Health Committee: Jean Lemonrande, Sharon Hall, Terry Doty Webb, Andrea Goetzinger, Carol Wink.



OCTOBER 2022 ALL-CHURCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendars!

This year's October Regular Meeting of Members will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 11am at Church, immediately following worship. It will be in person of course, and via Zoom for those who can't attend in person.

On the agenda, as required by our Constitution and By-Laws, will be the presentation of our proposed 2023 budget (to be voted on at the December Meeting of Members).

Also, important: We will present several proposed revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws. They have been suggested by different church members, and were recently approved by Church Council for your consideration, and your vote on whether or not to approve. They are designed to keep us up-to-date with current financing realities, and also evolving changes in all-church meeting attendance patterns, likely due to a number of factors including the recent pandemic.

At the risk of putting you to sleep, but in the interest of transparency, here is a summary of the proposed by-laws changes:

1. Allowing the Treasurer to properly interact with the Board of Fund Stewards (Article VI section 5)
2. Formalizing the role of Board of Christian Enrichment to use funds from the Youth Programming Reserve Fund (a relatively recent addition to the Rev. Karl D. Schimpf Memorial and Special Gifts Fund) (Article VII section 4)
3. Revising the due date of the required annual audit to June 30 from mid-February (Article VII section 3)
4. A few scattered minor and non-controversial tweaks and repairs in language, for example properly naming BCE in one spot
5. (important) Several changes in Meetings of Members under Article IX sections 2, 4, 5 and 6. These include:
 - a. Reducing the number of Regular Meetings from 4 per year down to 2, by eliminating the October and April (information-only) meetings in favor of a requirement to announce and publish in advance the slate of nominees for the May meeting and the budget for the December meeting,

- b. Formally allowing electronic participation (e.g. Zoom, which we are now doing anyway),
- c. Reducing the required quorum from 50 members down to 35, and
- d. Strengthening language that limits the business conducted at all-church meetings to what is properly announced in advance. (Essentially, any topic is fair game but no 11th hour surprises.)

P.S. to Green Bay Packers fans: The game on October 30 in Buffalo starts at 7:30pmplenty of time to attend this church meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 30,

Doug Wermuth, your Moderator

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Committee would like to announce that the **EOG (Estimate of Giving) campaign will be launched on Sunday, October 9**, with a “Stewardship Minute” during the service. Please look for an Estimate of Giving letter and email in early October and note that we are **requesting that EOG’s are returned by November 1**.

Please plan on attending an information **session for a brand new “Giving Guide”** on Sunday, **October 16**! At this meeting you will receive information about making financial donations outside of the EOG process.



OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>25 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship - Rev. Dr. Martin Hall 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Farewell Reception for the Sheridan-Smith Family</p>	<p>26 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)</p>
<p>2 Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express</p>	<p>3 9:30am PEO AM 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm Deacons (Fellowship Hall and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom) 6:00pm Trustees (Library) 7:00pm BCE (Youth Room) 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)</p>
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<p>16 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship (Rev. Barry Szymanski - Preaching) 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Planned Giving Q&A</p>	<p>17 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>18 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 4:00pm Loaves and Fishes 7:00pm Council 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)</p>
<p>23 Bible Sunday 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>24 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>25 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)</p>
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<p>12 10:00am WCMF (Offsite) 10:30am Yoga 12:15pm health committee 1:00pm Stormonth Evacuation (Rain Date) 6:30pm Midweek Manna (Rev. Rob Fredrickson - Preaching) 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>13 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 11:15am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14 6:30am Men's Discussion Group (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Fox Point Farmers' Market 9:00am OEAnnon - Friendship Lounge 9:00am Soles for Jesus Sort and Serve 12:00pm Farmer's Market Luncheon (outside or Fellowship Hall)</p>
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TAKE NOTE..



Mark your calendar for a special **Harvest Fest**, hosted by our Fellowship Committee, immediately after worship on Sunday, **November 13**. Great food and fun will be in store for members of all ages, and the Packer game doesn't start until 3:25pm! We hope you will plan to join us!

Staff Meeting Change – For those who pay attention to such things, please note that our staff meetings are **moving to Mondays**. Moving forward, the staff will meet in the library at **2pm each Monday**. Please note that we will be generally unavailable during this time each week.



A New Blessing to Our Worship Life: One of the ways we are embracing this transitional time in the life of our church is by inviting clergy to serve as **guest preachers** (generally 1 week per month). In October, we will welcome the Rev. Rob Fredrickson for Midweek Manna on Wednesday, October 12, and will welcome the Rev. Barry Szymanski on Sunday, October 16. Rev. Marty will be here on those days, but will act in a support role for those who are leading worship



VISITATION MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Deacons recently approved the establishment of a Visitation Ministry to support the pastoral staff's efforts to maintain regular contact with church members who may be lonely or unable to attend worship and other church activities because of physical constraints imposed by health or age.

The intention of Visitation Ministry is that, through compassionate outreach, all members of North Shore Congregational Church feel connected to and cared for by their church family.

The expectation of Visitation Ministry volunteers will be to meet with church members who request this outreach once every one or two months. There will be one session to equip volunteers.

This ministry is not intended to be a substitute for pastoral visitation. Marty will continue to prioritize visiting with those who are facing life crises and those requesting the care of a pastor. The Visitation Ministry is meant to support our minister(s) who have, for a long time, been frustrated with finding as much time as they desire to visit church members. Julie's departure will make this even more challenging for now.

The Visitation Ministry is not meant to resemble Stephen Ministry, the focus of which was to provide extensively trained lay people to meet weekly, in a confidential setting, with people undergoing life crises.

Please prayerfully discern if this ministry is a good fit for you. If you are interested in more information and/or volunteering to serve as a visitation volunteer, please let Kerrin in the church office know.



NSCC IS HIRING

And we need your help!

NSCC is looking for help in the children and youth ministries of the church. **We are seeking to fill 3 positions.** If you know of anyone who might be interested in any of these positions, please have them contact us at NSCCChurchWI@gmail.com.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Approximately 10 hours per week organizing and facilitating the Sunday morning Children's programs, as well as periodic special activities. Expected to be present from 9:30am to 11:30am on Sunday mornings, with remaining hours flexible on site or from home. Must be at least 21 years old and able to clear a criminal background check. Compensation based on qualifications and experience.

CRIB 'N CRAWLER ATTENDANT

Be present to care for the infants and toddlers in our nursery on Sunday mornings from 9:45am to 11:15am. Must be at least 18 years old and able to clear a criminal background check. Compensation is \$30 per week.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

Arrange, host and facilitate gatherings for middle and high school aged youth of the church. Host internal events while also cooperating in shared events with sister churches in Metro Milwaukee. Consistent (but not weekly) worship attendance on Wednesdays and/or Sundays is expected. Approximately 4-6 hours per week of work anticipated. Must be at least 21 years old and able to clear a criminal background check. Compensation is \$500 per month.

—— JOIN THE TEAM ——
We're hiring!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our children's ministries need volunteers! Are you someone who likes to work with kids? Do you enjoy sharing in the spirit and energy that abounds from the youngest among us? If so, might you be willing to give a few hours of your time every couple of months? As we look ahead to the next phase of our Sunday morning children's programs, we are looking to create a team of people who will rotate through the responsibility of leading our Sunday morning Music and Movement and Godly Fun sessions. With enough volunteers, we expect that no one would need to lead more than a handful of times each year. Curriculum is provided and no special skills are needed. Your heart, your faith, and your time is all that is required to make for a great morning. If you might be interested, or have any questions, please contact Kelsey Molinari or Rev. Marty.





SOLES FOR JESUS

Our next Sort and Serve date is October 15, from 9:00-11:00am. This will be our last commitment until after the first of the year. Please come and help make the load light for these two hours of good work!



Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles11>.

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

We are back in the kitchen making bag lunches together! Please join us – young and old – on November 6, immediately after worship. This is a fun opportunity to work together for a good cause. Please contact Jane Ford for additional information: janer1975@gmail.com.



ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

We need volunteer casserole makers, bakers, servers and drivers for the third Tuesday of each month. All you need to do is make one pan of the casserole or one recipe of a finger-food dessert in the comfort of your own kitchen. If you are not fond of the kitchen, then please consider driving the goodies to St. Ben's and/or serving them up! The church kitchen has the pans and Dona has the recipe. You can do this periodically or every month from September through May. Contact Dona at: dona.wininsky@gmail.com.



FOX POINT FARMER'S MARKET

Our beloved farmers market is winding down for the season in mid-October. Our wonderful community has been very generous in supporting our St Ben's donation box and our Soles for Jesus collection. We are so grateful to all who have contributed! We also are grateful to the gals who oversee making sure the boxes are out each week – Terry Doty-Webb, Midge Croysdale and Carol Wink. A big thank you!



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

Our friends at JOMM are thrilled to be mowing their grass again thanks to us! We were able to donate a working, but older lawnmower that we no longer needed. The grass around their sight is trimmed and looking good! Thank you to our Trustees for making this happen.



Remember JOMM also through your contributions of plastic bags, peanut butter and other non-perishable items placed in the bin under the Portico.



WORSHIP MATTERS



Our Midweek Manna services are already entering their third month! We have been thrilled to enjoy worship together in this alternative format and look forward to continuing this journey further into the fall. Please consider inviting your friends to be a part of this unique worship gathering. Social media posts are regularly available for sharing, and postcards are available to be sent to anyone who might like to know of this opportunity.

If you would be interested in **hosting the post-worship fellowship** after one of our upcoming Midweek Manna services (bringing a few treats and beverages to share), please contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com. We have been blessed with rich fellowship after these weekly services and would love to expand the group of those helping to foster this new portion of our church life.

Looking ahead, please note that, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be **no Midweek Manna service on Wednesday, November 23.**

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Our **2022-2023 Confirmation** program is underway.

One of the things that is asked of our participants is that they need to have their 'requirements' (worship attendance, meetings, volunteering...) signed by members of the church. If you are approached by one of our confirmands for a signature, please take that opportunity to introduce yourself and learn a bit more about the growing faith of these young men and women of our church family.



We are excited for the return of our traditional **Bible Sunday** celebration on Sunday, **October 23**. Please join us during worship to celebrate and pray with the six students who will be receiving their Bibles that day.



Enrollment Forms: Families with children/youth in church programs/activities, please fill out our simplified enrollment form. If you have not received one via email, please contact the church office. Blank copies also available in the classroom. **Email or drop off your filled in form to the office.**

Midweek Manna: Midweek Manna (Wednesdays at 6:30) has had a great beginning! For families, please know we have some **fun, accessible bulletins and items to help children engage** that are updated each week to work alongside the focus that evening. The setting is welcoming and casual, come see what you think!

Make a Difference! Don't forget to see the Beyond our Walls page with opportunities to serve in the community. Both Soles for Jesus and Repairers of the Breach lunch making are easy for all ages to engage in together.



Parents, always 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 joining in.



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