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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

A Different Question ...



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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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For a number of reasons, I have found myself recurrently involved, both in and outside the church, in conversations about the changes we experience in our lives. We've long since come to understand that change is the inevitable norm of the human condition, and that the expediency of that change is ever-increasing in these days of evolving technologies, pandemics, and more. Life is not the same as it was a year ago, and it will be different a year from now. This is news to no one.

What I found compelling in these recent conversations, however, is the fundamental question that seems to emerge in the face of every change. Whenever we come upon the inescapable changes that life brings upon us, it seems that the first question we ask is, 'Is this change good?' It might be a new relationship, a new job, a new way of doing an old thing, a new thing altogether... the list is endless. In each and every case, the first thing that we ask, when we see the change on the horizon, is whether or not that change is 'good.'

As people of faith, however, I do sometimes wonder if there is a different question that might be asked. Consider the words of Paul to the church in Rome:

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

What if that became the question? What if, instead of asking whether or not a change is good, we began asking what good might come from the change? As people of this world, we know that change is inevitable, that sometimes it is a positive experience (and other times not), and that we often have little control over its impact in our lives. As people of faith, however, we know that God is at work amidst it all. So, what if that became the question?

A Different Question continued....

What if, instead of trying to call a change a 'good thing,' we became more focused on finding the good that God will bring from the change? What if, as life continues its constant evolution around us, we stopped trying to label things as positive and negative, but instead sought to discern the blessings that God will work from it? What if, instead of feeling that we need to either be happy or sad about a change, we allowed ourselves to grieve what was lost while clinging to the promise of the new good that God will bring forth from it?

As people of this world, we know that change is going to happen. Some of it is going to strike us as more positive than others. As people of faith, however, we know that God is at work in it all. So, what if that became the question? What if, instead of immediately asking ourselves whether or not a change is good, we instead asked ourselves what good will come from the change?

In Faith, *Marty*



Join us in worship for

Remembrance Sunday

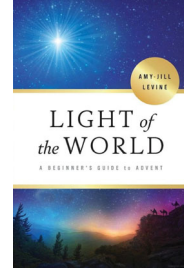
Sunday, November 6, 10am

This annual service of remembering members of our church family we have lost in the last year is always a tremendously rich and powerful experience of worship for our congregation. Please be with us for this special day.

ADULT FORMATION

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

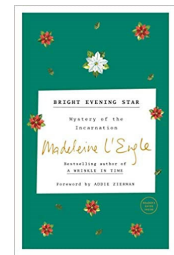
Beginning in December the Thursday Bible study group will be starting an Advent study. Please join us as we read *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent* by Amy-Jill Levine. Our group meets from 9:30-11:00am. Any and all are welcome to come and learn with us! Those of us who come in person, meet in the Owl Room where we are joined by others online (through Zoom).



The link for Zoom will be in the Monday emails each week.

Tuesday Morning Book Group

As we wrap up our discussion of Liturgy of the Ordinary by Tish Harrison Warren, we start looking ahead to our next selection, *Bright Evening Star: Mystery of the Incarnation* by Madeleine L'Engle.



This description, taken from the author's website, gives a bit of background: "*Christmas*," says Madeleine L'Engle, "*should be a time of awed silence*." In *Bright Evening Star*, Madeleine L'Engle reflects upon the mystery of Jesus's Incarnation. Her characteristic conversational tone, coupled with her immense knowledge of theology, make this a captivating and thought-provoking read. She has a clear reverence both for God and for the art of story itself.

Please join us as we enter Advent together and reflect on the beauty and mystery of the Incarnation.

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

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Make sure to join us for our first **Harvest Fest**, hosted by our Fellowship Committee, immediately **after worship on Sunday, November 13**. Great food and fun are 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!

Join us for the return of the always-popular **Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Feast Fellowship on Sunday, November 20**. As we look towards all of the ways in which we are grateful for God's blessings, join for a special worship service and then stay, after the 10am service, for our Pie Feast. Bring a sweet or savory pie to share!



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We invite you to take part in creating our Advent – Epiphany devotional. Framing each week is an Advent theme, and each day a different Bible verse.

Please choose a day/verse that speaks to you and respond. You may write a reflection, story, poem, or memory that is meaningful to you in **250 words or less**. You may close with a brief prayer if you wish. Do not worry to add graphics. A list of all verses can be found on the online sign-up available in the Monday email.



Please send your submission by **November 7** in **email, Word or PDF form** to KerrinWhite@NSCChurchWI.org . Contact the office with any questions.

Looking Ahead

Mark your calendar for some of these key dates coming up as we move into the holiday season...

- ♦ December 4, 2022 – Advent Fest after worship
- ♦ December 11, 2022 – Music Sunday
- ♦ December 18, 2022 – Congregational Meeting after worship
- ♦ December 24 – Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm and 9pm

Office Notes

Please be aware that **Marty will be out of the office during Thanksgiving week.** He will be in town and available in the case of an emergency, but will not be otherwise available from November 21-27. During this time, the **office will close entirely on November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**



A graphic for "Fall Back" featuring a clock face with a red arrow pointing from 12 to 1. The text "Fall Back" is in a large, bold, black font, and "6th November 2022" is in a smaller font below it. The background is decorated with autumn leaves and a red banner.	<p>REMEMBER: DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS ON NOVEMBER 6</p>
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FUNDRAISERS

Soupers Chili Sale – 2022: All monies go directly for the enjoyment of those who attend various events where food is served such as Advent Tea, Meetings and St. Ben’s meal program. Let’s do our best for our outreach ministry. Please use the link provided in the Monday email to **place your order by November 8, 2022**. Payment can be made to the Church Office by check or cash, or by contacting Kerrin to make an online payment. Please contact the office or Sue Wood (suewood127@gmail.com) with any questions.



Evergreen & Poinsettia Fundraiser - Once again we will be offering beautiful evergreens, poinsettias and gift cards from Bayside Garden Center. Gift Cards are a great holiday gift for teachers, coaches, neighbors, or stocking stuffers. Orders will be taken from **November 1 - November 18** and pick up will be at church the weekend after Thanksgiving. Look for an link in the Monday email or a form at church on November 6 and 13. Please help us to raise funds to update the Crib ‘n Crawler.



Repairers of the Breach will be back in the kitchen making lunches together on **Sunday, November 6**. Please come downstairs and enjoy this work together. Keep this important work going!



Please fill out and deliver your **Estimate of Giving** ASAP, by sending it to the church office (7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd. Fox Point, WI 53217) , emailing it to KerrinWhite@NSCChurchWI.org, using onRealm.org by selecting “EOG-2023” or by calling Kerrin White at 414-352-6123. Thank you for your financial support to continue our congregation’s purpose to grow and deepen Christian Discipleship in a faith community guided by the Holy Spirit!

North Shore Church Bridge Group - If you are interested in participating in a Bridge Group once a month at North Shore, please contact the office or Sue Wood. Bring a friend - players do not need to be NSCC members.

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
30 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Congregational Meeting 11:30am Fellowship	31 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	1 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom) 6:00pm Trustees (Library) 7:00pm BCE (Youth Room) 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
6 Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Remembrance Sunday Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express	7 9:30am PEO AM 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	8 Soupers' Chili Order Due 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
13 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Harvest Fest and Soupers Chili Pick-Up	14 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 4:00pm Loaves and Fishes 7:00pm Council 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
20 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Thanksgiving Sunday Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Pie Feast Fellowship	21 2:00pm Staff Meeting 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	22 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 7:00pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>10:30am Yoga 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 11:15am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30am Men's Discussion Group (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am OEAnnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnnon - Friendship Lounge</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed 10:30am Yoga</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30am Men's Discussion Group (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am OEAnnon - Friendship Lounge</p>

LOAVES AND FISHES

November 15, 2022



Loaves & fishes
—MINISTRY—

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Petersen	Dowsett
Streich	Fleck
Tornetta	Nelson
George	Nelson
Barsch	Krosnosky
Bartlett	Wauck
Lange	Wink
Hilyard	Zimmer
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	Schill
-----	Wood, Sarah
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DRIVERS

Osborne	Lange	-----
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SERVERS

Lange	Doty-Webb
Lange	Doty-Webb
Lange	Barsch
Lange	Dallman



Ladies Advent Brunch for You and Your Gnomies

Saturday, December 3 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

North Shore Congregational Church

7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd. • Fox Point

Let Heaven and Gnome Sing

You are invited to gather with family and friends to kick off the Advent season with a Swedish twist! Join the fun as we gather in Fellowship Hall and share Advent music, readings, a delicious light lunch and drawings. *Invite your friends and neighbors!*

Pay It Forward

Bring **NEW** hats, gloves or mittens for kids to be donated to the Neighborhood House (NSCC Giving Tree recipient) and get one ticket for your chance to win a fabulous basket of goodies!

RSVP

Sign up today! Call the church office at (414) 352-6123, email the church office at kerrinwhite@nscchurchwi.org, or find the sign-up sheet below the bulletin board in the hallway. **RSVP by Friday, November 25.**

Lunch funding provided by the "Soupers"



IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS!

ONE SEASON OF GIVING OFFERING

We will again **combine our Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings** this year with the donations going to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, a faith-based organization providing food, shelter, clothing, training and pastoral care to Milwaukee's most needy, so they can begin the process of healing and re-establishing productive lives. MRM has been serving these needs since 1893, and we are excited about the opportunity to support their good work. Your offering letter and more information is on the way!

GIVING TREE COMING SOON!



Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. Our hope is to provide Christmas magic to 102 boys and girls from the Neighborhood House of Milwaukee through this year's online Giving Tree. The Neighborhood House was founded to help strengthen children and families in some of the city's most underserved neighborhoods. It reaches more than 4,000 people annually through wrap-around services, including quality early child care, after school programs for youth and teens, adult education for refugees, parenting support, and a food pantry.

Sign-up for a Tag or Two (link in the Monday email). Each tag will fulfill a boy or girl's wish. Purchase one or two items from the tag for the child, wrap the gift(s), add a tag with the child's name on each package, and bring to church. (It is really important to include the child's name on the gift and write legibly!)

Wrapped gifts should be returned to the tree in the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 11. For those not able to access the Giving Tree list online, please contact Kerrin in the office and she can help you select a tag. Note: if ordering gifts online, please have them delivered to your home (not church).

Questions?! Reach out to Becki Schimpf (262.707.5223; rschimpf@wi.rr.com) or Sheri Scharnweber (262.352.3675; sscharny@att.net). Thank you in advance for your generosity and continuing this loving tradition.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The NACCC is running a One Great Hour of Sharing campaign to raise funds for those affected by hurricane Ian. Please consider contributing to our southern neighbors so brutally impacted by this disaster: A donation link is available in the Monday emails.



ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

Our wonderful community supported our St Ben's donation basket at the Farmer's Market again this year. We will be passing on \$375 to aid in their food programs. Dona reports that they averaging about 120 guests per meal. This is down significantly from pre-Covid days, but up 50% from last summer.



Of course, we still 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.

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

We are back in the kitchen making bag lunches together! Please join us – young and old – on **December 4, 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.



SOLES FOR JESUS

We wrapped up our Farmer's Market shoe collection for the season, on October 15, with well over 500 pairs collected! Many thanks to those who cleaned out their closets for a great cause! We will keep the collection box through the winter at the south door of church, just in case you get the urge to tackle another closet!



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

We continue our collection of plastic bags, peanut butter and other non-perishable items. We have learned that JOMM is down to two employees and is seeking volunteers who can come and help sort or bag food. You can sign up for a volunteer slot by going to their web site: jomministry.org.



WORSHIP MATTERS



Our Midweek Manna service continues to be a blessing! We have been thrilled to enjoy worship together in this alternative format and look forward to continuing this journey into the holiday season before us. 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.

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

CHILDREN 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.



Enrollment Forms: Families with children/youth in church programs and 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.

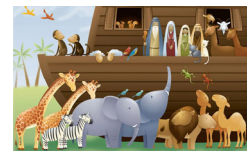
Midweek Manna: Midweek Manna (Wednesdays at 6:30) has had a great beginning! For families, please know we have some fun, accessible bulletins and items to help children engage that are updated each week to work alongside the focus that evening. The setting is welcoming and casual, come see what you think!

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.



Special fellowship events are coming up in the life of the church. Plan to stay for crafts and games during our **Harvest Fest** after worship on **November 13** and then for some classic Christmas fun during our **Advent Fest** on **December 4!**

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.



If you have any questions or want to know and see more of how this works, please contact the church office.

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