

# 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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The turn of one year to the next often proves itself to be an interesting time of reflection. It's a time that we tend to find ourselves taking stock in the events and trajectories of our lives – both good and bad. I find myself, at this time of year, looking both backwards and forwards. I consider the expectations that I carried into the year, and I find that I was surprised by many things that didn't happen, and others that did. I look towards the year to come and consider the expectations I have for what's ahead, knowing too that some of it will not happen, and many unexpected things will. The New Year is a time in which we are palpably reminded of the limitations of our expectations and the uncanny capacity life has to surprise us – both for the good and for the bad!

What I find meaningful in the face of this season of reflection, however, is the reminder of the Christmas narrative in the midst of it. As we look upon that which has happened in the year that has passed, and consider that which may come in the year ahead, we find ourselves right at the heart of the Christmas tale in which we are reminded of the gift of gifts – Immanuel – born to us on Christmas Day. As we find ourselves reflecting on those many ways in which life has brought to us the unexpected, we are reminded of the awaited Messiah, born in the Christ-child, and all the assurance his presence brings to our lives.

I am reminded of the old cliché that the only things that are guaranteed in life are death and taxes. When I look upon everything that surprised me in 2022 (both good and bad) and embrace the same that I know will be true in 2023, there is a certain degree of truth that echoes from that cliché. No matter how confident I was that certain things would or would not happen in 2022, I was frequently proven wrong. No matter how confident I am that certain

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### ***The Third Guarantee continued....***

things will or will not happen in 2023, the happenstance of life will prove me wrong once again. Life is going to surprise us. There is nothing guaranteed in life but death and taxes! Except...

...Immanuel! God with us! The hope, joy, peace, grace, mercy and love born in that humble child resting in a manger. That's the other guarantee. That's the other assurance. Death, taxes, and ***God with us!***

As I look back upon 2022, I am surprised by so many things. I did not expect our eldest to shatter her foot after slipping on the ice on New Years Day, nor our younger daughter to fracture her leg just some two months later. I didn't expect our congregation to enter into a major time of transition as Julie accepted a new position (and I can tell you that she didn't expect to accept that new position). I didn't expect to see church members stepping up in countless ways to carry on the ministries of our church in extraordinary ways. I could go on and on. There is so much that I expected to happen that didn't, and so much that I didn't expect to happen that did! And the same will be true in the year ahead.

What I did expect, however, and what I can so clearly see, is God's love surrounding it all. I can see where God was, and is, at work. I can see the love of God softening the trials and heightening the joys. I can see God present – Immanuel – in it all! They say that the only guarantees in life are death and taxes. I, for one, absolutely expect one of those in 2023, and I hope not to yet experience the other! What I do know, for sure, however, is that all of the expected and unexpected of 2023, however, will have one thing in common - Immanuel - God's presence amidst it all.

As you look back upon all of the expected and unexpected of 2022, and imagine the same for 2023, may you be truly uplifted by the joy and promise of that third guarantee – that God's love will enfold you, and all of the uncanny surprises of life, every step of the way!

In Faith, ***Marty***

## ADULT FORMATION

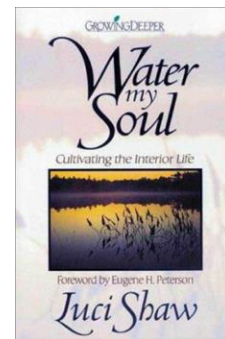
### Tuesday Morning Book Group

We have enjoyed some very thoughtful discussion around Madeleine L'Engle's book, "Bright Evening Star: The Mystery of the Incarnation."

**Beginning January 17**, we will turn our discussion to "*Water My Soul: Cultivating the Interior Life*" by L'Engle's close friend, **Luci Shaw**. The author's website shares the following information about this title.

"Poet and author Luci Shaw guides you into a deeper understanding of how to cultivate the life of the soul in relationship to God. *Water My Soul* speaks of the interior life in images of garden and wilderness, seed and soil, watering and waiting-metaphors for the process that leads to the spouting of the seed, the greening of the leaf, and the eventual harvest of flower and fruit. This book speaks straight to the heart, helping you enjoy a lifelong partnership with God as you cultivate a rich inner life-a life characterized by growth in wisdom and godliness."

"Luci Shaw is one of our best writers. Read this wonderful book, and for heaven's sake pick up some copies for your friends!" -Annie Dillard "Water My Soul is a profoundly rooted book that reminds us all to slow down, breathe deeply, and experience God at work. Luci Shaw displays the wisdom of a woman who has lived well and the child-like wonder of a believer who continues to discover new reasons to believe. This book will be a classic-a volume to be reread whenever life seems to spin out of control." -Dale Hanson Burke Publisher, Religion News Service



Whether you are a steadfast member of Book Group or have never been a part of this group, you are invited to join us as we learn and grow in faith together.

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

Through January we continue to meet on Thursday mornings. 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.

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

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### **Winter Farmers Market and Brunch – January 29, 11am**

Local farmers, vendors and exhibitors, and fellowship with your church family...what could be better?

Mark **January 29** on your calendars for our **Food, Faith & Farming Network Winter Farmers Market and Brunch**. The event is co-sponsored by Food, Faith & Farming Network, an ecumenical organization that works to foster urban and rural relationships and promote earth stewardship, community, spirituality and economic justice through healthy food and sustainable farming practices. Food will be sourced from local farmers.

The Food, Faith & Farming Network assists farmers across the state. Purchases from vendors not only support their livelihood, but also supports the Harvest of Hope Fund, a nonprofit providing emergency financial assistance for farmers. Vendors donate 10% of their sales if they make a minimum threshold of sales to the fund. Since the Harvest of Hope fund was initiated in 1986, it has given away over \$1 million dollars to farmers in need.

More Information about Food, Faith & Farming Network and the Harvest of Hope Fund Is available on their website, [www.foodfaithandfarmingnetwork.org](http://www.foodfaithandfarmingnetwork.org)



# LOAVES AND FISHES

January 17, 2023



Loaves & fishes  
— MINISTRY —

## CASSEROLES

## DESSERTS

Anderson	Fleck
Bartlett	Krosnosky
Barsch	Tornetta
George	Wauck
Petersen	Wink
Soupers	Zimmer
Soupers	Nelson
Swenson	Nelson
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	Callaway
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## DRIVERS

Croysdale	Osborne	-----
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## SERVERS

Holmes, G	Anderson
Osborne	Anderson
Barsch	Doty-Webb
Dallman	Doty-Webb





Choir members...instrumentalists...lay readers...  
Advent brunch planners and cooks...Advent  
devotional coordinators and authors...Advent  
readers...candle lighters...Giving Tree givers and  
deliverers...the list goes on and on.

The blessings of the Christmas season at NSCC are  
the result of tremendous heart and effort put in by  
countless members of our church family. Our deepest  
thanks and gratitude goes out to all of those who  
worked to make our church such a rich and  
heartwarming center of the Christmas season.

## January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom)</p> <p>6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom)</p> <p>6:00pm Trustees (Library)</p> <p>7:00pm BCE (Youth Room)</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>4:00pm Loaves and Fishes</p> <p>7:00pm Council</p>
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# WINTER WALKING TIPS

Now that winter is here, it's a good idea to practice safe walking in the elements. Snow and ice can be a hazard for slips and falls that can lead to temporary embarrassment or the real possibility of a serious injury.

Here are just a few helpful tips to avoid dangerous falls:

- ◆ Assume all pavement and sidewalks, even cleared, will have slippery spots; use extra care on areas of pavement that appear wet or dark (black ice).
- ◆ Wear sturdy footwear with slip-resistant soles.
- ◆ Avoid carrying heavy items that can cause loss of balance; consider using a backpack to keep arms free (see below). Keep your phone tucked away while walking on slippery surfaces.
- ◆ Purchase and add ice tips to a cane or walking poles.
- ◆ Best of all, learn how to 'walk like a penguin': widen your stance, point your toes slightly outward for more stability, use your arms for balance, take small steps and walk slowly over slippery patches. (You can search 'walk like a penguin' videos on YouTube. I like the one by Alberta Health Services - <https://youtu.be/LHaWGibGwyk>)

Be safe!

**Jean Lemorande, Health Committee**



## THINGS TO NOTE

# EVENING PRAYER Online

**Evening Prayer has moved to Monday evenings at 7pm.** Same Zoom link. Same blessed fellowship. Different day. For more information, please contact the church office. All are welcome to jump in at any time!

**January Communion:** Due to the holiday, our January communion services will be **postponed by one week**. Our Midweek Manna communion service will take place on **January 4**, and our Sunday communion service will take place on **January 8**.





### THE GIVING TREE

A big THANK YOU to all who rallied to support the children of our friends at Neighborhood House. 102 gifts were purchased, wrapped, labeled and distributed in time for their big family holiday party. A special thanks to Becki Schimpf, Sheri Scharnweber and Kerrin White for organizing and executing behind the scenes!



### JOMM

With rising food costs and more families in need, JOMM is looking for additional non-perishable food items. Please consider donating noodles, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, canned spaghetti sauce (no glass), canned hams, cereal and crackers, along with the ongoing need for jars and jars of peanut butter, plastic bags and VOLUNTEERS! Place items in the bin under the portico and they will be delivered by members of the Benevolence Board. Many thanks for your generous support over the years.



### REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

With the New Year's holiday falling on Sunday this year, we will be making lunches from home and dropping them off at church January 1, for delivery on January 2. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAF2CA6FD0-january2> or contact Jane Ford at [janer1975@gmail.com](mailto:janer1975@gmail.com) for more information.



## ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

Please sign up to make a casserole, bake some goodies, drive the food or serve for the evening. The church kitchen has the pans and Dona Wininsky has the recipe. To volunteer for future months, please contact Dona at: [donanwininsky@gmail.com](mailto:donanwininsky@gmail.com).



## SOULS FOR JESUS

We are back volunteering in 2023! Look for a signup table on January 29 or sign up online at one of the links below. Please consider sorting shoes with a NSCC team on February 4 and March 11 from 9-11 AM. Contact Anne Butt Schimpf at [anne.butt2@gmail.com](mailto:anne.butt2@gmail.com) for more information.

- February 4, 2023, 9-11am Sign up [Here:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ea9a829a5fe3-soles12#/) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ea9a829a5fe3-soles12#/>
- March 11, 2023, 9-11am Sign up [Here:](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ea9a829a5fe3-soles13#/) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ea9a829a5fe3-soles13#/>





## WORSHIP MATTERS



Midweek Manna will return to its normal pattern in January, with each Wednesday being thematically tied to the following Sunday. **We will share in communion on January 4**, and the Rev. Rob Fredrickson will return as a guest preacher on January 11.

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](mailto: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.



## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Confirmation

Our January class session will be scheduled soon. Please watch for more info and make sure to complete your conversation with a church member prior to that date.



### Special Dates

Please note that, due to the holidays, there **will be no Music & Movement and Godly Fun on January 1**. Kids are always welcome throughout worship, and the Noah's Ark activities are always available for those who would like to enjoy them while sitting in worship!

### Midweek Manna

Midweek Manna (Wednesdays at 6:30) continues each week. For families, please know we have some fun, accessible, children's 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!

### Music & Movement and Godly Fun

Kids age 3, through grade 6, continue to meet each Sunday for songs, crafts, games and lessons in their newly remodeled classrooms. We start in worship at 10am and are usually dismissed to class around 10:15. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Rev. Hall or Kelsey Molinari.



### KidsConnect

We are excited to be planning ahead to the return of KidsConnect during these humdrum winter days of January and February. This informal gathering for upper elementary students usually features games, activities and snacks. **Please watch your emails, and upcoming publications, for details.**

### Make a Difference!

Don't forget to see the Beyond our Walls page with opportunities to serve 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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