

North Shore Church News

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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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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

When Life Gives You Covid

In the grand scheme of things, I was lucky. Incredibly lucky! As most all of you are aware, I tested positive for Covid on Thursday, January 12. Despite Sharon’s positive test from earlier that week, I had continued to feel healthy, and consistently tested negative, up through Wednesday evening. Overnight, all of that changed! The fever kicked in, the cough started, and by Thursday morning I was sure of what the test would soon confirm. Indeed, I was positive for Covid. Admittedly, Thursday was unpleasant and Friday was even more so, but by Saturday things were moving in the direction and my only real limitation was the isolation guidelines that governed what I could and could not do for the coming days.

I was lucky! From a personal health perspective, I was lucky that the course of my disease was fairly mild. From a mental well-being perspective, I was lucky that my first round with Covid happened in January (when there isn’t a lot I want to go out to do anyway) and 3 years into the pandemic (when we have a much better understanding of things than we did 2-3 years ago). And, from a church/ministry perspective, I was lucky that my isolation just happened to coincide with an already scheduled guest preacher as a part of our ongoing monthly rotation.

What a blessing that was! There were a few details to iron out, and I am grateful for those who stepped into different roles to help cover various things while I remained in isolation on Sunday morning, but it would have been an entirely different challenge if not for the fact that the preaching and worship leadership for the day was already fully covered and necessitated no last-minute scrambling or concern.

When Life Gives You Covid continued...

I was lucky, and I am truly grateful for the serendipitous manner in which it all happened to fall. The blessing of that serendipity, however, has caused me to reflect on what might have happened if it didn't fall that way. What if we didn't have a preacher already lined up? What if I had tested positive on Sunday morning and not Thursday? What if the pieces of the puzzle hadn't so naturally fallen into place? The answer? We would have figured it out! It might not have been quite as smooth, but we would have figured it out. People would have stepped into roles, details would have been managed, and it would have come together. We would have figured it out - because that's what it is to be a church family!

As we have 'lived into' these past 6 months of transition in the staffing of our church, one of the most wonderful things I have experienced is exactly that – our figuring it out! New roles for new people. New endeavors for new groups. New possibilities for us all. Again and again I have seen pockets of wonderful growth and possibility stem from people figuring out the new ways in which some of our ministries will progress, and I am thrilled to see the energy and faith that it has inspired within our church.

Some of you have asked me, recently, what the future staffing plans for the church will be. In the coming weeks and months, our church leadership will begin to dig into that question with earnest. What will be the answer? I don't know. I have my guesses, for a lot of reason, but we will need to take the time to consider the options as we lay out those plans. My deepest commitment, however, is that we will not allow that conversation to stem the growing faith and energy that has sprouted in these recent months. There has been great vitality that has emerged from the manner in which we have 'figured it out' in recent months, and I can't wait to see that continue in the months ahead. What will the staffing look like? I don't know. Whatever it is, however, we will figure it out as we have, and as I know we will – because that is what it is to be a church family!

In Faith, ***Marty***

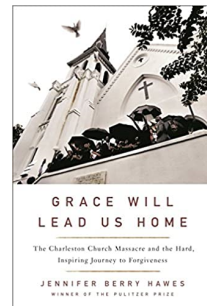
FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group: 9am online & 10am in person

We have been reading and discussing, *Water My Soul: Cultivating the Interior Life*, by Luci Shaw. We will continue with this book through Tuesday, February 14.

Starting Tuesday, February 21, we begin a series of sessions on the documentary-style book, *Grace Will Lead Us Home: The Charleston Church Massacre and the Hard, Inspiring Journey to Forgiveness*, by Jennifer Berry Hawes.

Please let Kerrin know if you want her to order a copy for you to purchase. It's available in Kindle as well as hard copy and audio. The Library System has several copies available.



Join us in a discussion of the power of forgiveness as we anticipate the beginning of Lent. 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 Bible Study: 9am

Please join us for Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:30. In February we will be finishing up a study of James and discussing our next selection. We meet in the Owl room and also have a Zoom option for those joining us from a distance or those avoiding the winter weather.

The Zoom link is found in Marty's Monday email.

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



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES



Join us for our **Ash Wednesday worship service** on **Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30pm**. This is always a meaningful time of reflection as we enter into the Lenten season that is before us. We hope that you will be a part of it!

Reminder: 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!

**EVENING
PRAYER**
Online



After a post-holiday break, the Handbell Choir is ramping back up for February. We could use a few more ringers. If you might be interested, please contact Rick Kieffer.

LOAVES AND FISHES

February 21, 2023



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Anderson	Zganjar
Moore	Wink
Wermuth	Wauck
Swenson	Hadcock, M
Petersen	Krosnosky
Doty-Webb	Nelson
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George	Wood, Sue
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	Lemorande
-----	Hadcock
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DRIVERS

Croysdale	Osborne	-----
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SERVERS

Osborne	Barsch
Osborne	Doty-Webb
Osborne	Doty-Webb
Dallman	Lemorande

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has begun its search for church members who would like to serve on our boards or committees, or as officers of our church.

Each year, about 25 current members complete their terms in the Spring. Our goal is to identify by mid-April nominees to replace them, for review by the Church Council and then the entire congregation.

Let any of us on the Nominating Committee know if you are interested in serving, or if you know someone who might be.

And if you have questions about the activities and responsibilities of any position, we would be happy to talk with you or to provide a one-page description of any board, committee or officer post.



Please give some thought to these opportunities for service. The vitality and growth of our church depend on the active involvement of our members!

If you have interest, we'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to *Bruce Loder, Lisa Wermuth, Betty Moore, John Tornetta, or Kurt Dew* to learn more about how you too can have a more meaningful role in the life of our congregation.

We look forward to talking with you!

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>29</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Winter Farmers' Market</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am PEO AM</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>7</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>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship with Polly Bodjanac preaching</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>WCA Pulpit Exchange</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship with Rev. Stu Merkel preaching</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>21</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>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Come in From the Cold: All-Church Lunch and Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p>

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JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

Our portico bin was $\frac{3}{4}$ full last month! Thanks to all of you who were able to contribute!

Did you know the JOMM supplies food to 75 non-profit agencies and individuals, totaling approximately 3,000 people weekly? This is amazing work, but they need our continued support. Keep the non-perishables coming – canned fruit and vegetables; canned spaghetti sauce; noodles, rice, canned meats; cereal, crackers, peanut butter, etc.

They are also still in need of volunteers. Sign up at:
jomministry.org/volunteer.



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

Please come down to the kitchen after the worship service on February 4 to prepare lunches!

Repairers is in dire need of men's and women's socks; men's boxers; shower soap and laundry soap. If you are able to donate any of these items, please put them in bag marked 'REPAIRERS' and place in the portico bin. Thank you!



ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

February 21st is our next St. Ben's day. Remember to sign up to make a casserole or dessert, deliver food or serve for a future St. Ben's evening. Please contact Dona at: donawininsky@gmail.com for information.



SOLES FOR JESUS SORT AND SERVE

Sign up to sort online or at our sign-up table on January 29!

- February 4, 9-11: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles12>
- March 11, 9-11: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles13>

Contact Anne Butt for more information: anne.butt2@gmail.com.





Feeling tired of the long, dark, days of winter? Longing for some warmth in the midst of these cold months?

Find it - for body and soul -
as you join your church family for
Come In From the Cold

Sunday, February 26,
immediately following worship.

Chili... a baked potato bar... a cookie exchange... crafts for a kids... and a 'pops' concert from our church choir and musicians!

A joy-filled time of food, music and fellowship hosted by your Fellowship Committee.

***Invite your friends and join us in Fellowship Hall
immediately after worship!***

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Mark your calendar for a **special worship opportunity on Sunday, February 19**. The Wisconsin Congregational Association is doing a '**pulpit exchange**' in which ministers from our sister churches will be preaching in alternative pulpits on that day, while sharing detailed information regarding the programs of the WCA (including the hosting of the annual meeting of our National Association in June). While Rev. Marty preaches at the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa that day, the Rev. Stu Merkel, of Faith Community Church (Franklin) will lead worship here at NSCC. Please make it a point to be here for this special date.



WORSHIP MATTERS



Midweek Manna continues to meet each week – **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**. The Rev. Rob Fredrickson will return as our guest preacher on Wednesday, February 8.

Note that the February 22 Midweek Manna service will be our Ash Wednesday worship gathering and will take place in the sanctuary.

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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Confirmation

Our January class session will be.... Continue to watch your emails for updates as we get further and further into the year. There are only a few months left – so make sure those checklists are getting completed!



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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