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...."

Faith Madness

A more recent development, in our family, has been to share in some friendly competition surrounding major sporting events and tournaments. This past fall we spent time focused on a family fantasy football league, and this spring we have been enwrapped in a bracket competition for the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The competition is enjoyable, and it leads to some light-hearted back and forth now and then, but what has really been fun has been watching some of our children grow more familiar with the insanity that is the NCAA tournament.

There's a reason they call it March Madness. It's crazy! For a lot of reasons, there is an uncanny set of circumstances that surround the tournament. For many of us that are fans of the tournament, however, the standout element to the madness is that you truly never know what's going to happen. We didn't get past day one, this year, before there were shocking upsets kicking major contenders out of the tournament. And now, as we look towards the Final Four, there is not a single team that, by their 'seed' in the tournament, should still be there. From one round to the next, you really have no sense of what could happen.

The same is perhaps even more true within the games themselves. A game can seem to be long over, only to have a series of events unfold that bring the losing team back into play. A team can have a 'buzzer beater' with only a few moments left, only to have that buzzer beaten by the other team's buzzer beater with even less time on the clock. It seems that the vast majority of the games manage to come down to the final seconds, and more often than not, there is no telling which way things are going to go.

Faith Madness continued...

It's a lot of fun to watch – and even more fun when there's dinner of your choice on the line in a family competition! What I have found myself thinking about this year, however, is what a genuine reflection this tournament is of the fundamental hope of our faith in God. There is no greater promise of our faith than that of knowing that, in and through the cross, our future lies in the hope of heavenly glory. A close second, however, is the promise that, in the risen Christ whose presence is forever with us, there is always a possibility for a better tomorrow than we know today!

As children of God, we never know what's going to happen! As children of God, there's always a chance for what could be next. As children of God, the story that seems to have come to an end isn't, and the new beginning towards a different conclusion is always there to be claimed. It seems a silly comparative, I know, but the truth is that March Madness is a pretty good representation of the promise of faith – that the amazing and unexpected is perpetually around the corner, and that even the ends that seem so clear, might not be! The madness (and wonder) of this thing we call faith is that there is always one more chance...one more moment...one more possibility...that in and through the grace of God, our Cinderella story can still come true!

In Faith, Marty



What's Coming Next?

Please let us know!

Is someone in your family graduating from high school or college, or completing a different degree or training program? We'd like to know what the teens and young

adults are doing next and plan to feature this information in our June newsletter. Please send any relevant information to Marty at MartinHall@NSCChurchWI.org sometime between now and May 15.



Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, April 10, as we give the staff a chance to recoup after a busy Lent and Easter season.

FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group

The Tuesday Book Group will begin discussing our next book, *A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence*, by Mary Pipher, on April 11. This memoir of essays reflects on radiance, resilience, and the constantly changing nature of reality.

Amazon gives this description:

In her luminous new memoir in essays, Mary Pipher-as she did in her New York Times bestseller Women Rowing North-taps into a cultural moment, to offer wisdom, hope, and insight into loss and change. Drawing from her own experiences and expertise as a psychologist specializing in women, trauma, and the effect of our culture on our mental health, she looks inward in A Life in Light to what shaped her as a woman, one who has experienced darkness



throughout her life but was always drawn to the light. Her plainspoken depictions of her hard childhood and life's difficulties are dappled with moments of joy and revelation, tragedies and ordinary miseries, glimmers and shadow. As a child, she was separated from her parents for long periods. Those separations affected her deeply, but in A Life in Light she explores what she's learned about how to balance despair with joy, utilizing and sharing with readers every coping skill she has honed during her lifetime to remind us that there is a silver thread of resilience that flows through all of life, and that despite our despair, the light will return. In this book, she points us toward that light.

We meet each Tuesday at 9:00 on Zoom and 10:00 in person in Friendship Lounge. All are welcome, whether you have joined us in the past or this is your first

time joining the discussion!

Thursday Bible Study: 9am

Please join us on Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30, as we study the Psalms and the life of David. We meet upstairs in the Owl Room or you can join us on Zoom. All are welcome!

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.





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!

LOAVES AND FISHES April 18, 2023



CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Confirmation	Confirmation
Confirmation	Wermuth
Confirmation	Wink
Barsch	Wood, Sue
George	Zganjar
Moore	Nelson
Anderson	Nelson
Scharnweber	Leomarande
Schimpf, B	Hadcock, Melissa
Schuyler	Hadcock, Jennifer
Half recipe, single pan	Single batch ~30

DRIVERS

Confirmation	Confirmation	

SERVERS

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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!

THE CHURCH IN FLIGHT!

WISCONSIN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOP 2023

WHEN YOUR CHURCH HAS BEEN TOSSED INTO TURBULENCE, IT'S BEST TO CONSIDER WHERE WE'RE AT AND PREPARE FOR A SAFE LANDING.

WHAT ARE THE NEW CURRENTS IN CHURCH?

WHERE DOES OUR MISSIONAL COMPASS POINT NOW?

ARE WE IN CRISIS OR OPPORTUNITY?

CAN WE REDUCE UNNECESSARY STRESS?

HOW CAN WE IMAGINE POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR LOCAL CHURCH?



MAY 6TH, 2023
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risky proposition — dangerous mission — precarious adventure

THE daring endeavor of

Being Church

Sheraton Milwaukee - Brookfield June 24-27, 2023

(Attendance is free for all WCA church members on Sunday, June 25!)

Registration is open for the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Church, set to take place in **Brookfield from June 24-27**. Members are welcome to register for any and all events, but there are particular opportunities for Wisconsin churches to participate in Sunday's events for free, as well as to attend a special dinner and reception at the Harley Davidson Museum on Monday. Please watch your emails and upcoming publications for more details on registration, and see Marty if you have any questions.

bold responsibility

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship	27 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	28 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)
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EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING AND LENTEN HYGIENE DRIVE

Let's fill up our shopping cart in the Narthex!

We have designated the House of Peace as the recipient of our special Easter offering. The House of Peace is one of two locations run by the Capuchin Community Services, with the other being St. Ben's. As part of our support to The House of Peace, where individuals and families can receive spiritual, material and emotional support, we are also sponsoring a Lenten Hygiene drive, which will run from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Grab a Hygiene bag at an upcoming service or in the Narthex and fill it with things such as soap, toothpaste, lotions, wipes or other personal items. Travel size or household size supplies needed!



Your special offering request letter should be in your hands by now! Please give thoughtful consideration to a generous donation.

EYE GLASS COLLECTION

We have been collecting eye glasses for the Lions Club for many years. They clean and categorize them by prescription and then they get distributed in third world countries. In many of these countries an eye exam is out of the question and poor eyesight can lead to unemployment and poor performance in school. We are happy to report that we just sent 77 pairs of glasses off to the Lions organization and are ready to fill the container again. Thank you for cleaning out those drawers and making a difference!



SOLES FOR JESUS

Only 10 slots left! Come sort and serve on April 22 from 9-11. Sign up here: https://

www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4EA9A829A5FE3-soles14

A big shout out to David Schimpf who has placed Soles boxes at the WAC, MSOE, Thiensville Farmers Market,

Tonawanda Elementary School and Village Point Commons community, where Dottie lives. Periodically he gathers and delivers bags and bags of shoes to be processed. Thank you David for your good work!

ST BEN'S LOAVES AND FISHES

April 18 is our next St. Ben's day. Due to increased participation, they are asking us to provide nine casseroles instead of eight for the next three months. Please consider lending a hand in this important work. Contact Dona at donawininsky@gmail.com.



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

We will be making lunches from home for our April 2 commitment. Please sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4EACAF2CA6FD0-april2. Contact Jane Ford with any questions at janer1975@gmail.com.



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

Don't throw those plastic shopping bags away! Donate them, along with other non-perishable items and jars of peanut butter! The need continues! Drop off under the Portico.



WORSHIP MATTERS



Midweek Manna continues to meet each week – Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

- * Please note that there will be NO Midweek Manna service on Wednesday, April 5.
- * 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.



Holy Week Worship Highlights

Palm Sunday

Join us April 2 for our Palm Sunday worship as we celebrate the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, and then stay for our annual Eggstravaganza with food, fellowship, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship, with a light supper, will take place in Fellowship Hall at 6pm on April 6. Please join us as we gather for fellowship, worship and communion – all in one!

Good Friday

Our traditional Good Friday service, with music, Scripture and meditation, will take place from 2-3pm on April 7.

Easter Sunday

Easter morning worship, on April 9, will include brass, choir, and the joyous spirit of the resurrection. Join us for worship at either 9am or 11am.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Addressing Mental Health Needs in Our Children



Covid taught us the how to minimize the risk of exposure to infectious diseases. It also brought to light the importance of mental health. A recent CDC Study revealed that over 40% of teens have felt persistently sad or hopeless during the past year. The American Academy of Pediatrics declared a national state of emergency in the mental health of children. The need for increasing the availability of mental health care is exemplified by the fact that it takes an average of 6 years for a child to be diagnosed and treated.

One student, Hailey Hardcastle of Oregon, and her mom were ahead of the curve in recognizing that need. Hailey suffered panic attacks and depression since kindergarten. The stress in her brain was physically manifested by headaches, nausea, shortness of breath, and fatigue. The mental and physical aspects of our bodies are connected and equal. The brain needs to be cared for just as our physical self.

Hailey and her mom made a plan. Hailey would be allowed to take up to 3 days each semester when she felt the need to focus on her mental health. By supporting this plan, her mom acknowledged the importance of mental health. It also provided an opening for conversation.

Fortunately for many today, they did not stop there. Hailey reached out to her classmates and ultimately to a lobbyist and mental care professional. This led to the first law in the nation (June, 2019) allowing for students to take a mental health day. In doing so, they acknowledged that mental health is as significant as physical health. Today there are 11 additional states* that have passed similar laws, implementing mental health days as a student right. Four additional states have proposed legislation.**

There are variations in the individual laws. What they all do is encourage follow up by qualified professionals. Students who are overwhelmed, overworked, or falling behind can access the help they need with no stigma attached.

Hailey was recognized by Teen Vogue as One of 21 Under 21 Young Women Changing the World. There is another lesson here for all of us. One person can make a difference!

^{*}Washington, California, Illinois, Virginia, Maine, Connecticut, Arizona, Nevada, Utah. Kentucky, and Colorado ** New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Maryland



Eggstravaganza 2023 will take place on Sunday, April 2, immediately after worship. Join us for our annual Palm Sunday celebrations with food, fellowship, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

Mark your Calendars! As we look ahead to some key dates this spring, please mark your calendars for the following events.

- Sunday, May 21 Celebration Sunday Worship followed by our Annual Meeting
- Sunday, June 11 Confirmation Sunday



Wisconsin Congregational Association - Summer Camp

A week-long faith-based program for youth grades 3-12. WCA Camp is about strengthening connections of friendship, fellowship and faith —with yourself, with others, and most of all, with God. If you're interested in having lots of fun and meeting new friends, you'll have an awesome time!

SAVE THE DATES! JULY 9-15, 2023

Mount Morris Camp & Conference Center Wautoma, WI

What do you do at camp? Worship and Sing, Stargazing, Volleyball, Small Group Discussions, Swimming, Nature Hikes, Campfires, Games, Arts and Crafts, and MORE!

Join us in the chapel for an information session on Sunday, April 16, immediately following our worship service.

For more information, contact: Kelsey Molinari (Kelsey Molinari @NSCChurch WI.org or 414.897-3455)

Scholarship assistance is available.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Confirmation:

• Our confirmation students will make casseroles and serve at St. Ben's in April. We very much look forward to introducing these younger members of our church family to this treasured element of our church's ministries.



- Remember to mark your calendars for these key dates coming up this spring:
 - Sunday, April 16 Casserole making for St. Ben's
 - Tuesday, April 18 Serve at St. Ben's
 - Sunday, April 23 Class form 4-6pm
 - Monday, May 15 Class from 6:30-8:30pm
 - Sunday, May 21 Completion date for all binder responsibilities
 - Sunday, May 21 Confirmation cookout
 - Sunday, June 11 Confirmation
- Continue to watch your emails for updates.

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.



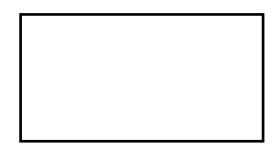
KidsConnect : April 23 from 4-6pm. Kids in grades 2 through 6 are invited to an afternoon of games, fellowship, and PIZZA!

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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