

# 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.....”***

***Commencement***

I found myself sharing a conversation with our confirmands, at our final session just last week, about the distinction between ‘graduation’ and ‘commencement’ in our lives. There is, of course, an imperative connotation to the term ‘commencement’ that can sometimes be lost in our culture of celebrating graduation at each stage of life, and I’ll leave it to you to consider what this distinction might have to do with confirmation (or join us on June 11 for Confirmation Sunday to hear more about it). For the purposes of this note, however, I want to talk about the seasonality of life, and where this very notion of commencement might play a role for each of us, today.

There is a clear and unmistakable shift that takes place at this time each year. For some, it is the annual transition from the more structured and hyper-calendared paradigm of the school-year to the more relaxed and flexible months of the summer. For some, it is shift into a season that provides some needed respite from the regular and consistent responsibilities we hold throughout the rest of the year. For some, it is a serenity that comes from the longer days and warmer temperatures that provide a little more light (both figuratively and literally) into each day. And certainly, for some, it is a time in which some major chapter of life is coming to a close and another is about to begin.

In the case of this last group, of course, the commencement that stands beyond their graduation is fairly clear. We have an entire two-page spread of these future plans for the graduates of our church family on pages 12 and 13 of this newsletter. And, more personally, you will find a church-wide invitation to Becca’s graduation party (July 23) at the end of this message, as she, too, celebrates her graduation while looking with eagerness upon the commencement that stands before her. It is for the other groups, however, that I think the question of commencement perhaps doesn’t get quite the attention it deserves.

### ***Commencement continued...***

I think it's pretty easy for us to look towards those major life events (graduations, empty-nest, retirement, etc.) and to see the commencement that is inherent within. The question of "what's next" flows naturally as we see these major chapters coming to a close and wonder what the next chapter will be. I wonder, however, how often we miss out on asking that question at the less obvious moments of life's journeys. How often do we see the budding trees and blooming flowers and ask ourselves what new life God is instill in us as we shift from one season to the next? How often do we look beyond the slower pace of the summer and see it not just as a respite from life's ever-growing demands, but as an opportunity for God to begin something anew in our lives? How often do we see life's changing landscape, in which we are so often unwitting participants, as a potential launching pad for God's next commencement in our new days?

As a father going through this graduating-and-on-to-college thing for the first time, I can see so clearly the manner in which our life's major graduations lead so distinctly into the spirit of commencement – into the questions of what chapter is beginning as our past one is coming to a close. As I see this experience for our daughter, however, I do find myself wondering if we ask the question often enough, or if we might benefit from using all the changes of life – from the major graduations to the simple change of the seasons – to step back and ask ourselves what new beginnings God might be forming in, through, and for, us, today!

In Faith, ***Marty***



***You're Invited!***  
*Graduation Open House for*

**Becca Hall**

July 23, 2023  
3:00pm - 7:00pm

3326 W. Alsace Ct., Mequon

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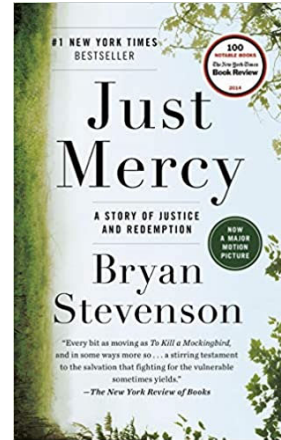
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## FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

### Tuesday Morning Book Group

The next selection for our Tuesday Book Group will be *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson, beginning Tuesday, June 6. Mr. Stevenson also wrote the introduction to a previous book group selection *The Sun Does Shine*. *Just Mercy* has won multiple awards including the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction.

As always, everyone is welcome to join in the reading and thoughtful discussion that happens on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 via Zoom or 10:00 in person. We anticipate this book taking us through July and will have a schedule update for you in the July newsletter.



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### 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! We will continue to meet through the summer months.



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.*





Midweek Manna will be **moving outdoors** for many of our summer Wednesday evenings (weather permitting). Watch your weekly emails for details as to which services will be outdoors (we may move indoors for guest preachers to ease the load in Marty's absence) and join us on the west lawn for this relaxed evening gathering each Wednesday.

## Midweek Manna

*Sustenance for the Soul*

### Summer Potluck Cookouts

5:30pm on the  
Second Wednesday  
(June 14, July 12, August 9)

*Meat, chips and drinks provided.  
Bring a side or dessert to share.*

A circular graphic with a vibrant orange and yellow flame-like background. In the center is a white hexagonal logo with the text 'Church COOKOUT' and 'Fun For Everyone!' below it. To the right of this is a solid orange circle. Below the flame graphic is a circular inset image showing a loaf of bread and wheat stalks on a wooden surface, similar to the one in the first image.

## **The WCA Annual Meeting: The Church in Flight**

In early May, I was our delegate to the Wisconsin Congregational Association's annual meeting and program held at the First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa. About 10 member churches were represented. Marty and six NSCC members were in attendance.

The theme was The Church in Flight. To me, this has a double meaning: It could be our church is "fleeing" for its life, or it could be our church is soaring to new heights. By the end of the program that morning, we were inspired to soar rather than flee.

Our presenter, Beth McCaw of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, likened the church's future course to a flight plan. We turned around to view the church behind us (i.e., the church of the past) and then looked forward to where our church might "land" in the future, taking into account various factors, including such societal trends as whether people currently identify with a denomination or attend any worship services. We also considered how we might, as part of our church's mission, make use of our church building and grounds in new ways to meet the needs of our neighbors in the wider community. It was certainly a very thought-provoking morning.

(I have to mention we were assigned tables according to the piece of candy we chose from a candy dish. It was an interesting way to meet Congregationalists from other churches, as long as you followed the rules and didn't try to scout out a table of people you already knew—say, it was the Strawberry Starburst table—and then chose your candy accordingly. I played my part fair and square.)

Moving on, the WCA's annual work includes: the Ministers' Fellowship, which consists of monthly meetings of member pastors for devotions and focused discussions; the WCA summer camp; and the next annual meeting. However, this year, the WCA has also assumed responsibility as host of the 69th Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). WCA member churches have been working hard to promote attendance and coordinate all the logistics. The NACCC's theme is The Daring Endeavor of Being Church, which will undoubtedly connect to and expand the discussion initiated by Beth McCaw's The Church in Flight presentation.

These NACCC events will be held Saturday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 27, at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel and other local venues. I hope many of our churchgoers have registered for some of these opportunities, including free events all day on Sunday, June 25. As our delegate to the NACCC business meeting portion, I'm open to any comments, advice, or other input you might want to share with me.

*Susan Wauck, Past Moderator & Human Resources Committee Chair*



**Mark your calendars...Confirmation Sunday  
June 11, 2023**

These young members of our church family have been exploring their faith over the course of this year.

We pray that our congregation will join us as we celebrate their confirmation, with them, during our 10am service, then plan to stay for the traditional dove release and reception to follow.

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**Parents**

*Don't forget to get your pictures and confirmation notes to Marty no later than Monday, June 5. It is imperative that these are submitted on time so that they can be included in the order of worship later in the week.*

***We will gather for pictures and prep for confirmation  
at 9:30am on June 11.***

## June 2023

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| 28<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun<br>11:00am Fellowship  | 29<br>Office Closed<br>7:00pm Evening Prayer<br>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon   | 30<br>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)<br>10:30am Yoga   | 31<br>6:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>7:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)   |
| 4<br>Communion<br>9:00am Chancel Choir<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun<br>11:00am Fellowship<br>11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express<br>4:00pm KidsConnect | 5<br>9:30am PEO AM<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br>7:00pm Evening Prayer<br>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon  | 6<br>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)<br>10:30am Yoga<br>5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge)<br>6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom)<br>6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom)<br>6:00pm Trustees (Library)<br>7:00pm BCE (Youth Room) | 7<br>6:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>7:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)  |
| 11<br>Confirmation Sunday<br>9:00am Chancel Choir<br>10:00am Confirmation Worship<br>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun<br>11:00am Celebration Fellowship  | 12<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br>7:00pm Evening Prayer<br>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon  | 13<br>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)<br>10:30am Yoga<br>6:00pm Soles for Jesus - Sort & Serve  | 14<br>5:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>6:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)   |
| 18<br>10:00am Worship<br>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun<br>11:00am Fellowship  | 19<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev. Marty on Cell for Assistance<br>1:00pm Staff Meeting<br>7:00pm Evening Prayer<br>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon | 20<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev. Marty on Cell for Assistance<br>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)<br>10:30am Yoga<br>7:00pm Council  | 21<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev. Marty on Cell for Assistance<br>8:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>9:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)<br>6:00pm Book Group (Zoom)<br>7:00pm Book Group (Friendship Lounge) |
| 25<br>NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference (Brookfield)<br>10:00am Worship - Rick Ruenzel<br>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun<br>11:00am Fellowship   | 26<br>NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference (Brookfield)<br>7:00pm Evening Prayer<br>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon                                  | 27<br>NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference (Brookfield)<br>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)<br>10:30am Yoga   | 28<br>6:00am Book Group (Zoom)<br>7:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)   |



| Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| 31<br>6:30pm Midweek Manna<br>7:30pm Fellowship   | 1<br>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br>9:30am Yoga<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir  | 2<br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>(Zoom and offsite)<br>7:30pm RR Historical Society  | 3<br>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship<br>Lounge<br>10:30am OEAnon Special P-<br>Meyer - Friendship<br>Lounge |
| 7<br>6:30pm Midweek Manna -<br>Rev. Rob Fredrickson<br>7:30pm Fellowship  | 8<br>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br>9:30am Yoga<br>7:00pm Chancel Choir  | 9<br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>(Zoom and offsite)  | 10<br>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship<br>Lounge   |
| 14<br>5:30pm Potluck Cookout<br>6:30pm Midweek Manna  | 15<br>Newsletter Deadline<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev.<br>Marty on Cell for Assis-<br>tance<br>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br>9:30am Yoga                                 | 16<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev.<br>Marty on Cell for Assis-<br>tance<br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>(Zoom and offsite)  | 17<br>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship<br>Lounge   |
| 21<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev.<br>Marty on Cell for Assis-<br>tance<br>8:30am Quilters<br>6:30pm Midweek Manna<br>7:30pm Fellowship | 22<br>NACCC Annual Meeting and<br>Conference (Brookfield)<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev.<br>Marty on Cell for Assis-<br>tance<br>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br>9:30am Yoga | 23<br>NACCC Annual Meeting and<br>Conference (Brookfield)<br>Office Closed - Contact Rev.<br>Marty on Cell for Assis-<br>tance<br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>(Zoom and offsite) | 24<br>NACCC Annual Meeting and<br>Conference (Brookfield)<br>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship<br>Lounge      |
| 28<br>6:30pm Midweek Manna -<br>Rick Ruenzel<br>7:30pm Fellowship   | 29<br>9:30am Bible Study (hybrid)<br>9:30am Yoga   | 30<br>6:30am Men's Bible Study<br>(Zoom and offsite)   | 1<br>9:00am OEAnon - Friendship<br>Lounge<br>10:30am OEAnon Special P-<br>Meyer - Friendship<br>Lounge |



## SOLES FOR JESUS



We have two opportunities to sort and serve at Soles this summer! June 13 and August 8, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Gather some friends and help make a difference for those receiving shoes in Africa. Sign up for June by scanning this QR code or using the link provided in the weekly email. Hope to see you there!



## EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Thank you for your generous donations to this year's Easter Offering benefitting House of Peace and St. Ben's. A total of \$2,060 was collected, and for that we are so very grateful!

## JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY (JOMM)

Looking for volunteers! If you have time on Thursday mornings to stop at church, pick up any items under the portico and then head over to JOMM to drop off the items, let Kerrin in the office know! The address for JOMM is 4180 N. Lydell Avenue in Glendale. It doesn't require a lot of time, and it would be great if we could get a few people to share drop-off duties every month!



# SAFETY UPDATE

New First Aid Kits have been placed to be more visible and accessible on each level of the building. It was determined that, due to a number of outside groups using the church, and having our own events, this was a need.

The kits are mounted on the wall near a fire extinguisher at the entrances to the kitchens in both Friendship Lounge on the first floor, and Fellowship Hall on the lower level. Another kit is located above the refrigerator in the library kitchen. A new kit was added to the second floor on the wall outside the youth room.

Consideration was given to these locations for accessibility during ongoing functions as well as availability to classrooms as may be needed.

Do you know there is an AED (portable defibrillator) on the premises? Would you know where to find it? It is located on the wall next to the elevator on the main level. Plans to offer a demonstration of use for staff and interested persons are in the works.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns please contact your Health Committee partners: *Andrea Goetzinger, Sharon Hall, Terry Doty-Webb, Ann Selzer, Lisa Wermuth or Jean Lemorande.*



# Congratulations!

## **Billy Hadcock**

*Homestead High School*

Billy is graduating from Homestead High School. While at Homestead he was part of the Cross Country, Ski, Lacrosse, and Track teams. He was a Badger Boys State participant as well. He will be attending UW-Madison in the fall and plans to major in Data Science, Economics, and English.

## **Becca Hall**

*Homestead High School*

Becca is graduating from Homestead High school, where she was heavily involved in the fine arts programming, participating in choirs, plays and musicals, with numerous parts and roles both on-stage and behind the scenes. Becca has enrolled at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, where she plans to study kinesiology as a precursor to pursuing a graduate degree in Occupational Therapy.



## **Linnea Plichta**

*Whitefish Bay High School*

Linnea has enrolled at Carleton College located in Northfield, MN. Linnea currently plans to major in economics and may pursue a minor in Spanish or data sciences. She is also considering competing in mock trial at Carleton, after competing as a mock trial attorney for the last four years at Whitefish Bay High School. During high school, Linnea also participated in cross country, track and aerial arts (like the artists that dangle from the ceiling on trapezes and silk ribbons in *Cirque du Soleil*).



## **Lindsey Schimpf**

*University of Minnesota - Twin Cities*

Lindsey is graduating from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities on May 13th. Lindsey is graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and a Psychology minor. Lindsey will continue at the University of Minnesota pursuing a Doctorate degree in Occupational Therapy (OTD).



## **Julia Papineau**

*Loyola University Chicago*

Julia graduated with Honors from Loyola University Chicago on May 12, with a degree in Psychology. Julie will be working at Chicago Children's Occupational Therapy Clinic beginning in June. She will be seeking a Masters in OT in the coming 2-3 years while working full time.

## **Haley Krueger**

*University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee*

Haley is graduating with honors (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, majoring in Journalism, Advertising & Media Studies, with a double focus on journalism and advertising. Haley spent her last semester abroad, studying at Bond University in Gold Coast, Australia. While there, she enjoyed sightseeing in Brisbane, Melbourne, and Cairns where she snorkeled in the Great Barrier Reef!

Haley is currently reconnecting with people she met at an internship last summer, and is looking into starting her career as a copywriter for an advertising firm in Milwaukee.



# Church Office Closed

Please take note that the end of June comes with a number of unusual schedules for the church staff.

Kerrin will be out of town from June 16-25.

Marty will be out of the office from June 22-29.

For these reasons, **the office will be closed from June 16-23**. Should you need assistance during this time, please contact Marty by email or cell phone.

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Join us in June!



June 4, 2023  
4:00pm



*KidsConnect@Church is open to all children in grades 2-6.*

Scan the QR code, or see the weekly email for a link, to RSVP.







### **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.

### **Summer Scheduling:**

We are looking to hear from parents and guardians with input on how we can best serve our children and families during the summer months.

Do you want care provided during Midweek Manna? Do you prefer care on Sunday mornings? We have our wonderful Godly Fun teachers, Becca Hall and Haley Krueger, available over the summer.

Let us know how we can best serve you! Email Kelsey Molinari at [kelseymolinari@nscchurchwi.org](mailto:kelseymolinari@nscchurchwi.org).

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