

# 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.....”***

### ***The Gift of Time***

In those oft-cited words from Ecclesiastes, the Teacher reminds us that, “For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” (Ecc. 3:1) As profoundly true as those words are, I think our understanding of that truth is something that only grows throughout the experience of life. It seems that the further we travel down the pathways of life, the more and more we come to see the wondrous, and precious, gift that is time. As loved ones pass from this life to the next, we wish we’d had more time to spend with them. When children grow increasingly into their independence, we gradually come to understand just how quickly that time passes by. As moments and seasons of our lives come to an end, we realize the manner in which such blessings can fade in what seems to be the blink of an eye. The further we travel down the pathways of life, the more and more we come to see the wondrous, and precious, gift that is time.

I found myself thinking about the gift of time as we head into the heart of these summer months, however, because those summer months can often be one of life’s greatest opportunities to enjoy the blessings of the time we are given. The days are a bit longer, the schedules aren’t quite so rigid, the meetings are often less frequent, and the expectations that others place on us (and perhaps even more so the expectations we place on ourselves!) are just a bit lighter at this time of the year. All in all, these are the months in which we are simply a little more likely to take a bit of time away from the everyday bustle to delve into the blessings of God that we so often miss as we speed from one commitment to the next.

In the coming weeks, many of us are going to do just that – in a myriad of ways. Some of us will take time away from work that will be spent resting or travelling. Others of us will take more time to be outdoors; gardening,

### *The Gift of Time continued...*

hiking, boating, camping, or any of a hundred other things that become available to us in our beautiful Wisconsin summers. Most certainly, many of us will take extra time with loved ones. Either at home or away, we will be blessed with just a bit of extra time with our families and friends with whom we don't spend nearly enough in the midst of our busy lives. In these next few months, in so many ways, we will each be presented with a bit of 'extra' time in which we can take in the most precious of gifts that God brings into our lives.

So, enjoy it! I know that I will see some of you more often than others over the next couple of months. As travel, cabin time and other opportunities fill our schedules in ways that only summer can, the time we spend together in the life of the church will take different forms as well. My prayer for us all, however, is that we take the time to truly appreciate the blessings of God in the midst of it all. I know, full well, that eleven weeks from now Sharon and I will be dropping our oldest off for her first year of college, wondering not only what happened to these few summer months, but what happened to the last 18 years of her life! I know, that for many of you, similar experiences will come to pass.

In the blink of an eye, this summer will be behind us. In what seems to be the same momentary blink, whole seasons of life manage to pass us by. The greatest comfort and consolation we can know in the face of time's all-too-rapid passage, however, is the confidence that we made the most of those moments with which God blessed us in the time that has passed. So, whether you're on the trail or on the boat – at a fourth of July party or an evening campfire with your family – enjoy it! See the wonder of God's blessings in it! Keep your heart and spirit set on the gift of that moment. There is no avoiding the reality that the next moment will come all too soon. So, as we head into these summer months, I encourage you to commit your heart, as I have mine, to being as present as humanly possible in every gift of the moment that God has in store for me this summer.

In Faith, *Marty*

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Please note that the **office will be closed for the July 4** holiday. We will be here on Monday, July 3, and then back in the office on Wednesday, July 5.

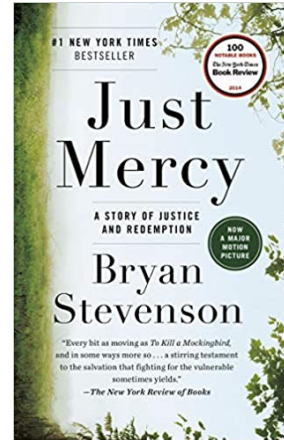


## FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

### Tuesday Morning Book Group

We continue reading *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson. 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.



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### Thursday Bible Study: 9am

Have you ever wondered how David went from shepherd boy to slayer of Goliath to King of Israel? Along the way he wrote many of the Psalms that are so familiar to us.

Join us in Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30 and read along with us as we study II Samuel. We meet in the Owl Room upstairs and on Zoom. We hope to see you there! 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*

*Sustenance for the Soul*

*Casual Worship  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm*

Midweek Manna will continue outdoors for many of our summer Wednesday evenings (weather permitting). In July, we will be outside for services on July 5, July 12, and July 19. We will move indoors, while Rev. Marty is away, on July 26 and August 2.

## *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.*




Our first Manna cookout was a great success, and we look forward to our next gathering on July 12. Hot dogs (or something similar), chips and beverages will be provided. Bring a side or dessert to share! We will start with the cookout at 5:45 and then proceed directly into our Manna worship service at 6:30pm.

## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>25 NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference (Brookfield) 10:00am Worship - Rick Ruenzel 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>26 NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference (Brookfield) 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>27 NACCC Annual Meeting and Conference 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga</p>
<p>2 Communion Repairs of the Breach - Bag and Drop 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>3 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>4 Office Closed 10:30am Yoga</p>
<p>9 WCA Camp 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music &amp; Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>10 WCA Camp 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>11 WCA Camp 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 6:00pm BCE (Youth Room) 6:00pm Trustees (Library)</p>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28 6:30pm Midweek Manna - Rick Ruenzel 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>29 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga</p>	<p>30 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>1 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge</p>
<p>5 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>6 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga</p>	<p>7 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society</p>	<p>8 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge</p>
<p>12 WCA Camp 5:45pm Midweek Manna Cookout 6:30pm Midweek Manna</p>	<p>13 WCA Camp 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga</p>	<p>14 WCA Camp 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>15 Newsletter Deadline WCA Camp 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge</p>
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### **REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE BAG LUNCHES & DELIVER**

The first Sunday of July falls just before Independence Day. Volunteers are needed to make 85 bag lunches for those who rely on Repairers of the Breach for support and food. Each lunch should have a Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwich, bag of chips or pretzels, fruit and/or veggie, sweet treat (granola bar, cookie) and a bottle of water or juice. Bag lunches should be dropped off to church by noon on Sunday, July 2nd.

Additionally, one person is needed to drive and deliver the lunches to Repairers of the Breach at 1335 W. Vliet Street in Milwaukee on Monday morning, July 3rd. If you are in town, please consider helping out this great cause! Click the QR to sign up, and contact Jane Ford with any questions at [janer1975@gmail.com](mailto:janer1975@gmail.com). Thank you!



### **JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY (JOMM)**

Reminder: We are looking for drop-off 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, please 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 much appreciated if we could get a few people to share drop-off duties every month. Our friends at Just One More Ministry are very grateful for all we do for them. Thank you for your continued support and donations.





## A FEW THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF...

**Staff Availability:** Please note that **Mike Fugarino** will be away on vacation the week of **July 10** and **Rev. Marty** will be away **July 23-August 5**. Please contact Kerrin in the church office for assistance during these times.



We are in need of a small group of volunteers who would be willing to be **building/fellowship hosts on Sundays on which Marty is away**. The primary role will be to open and close the building (app. 9:15am to 12pm on Sundays) and host fellowship time (make coffee, set out provided treats, clean up). If you would be willing to be a part of such a team, please contact Marty today.

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## SAVE THE DATE!



**Karl D Schimpf Memorial Blood Drive**  
*Sunday September 24 9AM-2PM*  
*In Fellowship Hall.*

(appointments available at [Versiti.org](http://Versiti.org))

**Volunteers needed for welcoming, registration, snack station;**  
**contact Jean Lemorande.**



## Summer Godly Fun

Becca Hall and Haley Krueger will be at worship on Sundays to lead our Godly Fun lessons this summer. Children begin the service in the sanctuary and exit following the Lord's Prayer around 10:15.

This summer we are exploring.... ***Bible Superheroes!***

- ⇒ June 18 - Jesus - Superhero over Sin and Death
- ⇒ June 25 - Paul - Super Believer
- ⇒ July 2 - Noah - Super Captain
- ⇒ July 9 - Moses - Super Messenger
- ⇒ July 16 - Moses - Super Leader
- ⇒ July 23 - Joseph - Super Dreamer
- ⇒ July 30 - Mary and Joseph - Super Mom and Dad
- ⇒ August 6 - YOU! - Super Believer
- ⇒ August 13 - Adam and Eve - Super Bad Listeners
- ⇒ August 20 - Daniel - Super Believer
- ⇒ August 27 - Jesus - Super Teacher
- ⇒ September 3 - God - Super Shepherd



Join us for a fun summer of SUPER FUN!

## Midweek Manna Potlucks

During the **Midweek Manna Potluck Cookouts** on **July 12 and August 9 at 5:30**, **Kelsey will be there with fun activities for the kids.** Sidewalk chalk! Bubbles! Bean bag toss! And maybe the giant parachute! Bring a side dish or dessert to share and join the church family for a meal and worship.



Three members of our church family are attending the Wisconsin Congregational Summer Camp July 9-13, 2023 (Jay Hall, Megan Hall, Jasiah Steen). If you'd like to send them a note with your well wishes while they are away, those can be sent to:

Camper's Name  
 C/O Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center  
 W6016 Blackhawk Rd.  
 PO Box 676  
 Wautoma, WI 54982



**HOMESTEAD**  
 — HIGH SCHOOL —

***You're Invited!***

*Graduation Open House for*

**Becca Hall**

July 23, 2023

3:00pm - 7:00pm

3326 W. Alsace Ct., Mequon

*RSVP to Sharon:*

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