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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

The Year Ahead

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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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I am going to keep my article shorter than usual, today, as I want to leave room on these opening pages for an article from our Moderator, Bob Erdahl. We have quite the year standing before us. As we head into fall, all of the typical busyness of the season will come with it. We will kick things off with Commissioning Sunday on September 10 (join us for the ice cream social after worship!). Our choirs will return to leading our worship each Sunday, children's programming will be renewed as families return from summer respites, and we will quickly move towards treasured traditions of Bible Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, and more. Fall is always a busy time here at NSCC, and this year will certainly be no different.

In addition to all of this, however, there are some major items on our plate in the coming months. In Bob's article, you will hear more about the momentous year that is 2023-2024 at North Shore Congregational Church. Committees have already begun to meet to plan a celebration of Rick's retirement, as well as to begin the process of discerning the path to new music leadership for our church in 2024 and beyond. Did you know that 2024 also represents the 75th anniversary of our church? We are just beginning to consider how that will play into a busy 2024 schedule (and we're looking for help!).

There is more about all of this in Bob's article on the next page. For now, however, I want to say two things. First, for those who are helping to lead and facilitate the many annual and one-time endeavors that are part of the coming year, I am deeply grateful. Second, for those of you who might be able to help in new and additional ways, we need you! I encourage you to read Bob's article to get a sense of what is happening, pay attention to updates in the weeks and months ahead, and be a part of all of it as it comes. There will be celebrations, conversations, committees... there is so much that will unfold in the coming year, but none of it will flourish without each and every one of us being a part of all that God is doing, and will continue to do, in and through North Shore Congregational Church!

In Faith, *Marty*

Church Council Update

With the end of summer fast approaching, I would like to update the congregation on several issues the Church Council has been working on.

A Growth Committee created by the Council has been at work since April looking into ideas on how to increase the church's membership. Using funds from the generous Koss family gift, the Growth Committee's first objective is to hire a Social Media Coordinator to develop and manage content for the church's social media channels with the goal of attracting new people to the church. Additional initiatives to attract new members will be implemented over the next 2-3 years. If you have any ideas that you think would aid the Growth Committee, please reach out to any of these members - Kurt Dew (Chair), Ann Janikowsky-Halstead, Chris Lierman, Katherine Steele, Rebekah Barsch, Terry Doty-Webb, Carol Wink, Jon Butt, Joseph Hilyard, Doug Wermuth.

The announcement of Rick's retirement has given the Council the important role of finding a new Director of Music. The Council has had lengthy discussions concerning the importance of selecting a Search Committee that is composed of members that represent all of the stakeholders in the church. The following members have accepted the Council's invitation to join Marty on the Search Committee - Rebekah Barsch, Lizz Loder, Kathy Schill, Jon Butt, TJ Molinari, Doug Wermuth. The Council has tasked the Search Committee with defining the role of the new Director of Music, advertising the position, interviewing qualified candidates and recommending a candidate to the Council for approval.

In order to properly thank Rick and recognize his 34 years of outstanding service to the church, a group of members has stepped forward to plan his retirement celebration. If you would like to help with the event, please contact Sue Dew, Lisa Wermuth, Carol Wink or Sue Wood.

Last, but certainly not least, the Council has been discussing the most appropriate way to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the church on April 27, 1949. The Council's goal is to develop a framework for both the timing and the scope of the celebration and pass those recommendations on to a group of members that will plan and implement the celebration events. The entire membership will be given the opportunity to contribute their ideas and time to make the celebration worthy of our church's rich history.

As always, what makes this church so special is the time and energy that so many members contribute to the life of our congregation.

See you in church,

Bob Erdahl - Moderator

FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group

The Tuesday Book Group is ready to start again on September 12th and our first book is *Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs* by Heather Lende. Kirkus Book Reviews offers the following description.

“A popular essayist in Haines, Ala., follows her prior excursion (*If You Lived Here, I’d Know Your Name*, 2005) with a report on, among other relevant matters, what it’s like to be hit by a truck.



In fact, Anchorage Daily News columnist Lende was “run over by a truck...flown out of town, put back together, hospitalized, and finally placed in a nursing home a thousand miles away from home until I was strong enough to travel.” After such a life-threatening experience, the author did what came natural to her—she wrote about it. Now recovered and back to consider some timeless values, she proves a skilled observer of nature in the wild and nature in human form. She is the coach of the local track team, wife and mother of five and a winsome reporter on people old and young, including dear friends, stalwart citizens and brave neighbors. Lende provides pointed thoughts on mortality, occasioned only partly by the death of a parent (the book’s title was her mother’s valedictory); touches of Tlingit native philosophy; and reflections on the blessing of the fleet and the erection of a modern totem pole in Haines Amiable in Alaska and slightly left of center, projecting the warmth of a well-made campfire.”

Amazon says this about the author. “Lende’s irrepressible spirit, her wry humor, and her commitment to living a life on the edge of the world resonate on every page. Like her own mother’s last wish—take good care of the garden and dogs—Lende’s writing, so honest and unadorned, deepens our understanding of what links all humanity.”

This book is available in Kindle and paperback from Amazon. Although Amazon does not offer an audio version, one is available on the author’s website, where she reads a chapter a day from her home, which I found quite charming.

<https://www.heatherlende.com/videos/>

I hope you’ll join us as we journey together to Haines, Alaska while growing closer to God and one another.

Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

Bible study meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Owl Room and on Zoom. The Zoom link is available in Marty's Monday email. Please join us as we continue our study of David's kingship in 2 Samuel. We will follow this with a study of the Psalms.



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

Fellowship Needs You!



As we look to continue to build on our fellowship gatherings in the coming year, the Fellowship Committee would welcome new participants who would like to jump in. If you are interested in being a part of this fun team (you don't need to be at all events!), please contact Sharon Hall at DisneyFamily01@gmail.com to learn more.



ST. BEN'S LOAVES & FISHES

We took a break for the summer (June-August), but now we are back! The Loaves & Fishes ministry starts up on **Tuesday, September 19**. Would YOU like to help with this important outreach ministry? We are looking for volunteers to provide casseroles and desserts once a month on the third Tuesday September through May, AND people to serve them.

A volunteer sign-up form is included in the September Orders of Worship and is available via the QR code. Please reach out to Dona with any questions at 414-426-3086 or via email at donaWininsky@gmail.com



SOLES FOR JESUS – SORT & SERVE

Mark your calendars for our two fall Saturday Sort & Serve opportunities at Soles for Jesus: **September 23 and October 21**, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Gather your friends and help make a difference for those receiving shoes in Africa. Sign-up information coming soon.



FARMERS' MARKET

The Benevolence Board will have a table at the Fox Point Farmers' Market in our very own parking lot on these two Saturdays, September 9 and October 14. Stop by to say "hello" and grab a bag of popcorn and water. We will be collecting donations for St. Ben's and promoting the good things happening at North Shore Congregational Church!



COMMISSIONING SUNDAY

As the new program year kicks off...

Join us for

Commissioning Sunday

10am on Sunday, September 10.

Worship in the sanctuary, and online, led by Rev. Marty and our Chancel Choir as we kick off our fall worship series centered around Rick's favorite anthems and music.

And...

An Ice Cream Social, hosted by our Fellowship Committee, immediately after worship.

**If you have been 'away' for much of the summer, we've missed you.
Come to be a part of kicking off an exciting and important year at
North Shore Congregational Church.**



September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
27 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship	28 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	29 10:30am Yoga
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24 9:00am Blood Drive 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship - Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski, Preaching 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship	25 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	26 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship	31 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga	1 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	2 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P -Meyer - Friendship Lounge 1:30pm Reindl Memorial 2:30pm Reindl Visitation
6 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship 7:30pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom)	7 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	9 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
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20 8:30am Quilters 6:30pm Midweek Manna w/ Rev. Rob Fredrickson 7:30pm Fellowship	21 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	22 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	23 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 9:00am Soles for Jesus - Sort and Serve 10:30am Private Baptism (AM)
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NSCC BLOOD DRIVE 2023

Did you know that even though approximately 38% of the population is eligible to donate blood, less than 5% actually do? Every day, patients in our communities need red blood cells, platelets and plasma as a life-saving event or to keep them feeling healthy and strong. The blood you donate today ensures there is enough for tomorrow and for days ahead.

Your NSCC Health Committee, in coordination with Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin, is hosting a blood drive at the church on Sunday, September 24, from 9AM until 2PM.

Hosting an annual blood drive at North Shore Church was initiated several years ago by the Schimpf family in memory of our long-serving senior minister, Rev Karl Schimpf, a dedicated blood donor.



We invite you to embrace the 5%! Ask another church member, a friend, relative or neighbor to donate!

Appointments are encouraged. You can select a time online at the following link: [bit.ly/ nscc092423](https://bit.ly/nscc092423); you can call Versiti 877-232-4376; or scan the QR code.

Please note these reminders:

- ◆ bring your ID
- ◆ be well-hydrated and eat prior to donating
- ◆ there are some medication restrictions, call if you have questions

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIFE-SAVING GIFT!



FALL MUSIC NEWS

Our fall startup for Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir is just around the corner, with **first rehearsals** taking place on **Thursday, September 7: Ringers at 6 and Singers at 7.**

- ◆ Chancel Choir will first sing for worship that following Sunday, September 10. As we begin this Sept/Oct/Nov Fall season, Marty and Rick are working to prepare and present many of Rick's favorite anthems.
- ◆ Chancel Choir can always accommodate you, if you are a new singer, with or without experience. IF--you are thinking you may sing with us, please let Rick know so that the music library team can prepare a folder for you.
- ◆ Handbell Choir operates most efficiently with 11 or 12 ringers. In the past few years, the bell choir roster has maintained 9-10 ringers--including director Rick. **We would benefit with three more ringers. Could that be YOU?** Not all bell ringers start as children - yet, perhaps if you grew up playing the piano or other instrument with some familiarity reading notation/treble-bass clefs, you likely are the perfect fit.

Handbell Introduction!

Sundays, **August 20 and 27**, after 10am worship in the Chancel.

Rick will have bells, tables, music set up, for your interest. See, hold, ring, learn the real basics to ringing bells. **No pressure - NOT an audition.**



LOAVES AND FISHES

September 19, 2023



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Barsch	Arnold
Bartlett	Fleck
Dowsett	Krosnosky
Moore	Lemorande
Wink	Nelson
Doty-Webb	Tornetta
Lange-Dennis	Wood, Sue
Block	Zganjar
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	<i>Single batch ~30</i>

DRIVERS

Osborne	Croysdale	-----
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SERVERS

Osborne	Wininsky
Osborne	Jonasen
Barsch	Hilyard
Dallman	Hilyard



WE'RE BACK! St. Ben's Meal is an outreach program that serves Milwaukee's neediest citizens. On the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, NSCC provides casseroles, desserts and servers for the evening meal. Please consider joining our NSCC volunteers who already help out on this much needed, and personally gratifying program. ***DUE TO REDUCED NUMBERS OF GUESTS, WE HAVE SCALED BACK THE AMOUNT OF FOOD WE PROVIDE*** so it's easier than ever to be involved!

If you have questions, please contact Dona Wininsky, 414-426-3086 or Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com.

	Monthly Sept -May	Following Months (Detail)	As Needed (Dona will Confirm)
<u>I will provide casseroles</u> (ONE RECIPE – ONE LARGE LOAF PAN IN CHURCH KITCHEN) RECIPE WILL BE PROVIDED.			
<u>I will prepare desserts</u> (30 pieces) (Your choice of “finger food – cookies, bars, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)			
<u>I will serve (5:00 – 6:30pm)</u> at St. Ben's (please list number of servers)			
<u>I will drive food from church to St. Ben's</u> (pick up at 3:30pm)			
NAME			
PHONE			
EMAIL			

Please return form to church or to Dona at Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com.



Sunday School/Godly Fun Enrollment

The beginning of the program year is upon us and with that brings the annual Sunday School Enrollment form.

The form can be found through this QR code:



Please complete the form and email it to Kelsey (KelseyMolinari@NSCChurchWI.org) if your child(ren) will be participating in any Children's Ministry activities (Godly Fun, KidsConnect, and more!). Printed forms are also available in Kelsey's office!



KidsConnect Scheduling!

Does your 2nd-6th grader want to let loose at church? Do they like to eat pizza? If you answered yes, please fill out the KidsConnect scheduling survey! KidsConnect is a high-energy afternoon of games, pizza, and fellowship at church. Bring a friend along to enjoy the fun!



Help Needed

Interested in teaching or helping with our Childrens Ministries?

The wonderful Ms. Haley Krueger will continue with us as our primary Godly Fun teacher in the fall! But we are always looking for helpers/ second adults for Godly Fun and other events like KidsConnect. Interested in seeing what our youngest church-goers are up to?
Contact Kelsey at KelseyMolinari@NSCChurchWI.org.



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