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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

The Wonderful “Next”

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Sunday Worship

10:00am
Worship (Sanctuary/YouTube)
10:15am
Music & Movement and
Godly Fun

Midweek Manna

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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Many of you have had that experience of dropping your son or daughter off to college for the first time. Sharon and I hadn't reached that point of life, of course, until when we moved Becca into her dorm room at UW Madison just a few weeks ago. The move-in itself went very smoothly (kudos to UW Madison for the way they efficiently manage the move-in of some 8,000+ students each year!). Then we reached that critical point (those of you who have been through this know the point I'm talking about). I have since likened it to dropping your 3-year-old at pre-school for the first time. No one was going to become 'ok' with what was happening. The sorrow wasn't going to suddenly wipe away. The tears weren't going to magically stop. There was nothing to do but 'rip off the band-aid,' walk out, and trust that the calm would come in time.

And, so we did! As we walked out the door, I watched the tears roll down Becca's face. I turned to see Sharon fighting back tears of her own. All the while, I struggled to stifle my own. My heart ached. There was, of course, my own sadness at play. Far more difficult, however, was the pain I knew that Becca was experiencing in this first goodbye. It ripped at my soul! I didn't want her to struggle. I didn't want her to cry. I didn't want her to hurt. I'm her dad – I wanted to fix her pain! I knew I couldn't... I knew I shouldn't... I knew I wouldn't... but boy did I want to! Sharon and I continued down the drive, waving back at Becca in the window as we staggered away. A few minutes later we were in the car and headed home.

There had been a few tears by now, and my heart was sore for sure, but the true flood of emotions didn't come until some 30-40 minutes later. As we continued the drive home, a text popped over the audio system of the car. It was from Becca. It was a text loaded with questions about a social opportunity she was going to attend the next day – about a series of events that she had looked up as a way to make connections and meet friends. It was text filled with

all of her plans of how she was going to first jump into this new reality that stood before her. As I listened to the words she had texted – it was then that the tears truly set in, but not for the reason I had long-expected them to come! The tears set in because she was making the turn. She was looking forward. She was finding her way. She was ok!

Was I still sad? Of course! Do we miss having her around the house? Absolutely! The emotions that flooded my heart as those words played, however, were not those of sadness, but of relief, of hope, and even joy. In just that short time, Becca's mind had turned from the sorrow of letting go of the chapter that was closing to the exploration and anticipation of the one that was just beginning. It wasn't that she'd never feel homesick again, nor that she was glad that we were gone. It was that she was turning her heart and mind away from what was to the possibilities of what could be. As a father, as much as I missed her (and still do), what greater joy could I have than to know that her heart was starting that process of embracing the wonderful 'next' that was unfolding before her.

In the weeks since, I couldn't help but think that our parent God must, so often, feel the same way. God doesn't want us to feel pain, but he knows that we will. God doesn't want us to know sorrow, but that is the reality of our living. What God wants most of all, however, is for us to look with anticipation and hope towards the wonderful 'next' that lies before us. In the realities of our lives, and even in the current life of our church, these truths are playing themselves out in some very palpable ways these days. My hope for all of us is that we might learn a bit from Becca's example, as we lean ever more into that wonderful 'next' that God has in store.

In Faith, *Marty*

Director of Music Search Committee Listening Sessions

We want to hear from you!

Sundays October 15 and 22, immediately following worship.
Wednesday, October 18, 7:30pm (after Midweek Manna).

If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please feel free to reach out to any committee members to share your thoughts.

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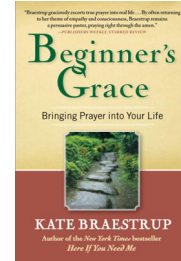
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FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group

We talk about so many things during the Tuesday Book Group gatherings, and recently, the topic of prayer has come up. How do we pray? Why do we pray? Are we praying in the right way? (Spoiler alert: there is no right way). With all this in mind, our next book is *Beginner's Grace* by Kate Braestrup.



Amazon offers this description,

"Prayer is an ancient and simple way to prepare yourself for grace, or love, and to learn to recognize it when it comes. Even the briefest "grace" spoken before dinner offers its time-honored wisdom. Yet, despite hundreds of traditions, teachings, and books about prayer, millions of Americans have become ambivalent about it. They are unsure how, when, where, and even why they might pray, afraid they'll do it wrong, or worried they won't be heard.

Writing in the beautiful, funny, honest narrative style that moved and inspired readers of her first book, Here If You Need Me, Kate Braestrup explains what prayer is and the many ways we can pray. With an approach that is both personal and inclusive, Beginner's Grace is a new kind of prayer book. Even if you don't pray and don't consider yourself religious, there's room in this book for you. In these pages, Braestrup explains how and why the practice of prayer can open a space in our busy lives for mindfulness, gratitude, contentment, and a wider compassion toward others.

Inspired by her work as a chaplain, Braestrup includes many examples of prayers to draw from—beginning with grace, a brief prayer of thanks. She provides clear models and practical suggestions for making your own and your family's prayers meaningful and satisfying, and offers prayers for situations in which words might fail: times of anxiety, helplessness, or grief. And she invites you to explore forms of prayer that extend into the wider community, including prayer with and for people we don't like or with whom we disagree."

Please join us as we explore prayer's role in our faith and how we can become more at ease incorporating prayer into our lives.

This book is available in paperback, audio, and Kindle. Please let Kerrin know by October 2 if you would like to order the paperback version at \$16.00.

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.



North Shore Congregational Church is excited to announce a new partnership with the Fox Point-Bayside Seniors Group, the LX Club.

Members of the LX Club will be using our facilities on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons starting in October. We are thrilled to begin this new relationship and look forward to working with this group in the months and years to come.



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

Come one, come all! We will be making 85 bag lunches in the kitchen **October 1** after the 10 a.m. service. Join the fun!



FARMERS' MARKET

The Benevolence Board will have a table at the Fox Point Farmers' Market in our very own parking lot on Saturday, **October 14**. Stop by to say "hello" and grab a bag of popcorn, water and fall treat. We will be collecting donations for St. Ben's and promoting the amazing things happening at our church!



SOLES FOR JESUS

Mark your calendars for our next Sort & Serve at Soles for Jesus on Saturday, **October 21, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.** Gather your friends and help make a difference for those receiving shoes in Africa. Register your spot today by scanning this QR code or using the link in the Monday email.



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive – Give Thanksgiving to those in need! **October 15 - November 12**

Help make Thanksgiving special for a child, family or senior who would otherwise go without by donating a turkey during this year's Thanksgiving Turkey Drive.

Bring turkeys to church before and after Midweek Manna and Sunday morning services starting on Sunday, October 15, through Sunday, November 12. In addition, there will be a special large cooler on the portico for those who need to drop off at an alternate date or time. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Also, please join us in welcoming Chris Capper, **Founder and CEO of Just One More Ministry, to our service on October 15** as we kick-off our turkey drive.



JUSTONEMORE
Rescuing Food, Helping Souls



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship with Baptism</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>2</p> <p>9:30am PEO AM</p> <p>10:00am LX Club Parking in Lot for Field Trip</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>1:00pm LX Club</p> <p>5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>6:00pm BCE (Youth Room)</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>8</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 Memoir Writing Info Session</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>1:00pm LX Club</p> <p>7:00pm Director of Music Search Committee</p>
<p>15</p> <p>JOMM Turkey Drive Begins</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Bible Sunday Worship</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Director of Music Search Listening Sessions</p> <p>4:00pm KidsConnect</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>1:00pm LX Club</p> <p>4:00pm Loaves and Fishes</p> <p>7:00pm Council</p> <p>7:00pm WCA Daring Conversations</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir</p> <p>10:00am Worship - Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski</p> <p>10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun</p> <p>11:00am Fellowship</p> <p>11:15am Director of Music Search Listening Session</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom)</p> <p>10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge)</p> <p>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>1:00pm LX Club</p> <p>7:00pm Director of Music Search Committee</p>
<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 Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1:00pm 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>10:30am Yoga</p> <p>1:00pm LX Club</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>5 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society</p>	<p>7 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge</p>
<p>11 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>12 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>13 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>14 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:00am Fox Point Market Year-End Celebration</p>
<p>18 8:30am Quilters 6:30pm Midweek Manna - Rev. Rob Fredrickson 7:30pm Director of Music Search Listening Session</p>	<p>19 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>20 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>21 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 9:00am Soles for Jesus - Sort and Serve</p>
<p>25 6:30pm Midweek Manna 7:30pm Fellowship</p>	<p>26 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>27 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)</p>	<p>28 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge</p>
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NEW SEASONAL VACCINES FOR RESPIRATORY HEALTH

There are three vaccines of importance this fall: the new Covid-19 vaccine; the annually updated Influenza vaccine; and the new RSV vaccine. These vaccines are developed to prevent severe disease and hospitalization and, in many cases, death.

1. The annual Influenza vaccine is updated each year to match predominant viruses. There are different formulations, mainly the standard dose for many, and the high-dose quadrivalent formula for those over 65 years and others with certain chronic illnesses. It is important to get vaccinated by the end of October to obtain timely immune protection.
2. The Covid-19 vaccine is a new vaccine. It is designed to target a new sub-variant XBB. There are a few things to know about timing of getting this new vaccine, especially as Covid is already circulating: If you have had a recent infection it is best to wait 2-3 months after infection before receiving the vaccine. This ensures time for your own antibodies to build up. Ideally the longer the wait between infection or immunization the better, but that may not be feasible if a Covid wave is occurring. It is recommended for those age 65+ and others with chronic illness wait up to 4 months after their last vaccine or infection; younger healthy individuals can wait up to 6 months. Note: This year the vaccine is not free. It will be covered by Medicare and private insurance. You can receive both the Influenza and the Covid-19 shots at the same time, but it is recommended to get them in separate arms.
3. RSV vaccine is a new vaccine to prevent Respiratory Syncytial Virus, which predominantly affects infants under 12 months old. However RSV can be very serious in the elderly population, especially with additional diagnoses of asthma, COPD or CHF.



sources: sciencefriday.com (segment 9/15/23); CDC.gov

mark your Calendar

As we look towards the busy holiday season, mark your calendars for a special series of worship and fellowship events throughout November and December.

- ♦ **Sunday, November 5 – Remembrance Sunday** with a special musical presentation of John Rutter's Requiem throughout the service.
- ♦ **Sunday, November 12** – The second annual **Harvest Fest** hosted by our Fellowship Committee.
- ♦ **Sunday, November 19 – Thanksgiving Sunday** worship with our fan-favorite **Pie Feast Fellowship**.
- ♦ **Saturday, December 2 – Ladies' Advent Brunch** at 11am.
- ♦ **Sunday, December 10 – Music Sunday** worship followed by our annual **Advent Fest**.
- ♦ **Sunday, December 17 – Congregational meeting** to vote on the **2024 NSCC budget** (immediately after worship).
- ♦ **Sunday, December 24** – Morning worship at 10am (the **fourth Sunday of Advent**) and **Christmas Eve candlelight** services at 4pm and 9pm.



LOAVES AND FISHES

October 17, 2023



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Anderson	Arnold
Barsch	Fleck
Dowsett	Hadcock, M
Scharnweber	Lemorande
Schimpf, B	Nelson
Petersen	Wink
Loder	Zganjar
Ford	Holmes
Swenson	Wood, Sarah
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	<i>Single batch ~30</i>

DRIVERS

Osborne		-----
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SERVERS

Anderson	Scharnweber
Anderson	Schimpf
Dallman	Schimpf
Barsch	Schimpf



Join the New NSCC Memoir Writing Group!

Your life's journey matters to others!

This is your opportunity to leave a valuable document for your children, grandchildren, and posterity. Sharing the stories of your life will help your descendants better understand you and themselves, appreciate their heritage, and have a positive impact on their lives. And you will improve your understanding of yourself, improve religious insight and orientation.

Everyone can do it! You do not have to be a skilled writer, but writing your memoir will develop those skills

If you are interested in being a part of this group, **please join us** in the library after worship on **October 8 for more information**, or contact Maynard Poland directly at mdpolandmd@gmail.com or 239-478-2771 to learn more.

Maynard Poland has been active in memoir writing for a number of years, mentoring a church-sponsored group in Ft. Myers, FL, writing a published 70,000 word memoir of a woman who was a Navy and commercial pilot, and working is on his own memoir.



World Communion Sunday – October 1, 2023 during Godly Fun

What is communion? Why do we do it? What does it mean? Kelsey and Haley will lead the children in a lesson all about communion on this special Sunday around the world.



KidsConnect – October 15, 2023 from 4-6pm



Kids in grades 2-6, please join Kelsey for an afternoon of Fall Fun! We will bob for apples, have a donut eating contest, and decorate pumpkins. And of course, there will be pizza and a game of hide and seek! Scan the QR code to RSVP.



Bible Sunday – October 15, 2023, 10am

Children will receive their Bible's from a special individual in their lives. Please join us to celebrate and pray for these young people as they receive God's Word.



Remembrance Sunday – Begin Downstairs at 10am and Teacher Needed! – November 5

During worship, two of our regular Godly Fun teachers will be musical performers during the service. We need one additional helper to assist Ms. Haley with the Godly Fun lesson. If you're interested, please call or email Kelsey! KelseyMolinari@NSCCChurchWI.org.



Enrollment Forms



Families with children/youth in church programs/activities, please fill out our simplified enrollment form.

If you have not received one via email, please contact Kelsey KelseyMolinari@NSCCChurchWI.org).



Blank copies are also available in the classroom. Email or drop off completed forms in Kelsey's office.



Admirals Game

Did you know that our Milwaukee Admirals made it all the way to the round of 4 in the 2023 Calder Cup playoffs?

Join your NSCC family as we cheer them on towards another playoff run on **January 5, 2023, at 7pm**. Seats can be reserved by scanning the QR code, following the link included in the Monday email, or contacting the church office.



All seats must be reserved by November 26, 2023. With questions, please contact Sharon Hall at (248) 872-2449 or disneyfamily01@gmail.com.

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