

North Shore Church News

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blessed grateful
together blessings
november

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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

The Next Face of Midweek Manna

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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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I am guessing that I am not the only one who has found him/herself in a conversation surrounding the interminable nature of road construction. While those of us in the North Shore are particularly attuned to this disruptions right now, the reality is that I've oft found myself reflecting on the fact that it seems that the moment they wrap up one project in a certain area, they simply turn around to begin another! The same, I'm told, can be true for artists. I once had a painter tell me that, 'You are never done with a painting, you simply reach a point at which you decide to stop working on it.'

The reality is that a lot of things in life are perpetual projects – things that exist in an everlasting cycle of creation and re-creation as they grow and evolve in and around our lives. For the Church, this is especially true. The healthy body of Christ, both global and local, is in a constant state of reinvention. The moment the Church exits the cycle of God's re-creating work within it is the moment that church begins the march towards obsolescence. If God's Spirit is at work in the body, it means that new life is consistently being breathed into that body in fresh ways. Here at NSCC, it is a cycle we've experienced in worship, outreach, fellowship, and numerous other areas in recent years. Moving into 2024, with the retirement of Rick Kieffer, the ongoing work of our Growth Team, the 75th Anniversary celebrations, and more, this is a cycle that will most certainly continue throughout our mission and ministries. Another place that the cycle will play out, however, is in regard to our Midweek Manna worship offerings.

In the last 15 months of offering Midweek Manna as a regular portion of our worship life, we have learned many lessons about the manner in which this gathering serves the life and faith of our church family. Some of those have been hopeful and positive, others have been informative and instructive. When we put all those lessons together, however, we see a new vision for this service as we head into 2024.

There is a lot that lies behind the changes at hand, and I don't want to delve into the weeds of it all in this context. What I will say, however, is that the new offering will differ from our current service in three primary ways.

- The service will no longer be weekly. ***Starting in January, Midweek Manna will meet monthly***, on the third Wednesday of each month.
- The service will ALWAYS be connected to a meal. The details of the meal may change from month to month, but ***we will gather at 6:00pm for a meal, with worship beginning at 6:45pm.*** We anticipate the service concluding at approximately 7:30pm.
- ***The theme of the worship will no longer be tied to Sunday*** in any way. This monthly service will be a unique offering, in and of itself, allowing people the opportunity to attend both the Wednesday and Sunday services without redundancy or repetition.

It is our hope and prayer that this new approach will allow us to offer a more meaningful worship and fellowship experience for the members of our church family. At the end of 2024, we will review this offering again. We may find that things should continue as they have been. We may find that the cycle of reinvention will once again unfold. Only time will tell. In the meantime, however, I hope that you will join us for this new offering as we kick things off on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

In Faith, ***Marty***



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday April 21, 2024

Join us in celebrating the retirement of our long time Director of Music, Rick Keiffer. -A luncheon will be served after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

FORMATION AND ENRICHMENT

Tuesday Morning Book Group

We decided to slow the pace a bit with “Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs” which has upended our schedule moving forward. We are now planning to read “Beginner’s Grace” by Kate Braestrup after Christmas. A start date will be in the December newsletter.

For Advent and Christmas, we will read “*Expecting Emmanuel*” by *Joanna Harader* beginning **Tuesday, November 28.**

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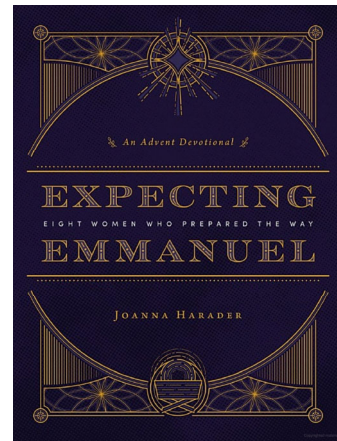
Journey through Advent and Christmas with the women of Jesus' family line.

Christmas is about so much more than twinkle lights, sugar cookies, and perfect family photos. It's about the world-changing, transforming, and sometimes messy reality of "God with us." As we dive deep into the biblical accounts of Jesus' female ancestors and reflect on God's presence in their complicated lives, we can begin to release our expectations of a "perfect Christmas" and instead seek the experience of a holy season.

This Advent and Christmas season, step into the true power of the Incarnation as we journey together to the manger and encounter the omnipotent God who has come to us in the vulnerable Christ-child.

Like most people, I worry about adding one more thing to my schedule at this time of year. Even if it means one less batch of cookies, or one less gift to wrap, let's add reading together and "seek the experience of a holy season."

There are 3 copies available to buy in Kerrin's office. Additional copies can be ordered through church, by letting Kerrin know by **November 7.**



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.



Advent Devotionals - What? Yes your Advent team has already met, put together a theme and chosen scriptures for our annual Advent devotional that YOU write! To claim your date and corresponding verse, see a team member in Friendship Lounge after worship, sign up online using this QR Code, or see the Monday email for a sign-up link.



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY

Thanksgiving Turkey Drive – Give Thanksgiving to Those in Need! **Last Day to Donate is 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 for Just One More Ministry. Bring turkeys to church before and after Midweek Manna and Sunday morning services. Look for the large cooler in the portico. Thank you for your generosity!



Gobble Gobble – Let's Cover the Turkey! Donate a turkey and add a feather – look for the poster in the Narthex.

HOUSE OF PEACE/ST. BEN'S BLANKET DRIVE

The House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal programs regularly distribute blankets to their guests, who use them as protection from the cold while homeless.

The recent drop in temperatures has caused a run on their supply, and they have completely run out.



If you have used blankets in your home that you no longer need, please bring them to the church office and we will make sure they get to St. Ben's before the even colder months of winter arrive.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE OF MILWAUKEE

Get Ready for our Annual Giving Tree

Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas morning. Our hope is to provide Christmas magic to boys and girls from the Neighborhood House of Milwaukee through this year's Giving Tree. The Neighborhood House was founded to help strengthen children and families in some of the city's most underserved neighborhoods. It reaches more than 4,000 people annually through wrap-around services, including quality early child care, after school programs for youth and teens, adult education for refugees, parenting support, and a food pantry.



Sign-up for a tag or two. Each tag will fulfill a boy or girl's wish. Purchase one or two items from the tag for the child, wrap the gift(s), add a tag with the child's name on each package, and bring to church. (Important: be sure to include the child's name on the gift and write legibly.) Wrapped gifts should be **returned to the tree in the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 10.**

New This Year: In addition to online sign-up, there will be a limited number of tags placed on the Giving Tree in the Narthex. Watch for details coming soon!



November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
29 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship	30 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	31 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club
5 Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 10:00am Remembrance Sunday Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express	6 9:30am PEO AM 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	7 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm BCE (Youth Room) 6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom)
12 JOMM Turkey Drive Ends 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship - Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski, Preaching 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Harvest Fest 1:00pm Eastwinds Concert (Concert at 3p)	13 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	14 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 7:00pm Director of Music Search Committee
19 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Thanksgiving Sunday Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Pie Feast Fellowship	20 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	21 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 4:00pm Loaves and Fishes 7:00pm Council
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:30pm Midweek Manna with Communion	2 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	3 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 11:00am Reese W. Visitation 12:00pm Reese W. Memorial Service (reception to follow) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	4 9:00am Music Rehearsal 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge
8 6:30pm Midweek Manna w/ Rev. Rob Fredrickson	9 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	10 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	11 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
15 Newsletter Deadline 8:30am Quilters 6:30pm Midweek Manna	16 9:30am Bible Study (Owl Room/Zoom) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	17 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	18 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
22 Office Closed for Thanksgiving	23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving	24 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	25 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
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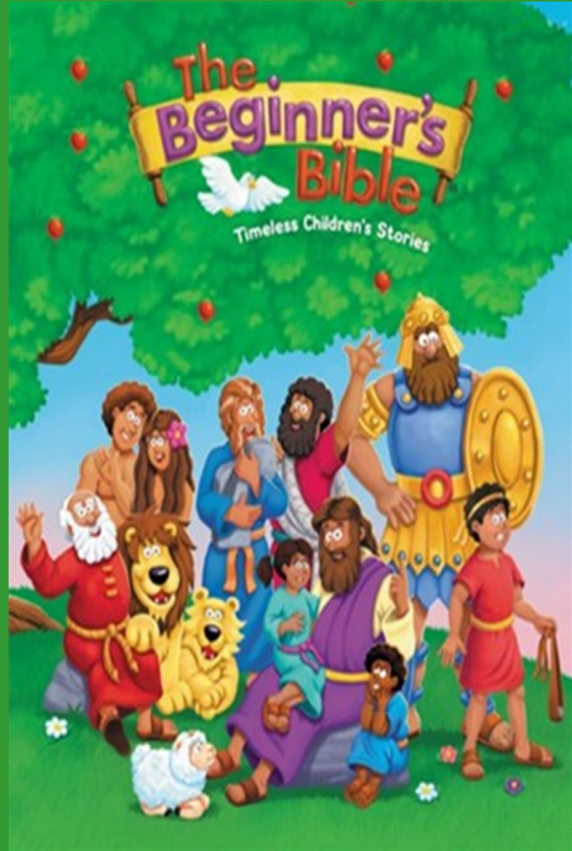
As always, we are looking forward to a full and meaningful holiday season. Please mark your calendars for a special series of worship and fellowship events throughout November and December.

- ♦ **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.

Please note that, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be **no Midweek Manna on Wednesday, November 22**.

Midweek Manna is evolving as we head into 2024! Weekly Manna services will continue through Wednesday, December 20, at which time they will shift to a monthly offering (dinner at 6:00pm, worship at 6:45pm) starting on Wednesday, January 17. Please see Marty’s article on page 2 for more information.

Poinsettia/Evergreens for Pew Bibles



Please help us to raise funds to place Children's Bibles in our pews. Imagine our children paging through a bible meant just for them as we gather together for worship each Sunday morning.

*Once again we will be offering beautiful evergreens, poinsettias and gift cards from **Bayside Garden Center**. Gift Cards are a great holiday gift for teachers, coaches, neighbors, or stocking stuffers. Orders will be taken from **October 29 - November 12** and pick up will be at church the weekend after Thanksgiving.*

Sign Up using the QR Code or see the Monday email for a direct link to place your order.



LOAVES AND FISHES

November 21, 2023



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Barsch	Arnold
Bartlett	Dowsett
Moore	Fleck
Tornetta	Hadcock, M
Wermuth	Lemorande
Navarro	Loder
Wink	Nelson
Tollefsen	Schill
Lange, H	Wauck
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	Zganjar
	Wood
	<i>Single batch ~30</i>

DRIVERS

Osborne	Lange	-----
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SERVERS

Barsch	Lange
Dallman	Lange
Tollefsen	Lange
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The Winter Wonder Ladies Advent Brunch

Saturday, December 2 ♦ 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

North Shore Congregational Church
7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd. • Fox Point

A GATHERING YULE LOVE!

You are invited to join with family and friends to kick off the Advent season in a **FLURRY** of camaraderie and fun! Join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall and share beautiful Advent music, readings, a delicious light lunch and BINGO. Invite your friends and neighbors...**IT WILL BE SNOW BEAUTIFUL!**

PAY IT FORWARD

Bring NEW hats, gloves or mittens for kids to be donated to the Neighborhood House (NSCC Giving Tree recipient) and get one ticket for your chance to win a fabulous basket of goodies!

RSVP

Sign up today! Call the church office at (414) 352-6123, email the church office at kerrinwhite@nscchurchwi.org, or find the sign-up sheet below the bulletin board in the hallway. **RSVP by Friday, November 24.**

Lunch funding provided by the "Soupers."

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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, 2024, at 7pm**. Seats are \$19 and 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.

Harvest Fest and Chili Cook-Off

Make sure to join us for our first **Harvest Fest**, hosted by our Fellowship Committee, immediately **after worship on Sunday, November 12**. Great food and fun are in store for members of all ages.



Be sure to bring your chili for our chili cook-off. There will be prizes!

We hope you will plan to join us!

Thanksgiving Pie Feast

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, 2023.



As we look towards all of the ways in which we are grateful for God's blessings, join for a special worship service and then stay, after the 10am service, for our Pie Feast. Bring a sweet or savory pie to share!



KidsConnect Scheduling

Parents and guardians, do you want a few hours to wrap Christmas presents? Do you want an activity for your kids over Winter Break? Fill out the scheduling questionnaire with your availability/interest and we will get another fun-filled afternoon planned for kids in grades 2-6!



Save the Dates!

- ♦ **November 5** - Ms. Haley will meet the children in the Narthex and lead them downstairs at **10am due to Remembrance Sunday**. And as Kelsey and Katie are playing music during Remembrance Sunday, it will be a cozy Bean Bag and Blankie day for the Godly Fun lesson. Blankies will be provided or you can bring your own!
- ♦ **November 12 - Harvest Fest** - There will be activities and crafts for the kids as we gather in fellowship following worship.
- ♦ **November 19 - Thanksgiving Lesson and Pie Feast** - Our lesson during Godly Fun will focus on our Pilgrim ancestors. Following worship, please stay for the Pie Feast to enjoy fellowship and the best sweet and savory treats of the season.
- ♦ **December 3 - Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making** - During Godly Fun, the kids will assist with making the monthly lunches for Repairers of the Breach. They will learn about the organization and learn how their helping hands make a difference.
- ♦ **December 10 - Save the date for the annual Advent Craft Fest!** Join Ms. Laurie as she leads the kids in wonderful Christmas crafts to treasure for generations.
- ♦ **December 31** - There will be **NO Godly Fun on New Years Eve**.

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