

North Shore Church News

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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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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Sharing Your Story of the 75 Years of Ministry at NSCC

Did you know that our church started in a Fox Point living room and met for some 5 years at Country Day School in Whitefish Bay (what is now the Jewish Community Center on Santa Monica), before the first portion of our building was completed and dedicated in 1954?

Did you know that much of the stained glass in our building was designed and created by Charles Burroughs, a member of the church at the time? Did you know that the upper arch of the stained glass at the front of the sanctuary is actually a single piece consisting of three different ‘windows’ that slide along a rail and lock into place depending on the season (the star for Advent/Christmas, the lamb at Easter and the white panels for the remainder of the year)?

I just learned, a few weeks ago, that the church sent a group of Pilgrim Fellowship (youth group) members on a three-week trip to England in the summer of 1969. One of our current members was on that trip as a sixteen-year-old and recounts it as a life-changing experience.

The stories and recollections that I’ve heard from long-time members of this church over the years have been a rich blessing to me, and have spoken deeply to the role this church has played in the lives of so many of our members in such a remarkable variety of ways. There is, however, so much more to be shared, and that is why the 75th Anniversary planning team is asking for your participation.

You will see, on page 11 of this newsletter, an announcement about a series of conversations being hosted by the planning team after worship each Sunday in January. The idea is simple – gather in small groups and share your stories about when/where/how this church has impacted your life. The goal is to gather these memories and stories, as a team, to help put a face on the ten pillars that we will be celebrating throughout 2024.**

It is our hope that the conversations will be both informative to the team and enriching to all who share with one another. So, I encourage you to please see the sign-up sheets available in the main hall of the church and to take the time to be a part of one of these conversations throughout the course of February. In sharing our stories of what NSCC has meant to us in these last 75 years, we may just uncover some wisdom of what it can mean to others in the 75 years to come!

In Faith, *Marty*

***The pillars identified by the 75th Anniversary Planning Team are:*

- 1) *Church Charter/Founding Members,*
- 2) *Worship and Music,*
- 3) *Present/Past Ministers, Staff and Lay Service,*
- 4) *History of our Meeting House and Land,*
- 5) *Outreach Travel and Youth Mission Trips,*
- 6) *Community Service,*
- 7) *Youth,*
- 8) *Present/Past Members,*
- 9) *Fellowship,*
- 10) *The Congregational Way.*

MIDWEEK MANNA

Our inaugural gathering for Midweek Manna in its new form was a great success in January. Join us in **Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 21**, as the Board of Christian Enrichment hosts our meal and we gather in worship around the theme of taking time for God in and through the ways in which we live out our love for one another. Dinner begins at 6pm with worship at 6:45.

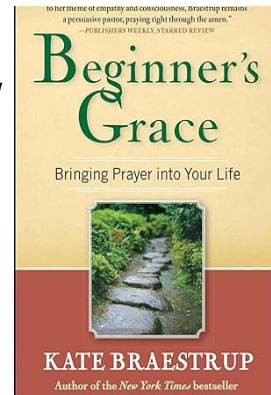


FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Book Group

We continue to discuss our book *Beginner's Grace* by Kate Braestrup.

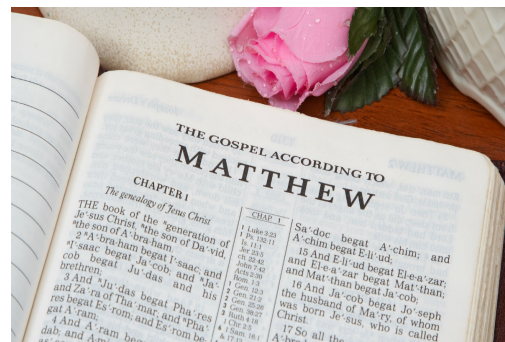
"Prayer is an ancient and simple way to prepare yourself for grace, or love, and to learn to recognize it when it comes. Even the briefest "grace" spoken before dinner offers its time-honored wisdom. Yet, despite hundreds of traditions, teachings, and books about prayer, millions of Americans have become 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."



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.

Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

Join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30 for a study of the Gospel of Matthew. We meet upstairs in the Owl Room and we would be so pleased to see new members! We are experiencing lots of inclement weather so feel free to Zoom into our meetings. The link is available in Marty's Monday email.

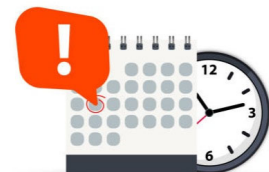


If you have any questions, or would like to receive more communication about our study groups, contact anyone in the church office.

As part of North Shore Congregational Church's **Visitation Ministry**, five volunteers have been visiting NSCC members who find it difficult to attend worship and/or other church activities because of the physical constraints imposed by health or age. Over the last year, the five of us have met with nine church members every one or two months. Our goal is that these members feel a sense of connection to their church family and are reminded that we care about them. We have been richly rewarded by participating in this program and are looking to expand our ranks! If you are interested in more information and/or volunteering to serve as a visitation volunteer, please call or text Melissa Block at 414-852-0765.



Mark your calendars as we kick off the Lenten season with our **Ash Wednesday** worship service on **February 14 at 7pm.**



PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH

Happy 75th Anniversary North Shore Congregational Church!

Each month of this 75th year, a pillar of the church will be highlighted in order to celebrate the many different parts of our amazing church. This month is dedicated to the founding members of our house of worship.

In The Beginning...It is well documented that on the night of April 27, 1949, 25 persons gathered to pledge their support of a new Congregational Church to be started in the Fox Point area. At 8:00 p.m. in the evening, the group met at a home on North Lake Drive. They sung "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and one by one they knelt at a small coffee table at the home of Fritz and Leanore vonGrossmann and affixed their signatures to the following statement:

"FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, FOR THE SERVICE OF OUR FELLOW MEN, AND FOR THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF A CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH."

Those signing included:

Mr. and Mrs. David C. Bublitz	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald O. Baymiller
Mr. and Mrs. David L. Garlick	Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gerlach
Mr. and Mrs. David Lovejoy	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mellows
Mrs. William C. Messinger	Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Norem	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence P. Reisen
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick von Grossmann	Mr. and Mrs. George Washington
Mr. and Mrs. G. Woodbury Weinhagen	

The first service was held on May 15, 1949, at Country Day School. There were 92 people in attendance. When the Charter was closed on November 6, 1949, there were 329 members received. Of that group, 101 practiced their lifelong commitment to Christianity and God by maintaining an active membership. The average age of the members at this starting point was 32 years!

The Original Charter Members included:

Ronald O. Baymiller	Marion D. Baymiller	James A. Borchert
Jane A. Borchert	John A. Bowers	Katherine P. Bowers
Kenneth F. Burgess Jr.	Georgette Burgess	Carl A. Burghardt
William H. Churchill	Maxine A. Churchill	Albert H. De Moss
Claire Louise Dilley	Charles O. Dowsett	Peggy Ann Dowsett Robert
C. Eschweiler	Joan G. Eschweiler	Donald F. Frank
Margaret P. Frank	David L. Garlick	Marjore Garlick
Gordon H. Gile	Jean Gile Newell	Victor M. Harding Jr.
Julia B. Harding	Edward T. Hoffman	Frances W. Hoffman
Walter H. John	Elizabeth W. John	William F. Kache
Virginia H. Kachel	Arthur C. Keller	Roberta Keller
Edwin H. Knox	Edythe Knox	Kenneth K. Kramer
Valorus F. Lang	Dorothy P. Leisk	Mary D. Messinger
S. Archibald Morton	Elizabeth Morton	Kenneth M. Nelson
Margaret Nelson	Helen L. Pfeifer	Alfred Prinz Jr.
Mary M. Prinz	Donald Ramker	Janice R. Ramaker
John S. Riddle, Jr.	Arville Schaleben	Ida Schaleben
Robert S. Schley	Irene P. Schley	Florence Stites
Albert H. Stites	James Stormonth	John P. Stover
Sara N. Stover	Douglas E. Thatcher	Cynthia Wagner
Paul W. Waterman	Kate C. Waterman	George W. Weinhagen
Frances W. Weinhagen	G. Woodbury Weinhagen	Grace M. Williams Grace
M. Wilson	Jack C. Windsor	Jack C. Windsor Jr.

The actual Charter is located in the narthex and we pass by it each time we enter the sanctuary. Take a closer look at this historical gem of North Shore Congregational Church.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am 75th Anniversary - Share Your Stories 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express 4:00pm KidsConnect</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30am PEO AM 1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 7:00pm Growth Team (Owl Room) 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>6</p> <p>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) 6:00pm Trustees (Library)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am 75th Anniversary - Share Your Stories 11:00am Fellowship 11:10am Memoir Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm 75th Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>13</p> <p>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</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski Preaching 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am 75th Anniversary - Share Your Stories 11:00am Fellowship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>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</p>
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	3 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge
7	8 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9 WCA Youth Overnight 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	10 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 9:30am PEO - Library
14 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	17 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
21 8:30am Quilters 6:00pm Midweek Manna Meal 6:45pm Midweek Manna Worship	22 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 12:00pm LX Club - Presidents Day Presentation - Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	23 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	24 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
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ST. BEN'S

Join us on February 11 as we welcome Father Mike from St. Ben's Community Meal Program during the Benevolence Moment at our 10 a.m. service. We are proud to play a part in this long-standing ministry of serving Milwaukee's poor.

CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Milwaukee
House of Peace
St. Ben's Community Meal

JOMM Spread the Love - Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive February 11 – 29

Help us SPREAD the LOVE this February by bringing in jars of peanut butter and jelly. Peanut butter is one of the most frequently requested items by food banks because it is kid-friendly, shelf-stable and protein-rich. AND jelly makes the perfect pairing for a delicious sandwich every month, but especially in February! Just One More Ministry makes sandwiches as well as gives out the jars to those in need. There will be a special collection bin in the narthex for donations, or feel free to leave jars in the container under the portico if not coming inside.



HOSANNA INDUSTRIES - Mission Trip – Service Opportunity

Join the fun! With our 75th year upon us, we are looking to have a group continue the North Shore Congregational Church tradition of service through a Mission Trip to Hosanna Industries in Western Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in serving **Sunday, June 23, through Saturday, June 29**, please contact David Schimpf at 262-707-5224 or dschimpf@wi.rr.com for details. We are looking for high school students, college-aged individuals and other able-bodied adults who are willing to make a difference in our world and help build God's Kingdom! For more information about Hosanna Industries, scan our QR Code or click [here](#).





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SHARE YOUR MEMORIES

The 75th Anniversary Committee would like to invite all members to share their most memorable experiences at North Shore.

These memories will be included in the commemorative booklet that will be distributed at the main anniversary celebration on October 17, 2024.

Members of the committee will be hosting small gatherings after church on every Sunday in February to help you tell your stories.

Sign up sheets for the events are available under the TV in the hallway.

This is your chance to share how North Shore has been a source of faith and fellowship for you and your family



Online Giving is beneficial to our church, as it is a way of keeping our bank account current while saving the giver the hassle of having to write and mail a check. Giving directly through Realm, our cloud-based database and giving platform, also updates your record automatically, so you can see at a glance where you stand.

As the new year starts, it has become apparent that there is a little confusion regarding scheduling recurring payments. Below are instructions on how to make online gifts. Please note that, **when setting up your EOG for the each coming year, you need to reschedule your recurring gift as well.** If set up correctly, each year's giving will expire at the end of the year, allowing new giving to be set up for the year to come.

If you do not feel comfortable setting up online giving for yourself, or you need assistance in changing your giving patterns or amount, please contact Kerrin and she will be glad to assist.

Mention is made of the following:

- Kerrin cannot see your full account details, so your payment method remains secure once inputted.
- There is an option to add fees associated with your payment to the instructions. Please do not feel obligated to do so, but know that it does offset the fees the church needs to pay to accept online payments. If you do not add the fees, the full amount of the contribution will still be allocated to your account.

Online Giving from Your Profile

Make a contribution from your Realm profile. You can contribute any amount using the button on your profile. If you want, you can set up recurring gifts or payments.

⇒ **Sign in** to your Realm account.

⇒ **Click Giving** in the main menu.

⇒ **Click Give.**

- ♦ **Enter the amount** you want to give,
- ♦ **Select the fund** by using the drop down menu to select the appropriate designation (for example EOG 2024 or Non-EOG). Fundraisers and memorials are available as selections as well. Use “Clearing Account” for items such as books or other miscellaneous payments.
- ♦ If the fund has the memo field enabled, complete this field to add a note.
- ♦ To give to more than one fund at once, click Another Fund (e.g. fees).

(**Optional:** If available, select Dedicate this gift in memory or in honor of someone.)

- ♦ **Select a gift frequency.**
- ♦ Give Once—Select a date to give a one-time gift.
- ♦ Give Multiple Times—Select a frequency by which your gift will recur. If you set up a recurring online gift, you will receive an email when the end date has been reached. For EOG giving, please set your end date to 12-31 so that it ends in the year you are giving for. **You will need to reschedule your EOG recurring gift for the next year**
- ♦ **Click Continue.**

⇒ **Enter your payment method,** or select one that you saved.

- ♦ **Optional:** If you want to add a new payment method, select ‘Enter a different payment method than one you already have.’

⇒ **Click Give.** A confirmation message displays.

⇒ If you want to turn your one-time gift into a scheduled gift, select the check box and a frequency for the gift. Otherwise, **click Finish.**

Note:

During months that have fewer than 31 days, recurring gifts scheduled for the 31st of each month will process on the last day of the month.

LOAVES AND FISHES

February 20, 2024



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Barsch	Nelson
Gregory	Hadcock, M
Loder	Wood, Sarah
Petersen	Wink
Navarro	Wauck
Wininsky	Shawger
Wermuth	Lemorande
Doty-Webb	Donner
Anderson, B	Callaway
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	
	<i>Single batch ~30</i>

DRIVERS

Osborne	Croysdale	-----
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SERVERS

Gregory	Barsch
Gregory	Jonasen
Doty-Webb	Osborne
Doty-Webb	Croysdale



KIDSCONNECT - FEBRUARY 4 FROM 4-6PM

Kids in grades 2-6, please join Kelsey for a fun, love filled afternoon. We will have Valentine's Day themed crafts and activities... and PIZZA! Friends are always welcome. RSVP by scanning the QRCode or [clicking here](#).



BENEVOLENCE "SPREAD THE LOVE" EVENT

As a branch of the upcoming Board of Benevolence drive for peanut butter and jelly, the children will be having their own collection for the Godly Fun classroom. We will determine how many jars we want to collect and if we meet the goal, the kids can have a PAJAMA DAY during church!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Keep an eye out for an announcement in the March newsletter about the return of Vacation Bible School at NSCC! The event will be open to members, friends, and the community at large.



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