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GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

July 2024

“A Few Thoughts On.....”

Stronger Together



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Sunday Worship

10:00am

Worship (Sanctuary/
YouTube)

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Dear Friends,

I am writing this monthly article far earlier than what would be normal for our monthly routine (it is currently June 5). I am doing that, however, because I know that the normal gathering and publication of the July newsletter will take place while I am attending the Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. Three of us from North Shore Congregational Church (Jon Butt and Rebekah Barsch are attending as well) will travel to Spokane, WA, for this annual conference at the end of June.

There are, of course, many reasons that I, and others, attend these conferences each year. There is business to be done – as member churches of the association it is our privilege and responsibility to lend our voices to the decisions and directions of our national fellowship. There are opportunities for worship and service that are invigorating and inspiring for us as individuals and as churches. There are long-lasting friendships that are rekindled as we gather each year. There are abundant chances to learn, explore, reflect, and more.

There are many reasons that I, and others, attend these conferences each year. Chief among them for me, however, is my fundamental conviction that we are stronger together than we could ever be apart. The opportunities that I have to hear stories of ministry, and to share our own, are invaluable in the perspective and insights they can bring. The lessons I learn from presenters and attendees help stir new and different ideas as I consider the life and ministry of our church family. The strength and support I receive from cherished colleagues and friends renews me as I look to the program year ahead.

I could keep going with all of this, but my fundamental point is that I am convinced that God did not ‘build’ us to operate alone. As individuals, we are stronger in faith and spirit when we are part of a community of faith that lifts us up when we are down and inspires us as we strive forward. Much the same, as churches, we are stronger in faith and spirit when we are part of a fellowship that supports us in our needs and encourages us in our endeavors. This, more than anything else, is why our connection to the NACCC matters and why we choose to attend this conference each year.

It has sometimes been said (and I couldn’t agree more), that the Congregational principle of the ‘autonomy’ of the local church is too often confused with ‘independency.’ Our Congregational Way of being the church is grounded in the fundamental conviction that each and every church is complete in and unto itself, as the Christ is most certainly there amongst them (“For wherever two or three are gathered in my name...” Matthew 18:20). That sense of freedom and autonomy, however, in no way negates the fact that we are stronger together, and that the fellowship that we share with other Congregational churches is essential to the health of our churches both individually and collectively.

So, I’m writing this article a bit early this month because, among other things, I will be embracing this blessing of our wider fellowship at the time that I would normally sit down to do so. By the time you read it, of course, I’ll already be home. The reminder, however, is essential. As individuals, and as a church, we are stronger together. No matter how much we may rejoice in that ‘freedom’ that stands at the core of our tradition, it is the fellowship we share with one another, and with our sister churches, that will be at the heart of our growing ever closer that which God has ‘built’ us to be!

In Faith, *Marty*

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- * Please note that **the office will be closed for the July 4 holiday**. The office will reopen for normal hours on Monday, July 8.
 - * **Marty will be out of the office from July 22 through July 28**. The church office will be open for its normal operating hours and Marty can be reached by cell phone in the case of an emergency.



FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Book Group

In July, we'll meet for book group, skipping the week of the 4th. We cordially invite you to join us, beginning at either hour-long session on Tuesday, July 9:

- ♦ 9:00 on Zoom (to attend, find the link in Marty's Monday email)
- ♦ 10:00 in-person session in Friendship Lounge at the church

Our July book is, *Find the Good: Unexpected Life Lessons from a Small-Town Obituary Writer*, by Alaskan author Heather Lende. Quite a few copies have already been ordered, and the price is \$12. Contact Lizz Loder (or Susan Wauck) if you'd like one reserved for you, or if you have any questions.

Here are some excerpts from the description of this book on Amazon's website:

As the obituary writer in a spectacularly beautiful but often dangerous spit of land in Alaska, Heather Lende knows something about last words and lives well lived. Now she's distilled what she's learned about how to live a more exhilarating and meaningful life into three words: find the good. It's that simple--and that hard. Quirky and profound, individual and universal, Find the Good offers up short chapters that help us unlearn the habit--and it is a habit--of seeing only the negatives. Lende reminds us that we can choose to see any event--starting a new job or being laid off from an old one, getting married or getting divorced--as an opportunity to find the good. As she says, "We are all writing our own obituary every day by how we live. The best news is that there's still time for additions and revisions before it goes to press."

From Jo-Ann Mapson, author of *Owen's Daughter*:

"Heather Lende's small town is populated with big hearts--she finds them on the beach, walking her granddaughters, in the stories of ordinary peoples' lives, and knits them into unforgettable tales. Find the Good is a treasure."

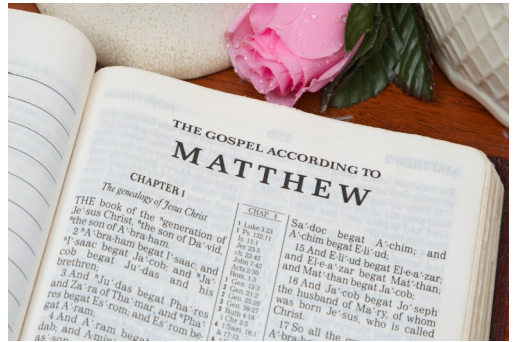
We hope you'll join us at either session of book group, starting Tuesday, July 9. After this book, we go on hiatus in August and resume in September after Labor Day.

Lizz Loder and Susan Wauck



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.

please note

Please note that many boards are meeting at alternative times or not meeting at all in the month of July. Check the church calendar for details and watch for emails from your board chair for information.



Board Meeting



Our monthly **Midweek Manna** services continue through the summer months. Join us on **Wednesday, July 17**, as we take an opportunity to gather for food and casual worship in the midst of busy summer schedules.



PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH

PILLAR SIX: OUR BUILDING

A major part of our church's 75 year story can be found in the history of the building itself. Countless members have generously given their time, talents and financial support to build and improve what has become a cornerstone of our community.

What follows is a chronological summary of the major events in the history of the church building and the surrounding property. The dates presented are the best information I could find based on historical records and member/staff interviews. Looking back on all of the projects, it became apparent that the only way to avoid the possibility of failing to mention all of the right names, was to not mention any names at all. Also note that with a few exceptions, the cost for the projects has been left out to avoid the summary taking on the look of an accounting report.

- 1950 Land was purchased from Fox Point for \$13,400.
 - * Fox Point Sale Condition #1 - No basement due to the wet site conditions.
 - * Fox Point Sale Condition #2 - Members must build a church. Financed with an 8 year loan from the Congregational Building Society. The loan was paid back in 18 months.
- 1955 Original building was completed. Architects were Collens, Willis and Beckonert. Final cost was \$275,000. 16 inch thick concrete floor and foundation walls due to wet site conditions. Steeple was constructed to accommodate a future elevator shaft. Members helped by installing floor tiles & painting walls.
- 1957 Church had grown to 1,000 adults and over 200 children in Sunday School. Fund raising began for the south addition with a goal of \$314,000.
- 1958 South addition was completed. Due to the constant problem with ground water, the floor of the south addition is 4 feet higher than the original floor found in Fellowship Hall. The stairs and access ramp serve to bridge the difference in elevation.
- 1960's Children's worship room was remodeled into the current Chapel.
- 1987 Stained glass was installed in the Sanctuary & Chapel.
- 1988 Current organ was installed in the Sanctuary. Air conditioning & humidity control were installed in the Sanctuary.

- 1999 New entrance addition was completed. Circle drive & garden were installed. Elevator was installed.
- 2007 4 new heating boilers were installed. Air conditioning was installed in the office.
- 2008 A new air conditioning system & new air handlers were installed in the Sanctuary.
- 2010 Fellowship Hall kitchen was remodeled.
- 2011 New windows were installed in the Sanctuary.
- 2017 New roofs & ceiling insulation were installed. Both parking lots were repaved.
- 2019 Friendship Lounge kitchen was remodeled. Main floor bathrooms were remodeled.
- 2020 The area between Santa Monica Blvd. and the parking lot was relandscaped.
- 2022 Lower level Sunday School rooms were remodeled. Friendship Lounge was remodeled. A new carillon system was installed in the steeple.

The following building improvements have been ongoing for years:

- Additions to the dewatering system - Currently 8 sump crocks with pumps.
- New equipment to keep the sound/technology systems up to date.
- Window replacements as needed.

After 75 years, our building still has the classic appearance of a New England Congregational Church with red bricks, white trim and a towering steeple. Inside, we display only simple decorations that places our focus on the members and the message.

Our Board of Trustees are constantly faced with the challenge of carefully allocating limited budgets for the maintenance and improvement of the church building and grounds. When special projects arise, members have always stepped forward to donate the time, talent and funding required to insure a successful outcome.

A final note - During the month of July, the TV monitor in Friendship Lounge and the table below it will have displays of historical pictures and publications for your viewing.

Bob Erdahl
75th Anniversary Committee

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
30 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship	1 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	2 10:30am Yoga
7 Communion WCA Camp 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship Repairers of the Breach - Bag and Drop	8 WCA Camp 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	9 WCA Camp 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga 11:00am Jane Brudd Memorial (Chapel) 6:00pm Trustees (Library)
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28 10:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski Preaching 11:00am Fellowship	29 11:00am E. Guilbert Memorial 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	30 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group (Friendship Lounge) 10:30am Yoga

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4 Office Closed for Independence Day	5 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	6 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge
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17 8:30am Quilters All Day 6:00pm Midweek Manna Meal 6:45pm Midweek Manna Worship	18 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club	19 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	20 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
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REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH



Repairers of the Breach - The first Sunday of the month is right after the Fourth of July. We are asking for help making 85 bag lunches that will be delivered on July 8. Each lunch should include a PB&J sandwich, bottle of water, chips or pretzels, fruit and a dessert.

Lunches should be dropped off in the coat room by the main entrance Sunday July 7. Please use the QR code to sign up, or find a link in the weekly email.



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY (JOMM)

We are hoping to “bump up” our efforts this summer by bringing in non-perishable food items for the Just One More Ministry food bank. Food insecurity rises for the youngest and most vulnerable in our community when schools are closed. Continue to bring in peanut butter and plastic bags (always appreciated), but consider also donating canned goods in the bin under the portico. Thank you in advance!



JUSTONEMORE
Rescuing Food, Helping Souls

Drivers are needed to periodically pick up food and bags from the bin under the portico and take them to Just One More Ministry in Glendale. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please join the team! Our goal is to be able to share this responsibility so regular pick-ups can take place twice each month for a rotating team of volunteers. Please contact Sarah Wood at swood80@wi.rr.com or (414) 704-8972.

FOX POINT FARMERS' MARKET

A few teams of church members have been working hard to increase the presence and visibility of the church at the Fox Point Farmer's Market.

- ♦ The 75th Anniversary Team, supported by Kelsey Molinari, had great success hosting children's activities in the playground on Saturday, June 15. **They will return to do the same on July 20 and August 24.**
- ♦ The Benevolence Board will be handing out popcorn and highlighting our St. Ben's and Soles for Jesus partnerships with the market on **July 13, August 24, and September 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 as we celebrate our 75th year!
- ♦ We encourage you to join us on these Saturdays (wear your church t-shirt!) as we seek to embrace this opportunity to increase our church's presence in Fox Point!

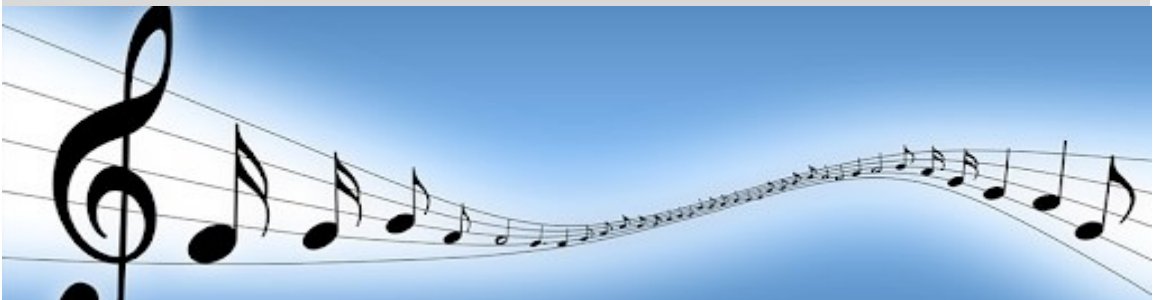


Summer Sundays

Special Music

*Wonderful plans are coming together for our music in worship this Sunday.
Please see the brief outline, below, and join us this summer for these
unique opportunities.*

- ♦ June 30 - French Horn Choir
- ♦ July 7 - Instrumental
- ♦ July 14 - Bass Soloist
- ♦ July 21 - Ukerists-Ukulele choir
- ♦ July 28 - Instrumental
- ♦ August 4 - Treble Choir
- ♦ August 11 - Bass Choir
- ♦ August 18 - The Hall Family



KEEPING YOU SAFE IN OUR BUILDING

Your Health Committee is committed to providing a safe environment for all persons who enter and use our building, whether a staff member, or when attending worship, a meeting or other event. This brief article is to update and inform you of the safety equipment you will find located within the building.

- ◆ Are you aware that we have an AED (automated external defibrillator)? If needed would you know where to find it? AED's are found in most public places to be used in cases of a cardiac emergency. (Always call 911 first). At North Shore Church the AED is located on the wall next to the elevator on the main floor. No special training is needed in its use - the device gives oral instructions. The Health Committee checks the unit monthly.
- ◆ Just over a year ago, one of our team members graciously donated four new First Aid Kits. The most commonly needed items are self-contained in clear labeled identical boxes and are located in strategic areas which are easy to access. It was decided to place them near the fire extinguishers at the entrances to the three kitchen areas (Friendship Lounge and Library on first floor and Fellowship Hall on lower level). Additionally, another was placed next to the fire extinguisher between the Youth Room and the Chapel on the second floor.



Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with these important safety items and their locations.



With summer in full swing, be sure to put together or update your own home first aid kit (also one for you car or other location you use). Be sure it's easy to find and that all family members know where to find it. Review CPR. Use common sense in all your activities.

Be safe. Be well.

Your Health Committee (Jean, Andrea, Ann, Terry, Carol, Sharon, Lisa)

A SPECIAL INVITATION:

Every Sunday we have at least two people stationed in the narthex as hosts, greeting everyone and handing out the orders of worship. It is a wonderful way to have a little fellowship prior to worship. It is also often the first official contact a visitor has when they arrive. This is a vital part of our Sundays.

If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry, or want to learn more, please call or email Amy Petersen any time at amypetersen215@gmail.com or (414) 651-2867.



75th Anniversary T-Shirts:

The 75th Anniversary Team is again selling t-shirts to celebrate this important year in the life of our church.



Shirts can be ordered directly from the vendor through this QR code or the link in the weekly emails. Please note that all orders need to be in by **July 7**. If you have trouble with this link, or need assistance in any way, please contact the church office.





SUMMERTIME GODLY FUN MEETS MIDWEEK MANNA - JULY 17, AUGUST 21

During each summer monthly Midweek Manna service, there will be special activities for the kids! Following the meal, the kids will begin the monthly midweek worship with the congregation and then head to Godly Fun activities. Come for the dinner and stay for the crafts and games! The meal begins at 6 with worship at 6:45.

FOX POINT FARMERS MARKET - NSCC KIDZONE - JULY 20, AUGUST 24

Be sure to visit the Fox Point Farmers Market on July 20 and August 24 for extra activities for the kids! The fenced playground area is open for families to enjoy and NSCC is providing make-and-take crafts and BUBBLES for everyone to enjoy. Stop on by!

WCA CAMP – JULY 7-13

There is still time to register! Join the Wisconsin Congregational Association for their annual, transformative summer camp. Held at Mt. Morris Camp & Retreat Center near Wautoma, WI, this experience is for kids who have completed grades 3-12 and features all of the summer camp favorites (swimming, crafts, games) plus biblical discussions, devotionals, prayer, faith based activities and more! Detailed information can be found here: <https://www.wiscongregational.net/camp>



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

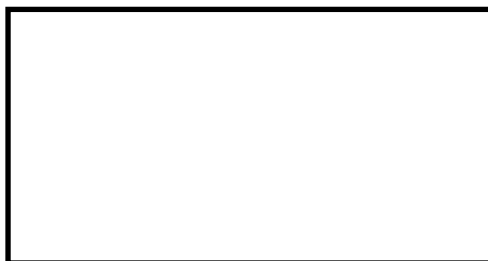
Camper's Name
C/O Mt. Morris Camp and Conference Center
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Wautoma, WI 54982

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