

North Shore Church News

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OUR PURPOSE IS TO GROW AND DEEPEN CHRISTIAN
DISCIPLESHIP IN A FAITH COMMUNITY
GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

August 2024

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Sunday Worship

10:00am

Worship (Sanctuary/
YouTube)

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Moving Beyond the Routine of Prayer

We had a unique experience at our Midweek Manna gathering in July that I want to share with those of you who were unable to be here. In the midst of our busy summers, filled with blessings and challenges, we took some time at this monthly worship service to be intentionally and fully in prayer with God. To do so, however, we took a unique approach as we journeyed through 6 different ‘prayer stations’ that we had set up around the building.

There was the ‘Entangled Hearts’ station, in which people were encouraged to reflect on those priorities and motivations that so readily ensnare our hearts. After praying over these things, participants were encouraged to take a small heart from the net as a token of how God works to free our hearts from our worldly entanglements.

There was the ‘Visual Prayer’ station, in which people were encouraged to read a scripture passage and then draw a picture of the thoughts, questions and ideas that were raised by the passage.

There was the ‘Prompted Prayer’ station. Popsicle sticks with prayer topics were placed in a mug and participants were encouraged to take a few, randomly, as they focused a time of prayer on those particular people, situations, and needs listed on their sticks.

There was a ‘Giving it Away’ station, a ‘Physical Prayer’ station, and a ‘Prayers of Praise’ station. Each was different, and I am confident that some spoke more to some while others spoke more to others. The heart of the experience, however, was meant not only to get us into prayer, but to break us out of the routines of prayer that can sometimes limit our experience.

The truth is that, for many of us, prayer tends to follow certain patterns – be it intentional or subconscious. We pray at certain times of the day or at certain moments (before a meal, at bedtime, when we awaken, etc.) and/or we pray through a certain script, series of thoughts, or list of things each time. This is all well and good, and I am convinced that God is present in each and every one of those prayers, but I am also convinced that our prayer life is deepened when we push ourselves beyond the familiar routines and into new ways/manners/foci of our prayer life with God.

This experience that we shared at July's service was a blessing to me, and I am hoping that it was to others. It may also be something we repeat in some way or manner down the road. If we do, I hope you'll join us. In the meantime, however, I hope that we might all consider how readily we fall into that 'routine' of daily prayer and what we might do to expand that life of prayer from one day to the next. The impact it will have on our faith and relationship with God, I am convinced, will be well worth the venture into something new!

In Faith, *Marty*

Marty will be out of the office from **August 19 through August 25**. 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.



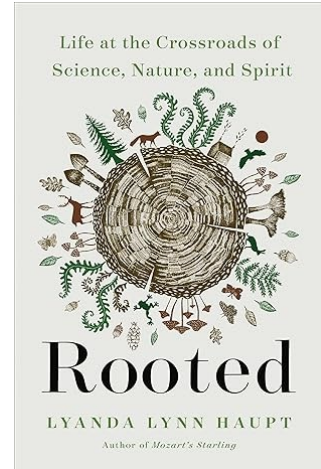
FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Book Group

The Tuesday Book Group will be on hiatus in August.

When we return in September, our first book of the new program year will be *Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt.

Amazon offers this description: Award-winning writer Lyanda Lynn Haupt's highly personal new book is a brilliant invitation to live with the earth in both simple and profound ways—from walking barefoot in the woods and reimagining our relationship with animals and trees, to examining the very language we use to describe and think about nature. She invokes rootedness as a way of being in concert with the wilderness—and wildness—that sustains humans and all of life.



In the tradition of Rachel Carson, Elizabeth Kolbert, and Mary Oliver, Haupt writes with urgency and grace, reminding us that at the crossroads of science, nature, and spirit we find true hope. Each chapter provides tools for bringing our unique gifts to the fore and transforming our sense of belonging within the magic and wonder of the natural world.

Deepen your connection to the natural world with this inspiring meditation, "a path to the place where science and spirit meet" writes Robin Wall Kimmerer, the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit is available on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and audio formats. **Please let Lizz Loder know if you'd like her to order a copy for you.** The paperback is \$13.00.

Book Group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00 via Zoom and 10:00 in person in Friendship Lounge. We would love to see you there!

-Lizz Loder and Susan Wauck

Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

*Please join us for Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:30. This summer we will be reading the minor prophets or **The Book of Twelve**. We meet in the Owl room and also have a Zoom option for those joining us from a distance. The Zoom link is found in Marty's Monday email. 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.

NSCC is entering a new and exciting **partnership with the Bel Canto Chorus**, as the new audition site for their program. These dates will pop up throughout the year, but the first series of auditions will take place August 20-24. Please take note of these dates (details are in the church calendar) and be aware that this will be taking place in the church building.





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PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH

PILLAR 7 - MEMBERSHIP IN SERVICE 50+ YEARS

Our pillar for this month is dedicated to Membership in Service, 50+ years. Did you know that there are more than fifty people that have been active members of North Shore Congregational Church for fifty years or more?

A few reflections from this incredible group:

- ♦ Midge Croysdale: “Sometimes when you walk into a home when searching for a place to live, you feel right away that this is the one. That happened to my former husband and I when we first attended North Shore Congregational. It felt like home. I have loved our church and church family over all these years.”
- ♦ Don Osborne: “I have been a member of our church for fifty nine years. My wife wanted a church where we could bring up our kids. She was a member for forty eight years before she died. We taught Sunday school for thirty five years. The reason that we stayed in our membership was because of the friendliness of the people.”
- ♦ Sue Wood: “Bob Abendroth, a lawyer in Milwaukee, came to University of Michigan Law School to interview/recruit senior law students for his firm. Steve Wood was hired and thus we moved to Milwaukee after graduation in 1968. The Abendroths invited us to attend the church where they were very active members – North Shore Congregational – and introduced us to the minister, Dick Buchman. The rest is history...”
- ♦ Myla Hadcock: “We moved to MKE in 1970 after Walt’s army stint and securing a job. Like others we visited different churches and came to NSCC on a Sunday Dick Buchman was preaching ... and kept returning. Everyone was very welcoming so we’ve stayed lo these many years. Not sure when we joined. Our two children enjoyed Sunday School, Walt taught 5th grade Sunday School, and I joined choir. Martha Circle and Scrooby soon followed. Back then parents signed up to “man” the Sunday School room so it was a natural way to meet other young families with and without children. Bottom line: we found our church home ... NSCC.”

- ◆ Pat Debelak: The DeBelak family joined the church in 1966. At that time you had to attend four required sessions of a membership class. The various Boards presented at the sessions. “One of my Favorite Memories of this church was when we attended with our own little kids. Our son John was a trouble maker, yet he was always the first one dressed and ready to go to Sunday school. One day I asked him, “Why?” Little John said, “Because everyone there HAS to like me!” I made many close relationships here at North Shore and I’m thankful for those. I can remember someone that was getting dinners delivered during a life event and she jokingly said “If I get one more chicken casserole!” You see, when someone is in need in this congregation...there is always someone that will support you when you need it most.”

On behalf of the entire North Shore Congregational Church community, we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt congratulations to each of you who have dedicated five decades of your lives to our church family. Your unwavering commitment, steadfast support, and profound faith have been the cornerstone of our congregation's strength and spirit. Your contributions, whether through service, leadership, or simply your warm presence, have enriched the lives of countless individuals within our community and beyond. Your 50-year journey with us is a testament to your deep-rooted faith and your belief in the values that bind us together. We cherish the memories we have shared, the milestones we have celebrated, and the challenges we have overcome as a community. Your presence among us is a gift, and we are profoundly grateful for the impact you have made and continue to make on our church family. May God's blessings continue to guide you, and may your connection to our church always be a source of joy and strength.

With deepest gratitude and warmest regards, Your NSCC family

ON PG 8, YOU WILL FIND THE FULL LIST OF OUR MEMBERS IN SERVICE. THIS LIST WAS GENERATED ON 06/24/2024 FROM THE INFORMATION WE HAVE. WE APOLOGIZE IF WE HAVE LEFT ANYONE OUT. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW SHOULD BE INCLUDED SO THAT WE CAN UPDATE OUR RECORDS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN ENSURING OUR ACCURACY MOVING FORWARD.

Amy Petersen and Katerine Gregory & The 75th Anniversary Team

MEMBERSHIP IN SERVICE

50+ YEARS



Robert Abendroth	04/14/1960	J. Stephen Anderson	12/22/1972
Carol Bourne	02/25/1973	Alan Brown	02/06/1972
Sally Brown	02/06/1972	Mimi Byrne	10/22/1972
Midge Croysdale	11/27/1966	Pat DeBelak	11/07/1965
Barbara Donner	02/01/1970	Ken Donner	02/01/1970
Carolyn Easom	11/07/1965	Harry Easom	11/07/1965
Mary Ferguson	03/30/1961	Janet Fleck	04/11/1963
James Forbes	12/18/1960	Nancy Forbes	12/18/1960
Gayl Franz	06/12/1965	Janet Goldsmith	03/04/1973
Myla Hadcock	10/24/1971	Walt Hadcock	10/24/1971
Barbara Hanson	03/16/1967	Pat Harper	01/31/1960
Nancy Hawkins	11/22/1964	Brenda Hays	10/26/1969
Crandall Hays	10/26/1969	Pat Jipson	10/29/1961
Judy Knecht	03/30/1969	Bodil Lange	12/07/1958
Clyda Lange	04/15/1965	Johannes Lange	04/15/1954
Wally Lange	04/15/1965	Barbara Low	01/06/1962
Anne Luber	10/03/1954	Barbara Miller	11/08/1970
Michael Miller	05/15/1966	Tom Miller	11/08/1970
Sue Nichols	04/19/1962	Donald Osborne	11/12/1972
Carol Patterson	11/19/1967	Ruth Perrin	11/19/1967
Barbara Quilling	05/01/1967	Mary Rasche	11/27/1966
Diane Repensek	05/27/1956	Bev Riggert	11/24/1963
Robert Sproat	02/06/1972	Mary Streich	05/26/1969
Julie Trump	05/14/1973	Ginny Wells	06/17/1951
Ann Whyte	10/26/1969	George Whyte	10/26/1969
Sue Wood	10/27/1968		

You are cordially invited!

**North Shore Congregational Church
75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:15 p.m. Open House

7:00 p.m. Dinner (Catered by Larry's Market)

Dress Code: *Celebration Attire!*

For those who need a ride, or if you have dietary restrictions, please let the church office know.

RSVP by October 1st

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August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
28 10:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski Preaching 11:00am Fellowship	29 11:00am E. Guilbert Memorial 6:00pm 75th Anniversary Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	30 10:30am Yoga
4 Communion 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express	5 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	6 10:30am Yoga 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)
11 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:10am Memoir Group	12 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	13 10:30am Yoga
18 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship	19 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	20 10:30am Yoga 6:00pm Bel Canto Auditions 7:00pm Council
25 10:00am Worship with Rev. Dr. Barry Szymanski Preaching 11:00am Fellowship	26 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	27 10:30am Yoga

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club	2 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	3 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge
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14	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club	16 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	17 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 9:00am Soles for Jesus Sort and Serve
21 8:30am Quilters 6:00pm Bel Canto Auditions 6:00pm Midweek Manna Meal 6:45pm Midweek Manna Worship	22 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Bel Canto Auditions	23 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 6:00pm Bel Canto Auditions	24 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 12:30pm Bel Canto Auditions
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Beyond Our Walls

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

It's that time of year when store aisles are overflowing with school supplies. Which is a good thing because for the month of August we will serve as a collection point for the Clark Street School fourth-grade students in Ms. Kari George's class. **Her students need basic school supplies: folders, notebooks, markers, crayons, erasers and pencils.**

Clarke Street School is located in Milwaukee. It is a professional learning community that provides high-quality education for approximately 200 scholars in K4–grade 8. The teachers are world changers who inspire students to love themselves, be kind and be prepared. Clarke Street scholars prepare for high school, college and career success in the classroom, in an after-school academic enrichment program, during extracurricular activities, and through tutoring partnerships focused on reading proficiency.



SOLES FOR JESUS – SORT & SERVE & JOIN THE FUN!

We have a summer opportunity to sort and serve at Soles For Jesus on **Saturday, August 17, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.** Gather friends and help make a huge difference for those receiving shoes in Africa. Hope to see you there! Please sign up here:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0F48ABAF2DA57-50269367-soles>

ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Loaves and Fishes will be reconvening in September. Please see pages 14 & 15 for information.



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH – HELP MAKE BAG LUNCHES!

Please join us in the kitchen, on **Sunday, August 4, after worship**, as we get together to make sandwiches for Repairers of the Breach.



Our monthly **Midweek Manna** services continue through the summer months. Join us on **Wednesday, August 21**, as we take an opportunity to gather for food and casual worship in the midst of busy summer schedules.



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

Loaves & Fishes

Loaves and Fishes will resume on Tuesday, September 17, and I will soon begin working on schedules. But before I go any further, I would like to thank everyone who has helped keep this program going over so many decades. I can't even begin to calculate how many meals we have provided, much less the tens of thousands of guests who have been served.

However, like everything else, it gets harder each year to recruit enough volunteers to provide food, drive and serve the literally hundreds of men, women and children who rely on this offering of love. We are all stretched thin, with more and more being asked of fewer people. But nevertheless, unabashedly, I AM ASKING. Will you please help again in 2024-2025? If you haven't participated in this outreach program in the past, will you prayerfully consider it now?

Whether you like to cook, bake, serve or get the food from church to St. Ben's, there is a spot for you (although full disclosure, the greatest need is for casserole makers and servers, which, by the way is a GREAT family activity!). We operate on the third Tuesday of the month from September through May, so you have nine opportunities to be involved! Once, a couple of times, or even monthly. We need you. Included is a sign up form. Please indicate your area(s) of interest and how frequently you would like to help. You can leave the form in the church office, email it back to me, or skip the form entirely and just send me an email saying what you would like to do and how often/which month(s).

Later this month I also will be sending out a follow up email to past participants, but the sooner you respond, the sooner I can start working on schedules. AND, if you are a member of an existing church group (eg. Soupers, Book Group, Bible study, Choir, etc.) and would like to choose a month to make this a group activity, that would be wonderful! The church kitchen is at your disposal and I hear it's a fun group activity!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Dona Wininsky
Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com
414-426-3086

**St. Ben's Loaves and Fishes Program
Volunteer Form
September, 2024-2025**

Third Tuesday of each month, September – May

I will provide **casseroles** (**Single** large aluminum pan, found in basement kitchen)

Monthly (September-May) _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will confirm) _____

I will prepare **desserts** (**30** pieces)

Monthly _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will confirm) _____

I will **serve** at St. Ben's **4:45 – 6:30pm** (*please list number of servers*) _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will confirm) _____

I will **drive** food from church to St. Ben's (pick up at church at 3:30pm)

Monthly _____

The following months (please list) _____

As needed (Dona will confirm) _____

Name _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Please return to Dona Wininsky or to church asap! Dona.Wininsky@gmail.com
Questions? 414-426-3086 Thank you.

please note

NSCC BLOOD DRIVE 2024

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 22, 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; 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.

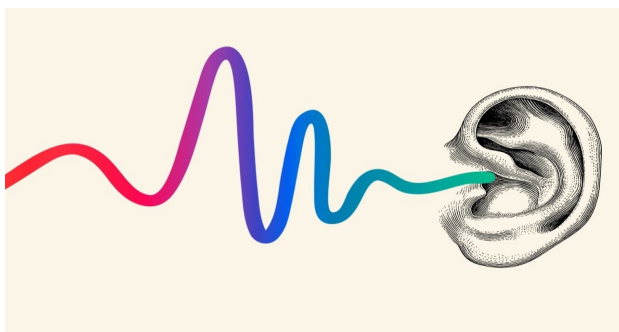


THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIFE-SAVING GIFT!

PROTECTING HEARING IN A DEAFENING WORLD

Writer *David Owen*, in his book “*Volume Control - Hearing in a Deafening World*,” explains how the loud noises we live with are harming our ears. Our ears are complicated and delicate structures that have not evolved to handle many of the current decibel levels in our modern environment. We assume that hearing loss happens to old people, but Owen says, “It is something that happens to old people - but it’s caused by things we do when we are young.” We’re familiar with many typical loud noises: rock concerts, loud movies, fireworks, motorcycles, auto races, to name a few. I would add gas-powered lawn equipment and that extremely loud train horn at the zoo! (don’t hang out around the crossings!)

However, even small household appliances such as food processors, coffee grinders (I cover mine with a tea cozy when using), vacuums, and hair dryers can generate noise levels that lead to permanent damage. Consider the speaker surrounds/settings in your TV watching area. Wearing ear buds consistently is definitely not a good idea. Especially caution your teens.



All this caution is important because noise damage is cumulative and irreversible, but it is preventable. The author strongly encourages carrying earplugs with you and not to be bashful about using them. This is the simplest thing you can do when anticipating an event such as going to a movie or any situation that will be loud, or to have on hand for a spur of the moment. (A description of various earplugs and effectiveness is included in the book).

Noise cancelling headphones are becoming more popular and an essential option. I’ve seen more children wearing them at fireworks and air shows. I took a photo of a sweetly sleeping infant on a blanket with a pair of them on his little head at last year’s Blue Angels air show.. he’s ahead of the game!

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.



NSCC at the Fox Point Farmer's 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 and July 20. They will return to do the same on **August 24**. After a first round on July 13, the Benevolence



Board will be handing out popcorn and highlighting our St. Ben's and Soles for Jesus partnerships with the market on **August 24 and September 14**. 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!



Godly Fun Meets Midweek Manna - August 21

Join us for the final Midweek Manna of the summer. Come for the dinner at 6 and stay for the special kids lesson during the casual worship service at 6:45.

Fox Point Farmers Market - August 24 - 8am-12pm

Stop by the weekly market for special activities for the kids. The fenced play area is open for families to enjoy and hosts from NSCC will be there with a make-and-take craft for kids and bubbles for all to enjoy!

Enrollment Forms for 2024/25

Please complete the enrollment forms for any child participating in weekly Godly Fun lessons on Sundays, KidsConnect, and more! Return the form to Kelsey via email (kelseymolinari@NSCCChurchWI.org) or in person. Printed forms are available in the office.

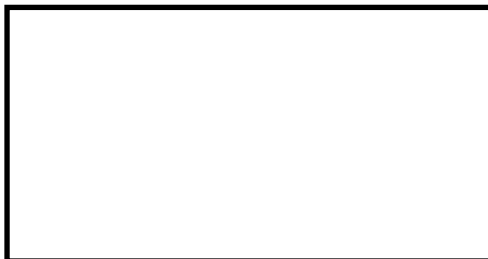


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