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Discipleship In a Faith Community
Guided by the Holy Spirit.

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"A Few Thoughts On...."

Celebrating 75 Years

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Sunday Worship

10:00am

Worship (Sanctuary/ YouTube)

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Dear Friends,

In the late 1940's and early 1950's, Fox Point was booming. The suburban sprawl was making its way up the north shore and homes were being built left and right throughout the village. In the midst of this growth, a small band of faith-inspired individuals decided that what the growing village needed was a Congregational Church. Thus, in April of 1949, they gathered in a local living room and signed the charter documents for North Shore Congregational Church. The story that followed is filled with remarkable faith, community, and service.

Over the course of this year, we have heard small snippets of that story through the 'pillars' presented by our 75th Anniversary Team. Our founding... Worship and Music... Staff and Lay Leadership... Community Service... Learning and Serving Outside Our Community... Our Building and Grounds... Membership in Service... Ministries with Children and Youth... Fellowship... The Congregational Way... Each of these serve as a fundamental piece of what our church has meant to so many over the course of these past 75 years, and you will be able to reflect more on these pillars through an anniversary booklet that is currently in production.

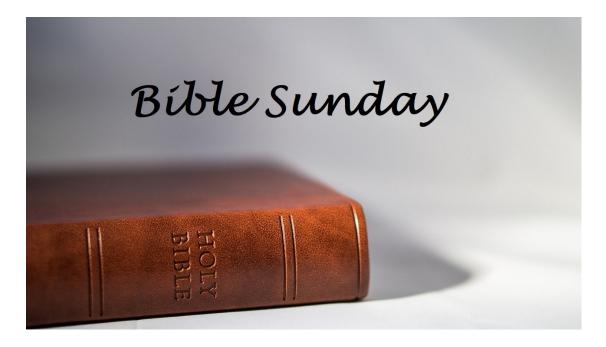
It's been a joyous year, to date, as we've reflected on the storied history of our church. We've reminisced. We've shared. We've walked our nostalgic paths. But now... It's time to celebrate!

On October 19, 2024, we will gather here in the church building for a wonderful celebration of these 75 years. We will start with an Open House at 5:15pm, with various displays and pictures available throughout the building for your perusal. At 6:30pm, we will move into the sanctuary where we will enjoy some special organ music, sing a

hymn or two, and share a prayer before dinner. At 7:00pm, we move downstairs for dinner and into the program, with a number of special guests joining us to share their reflections of this history of the church.

What we need to fill out the evening, however, is you! There is more information on page 11 of this newsletter, and a link in each Monday's email with a chance to register for the meal. Time is running out for our final count, so we need your registration no later than Monday, October 6! Note: if driving at night is a concern, reach out and we will seek to help you find a ride. We want everyone to be a part of this special night, and I encourage you to register today!

In Faith, Marty



Join us on Sunday, **October 6**, for our annual **Bible Sunday worship**, as we present Bibles to the third-grade children of our church. This important day in the life of our children is always a special day in the life of these children and we hope that you will join us to be a part of it.

FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Book Group

We continue to read Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit by Lyanda Lynn Haupt.

Amazon offers this description:

Award-winning writer Lyanda LynnHaupt'ss 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 mee"" writes Robin Wall Kimmerer, the author of Braiding Sweetgrass.

The book is available on Amazon in paperback, Kindle, and audio formats. Please let Lizz know if you'd like her to order a copy for you.

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

Life at the Crossroads of

Science, Nature, and Spirit

Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

Please join us for Bible study on Thursday mornings at 9:30. We continue to read 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.



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

Little Free Library at NSCC

Some of you may have noticed the newly installed Little Free Library on the grounds of NSCC. During Covid, the Book Group sought a way to continue their mission while remaining safe. BCE discussed and approved of the purchase of an all-weather bookcase for people to leave and exchange books. This bookcase has lived under the portico for several years and a more permanent solution was needed. BCE brainstormed and came up with the idea for a Little Free Library in a more prominent position for the Church and Community to enjoy. Our very own charming red Little Free Library was installed on the first day of the Fox Point Farmers market in June and has been filled and refilled many times since its installation. Many thanks to BCE members, past and present, and the many other helping hands for seeing this project through.



As a side note, if anyone has adult or children's books they wish to donate to the Little Free Library, Kelsey has a collection box in her office.



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PILLARS OF OUR CHURCH

PILLAR 9 - FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship has deep roots in North Shore Congregational Church starting with our Covenant: "I confess my love for God, for Jesus Christ, and for my fellow men and women. I hereby covenant to live in the fellowship of the Gospel, to walk in the ways of the Lord—known and to be made known to me—to share in the worship and work of the Church, to cooperate with it in all good enterprises, and to promote its service, its maintenance, its purity, and its peace."

As a community bound by this covenant, the relationships we share with one another are central to our efforts to pursue God's work in and through our church. Said another way, the connections we form through fellowship create a lasting foundation that strengthens every shared occasion.

It is one thing to participate in fellowship, and quite another to provide for fellowship. John Tornetta, who served in the Fellowship ministry for many years, was brought into the Fellowship Committee fold by Harvey and Judy Sporka – two of the best our church has ever seen! John explains the loosely organized but (mostly) efficient team volunteers their time and talents to plan, prepare, serve and clean-up after those times of fellowship allowing church members and guests to enjoy being with each other.

John lets us in on a "little secret"...those volunteers experienced their own rewarding fellowship. "There is no better way to get to know someone than standing next to them cutting up fruit, washing dishes and flipping pancakes!"

Eggstravaganza, Ladies Advent Fest, Chili Cook-Offs, Celebration Sundays, Rally Days, Pie Fest the evening before Thanksgiving, Church Picnics, Minister/Staff "Anniversary" Celebrations, All-Church Weekend Camping, Music Luncheon Events, Family Movie and Game Nights, Ornament Exchanges, Variety Shows, Spaghetti Dinners, Rummage Sales, Car Washes, Baseball Games...so many gatherings over the past 75 years!

One of the most beloved fellowship gatherings taking place at North Shore a few decades ago had a strange name...SCROOBY! The name came from the Scrooby Congregation were English Protestant separatists who lived near Scrooby, England, emigrated to the Netherlands in search of the freedom to worship as they chose. The Scrooby groups consisted of eight people assigned together for a two-year cycle. These groups would gather for dinner rotating hosts.

In the early years, there were a lot of paper sheets with names of the various Scrooby groups. Nothing was computerized. Barb Holzhauer took it upon herself to devise a system for listing participants, numbering them based on the totals and the anticipated number of groups. This worked relatively well, and when the next regrouping cycle came up, they would simply shuffle the names and randomly reassign participants. Barb added some groups "clicked" better than others and even continued to meet with their previous groups, hence the "Underground Scrooby!"

Companionship. Closeness. Camaraderie. All are building blocks of 75 years of fellowship inside and outside of our meeting house.



October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
29 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship	30 1:15pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm 75th Anniversary Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group 10:30am Yoga 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom) 6:00pm Trustees (Library)
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	5 8:00am Fox Point Farmer's Market 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P- Meyer - Friendship Lounge 2:00pm Italian Classes - LX Club
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16 8:30am Quilters All Day 6:00pm Midweek Manna Meal 6:45pm Midweek Manna Worship	17 9:30am Bible Study (hybrid) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	19 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 2:00pm Vollrath Wedding (Tentative) 5:15pm NSCC 75th Anniversary Open House 6:30pm NSCC 75th Anniversary Music 7:00pm NSCC 75th Anniversary Dinner and Program
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LOAVES AND FISHES October 15, 2024



CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Anderson	Arnold
Dowsett	Fleck
Gregory	Krosnosky
Moore	Lemorande
Ritke	Nelson
Scharnweber	Weber
Schimpf, B	Zganjar
Ford	Holmes
Navarro	Schuyler
Half recipe, single pan	
	Single batch ~30

DRIVERS

Osborne	Dowsett	

SERVERS

Anderson	Schimpf/Scharnweber
Anderson	Schimpf/Scharnweber
Dallman	Schimpf/Scharnweber
Dowsett	Szymanski

Celebrating 75 years! Saturday, October 19

Open house – 5:15pm Music - 6:30pm Dinner – 7:00pm

Hymn singing, organ music, displays, memories from many special guests, and a banquet dinner catered by Larry's market.*

Click or scan the QR code, or see the sign-up sheet in the main hall, to register by October 7!

> *Due to a generous donation from one of our church members, there will be no cost for this event.







ST. BEN'S

Winter Coat Collection: Spread the Warmth! October 6 – 20, 2024

There is a great need for warm coats at St. Ben's in the fall and winter months. Please bring in new and gently-used winter coats for men, women and children, and place donations in the collection boxes in the Narthex. We know Wisconsin weather can be quite the rollercoaster now through April/May/June. Help spread the warmth!



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

Join us in the kitchen on **Sunday, October 6**, for sandwich-making and more! In response to increased demand, we will now be preparing 100 lunches for the recipients at Repairers of the Breach in downtown Milwaukee.



JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY (JOMM)

If you are interested in joining the team of volunteers offering to take donations from the portico bin to JOMM in Glendale, please reach out to Sarah Wood at swood80@wi.rr.com, or call the church office. JOMM seeks to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by caring for Milwaukee's poor in spirit, providing regular nutritious meals and food for the hungry.

GOBBLE GOBBLE - GET READY!

It's on! Our annual frozen turkey drive will be back in November! Will we be able to meet our goal of 50+turkeys?! Time will tell. Stay tuned for details.



mark your Calendar

Our monthly Midweek Manna services continue this fall. Join us on **Wednesday**, **October 16**, as we take an opportunity to gather for food and casual worship in the midst of busy schedules.



ANNUAL HARVEST FEST AND CHILI COOK-OFF



There's no better way to make the most of a crisp fall Sunday on a Packer's bye week than to spend it eating chili with your church family!

Bring your favorite chili in to share with the congregation as we hold a chili cookoff (there will be prizes!), as part of our 3rd annual **Harvest Fest**, immediately following worship on **November 10**.

The Fellowship Committee will provide food to accompany the chili, and we will have a few games and crafts for the kids.

There will be something for everyone. Interested in helping, or have questions, contact Sharon Hall at disneyfamily01@gmail.com.



A Memoir - A History, A Future or Both

I have been thinking a lot about writing this memoir. Why should little ol' me be so presumptuous as to think that I am worthy of a memoir? Why should I think that anybody else might care what I write? I guess my first answer is that writing the memoir is fun. It is fun to remember good times and getting through tough times. It brings me a smile and a tug at my heart to think of people I have known and the experiences I have had. But it also forces me to look back on my life and realize all the things that mushed together makes me who I am now. I can see how the values that I have flow through the time of my life, morphing and developing as I go. My values are not static or pop up out of nowhere but rather sneak in and metastasize within me. A memoir Is a history; we are looking to the past. And that past has a way of shining a light on a life. Our own history can ground us. We are not a single individual flying out in the space of humanity. We are part of a long line going way back. All our ancestors brought to us a piece of themselves and their lives.

And so this line continues into the future. I want to be a good ancestor to those who come after me. I want to give them the best of me. The natives had a way of making decisions with those seven generations ahead in mind. The right thing to do now would be what will be right for them in the future. That is a pretty tall order, and I am not sure I am up for that. But I do want to keep the future in mind. I do want to share what I have learned and what I now know. I want my children and grandchildren to know who I am (beyond mom and grandma) and why I am who I am. We all grow our own way and I hope they will know that it is OK and is, if fact, rather glorious that we are all our own little beings on that long line of humanity.

Maybe nobody will ever read what I write,, but that will be OK. The process has still focused me, grounded me and inspired me to think about my place in line.

Lorna Hilyard

Our group is led by Dr. Maynard Poland who has extensive experience in leading such groups and has written both formal books and his own personal memoirs. We would love to expand our group and encourage anyone who might be even slightly interested to join.



October 6 – Bible Sunday!

Our wonderful 3rd graders receive their Bibles on this special day. Be sure to join us to celebrate this significant moment in their spiritual lives.



October 13 - KidsConnect - 4-6pm

Join Kelsey for a fun afternoon of crafts, games, and pizza. KidsConnect is for kids in grades 2-6 and friends are always welcome! It's sure to be another raucous time for friendship and fellowship! Click or scan the QR Code.



Enrollment Forms

If you haven't already, please complete the Children's Ministry Enrollment form for 2024/25. Copies are available in Kelsey's office and in the Godly Fun classrooms.



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