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"A Few Thoughts On...."

My Gratitude

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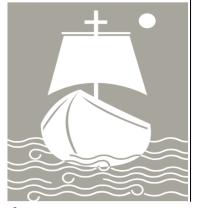
Sunday Worship

10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/YouTube)

10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun

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Dear Friends,

As a family with three growing children, our summers were often jam-packed. Given the nature and commitments in the life of the church, along with the weekends and holidays that were always predetermined for Sharon's time as a hospital RN, there was a 6-8 week span from late June through late August, each year, into which most all of our travel, family time, camping, etc. had to be crammed. They were summers filled with wondrous experiences that make for joyous memories, but boy were they busy!

In the past few years, however, that has begun to change. The kids are busier with their own things in the summer, and our travel is increasingly focused on college visits, moving in and out of dorms/apartments, etc. The result of this, however, is that we've increasingly been able to experience the blessing of Wisconsin summers without such exceedingly overwhelming calendars. Day-trips to Lake Geneva, parks and hiking trails. Concerts in parks and evenings in beer gardens. Summerfest... German Fest... Bastille Days... While we still don't have as much time as we'd like, these are the Wisconsin blessings we've been able to increasingly enjoy these past few years.

The truth is that Wisconsin is a great place to be in the summer! I may not be a huge fan of Wisconsin winters, but the summers make up for it in a hurry. The weather... the people... the opportunities for adventure... There is an endless list of all of that which compose the Wisconsin summer experience, and they are opportunities that we far too quickly take for granted.

One thing I'd like to add to the mix of your Wisconsin summers in 2025, then, is our new way of doing Midweek Manna for these upcoming summer months. In lieu of our monthly tradition of dinner and worship here at the church, our summer Midweek Manna gatherings will be food and fellowship, at our home in Mequon, on the third Wednesdays of June, July and August. No need to bring anything. Nothing formal. You can drop by any time you'd like. These evenings are simply meant to be an opportunity for our church family to come together in the midst of busy summers that so often carry us in other directions.

So, take the time to seek and enjoy the blessings of summer in Wisconsin that will mean the most to you. Whether it is hiking the Ice Age Trail, sailing off the shores into Lake Michigan, or sitting by a campfire with family or friends, take the time to enjoy the gift that is these next few months. And, in the midst of it all, take a few hours to drop by our house on the third Wednesday of the month to share the stories of your summer adventures with your NSCC family.

Midweek Manna - Backyard BBQ Edition



Throughout the months of June, July and August, our normal Manna gatherings will be replaced by informal social gatherings at the home of Marty and Sharon Hall. Simple cookout-style meals will be provided (no need to bring anything - just show up to join us), and the evening will be a time to gather together in fellowship during the summer months. Drop in any time!

June 18, July 16 & August 20 - 5:30pm 3326 W. Alsace Ct. Mequon

Beginning June 2, the office will be open and staffed from 9am to 12pm, Monday-Thursday. Staff members will often be present outside of these hours, but we will be sure to be here to assist you during these times.



Please note that the <u>office will be closed from June 18 through June 25</u>, while Marty attends the Annual Meeting and Conference of the NACCC in St. Louis, MO. If you need assistance during this time, please contact Marty by email or cell phone.

FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Book Group

The Tuesday morning Book Group has some special opportunities lined up for the first few weeks of June, before transitioning into summer plans. The Book Group generally meets at 9am on Zoom and at 10am in person. If you would like to learn more about the Book Group, please contact Lizz Loder, Susan Wauck, or the church office.

Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

The Thursday morning Bible study group will continue to meet at 9:30 in Friendship Lounge. Please join us as we read II Corinthians, a letter from Paul to an early church in Corinth. All are welcome!



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



Due to transitions and changes in participants, we are going to develop the traditional phone-based (one person calls the next) prayer chain from scratch. If you would like to be a part of this meaningful part of our church family, please contact Marty to let him know. Once the list of interested participants is compiled, we will distribute a new chain.

Want to join in prayer for needs in and around our church family, but often not available to receive and make calls? Join our e-prayer chain that receives email blasts each time a prayer request is received. To be added to this group, please contact Marty.



Sunday, June 8

Celebration Sunday

A worship service filled with special music, our benevolence year in review, teacher recognition, and more...

Followed by a celebration picnic immediately after the 10am worship service.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

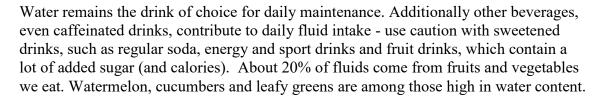
Notes on Healthy Water Intake

How much water do we need to drink every day? It's a simple question but there is no easy answer. We have often been told to drink "8 glasses of water a day", but this is not always right for everyone.

How much to drink depends upon several factors, primarily: the state of one's health, body size, age, amount of exercise, and climate and environmental conditions. Certain health conditions dictate specific amounts of fluid intake. Most common fluid losses occur during fever, gastro-intestinal illness, strenuous exercise, and perspiring in hot and humid weather.

Benefits of daily fluid intake include:

- rids the body of waste
- maintains normal body temperature
- lubricates joints
- nourishes and protects tissues and organs
- helps with alertness and energy



The majority of healthy people can let thirst be their guide in staying hydrated - with one major exception: the sensation of thirst diminishes as one ages.

Here is a suggested guide for a healthy daily water intake:

- a glass of water with each meal and between meals
- before, during, and after exercise
- whenever you feel thirsty
- flavor plain water with sliced lemon, cucumber or several fresh berries

To your health!



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
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Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express 11:10am Memoir Group	1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/AI-Anon	9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group 10:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm Deacons (Owl Room and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Upstairs Classroom) 6:00pm Trustees (Library) 6:15pm BCE (Youth Room)	
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JUST ONE MORE MINISTRY (JOMM)

We are hoping to "bump up" our efforts again 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 in the coming months.



REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH SUMMER SANDWICH MAKING

Join us on Sunday, June 1, to get your sandwich-making skills on—it's PB&J time! Let's spread the love, peanut butter and jelly together in the kitchen after the service. Kudos to **Jane Ford** for all she does every month to coordinate the bag lunches for this important ministry.



EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING

Thank you for your donations to this year's Easter offering benefitting **HOPE Network for Single Mothers**. A total of over \$2,200 was collected, and will help single mothers throughout their parenthood journey. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of many in the Milwaukee community.



ST. BEN'S COMMUNITY MEAL

Thank you to all who have volunteered their time and provided casseroles/desserts this past year. We take the summer months off, and will be back at it in September! We are beyond grateful to **Dona Wininsky** for coordinating the volunteers and making sure every detail is covered! If interested in volunteering on your own during June, July or August, please reach out to St. Ben's volunteer coordinator, Nicole, at 414.271.0135.



REMINDER:

The Capuchin Walk for the Hungry will celebrate its 20th anniversary this June 13th at Polish Fest! You are invited to gather your friends and family to walk and raise funds to benefit the Capuchin Community Services, carrying out the works of mercy at House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal.



Where: Henry Maier Festival Park by Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.

When: Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m. Cost: \$40 per adult; \$25 per child

Register Here: Capuchin Walk for the Hungry 2025.

BCE - Sharing Vitality NACCC Grant - Speaker Series

We need your help!

As outlined in the BCE Minute at the beginning of worship, the Board of Christian Enrichment is in need of 25 questions about friendship from kids age 5 through 8th grade. An expert for an upcoming speaker series for parents and families needs content for her podcast (https://drfriendtastic.com/podcasts/kids-ask-dr-friendtastic/) and in lieu of paying her significant speaker fee, we need to submit questions from kids! Your kids, your grandkids, your niece or nephew, a neighbor kid.

All we need is a recorded message from the child with:

- •First name
- •Age
- •Question about friendship

To record the message:

- •Use Voice Memo on an Apple Device
- •Use Google Recorder on a Pixel Device
- •Use Samsung Voice Recorder app on a Samsung Device
- •Or get the child to leave you a voicemail on your cell phone

To submit the recorded message:

- •Email it to kelseymolinari@nscchurchwi.org
- •For any technical help. contact Kelsey with any questions (414) 352-6123.

Thank you for your help!





June 8—Celebration Sunday

The kids have been working hard on another song with Ms. Trinny and are excited to sing during worship. Join us for the service and stay after for food and fellowship.

No Summer Godly Fun and Music & Movement

There will be no regular Godly Fun or Music and Movement during the summer months. The worship bags in Noah's Ark in the Narthex will be fully stocked for any young kids attending worship during the summer. Things will start back up again on September 7. During the summer, be sure to attend the monthly Midweek Manna BBQs (info on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter).

Superheroes of the Bible VBS

June 23-27, 2025 (9am-12pm daily)

For kids completing k5-5th grade, each day will be a fun exploration of a different Biblical hero, games, crafts, and other activities. It is open to children of the church and community. Registration is \$35 per child and can be completed here.



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