

North Shore Church News

FAITH



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SERVICE



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

May 2025

“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,

It was a month or so ago that I was sharing a brief conversation with one of our staff members about the life of the church when they made the off-hand comment, *‘This is a church that knows how to step up. That’s something that is truly special about this place - people are always ready to jump in.’* Then, just a few days ago after our Easter services, it was our oldest daughter who was asking me about some of what was going on in the life of the church and said, *‘This church really knows how to rally when its needed.’* I cannot express my gratitude for how true these statements are repeatedly proven to be!

To say that there is a lot going on in the life of the church at the moment is a gross understatement. That said, as ever, the church has rallied in extraordinary ways to continue the strength and vitality of our ministries in and through every moment of church life that we share together. For this, and so much more, I want to say, *‘Thank you!’*

I am deeply grateful for everyone who took part in our Holy Week services. Staff... musicians... readers... cooks... cleaners... servers... hosts... greeters... It takes a team of over 50 people to pull together our Holy Week services, and this year’s services and gatherings were as moving and meaningful as ever. As we walked that journey from anticipation, to consternation, to grief, and on to jubilation (*if you don’t know what I’m talking about, read/listen to my Easter sermons*), I was in awe of the spirit, dedication and heart of those who served, led, sang, and everything else in-between.

I am deeply grateful for the extraordinary team of church leaders who have gathered to journey alongside through

the challenges surrounding Kerrin's departure and the circumstances surrounding it. The faith, dedication and wisdom of that group (both individually and collectively) is a gift beyond measure (to both me, and to our church). I am comforted, each day, knowing that I have this team to lean on throughout it all.

And this, of course, is only the beginning. The number of people who jumped in to help support the office to keep our hours consistent throughout our transitions was stunning. I have been overwhelmed by the cadre of others who have offered special skills and background to help fill in the gaps. And not a day goes by in which people aren't checking in with me to see how they can be of assistance!

None of this, of course, is a surprise to me. I have come to know and anticipate the heart and nature of our church family and have seen this pattern repeat itself as we have come through one transition after another. I shared those two anecdotal conversations, however, because I want you all to understand that others see it too. Even those more on the periphery of our church see the distinctive and meaningful way in which the ministry is embraced by its members, and these past few weeks have brought that character to the forefront once again.

Many churches subscribe to that principal notion of the 'ministry of all believers.' What I have seen again and again is the manner in which our church lives it out in real and remarkable ways. For that faith, for that support, and for that commitment to God's purposes in and through the life of our church, I could not be more grateful! May God continue to guide that faith to new beginnings as the next chapter of our life unfolds.

In Faith, *Marty*



**Join us for the annual meeting
of our church.**

Sunday, May 18

Immediately after worship.

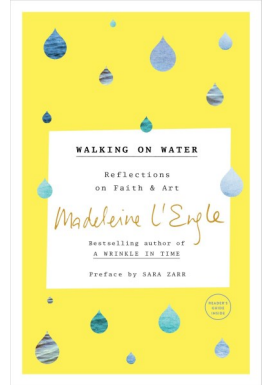
*(See the Monday e-mail on May 12 for a link to
participate virtually)*

FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday Morning Book Group

The Tuesday morning Book Group will resume on Tuesday, April 22 with a Zoom meeting at 9:00 and an in-person meeting at 10:00 in Friendship Lounge. Note that there will be a new Zoom link starting on April 29, see the Monday email to join in!

The new book is *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith & Art* by Madeleine L'Engle. The back of the book offers this description, *"In this classic book, Madeleine L'Engle addresses the questions, What does it mean to be a Christian artist? And What is the relationship between faith and art? Through L'Engle's thoughtful essay, readers will find themselves called to what the author views as the prime tasks of an artist: to listen, to remain aware, and to respond to creation through one's own art."*



This book is available in paperback, Kindle, and audio formats. You can [use this link](#) or scan the QR code to order a copy. Lizz will also have some available by Monday, April 21. Let her know if you would like to reserve a copy.

We look forward to gathering again on April 22 when we will begin our discussions with the first two chapters of *Walking on Water: Reflections on Faith & Art* by Madeleine L'Engle.

Lizz Loder & Susan Wauck

Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am

The Thursday morning Bible study group is currently reading I Corinthians, a letter from Paul to an early church in Corinth. We invite interested friends to join us in Friendship Lounge at 9:30 Thursday mornings to study and think about what the Bible can reveal to us in our continuing faith journey. All are



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

Our next Midweek Manna gathering will take place on Wednesday, May 21. We will gather for dinner, provided by the Board of Trustees, at 6pm, with worship to begin around 6:45pm. The evening typically concludes around 7:30pm.



Mark Your Calendars for 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 simply be a time to gather together in fellowship during the summer months.

June 18

July 16

August 20

5:30pm

**3326 W. Alsace Ct.
Mequon**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
27 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship with Rebekah Barsch preaching 10:15am Music & Movement and Godly Fun 11:00am Fellowship 4:30pm KidsConnect	28 1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	29 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 10:00am Book Group 10:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club
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2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 9:30am Bible Study (Friendship Lounge) 9:30am Yoga 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell 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
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REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH – SANDWICHES AND MORE SANDWICHES!

Join us in the kitchen on Sunday, May 4, after worship to make sandwiches for Repairers of the Breach. We got the bread and the spreads! Let's get sticky for a great cause!



ST. BEN'S COMMUNITY MEAL

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 create a team to raise funds to benefit the Capuchin Community Services, carrying out the works of mercy at House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal. Walk to help serve people facing hunger, homelessness and poverty.

Where: Henry Maier Festival Park by Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.
200 North Harbor Drive, Milwaukee

When: Friday, June 13, at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per adult; \$25 per child

Register: [Capuchin Walk for the Hungry 2025.](#)

Enjoy a beautiful walk across Lakeshore Festival Park.
Then listen to music and have fun at Polish Fest!



LOAVES AND FISHES

April 15, 2025



Loaves & fishes
— MINISTRY —

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Barsch	Fleck
Bartlett	Lemorande
Dowsett	Nelson
Gregory	Schill
Weiss	Tornetta
Wauck	Wermuth
Scharnweber	Wood, Sue
Schimpf	Zganjar
Tollefsen	Arnold
	Schuyler
<i>Half recipe, single pan</i>	<i>Single batch ~30 pieces</i>

DRIVERS

Osborne	Dowsett	-----
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SERVERS

Barsch	Hilyard
Weiss	Hilyard
Dallman	Schimpf/Scharnweber
Osborne	Schimpf/Scharnweber
Dowsett	Schimpf/Scharnweber
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HEALTH COMMITTEE

Spring is here! It lifts our spirits and offers us an array of opportunities to refresh ourselves, as well as our homes and gardens.



Foremost is enjoying getting outdoors and seeking the wonders of God's magnificent creation that surrounds us from our own yard to a nearby park or trail and beyond. It is known that being amid nature, especially trees, has health benefits - find a place where you can walk and spend some time near trees. If you wish, take along a sketch book or journal. Breathe in the air, notice the textures of the bark, the leaf structures. What sounds do you hear?

Trees emit chemicals into they air to protect themselves from disease. These (phytoncides) have been linked to various health benefits in humans - when inhaled they can boost the immune system, reduce stress, stimulate mental focus and improve overall well-being. There is even research that has shown exposure to nature may decrease inflammation and faster recovery from surgery. (many hospitals have 'healing gardens' for example).

Investigate the Japanese practice of Forest Bathing (shinrin-yoku), a practice of connecting with nature to improve well-being. It is not a bath! It's not a hike, but a slow and intentional immersion of your senses in appreciating the physical aspects of the surroundings. A class is offered at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center or you can access one online.

The NSCC Health Committee
Presents...

Hospice Care – Your Questions Answered

Guest Speaker: Linda Lasser
(Horizon Hospice)

May 4, Immediately after worship
in the church library.





KidsConnect Scheduling

Let's get in one more KidsConnect before we run wild and free in the summertime. Please complete [this survey](#) (click the link or scan the QR code) with your availability.



WCA Camp – July 13-19, 2025

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! Brochures are available from Kelsey or more detailed information can be found here: <https://www.wiscongregational.net/camp>.



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](#).

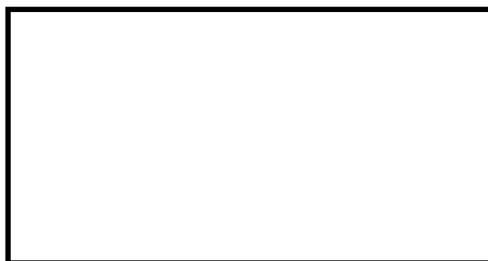


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