

# 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.

March 2026

## *“A Few Thoughts On.....”*

*‘Hearing’ God*



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### **Sunday Worship**

10:00am Worship  
(Sanctuary/YouTube)

10:15am Music & Movement  
and Godly Fun  
(September - Early June)

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Dear Friends,

The season of Lent is a fascinating and powerful experience of allowing ourselves to rest in the ‘in-between.’ As goal-oriented and problem-solving individuals, it is often our natural predisposition to try to get to the end... the conclusion... the resolution... or whatever other culminating moment/event that will allow us to put a little bow on top of things as we wrap up that particular portion of our narrative. Lent, however, has a way of forcing us to sit, to wait, and to simply exist in that indeterminate space between what was and what is yet to be.

As people of faith, we know ‘the rest of the story,’ as Paul Harvey used to say. We know where this season is taking us. We can picture the crowds gathering and waving those palm branches as Jesus entered into Jerusalem, we can imagine that night of Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples, we know about the cross, and we revel in the glory of the empty tomb. We know where all of this is going and we know of the promises, wonders and glories that are ours in light of those events that we will remember as March turns to April this year. As we await that Holy Week, however, Lent pushes back with a bit of a ‘soon-but-not-yet’ sentiment.

Many of you have heard me say that what is does not define what can and will be in God. That promise is the essence of the Lenten journey. Lent urges us to claim the hope of the resurrection while resting in the honest

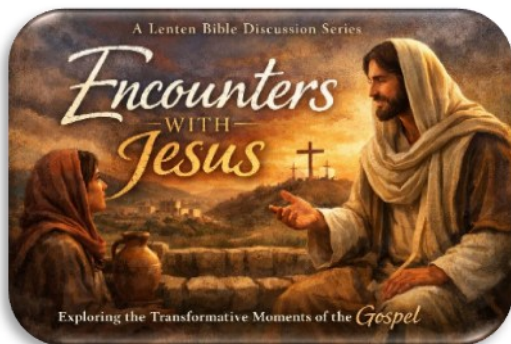
truth of the moment that so often is not yet what it can and will be. Lent urges us to cling to what can be in God as we look towards that Easter celebration yet to come, but to sit for a while in what is, owing to the truth of our brokenness, our frailties, our struggles, and yes, our sins.

In the message she shared with us on February 22, Lizz Loder pointed towards a favorite author of hers (Barbara Brown Taylor) and the notion that we cannot fully experience the grace of God without first owning the truth of our lives that cry out for that grace. That is the power of this Lenten ‘in-between.’ As we look towards the end of the story that we already know, Lent compels us to lean into the truths of our ‘soon-but-not-yet’ realities of what is, that we might more fully embrace the love and wonder of that which can and will be in God. Lent calls us to own our brokenness, that we might more fully grasp the glory of God’s grace.

As you read this note, we will have a few more weeks of sitting in this Lenten in-between. I pray that we might all take this opportunity to lean into the invitation of resting in that place. May we take these weeks to reflect on what has been, and what is, in our lives. May we take these weeks to be true to ourselves, and to God, about what brokenness or strife clamors for God’s mercy and grace. May we take these weeks to rest in the truth of the now, that when that resurrection glory bursts forth, we might all just a bit more fully understand the wonders of His love.

It is an awkward time of sitting in-between what was and what we know is to come. I am convinced, however, that the more we can do exactly that, the better we may come to know those promises that God continues to unveil in the resurrection story.

In Faith, *Marty*



## **Lenten Bible Discussion**

Join Rev. Marty and others for a  
Lenten Bible discussion.

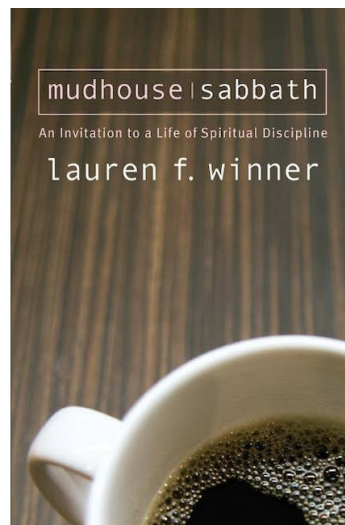
### ***Encounters With Jesus***

Wednesdays through March 25  
10:00am

## **FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP**

### **Tuesday Morning Book Group**

The Tuesday Book Group is currently reading *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner which may be described this way: “After her conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, Lauren Winner found that her life was indelibly marked by the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism. She set out to discover how she could incorporate some of these practices into her new faith. Whether discussing attentive eating, marking the days while grieving, the community that supports a marriage, candle-lighting, or the differences between the Jewish Sabbath and a Sunday spent at the Mudhouse, her favorite coffee shop, Winner writes with appealing honesty and rare insight.” (Amazon)



Please join us as we read and discuss *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren Winner and discover ways that we may incorporate some of these traditions into our own faith lives. We meet on Tuesday at 9:00am via Zoom and at 10:00am in the church library. We invite you to join the conversation!

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### **Thursday Bible Study: 9:30am**

In March, the Thursday Bible study will be taking a break and we will join Marty’s Bible study on Wednesdays at 10am. We hope to see you there!

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### **Memoir/Writing Group**

The Memoir/Writing Group continues through the spring with planned meetings on March 8, April 12 and May 10. The group meets after worship upstairs and all are always welcome to join to listen, learn, or contribute to the group.

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



## *Eggstravaganza* *Sunday, March 29!*

Join us immediately after worship for our annual Palm Sunday celebration with food, fellowship, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

**Candy donations needed!** We would welcome the donation of small candies and treats that can be used for the Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt. A collection bin will be in Friendship Lounge on Sundays, March 15 and 22, for any donations.

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We are excited to be gathering a new member inquiry session for anyone interested in learning more about our church and the possibility of membership. We will gather on two occasions to explore more about our church family, history, and structure, at which point people will be invited to decide whether or not membership is right for them at this time. ***Our first session will be Sunday, March 1, at 11:15am. Our second session will be Monday, March 16, at 7pm.*** Zoom options can be made available for either session. Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to attend! Please contact Rev. Marty to let us know of your interest!

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*Are you thinking, “I want to give back to my church,” but you don’t know how?*

*Do you want to have a say about the worship, programs, outreach, maintenance, or governance of your church, but you’re not sure how to get involved?*

*Do you want to work together with other church members and are just waiting to be asked to help?*

If so, we’d love to hear from you! The Nominating Committee is starting its annual campaign of informing our church members about opportunities to serve North Shore Congregational Church through participation on a church board. Please consider how you’d choose to use your time, talents and energy to serve during the next program year, which starts June 1, 2026.

A brief description of the areas and responsibilities of the church boards is listed below:

### ***Diaconate Board:***

- Spiritual interests of the church, in cooperation with the ministers
- Services of worship; e.g., communion, ushering, music and health ministries
- Assisting with receptions of new members, baptisms and memorial services

### ***Board of Trustees:***

- Care and maintenance of the church and grounds
- Financial affairs of the church

### ***Board of Christian Education:***

- Planning educational and fellowship programs and events for children, youth and adults
- Carrying out fundraisers to support BCE projects and programming

***Stewardship Board:***

- Supporting the church's missions and its budget by:
  - Promoting the giving of our time and talents
  - Promoting gifts of financial and other resources

***Benevolence Board:***

- Choosing charitable institutions and causes for our support and determining the distribution of funds to those charities

The boards generally meet in the evening on the first Tuesday of the month. The commitment is generally for 3-year terms starting June 1st. The 3-year terms help us make smooth transitions year to year.

If you want to explore serving on a particular board or if you want more information, please talk to one of us!

Barb Hanson, Marsha Krosnosky, Larry Molinari,  
Mary Taves-Ruenzel, and Susan Wauck



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1</b> Communion 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:00am Repairers of the Breach - Bag Lunch Express 11:15am Membership Inquiry - Session 1 2:30pm Power Up Presentation - Charlene Gaebler-Uhling	<b>2</b> 9:00am PEO 1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	<b>3</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 10:00am Book Group (Library) 1:00pm LX Club 5:30pm Benevolence Board (Friendship Lounge) 6:00pm BCE (Youth Room) 6:00pm Deacons (Large Upstairs Classroom and Zoom) 6:00pm Stewardship Board (Small Upstairs Classroom) 6:00pm Trustees (Library)
<b>8</b> 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship 11:10am Memoir/Writers' Group	<b>9</b> 1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	<b>10</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 10:00am Book Group (Library) 1:00pm LX Club
<b>15</b> Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Handbell Choir 9:45am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship	<b>16</b> 1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 7:00pm Membership Inquiry - Session 2 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	<b>17</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 10:00am Book Group (Library) 1:00pm LX Club 4:00pm Loaves and Fishes 7:00pm Council
<b>22</b> 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Fellowship	<b>23</b> 1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	<b>24</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 10:00am Book Group (Library) 1:00pm LX Club
<b>29</b> 9:00am Chancel Choir 10:00am Palm Sunday Worship 11:00am Eggstravaganza Brunch and Fellowship	<b>30</b> 10:00am Sanctuary window cleaning (interior only) 1:15pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Prayer 8:00pm AA/Al-Anon	<b>31</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 9:00am Book Group (Zoom) 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 10:00am Book Group (Library) 1:00pm LX Club

# 2026

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 10:00am Encounters With Jesus Bible Discussion	<b>5</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 8:30am Thursday AA 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>6</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 7:30pm RR Historical Society	<b>7</b> 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge
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<b>18</b> 8:30am Quilters 10:00am Encounters With Jesus Bible Discussion 6:00pm Midweek Manna Meal 6:45pm Midweek Manna Worship	<b>19</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 8:30am Thursday AA 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>20</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	<b>21</b> 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge
<b>25</b> 10:00am Encounters With Jesus Bible Discussion	<b>26</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 8:30am Thursday AA 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 1:00pm LX Club 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>27</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite)	<b>28</b> 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:00am Bel Canto Chorus Auditions
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:15am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 8:30am Thursday AA 9:30am Yoga (Friendship Lounge) 1:00pm LX Club 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship and Meal	<b>3</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Study (Zoom and offsite) 2:00pm Good Friday Worship 7:30pm RR Historical Society	<b>4</b> 9:00am OEAnon - Friendship Lounge 10:30am OEAnon Special P-Meyer - Friendship Lounge



# Beyond Our Walls

## *Easter Special Offering*

The Easter Special Offering will be going to Ozaukee Family Services. Ozaukee Family Services offers a variety of programs and services to help families succeed. Ozaukee Family Services are built on four pillars of programming:

- Behavior Health
- Family Education & Support
- Preventative Education
- Senior Services



Within these four pillars, they have seen a tremendous level of success within Ozaukee County families looking for help.

Keep a look out in the mail for this special offering in March!

## **JOMM**



We continue to need drivers to Just One More Ministry on a bi-weekly basis! If you are able to be a driver to Just One More Ministry to deliver the donated items, please email Sarah Wood at [swood80@wi.rr.com](mailto:swood80@wi.rr.com).

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## **NSCC Mission Reserve Fund Grant**

The NSCC Mission Reserve Fund has Grant availability up to \$5,000 for local organizations. Please see Bruce Loder if you have a group that you think would benefit from applying for our NSCC Grant!

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## **Repairers of the Breach**

Join us on Sunday, March 1, in the kitchen after the service to help make PBJ sandwiches for Repairers of the Breach. Many hands make light work!



## **Soles for Jesus**



We continue to collect shoes for Soles for Jesus (bins can be found inside the south entrance). Consider donating to this worthy cause as you clean out closets this winter!

# LOAVES AND FISHES

March 17, 2026



Loaves & fishes  
— MINISTRY —

## CASSEROLES

## DESSERTS

Barsch	Donner
Bartlett	Fleck
Confirmation	Krosnosky
Confirmation	Wininsky
Confirmation	Nelson
Gregory	Petersen
Shawger	Wermuth
Tornetta	Wood, Sarah
Weiss	Wood, Sue
Ritke	Zganjar
<i>Single pan</i>	<i>Single batch ~30 pieces</i>

## DRIVERS

Osborne	White, S.	-----
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## SERVERS

Barsch	Lange
Dallman	Lange
Osborne	Lange
Weiss	Lange
White, S.	Lange



*Looking ahead...*  
***Holy Week at NSCC***  
***March 29 -***  
***April 5, 2026***

## **Holy Week Services**

### **Palm Sunday – March 29**

Join us as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem  
Stay after worship for our annual *Eggstravaganza Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt*.

### **Maundy Thursday – April 2**

Our remembrance of the Lord's Supper will follow the pattern we have enjoyed in recent years as we gather around the table and share in worship, fellowship and food beginning at **6pm**. Gathering in worship, sharing in a light meal, and breaking bread with one another, we will be reminded of what it was like for those who ate with Jesus on that very night he was betrayed.

### **Good Friday - April 3**

We will gather at **2pm**, as we have for many years, to worship and reflect upon the crucifixion. The service will end with the tolling of the bell at 3pm.

### **Easter Sunday - April 5**

We will celebrate the joy and wonder of the resurrection with two services (**9am and 11am**). Both services will be identical, including the choir, brass, and an atmosphere of joy in the celebration of the Risen Lord.



**March Godly Fun - Exploring Easter**

From Palm Sunday through the Empty Tomb, the kids will walk the journey with Jesus and the Disciples.



**Easter Sunday - April 5 - No Godly Fun**

Join in the celebration on Easter morning with services at 9 and 11am. There will be no Godly Fun but the worship bags in the narthex will be stocked with Easter fun and surprises!



**PowerUp Series - March 1 at 2:30pm**

Join us for the final speaker in the PowerUp Series. Explore the teenage brain with Dr. Charlene Gaebler-Uhing.



### **Eggstravaganza - March 29**

Join your church family for a meal following Palm Sunday worship and the annual egg hunt for the kids.

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### **Bayside Garden Center** **Spring Gift Card Sale**

Keep an eye out for information about a spring gift card sale with Bayside Garden Center. The Board of Christian Enrichment is offering gift cards to help fund BCE programming and to help you beautify your home and lawn for springtime.

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### **Vacation Bible School is Back**

July 6-10, 2026 from 9am-12pm daily -  
Registration opening in April, 2026.

### **WCA Summer Camp**

July 12-18, 2026 - More information about the annual summer camp from the Wisconsin Congregational Association is coming soon!

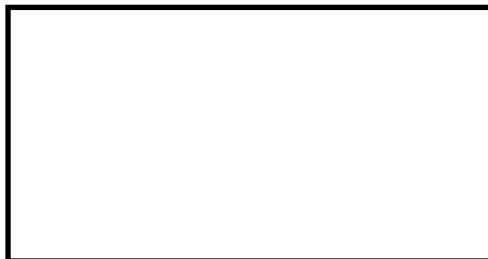


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