

Steeple Stories

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Grupo de
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Sábado 7PM

Noviembre 17&18

40 Aniversario

PASTOR ANGEL NAJERA

Todos están cordialmente invitados a nuestro aniversario.

El pastor Angel Najera de la Iglesia Cristiana Antioquia va estar ministrando el Sábado a las 7pm junto con el Grupo Altar y también el Domingo en la Mañana. A las 12:30 hay una comida para todas las congregaciones.

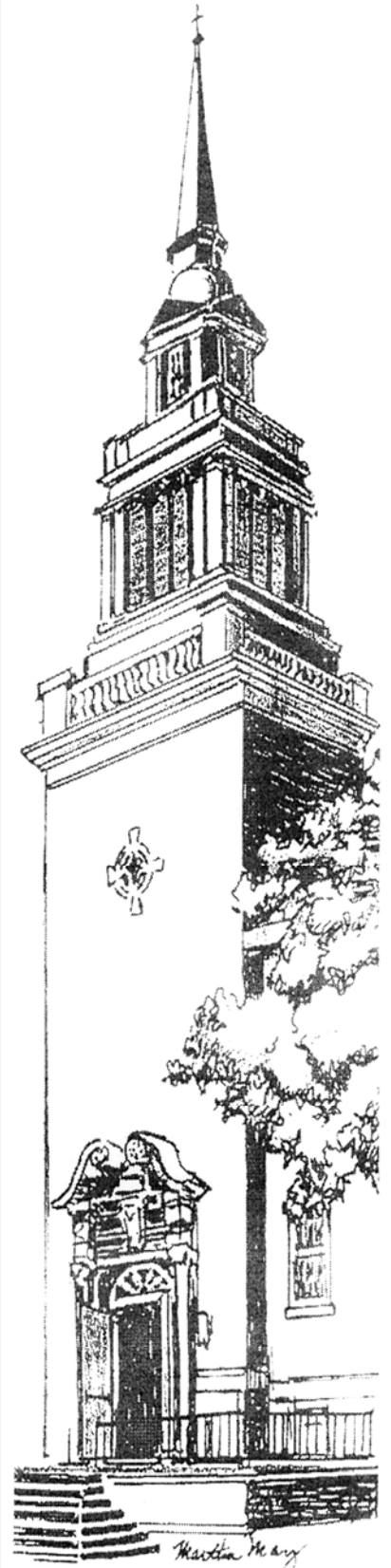


Las Posadas

Las Posadas represent the troubles that Joseph and Mary faced in finding a room when traveling to Bethlehem. Latin American countries have continued to celebrate this holiday to this day. Typically, each family in a neighborhood will schedule a night for the Posada to be held at their home.

At North Shore, we celebrate the Posadas as a time of fellowship with one another and enjoy the different dishes presented by the host. **The Posadas are open to ALL people who attend NSBC.** Please watch the Sunday bulletins and e-mail announcements

for specific dates and times of this years' dates, times and locations!

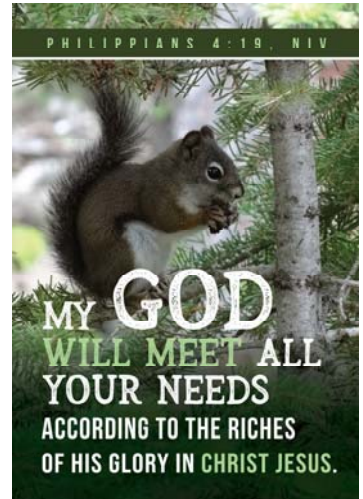


#WhyIGivetoNSBC

Our Stewardship focus this year has been reflections of why we give (of our money, time & talents) to North Shore Baptist Church. Here is one response from Rev. Yuki Scroggins of our Japanese Congregation:

Why we give to our church is an interesting question. We can look at this question from many different angles, and I would love to hear from others why they give to NSBC, too. As for me, I give to NSBC because of my faith in Christ and out of my thanksgiving to Him. Throughout my faith journey, I continued to experience Philippians 4:19. "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." We should remember "Glorious Riches" are not just about money, but all the resources we need. God's love, generosity and guidance always amaze me and I hope to be able to give with much gratitude next year for who He is.

~ Pastor Yuki



Two-For-One Celebration!

Habits of a Liberating Church & Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration



On **October 28**, the church gathered to celebrate the diverse heritage of our Hispanic congregation. We had dishes from various countries in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean, and shared in dances from the Mexican zapateado, to merengue from the Dominican Republic, to the baile del Toro Barroso of Ecuador. It was a joyous and festive event.

After the lunch and celebration, we gathered for a panel discussion entitled "Habits of a Liberating Church," featuring **Rev. Rony Reyes, Maria Teresa Lopez, and Dr. Nancy Bedford** of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. **Rev. Michael Ware** moderated the panel, with **Rev. Kathryn Ray** providing translation. Pastor Rony shared about the strange

experience of watching the caravan of immigrants from Honduras crossing a bridge he knew well from childhood, reminding him that he could never forget the struggles of immigrants. Dr. Bedford told us to persist in prayer, be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in moments of silence, and practice seeing-discerning-acting in the way of Jesus. Maria Teresa Lopez reminded us that each immigrant has a story to tell. We may not know what it is, but we know our own stories and our own experiences of immigration, and through them we can imagine the stories of the other.

Thank you to all who came and contributed to this wonderful event!



What's Up With Our Youth?

On October 21, the youth joined with the choir to sing the Hillsong United song "Oceans"- the favorite song of the youth group- at Pastor Kathryn's installation service. Ree Moo, one of the children, sang a solo, and everyone did a beautiful job.



We unfortunately had to cancel our corn maze trip last month due to a forecast of thunderstorms. Instead, we went bowling. It was the first time some of our youth had ever gone bowling (pictured left), and we had a lovely time! Several of the youth have expressed hope that laser tag will be our next special outing.

Young Adult Retreat

The young adults of NSBC (defined as you desire) are invited to attend a retreat from **November 9-11** in Green Lake, WI. We will be staying at the Peniston-Wilson Cottage in the forest. We will have time to share stories, get to know one another, and reflect in the beautiful, autumnal landscape of the Green Lake Conference Center. Cost per person is \$75, and financial assistance is available. Contact **Becca Hartman-Pickerill** if you are interested in participating!



Pastor Kathryn's Installation Service

After over three years of ministry at NSBC, with two as a full-time pastor, **Rev. Kathryn Ray** was formally installed as a member of the pastoral team on **October 21**. Rev. Jonathan Friesen, lead pastor of Ellis Avenue Church, preached the sermon, with Olga Diaz providing translation to Spanish. Rev. Shakespeare Osorio, the Associate Regional Minister for Hispanic Churches, offered the charge to the pastor and congregation. The Karen Fellowship, Hispanic praise band, Chancel Choir, and youth group all provided musical contributions. Maura Galarza and the Fellowship Ministry provided a wonderful meal after the event. Thank you to all who attended!





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"A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most complete prayer." — Gotthold Lessing

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Edgewater Community Religious Association (ECRA) invites you to their
Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Sunday, November 18, 2018
3:00 p.m.

Ismaili Community Center
6259 N. Broadway, Chicago



An offering will be taken to benefit Edgewater's food and clothing pantry, *Care for Real*.

North Shore will be taking an offering of non-perishable food items to share with our neighbors in need through the Care for Real food pantry. Please bring your donations to Worship on Sunday, November 18. We will take contributions from our church to present at the ECRA Thanksgiving service that afternoon.

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