

Steeple Stories

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Anniversary Celebration

THE HISPANIC CONGREGATION WILL BE CELEBRATING 41 YEARS OF MINISTRY

On **Saturday, November 16** at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary we will be celebrating a Thanksgiving Night. We will be giving thanks to God for all the great things God has done in our congregation this past year. We recognize it has been a difficult year but God has blessed us and provided the need and support we needed this past year. The preacher of the night will be **Rev. Shakespeare Osorio**, Associate Regional Minister, ABCMC and Pastor of the Iglesia Bautista Central.

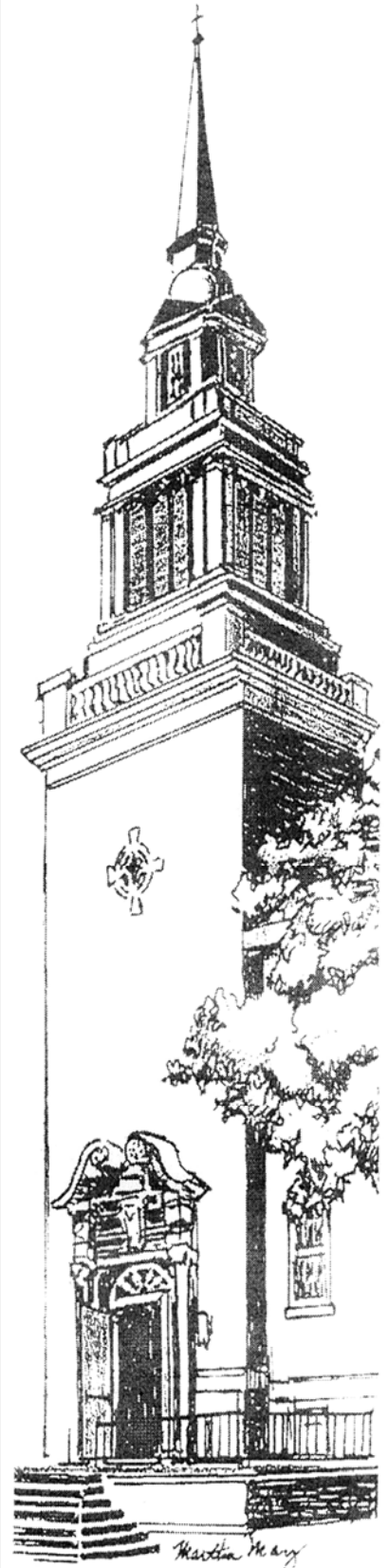
On **Sunday, November 17** at 9:30 a.m., we will have our Celebration Service with a Homecoming. We are inviting everyone who has been a member or part of our Hispanic congregation to be present to celebrate what God is doing. It will be a time of rejoicing, praise, and celebration. **Rev. F. Salvador Orellana**, director of Intercultural Ministries; Latino Ministries; and Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico for ABHMS, will be bringing the Word of God for the occasion.

At 11 a.m. we will be cutting our birthday cake with the whole church (Karen, Japanese, and English congregations) and at 11:30 a.m. will be having our celebration lunch.

It will be a time of blessing and rejoicing. Be part of the great things that God is doing in our Hispanic congregation and in North Shore Baptist Church.



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IMMIGRATION ADVENT SERIES



The Immigration Task Force is coordinating for this Advent Season 2019 a series of workshops on immigration. The workshops are part of the Adventures in Learning program from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the 4 Sundays of Advent (**December 1, 8, 15 and 22**). In the series, we will learn about what

are the roots and the challenges of immigration and what we *continued next page*

can do about it. Juan Carlos Hernández, Immigration Program Coordinator for the Chicago Religious Leadership Network, will be with us on **Sunday, December 1 and 8**, to give us the historical, sociological and political perspective on immigration. Sunday, **December 15 and 22** we will learn about immigration from a biblical and theological perspective. Each Sunday we will be doing a specific action about immigration. God will be speaking to us about this important issue that is one of the challenges of the 21st Century. Be part of the great things that God is doing in North Shore Baptist Church.

~ Pastor Juan

Blessed Giving

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us give because we have received so much. We have received so much from God, our families, friends, and sometimes even from strangers. We receive so many things from God and other people every day. We need to remind ourselves that as we receive, God also want us to give. If we do not receive anything, we have nothing to give to God or others. Since God has given us so much, we have so much to give to God and others.

Acts 20:35 reminds us that those who give are more blessed than those who receive. It is a blessing to receive and it is even a greater blessing for us if we give. Therefore, brothers and sisters, let us give. Let us give to our church, and to poor people either in our community or those who are suffering in other places.

Let us start with giving tithe regularly. The tithe is a very basic kind of giving that we all can practice and this giving is also biblical (Malachi 3:10). Let us all give our tithes with enthusiasm and joy to North Shore Baptist Church. Please know that the tithe you give is very helpful for the ministry and the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

However, let us not stop at tithe giving. Let us give more than our tithes. God has already given us abundantly. The more you give, the more you will receive from God (Luke 6:38). We have received a lot from God with joy. Now, let us give with joy, and let us receive more from God with more joy.

with love,
Rev. Eh Plo Soe
Karen Language Pastor



50+ Year Members

We wish to honor these 50 + year Members of North Shore Baptist Church whose examples of Christian joy, dedication to Christ, and faithfulness to North Shore and its ministry continue to bless us.

- 1947—Robert Dold
- 1949—Marjorie Bailey
- 1955—Flo Reeves
Gloria Russell
- 1956—Donna Barlow
- 1957—Jackie Gunther
Hiroko Shimotake

- 1959—Diana Hoffman
Masaru Nambu
- 1961—Vivian Berget
- 1962—Margo Bach
Judith Dold
Emy Kosmas
- 1964—Barbara Rosga

- 1965—Berlene Hermer
- 1966—Hiroshi (Paul) Shimotake
- 1967—Kuwako Arai
- 1968—Nancy Davis
Barbara Lehman
Stanley Lehman

What's Up With Our Youth?

We joined up with the Edgewater Coming Together youth group for a wonderful trip to the corn maze in Aurora on Saturday, October 12, with about 10 youth in attendance. Thank you to **Pastor Michael, Lázaro Silva, and Yanira Silva** for accompanying the trip! In November, we look forward to meeting up again with ECT to reflect on our mission trip last August.



We kicked off regular Friday meetings on October 4. **Olga Diaz** is helping lead youth group this year. Last week, she led the youth in a listening exercise where one youth described a drawing to another who couldn't see it and had to recreate the drawing.

Young Adult Retreat

In September, ten young adults, one youth, four children, and one dog went on retreat to Indiana Dunes. We enjoyed getting to know one another better, worshipping around the campfire, and participating in a storytelling facilitation training session offered by **Tanya Lane**. We learned about how to set a space to invite vulnerability, how to walk deeper together into the space, and how to close the space in a safe and uplifting way.



Immigration Task Force Update

The NSBC Immigration Task Force has officially organized and is planning some exciting programming for the upcoming year! On Saturday, **November 2**, we will be attending the 30th anniversary banquet of the Chicago Religious Leadership Network at McCormick Seminary at 6:30 pm. CRLN was born out of the Sanctuary Movement in the 1980s. Members of the Immigration Task Force have been attending their regular meetings to stay up to date on developments in policy around immigration rights and ways that we can support immigrants coming to Chicago.

On **November 3**, we will be welcoming **Armando Márquez**, a catechist who worked alongside Monsignor Oscar Romero in the base communities of El Salvador. He will be visiting NSBC to offer personal reflections on his relationship with Msgr. Romero and the church's liberating work in El Salvador. This talk will take place after Unity Sunday worship at 1:00 pm in Nambu Chapel.

Finally, we are planning an Advent series on Christ and immigration. See Pastor Juan's article on page 1 for the details.





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INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

**Sunday, November 24, 2019
3:00 p.m.**

**St. Ita Catholic Church
5500 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 any Sunday through November 24. We will take contributions from our church to present at the ECRA Thanksgiving service that afternoon.

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