

# April 2016 Innovator

## News

9:15 Traditional Worship  
9:15 Sunday School  
10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall  
10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship

*Pastor James returns from his Sabbatical on April 25<sup>th</sup>.*

### April Sabbatical Sunday Worship Schedule

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:15am & 10:45am  
Worship lead by Roderick Oji  
and members who will share  
about Sabbath.



**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am  
Short Worship and then members will  
work on mission projects.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am & 10:45am  
Worship lead by Pastor Gail



**April 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am & 10:45am  
Climb Your Mountain  
Experiential stations during both  
worship times.



**African Lunch**  
**Sunday, April 10th at 12:00pm**

Following a morning of mission work, a wonderful African lunch will be served to help us celebrate our diversity and mission work for Remember Niger. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex. You won't want to miss this Sabbath event!

A 12-hour Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event will be held **April 9th** from 12pm – 12am! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. Please call Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784 to reserve your spot TODAY! The cost is \$20.00 by 4/6/16 or \$25 after that date.



**PW CLOTHING DRIVE**

**P.W. SPRING/SUMMER 2016 DRIVE**  
**April 17th - 24th**

Bring in your clean, gently-used spring and summer clothing as well as newer, gently-used bedding and towels. Items will be taken to Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church Clothing Center in St. Paul.

The session will be hosting a gathering in the Fireside Room on **April 17th**, from 10:15-10:45, between worship services. Four elders of session will be present to listen to your hopes for the future and concerns and joys for our family of faith. They will answer your questions. The more we join together, discuss and pray together the more likely we are to live God's will with extravagant love and compassionate service.

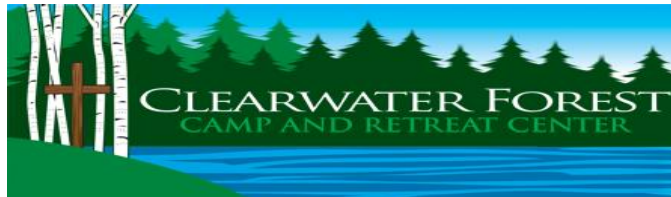




## Triennium 2016

All youth planning on attending Triennium are asked to participate in Pre-Event Gatherings. Attendance at these events are required; however, they realize that there may be some scheduling conflicts that prevent you from attending every event. Since we have a large number of youth attending, we will make arrangements to share transportation to these events. Please mark the following dates on your calendars.

- Sunday, April 17 ~ PYT Pre-Event Gathering #1: 4-6pm at Oak Grove Presbyterian, Bloomington (Registration forms and deposit due)
- Sunday, May 15 ~ PYT Pre-Event Gathering #2: 4-6pm at New Life Presbyterian, Roseville
- Wednesday, June 15 ~ PYT Pre-Event Service Night: 8-9:30pm at Feed My Starving Children, Eagan
- Tuesday, July 12 ~ Commissioning of PYT participants at First Presbyterian, Red Wing: 4pm



Do you remember the campfires, skits, games, fun and adventures of camp? Why not share your love of camp with the campers of today by sending a child, grandchild, or neighbor to camp? Also consider supporting Clearwater Forest's scholarship programs. Last year Clearwater Forest scholarship funds helped 48 campers who wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise, and we expect the need to be even greater this summer. For more information please visit [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) or call 218-678-2325.

### Financial Assistance for Clearwater

The endowment committee and/ or a few members of our congregation are eager to offer financial assistance to any member in need so they can attend camp. They are glad to invest in the blessings that abound from the camp experience. Talk to Pastor James or Bruce Beck of the Endowment Committee if your child wants to attend camp but you are short on the funds for the camp.



### **WORK CAMP GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER**

Help support our youth who are attending Workcamp this summer will by purchasing your spring plants from us. You can choose between hanging baskets, patio containers, annuals, vines, and grasses as well as flats of sunny and shady plants. If you're looking for a plant that is not listed on our order form, you can buy a plant card that will give us 15% on every plant card purchase at the Inver Grove Heights Store. Orders are being taken in the Narthex until April 17th with delivery May 22nd.

### **North Area Churches Red Cross Blood Drive April 11th, 1-7 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church**

Due to the severe weather in other areas of our country the donation inventories are greatly reduced. PLEASE seriously consider a donation at this drive. Please contact Kathy Johansen at 651-271-9342 with any questions. If you do not wish to schedule an appointment, you can just show up. **WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!** NOTE: 16 year olds are allowed to donate but need a permission form signed by their parent or guardian. You can contact me to obtain a form. THANKS for considering this mission opportunity.



### **SIGN UP NOW!**

*It's time for an updated portrait!*

Lifetouch Photography will be taking photographs for our new church directory on May 12-13 and May 22-24. Sign up in the Narthex or on the church website to reserve a time for your portrait.



## **FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**

Travel where St. Paul journeyed, discover Modern & Ancient Greece, tour Athens to Corinth, Ephesus & Delphi, and cruise among the Greek Islands. An informational meeting will be held Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at North Church. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hagen at 651-739-3224 or [lhagen\\_5@q.com](mailto:lhagen_5@q.com).

Oops! We missed the March FoodShare Month. Maybe North Church could share our support in April. Let's fill the grocery cart weekly. Suggested donations are: canned meat/tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, juice, salad dressing, cooking oil, flour, sugar, spices, pasta, rice, gluten-free items, baby formula, diapers (size 1-6), laundry soap, shampoo, condition, and toothpaste.



### **MISSION MATTERS** FAITH COMMISSION By Pat McKisson

#### **NORTH ST. PAUL AREA FOOD SHELF**

***The North St. Paul Area Food Shelf is a non-profit organization which serves families in North St. Paul and Oakdale.***

***(The all-volunteer staff serves 14 clients a day.)***

#### **Who They Serve:**

Over 35 years ago the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf was organized and it served only North St. Paul residents. Then about 20 years ago the boundaries were expanded to include Maplewood and Oakdale residents. Because of the difficulty now in servicing this large of an area, a decision was made to just serve North St. Paul and Oakdale residents.

## **How Can I Sign Up to Get Food?**

All you need to do is call 651-770-1309 a day ahead to set up an appointment for picking up your food on the next service day. You will be given a time for the next day that you must pick up your food.

### **There are Some Rules:**


- Be prompt for your appointment. Do not come too early as volunteers need time to pack your groceries.
- You will need to make your own arrangements for transportation as the food shelf does not provide rides.
- Bring two form of ID; a current driver's license or picture ID and a current utility bill showing you live in the food shelf area.
- Do not schedule an appointment unless you know you can make it. You must pick up your food the day of your appointment otherwise:
  - You will be required to wait two weeks to reschedule if you call and cancel on the day of your appointment., or
  - If you do not call and cancel or show up, you will have to wait a month to make a new appointment.

### **How Can I Help Support the Food Shelf?**

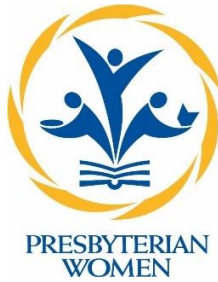
- Put food donations in the shopping cart provided in the Gathering Area at church.
- For cash donations, write a check made payable to: North St. Paul Area Food Shelf and put in the offering plate.
- Cash donations may also be sent via check or money order to the food shelf.
- Food donations can be dropped off at the food shelf between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday to Friday or you can add it to the donation box located at Cub on White Bear Avenue, the box at the North St. Paul City Hall, or at one of the local churches food donation box.

### **How do My Donations Help:**

Your donations make a profound difference in the lives of many. For each dollar donated, the food shelf is able to purchase almost \$10 worth of food from Second Harvest or The Food Group. In 2014, the food shelf served 3,245 families (10,172 individuals), distributed 309,615 pounds of food and gave out gift certificates totaling \$14,000. Of these who were served, 60% are from North St. Paul and 40% from Oakdale.

 **Stretch** your donation. Give a gift of \$1, \$5, \$10 or more and multiply that by 10 to see the how much you gift will truly impact the least fortunate of our community.





**P.W. NEWS**  
by Pat McKisson, P.W. Moderator

*EVENTS COMING UP IN 2016*

***Saturday, April 23 ~ Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women***

The event will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, MN.

Keynote speaker will be Denise England who participated in 2014 Global Exchange in the Caribbean. Mark this date on your calendar. More information will be available in the March Connections publication.

***Wednesday, May 18 ~ North P.W. Spring Event***

The event will be held at North Church in Meisenheimer Hall starting at 11:30 am. Everyone is welcome to participate in the potluck luncheon and program.

***June 15 – 18 ~ Synod Gathering of Presbyterian Women***

The event will be held at the in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of other women from our synod as we explore timely topics together. Registration for the event is required as well as making your own housing arrangements at the conference center. Pat McKisson has the registration book available for you to look at.

**If you have any questions about any of the above, please contact Pat McKisson**

**BRITTANY'S PLACE UPDATE**

On March 7, Mary Morrisette and her granddaughter, Kyra, Ila Basch, and Pat McKisson delivered 17 hand-tied fleece blankets along with 13 pairs of slacks, 20 tops, 3 jackets, 11 bras and 5-6 packs of panties to 180Degrees for Brittany's Place. A huge thank you goes to all of the women from North Church who gave so generously to help these young and vulnerable girls.

During the remainder of this year, we will be collecting donations from the following list to support Brittany's Place girls:

- Notebooks & journals (**not** spiral bound)
- Bath and body products (lotion, body spray, skincare, etc.)
- Hairbrushes, combs, hair elastics, styling products
- Clothing (**NEW, for teen girls**):
  - All in-season items in a variety of sizes (larger sizes needed)
  - Pants (leggings, sweatpants, fleece, etc. are fine)
  - Tops (sweatshirts, t-shirts, tank tops, all are fine)
  - Bras (particularly larger sizes), socks, and underwear
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Puzzles and board games
- If any of you have or want to donate any of these items (monetary donations are also accepted), please see Pat McKisson

**Ongoing P.W. projects:**

- 1) Assemble Church World Service baby care, hygiene, and school kits.
- 2) Knit baby caps.
- 3) Make dresses and britches for Little Dresses for Africa and Haiti,
- 4) Support Fellowship of the Least Coin,
- 5) Support Sunshine Bag collection for Church Women United of Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul for the Native American Christmas Party.
- 6) Hold semi-annual clothing drives for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church's Clothing Center.
- 7) Support Brittany's Place as our 2016 Mission of the Year.
- 8) Honor North Church graduating seniors.
- 9) Support Youth of North Church.

Pastor James is enjoying his Sabbatical and will return April 25th. In an emergency or hospitalization, you can contact Pastor Gail at 727-278-3511 or 651-213-1082. In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of April is Kathy Carlson, 651-334-8031.



The North Church Youth Group would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped to make the "Night at the Oscars" a success. Thank you to all who attended and for all who volunteered. With your help, we raised \$875.00 for the Workcamp trip this summer. Congratulations to the Zoya family for winning the movie basket raffle. We look forward to seeing you all at the Oscars again next year! ~ North Church Youth Group

Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers as I try and recover from my medical issues. It seems to be hanging around too long and this makes it difficult to get around like I would enjoy. I hope to see all of you in church soon. May God bless all of you.  
~ Virginia Pleban

Thank you for donating 25 pounds of food items and \$128.76 from your "Souper Bowl of Caring" fundraiser to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. We appreciate the many wonderful donors, such as you, who support the work of our food shelf. God bless you.  
~Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf





**Saturday, April 2**

9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 3**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, April 4**

9:30am PW Coordinating Team  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, April 5**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 1:00pm Rachel Circle  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, April 6**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, April 7**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Faith Commission  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band  
 7:00pm Deacons  
 7:00pm Life, Stewardship, Nurture

**Saturday, April 9**

9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training  
 12:00pm Craft Til U Drop  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 10**

9:15am Hands-On Mission  
 9:30am Refreshments  
 12:00pm African Lunch  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, April 11**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
 9:30am Ruth Circle  
 7:00pm Personnel  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, April 12**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 7:00pm Northern Bells  
 7:00pm WOW

**Wednesday, April 13**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Sarah Circle  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, April 14**

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting  
 6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

**Saturday, April 16**

9:30am El Shadai  
 9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 17**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:15am Session Feedback  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai  
 4:00pm Triennium Gathering #1

**Monday, April 18**

3:00pm Guild Meeting  
 6:00pm Quilt Guild  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, April 19**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, April 20**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, April 21**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band

**Friday, April 22**

6:00pm Youth Lock-In Begins

**Saturday, April 23**

8:00am Youth Lock-In Ends  
 9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 24**

9:15am Experiential Worship  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Experiential Worship  
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, April 25****Innovator Articles Due****Pastor James returns**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, April 26**

9:00am Comforters  
 11:45am RPR  
 6:15pm Eagle Scout Expo  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, April 27**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, April 28**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band  
 7:00pm Session

**Saturday, April 30**

8:00am El Shadai Food Program  
 9:30am El Shadai Chaplain Training  
 3:00pm El Shadai



Samuel Atu-Tetuh April 2  
 Katie Lewandowski April 2  
 Walton Yates April 2  
 Deanna Dick April 3  
 Daniel Oji April 6  
 Kathie Johansen April 6  
 Casey Carlson April 9  
 Wayne Leisman April 9  
 James Craft April 9  
 Courtney Colton April 9  
 Maddie Roth April 10  
 Ariana Hill April 10  
 Sam Hickman April 11  
 Sydney Willar April 11  
 Tyler Carlson April 12

Marie Goebel April 14  
 Matthew Marah April 15  
 Randy Smith April 15  
 Leslie York April 16  
 Abby Kristensen April 19  
 Esther Dumenya April 19  
 Afie Dumenya April 19  
 Mary Japs April 20  
 Jasmine Kalle April 22  
 Charlotte Hess April 23  
 Samuel Lindenfelser April 24  
 Jenny Hanna April 26  
 Ben Morrisette April 27  
 James Nowak April 28  
 Jim Holle April 29  
 Madelyn Stahnke April 30