

August 2016 Innovator



9:30am Worship in the Air-Conditioned Hall

Summer Office Hours will be 9am – 12pm on Mondays and 9am – 2:30pm Tuesday through Thursday until September 5.

~Beginning September 11~

9:15 Traditional Worship & Sunday School

10:15 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship

The Wednesday Discipleship Program resumes October 5.



BENEFIT FOR THE HILL FAMILY

Time: 7-8pm

When: Friday, August 12th

Where: North Church

Come join us for a dance performance put on by Kathryn's former students, co-workers, and other dance studios around the twin cities to perform various styles of dance in honor of Kathryn's battle against cancer and her sweet baby Isaac born into heaven on June 21, 2016.

There will be a silent auction and bake sale to raise funds for the Hill family.

If you would like to donate a basket for the silent auction, please contact the church office and plan on having the basket at the church by August 10th.

*Admission donations, silent auction bids, and bake sale funds go directly to the Hill family.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1761222674124493/>



NORTH WORKCAMP 2016 EXTRAORDINARY!

When you encounter Jesus, your ordinary begins to shift—because Jesus is EXTRA-ordinary! Spending time with Jesus begins to move you from the comfortable ordinary to the amazing and extraordinary life God has crafted for you. Our workcampers will be discovering the EXTRAordinary life Jesus has for all of us! We will be joining youth from throughout North America in mission, Christian study and worship. We will be repairing homes. We will be studying scripture to learn more about God and how to live a life of Christian service. Please support the Imperial, Pennsylvania workcamp participants and the residents who will have their homes repaired by us with your prayers: *Spencer York, Abigail York, Garrett Colton, Abbigail Tiffany, Brady Ross, Gabby Boyles, Sam Hickman, Madison Bergmann, Dillon Bergmann, Sophie Glaser, Elizabeth Zoya, Evan Willar, Sarah Bearth, Courtney Colton, Sean Bearth, Mikey Gerhardson, Karen Pepin, Cassie Javner, Paul Colton, Dean Willar, Jim Holle, and Pastor James.*

Hear the workcampers' God sightings and see the pictures on Sunday, August 14, at 9:30.

Our Sunday school classes for adults and children (preschool – 7th Grade) will begin on September 11, and we need teachers! We are excited to present some new options for adult education this year. In addition to Kerygma, we would also like to offer another adult education class on Sunday mornings as well as a Wednesday evening class which will begin on October 5. We hope to have at least two teachers for each class, so volunteers can rotate throughout the year. If you are interested in teaching a children's Sunday school class or leading an adult education class, please contact Renee Kristensen at north@northchurch-mn.org or sign up on the bulletin board located in the entryway.



Confirmation begins Sunday, September 18, for youth in eighth grade and older. The primary purpose is to provide instruction and discussion that will enable youth to understand and profess a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The secondary purpose is to provide instruction and experiences that will enable youth to understand and participate in the worship and mission of the church. To register for the class, contact Pastor James.

We are having a fundraiser for the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf on August 14, 2016. It would be great if we could get a variety of bakery items to have available for the free-will offering which will benefit the Food Shelf. Will you volunteer to bake cookies, bars, mini-breads, cakes or other goodies for this cause? For each dollar donated, we will help the Food Shelf to purchase almost \$10 worth of food from Second Harvest or The Food Group. If you would like to donate a baked item or two, please sign up in the Gathering Area on July 31st for the August 14th date. All donated items should be put on paper plates or in containers that you don't want returned and covered with a clear wrap. Please be sure to label your items stating what they are, whether they contain nuts, and if they are gluten-free.



Nothin' better than a hot cup of coffee and a yummy donut while sharing some fellowship with your church friends! We have had the current hospitality time between services for ten years now – and some of our teams have been serving for that long! Some have retired from this volunteering, and we now have a need for new team members. This job requires about 3 hours (9-noon) on your scheduled Sunday. The more teams we have, the less often you are scheduled. Eight teams of two people means about every two months you would set up, serve and clean up – and taking the offering during the Christ Connection service is a part of this job, too. Please consider whether you and a friend or another family member could sign up to help with this important job at North Church. Please see Leslie Etter from the Life Commission on Sundays to get more information or sign-up in the entryway. You can also call Leslie at 651-271-1120 to get more information. Thank you!



Do you like to sing? Join choir members and others who enjoy singing when we provide music for three services this summer. The Summertime Singers will be singing on July 24 and August 28. We'll rehearse starting at 8:30am on those Sundays. Please join us! For more information, contact Mary Livingston at mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com or 651-331-1089.





RETREAT? STAND FIRM? ADVANCE?

Which are you likely to do? Why not all three? **RETREAT** to a comfortable space, **STAND FIRM** in your faith and ability to enhance worship through music and **ADVANCE** your musical skills and fellowship.

All choir members, as well as others age 16+ who would like a no-commitment opportunity to sing with the choir, are invited to attend. The event will be held on Saturday, August 27, 9 a.m. - Noon at North Church. It will include musical warm-ups, discovery of new ways to improve your singing voice, reading both familiar and new music, and a potluck brunch.

In addition, we will look at the anthem that the Summertime Singers will sing at the August 28 church service. Anyone may sing with the Summertime Singers - just arrive at church on Sunday morning at 8:45am for a short rehearsal before the service begins. To RSVP or to find out more about the Retreat/Advance event on August 27, please contact Mary Livingston at mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com or 651-331-1089.



SHOW BOAT IS A'COMIN'
and it will be the last year to enjoy it!

August 13th at 2:00pm
"Under the Gaslight"
Tickets are \$18

Thanks to those who have already signed up and paid. For those wishing to go to Joseph's for lunch before the play we will be carpooling from church at 11:45am or meeting at Joseph's at 12:30pm. We will be ordering off the menu.



NORTH AREA CHURCHES RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

August 10th, 1-7pm
Church of St. Peter

If you would like an appointment or wish to be on the walk-in list, contact Kathleen at 651-271-9342 or at www.redcrossblood.org. 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.



SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

School Tools is a school supplies drive for children from low-income and homeless families. This drive is an easy way to join together with area faith communities and organizations to help children in our community who are affected by poverty. Supplies needed include: backpacks, 3-ring binders, calculators, facial tissues, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, folders, school boxes, erasers, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, rulers, glue sticks & bottles, loose-leaf paper, scissors, crayons, and USB flash drives. Items can be put in the collection box in the Narthex/Gathering Space until August 15th.

GREETINGS TO ALL NORTH CHURCH WOMEN

There will be a table with “sign-up” sheets available for the new fall study call “Who is Jesus?”. All women who might like to learn more about our Lord are invited to purchase a study book (\$8). The books will arrive by the beginning of September. The Women’s Fellowship and Mission groups will begin in September with the Fall Fellowship Fun Luncheon get-together to be held on October 8th.

The following is a brief synopsis of
“Who is Jesus?”



WHO IS JESUS?

“Halfway through the Gospel of Mark, as Jesus and his disciples are on their way to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus turns to his disciples and asks, “So, what’s the word on the street? Who do people say that I am?” It seems like a reasonable question to ask the people who travel with you and have the opportunity to hear what folks in their towns and villages are saying about their teacher.

“Well,” they answer, “Some say you are John the Baptist (back from the dead); others think you are one of the prophets, maybe Elijah, maybe another one.” Then Jesus looks them squarely in the eyes and asks, “Yes, but who do you say that I am?” Now that’s a good question! The author’s prayer is that, through the course of this study, you will find your own voice, your own answer. When Jesus turns and looks you squarely in the eyes and asks, “Who do you say I am?” What will you say?



NEWS

By Pat McKisson

BRITTANY'S PLACE UPDATE

In December, we will be delivering Christmas packages for each girl at Brittany's Place. We hope to have 15 knitted or fleece scarves, 15 knitted or purchased gloves, and 15 knitted or purchased hats. If you can knit or crochet any of these items and would like to help, please let Mary Morrisette or Sharon Nowak know so we can keep track of what we have.

ONGOING P.W. PROJECTS:

- 1) Collect and 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/Interfaith Action.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016 (Questions? Contact Pat McKisson)

<i>August 8</i>	Coordinating Team Meeting (All are welcome)
<i>August 29</i>	Coordinating Team Meeting (All are welcome)
<i>September 12</i>	Ruth Circle meets at 9:45 a.m.
<i>September 13</i>	Rachel's Women meet at 1:00 p.m.
<i>September 14</i>	Wednesday Women meet at 6:00 p.m.
<i>October 8</i>	Women's Fellowship Luncheon (All are welcome)
<i>October 15</i>	Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Long Lake, MN
<i>October 16-23</i>	Fall Clothing Drive
<i>November 13</i>	Sunshine Bag Collection
<i>November 20</i>	Praise Service/Thank Offering received
<i>December 2</i>	Brittany's Place Christmas Gift Drop-off

FAITH COMMISSION - MISSION MATTERS

By Pat McKisson

SEASON OF PEACE - September 7-October 4

“You are being rooted and grounded in love.” —Eph. 3:17.

Hymn writer Carolyn Winfrey Gillette wrote the following hymn for the **Season of Peace** to support the work of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering.

O God, the Things That Make for Peace

O God, the things that make for peace
Seem hidden, distant, out of reach.
Our world is violent, bent on war;
Lord, show us peace worth struggling for.

Your peace begins when we embrace
Your Son-- your wondrous gift of grace.
For peace with others surely starts
When we find peace within our hearts.

Yet peace is not a quiet thing,
An inward gift to which we cling.
For Jesus blessed the ones who share
Your peace and justice everywhere.

We thank you that your love extends
Beyond the circle of our friends.
You teach us: Give the stranger bread
And see that enemies are fed.

We long to live your way, O Lord,
To see relationships restored;
May we, in all we say and do,
Seek peace and therefore honor you.

The hymn is based on the Bible study '[The Things That Make for Peace](#).' The hymn has five movements; recognizing peace, finding peace, practicing peace, extending peace, and living peace.

The hymn is based on the Bible study: '***The Things that Make for Peace: An Adult Study***'. *The study is a 5-week adult study designed for small or large groups or even individuals to be used during the Season of Peace or any time of the year. It focuses on the inner and outer path to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a “dig deeper” section for study through the week.*

Session 1: Recognizing Peace: The introduction is a study of Luke 19:37-44 and Ephesians 1:18. It explores the differences between peace as the world often defines it and peace as Jesus teaches and models it.

Session 2: Finding Peace “So that you may live deep within your heart” How do we find peace in our hearts? How do we deepen our personal spiritual practice as a peacemaker? Using Philippians 4:4-7 and Romans 5:15, this session explores how we might ground ourselves in the practice of peace.

Session 3: Practicing Peace “So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.” What does it mean to “turn the other cheek”? What is the difference between being a doormat and choosing non-violence? In this study, we explore Matthew 5:38-44 as a foundation for active non-violence.

Session 4: Extending Peace “So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them” How does the Bible teach us to live with neighbors who are different? This session will focus on hospitality as peacemaking in light of Hebrews 13:1-3 and Romans 12:13-21.

Session 5: Living Peace “So that you can do what others claim cannot be done.” Peace within, peace with God and peace with others all require forgiveness and a life which seeks to restore relationships. This study will focus on 2 Chronicles 6:13-40, Matthew 5:23-24 and Romans 12:18.



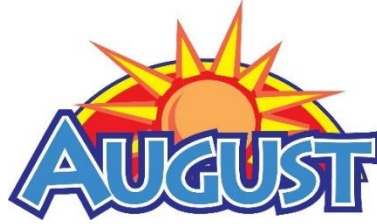
Many blessings to my North Church family. I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls. A special thank you to Pastor James and Joni Purrington for their hospital visits. Every day is getting better. Thank you all; it helped me get through all of this. My family also thanks you. I'm truly blessed. ~ Shirley Lambert

Thank you for the graduation gift and support throughout my years at North Church. I have many fond memories at church – some of my favorites include the confirmation retreat, Sunday school, and playing the violin. I am very excited to continue my journey at college next year. Thanks again. ~ Mitch Carlson

Thank you to all the 'bakers extraordinaire' who donated baked goods to support the No. St. Paul Area Food Shelf. They include, Mary Morrisette, Beryle Zimanski, Lucita Zoya, Marlene Zoya, Mary Leisman, Ruth Jones, Sue Ovaldson, Mary Ellen Meisenheimer, Porg Andrus, Virginia Pleban, Coleen Colton, Kathy Carlson, Joan Purrington, Nancy Gerhardson, Renee Kristensen, Dale Piepho, Linda Hagen, Billie Novy. ~ Pat McKisson for Faith Commission and P.W.

Over forty children enjoyed a fun-filled week at our *Deep Sea Discovery* VBS. We had tremendous support from the congregation with 23 members volunteering at least one night during the week. We also received cash donations and the majority of our snack/dinner supplies from our very generous church members. These gifts are greatly appreciated and help offset our costs. Thank you to everyone for your support! A special thanks to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi for sharing their VBS decorations and supplies with us. ~ The Nurture Commission

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of August is Lonnie Rangel, 651-247-5038.



Monday, August 1

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 2

9:00am Comforters

12:00pm RPR

Wednesday, August 3

10:00am Choral Bells

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 4

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm New Deacons' Orientation

7:00pm Deacons

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Group

7:00pm Life, Stewardship, Nurture

Saturday, August 6

9:00am El Shadai Chaplaincy Program

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 7

9:30am Worship in the Hall

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 8

8:00am ARM Breakfast

9:30am PW Coordinating Team

7:00pm Personnel

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 9

9:00am Comforters

Wednesday, August 10

10:00am Choral Bells

1:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 11

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Group

Friday, August 12

7:00pm Kathryn Hill Benefit

Saturday, August 13

9:00am El Shadai Chaplaincy Program

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 14~ Workcamp Sunday

9:00am Bake Sale

9:30am Worship in the Hall

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 15

3:00pm Guild Meeting

6:00pm Quilt Guild

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 16

9:00am Comforters

12:00pm RPR

Wednesday, August 17

10:00am Choral Bells

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 18

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Group

7:00pm Session

Friday, August 19

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, August 20

9:00am El Shadai Chaplaincy Program

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 21

9:30am Worship in the Hall

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

Tuesday, August 23

9:00am Comforters

12:00pm RPR

Wednesday, August 24

10:00am Choral Bells

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 25

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, August 27

8:00am El Shadai Food Program

9:00am Choir Retreat

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 28

9:30am Worship in the Hall

12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 29

Innovator Articles Due

9:30am PW Coordinating Team

Tuesday, August 30

9:00am Comforters

12:00pm RPR

Wednesday, August 31

10:00am Choral Bells

7:30pm Praise Band



Roseanne Brabender	August 1
Andrew Schneider	August 1
Owen Fager	August 2
Thor Sellie	August 2
Nina Hicks	August 3
Dixie Hatcher	August 4
Norm Purrington	August 5
Jim Warner	August 6
Emily Gerhardson	August 6
Marty Ginn	August 7
Tyler Kraus	August 7
Lorraine Whisler	August 8
Eleanor Skoog	August 9
Lillian Hanna	August 14
Susan Roskos	August 15
Janet Krumrey	August 15
Alan Hummel	August 19
Catherine Satriano	August 20
Lindsey Purrington	August 20
Karl Brogren	August 21
Becky Hamilton	August 21
Christine Schneider	August 22
Charles Yust	August 24
Lois Brenner	August 26
Laura Hoffman	August 27
Joe House	August 27
Elizabeth Zoya	August 27
Jenny Rangel	August 29
Helen Patrick	August 29
Charlie Wirka	August 29
Fese Atud	August 29
Bob Zimanski	August 30
Sarah Etter	August 31

