

February 2017 Innovator

News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship





Faith Banners

Every confirmand made a faith banner which is displayed by Meisenheimer Hall. The banners express their faith and the unique gifts and interests God has given them. Currently the confirmands are writing their statements of faith which will be completed at a retreat lead by Pastor James at Camp Clearwater Forest. Confirmation Sunday is March 26th at both services. Please keep the confirmands in your prayers as they discern what it means to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior and how to live as a faithful disciple.

Confirmands

Tanner Behr	Zach Carlson
Mikey Gerhardson	Amy Helgeson
John Helgeson	Peter Helgeson
Emma Rose Kraus	Morgan Langer
Delyne Ngu	Cassidy Rangel
Christian Sellie	Abigail York

If you are a parent of a child under the age of 5, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on February 1. You can feel comfortable knowing that your children are being watched by your church family as you enjoy an evening of adult time. Parents' Night Out will be held from 5:30pm – 7:00pm the first Wednesday of each month in Room 21.



Last year more than 260,000 youth participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring, collecting more than \$9.8 million for local hunger-relief charities. This year's goal is to empower 275,000 young people to collect \$11 million for charities in their communities. Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America! On February 5th, our youth will be in the Gathering Space after worship collecting money for this cause. Please join us in supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring.



Make a joyful noise! The Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members age 16 and older of all voices and experience. Please consider joining us as we begin our journey through Lent and Easter. Rehearsals are 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and again on Sundays at 8:30 a.m. to warm-up for the 9:15am service. If you have questions or are interested in joining the choir, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 or livingstonmusic@q.com.

On the last day of each month, we will be gathering all the items left in the coat room and placing them in the office for two weeks. After two weeks, the items will be donated to Goodwill. Our hope is that we can work together to keep our church clean.



PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

“Per capita” is Latin meaning each person. It is the responsible way of sharing the costs belonging to the whole Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and expresses our unity. Some of the Per Capita goes to General Assembly (our national ecclesiastical government) and covers the cost of GA meetings, programs, ecumenical relations, new church development, administrative functions, and missions here and around the world. A portion goes to our Synod (our regional ecclesiastical government) and covers programs and ministries at a regional level, such as Clearwater Forest camp. Most of the per capita stays right here in the Twin Cities Presbytery, which provides an array of support, guidance, and programs for churches and local missions. Our presbytery helps us do things orderly and in accordance with our constitution and also funds, equips, and empowers an array of ministries in the Twin Cities Area. We would greatly appreciate if you would make your Per Capita payment of \$33 per person. Whether you pay it or not your church will make the payment for you.

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of February is Inez Kalle, 651-363-8364.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS
FAITH COMMISSION
By Pat McKisson

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“I give thanks to my God always for you” I Cor. 1:4

Around the world, people lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to *One Great Hour of Sharing* serves to help change the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us with a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

One Great Hour of Sharing received during the season of Lent makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA): Works within communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-causes disasters. PDA receives 32% of funds raised.

Thanks to our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) was able to respond to this refugee crisis soon after it began. Working with churches in the region, primarily the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, PDA helps Syrian refugee children in Lebanon continue their education and provides refugee families food, shelter, and heating oil.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP): Takes action to alleviate hunger and its systemic causes and helps create access to healthy food for entire communities. PHP receives 36% of funds raised.

In the United States, Peru, and around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing gifts help preserve and restore creation and thus help impoverished people sustain and improve their livelihoods. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference for God’s earth and God’s people now and in the future.

Self-Development of People (SDOP): Partners with people and communities with tools for development and education to alleviate poverty, oppression, and injustice. Receives 32% of funds raised.

Excerpt from the SDOP website, SDOP is grateful for the continued generosity of Presbyterians, which enables us — together — to affirm God’s concern for all humankind. As Presbyterians and ecumenical partners dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling we participate in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people.



Pat McKisson, Moderator

Mission matters to Presbyterian Women. In addition to being one of the points of the PW Purpose, support for mission is a thread running through all the work PW does in congregations, presbyteries, synods and churchwide. Mission takes many forms for Presbyterian Women — participation in or support of the Global Exchange, giving money to PW and ecumenical offerings as well as the PW mission pledge and sharing in hands-on mission activities. PW has also been integral in denominational mission, such as the Networkers program that was founded to eradicate malaria.

The diversity of mission programs encourages participation of women at all stages of their lives. We tell the story of mission to others. We offer emotional and financial support to mission workers and projects around the world. We pledge through our congregations and the PW organization. We make and purchase hospital supplies for Malawi, Congo, and Haiti. We promote special offerings, such as the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Presbyterian Hunger Fund along with our own Birthday and Thank Offerings. We provide much-needed assistance to projects in our own communities. All of these forms of service show how PW can live out Mission Matters.

As we women at North Church start a new year, we start it with a new mission. The 2017 mission of the year will be to support Solid Ground in its efforts to end homelessness. Solid Ground helps homeless families and children to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. They provide housing and supportive services to 350 women, men, and children each year in their four supportive housing programs, helping homeless families build the strong foundations they need for a brighter future. In 2015, 48% of the homeless families served by Solid Ground came from Ramsey County and 37% came from Washington County. While most of the families consist of single mothers with young children, Solid Ground serves all family structures, including single fathers and two parent families. For more information on Solid Ground and their work go to their website at: www.solidgroundmn.org. Watch the P.W. bulletin board for opportunities on how to help Solid Ground with its mission.

EVENTS COMING UP IN 2017

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| March 26 – April 2: | Clothing Drive |
| April 22: | Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church at Stillwater |
| May 7: | Mother's Day Bake Sale to benefit Healthy Women/
Healthy Children |
| May 20: | P.W. Spring Brunch and Birthday Offering Celebration |

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 Solid Ground as our 2017 Mission of the Year.
- 8) Support of youth of North Church.



I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the members of North Presbyterian Church for your love and support after the deaths of Helen and Darrell Brink. Knowing that Darrell only had a limited time to write and send out some of the thank-you notes, I would like to personally thank everyone who supported Darrell and attended the service(s) as well as for the many cards, letters, and memorials. Your thoughtful generosity, kindness, and remembrance is appreciated. Love in Christ ~ Suzanne Arndt

The Faith Commission would like to thank everyone who helped set up Christmas decorations in December during our Hanging of the Greens. We give special thanks to Doug Pepin and Dick Ferrazzo for taking down the decorations and spending the extra effort to sort and organize everything for storage. Much appreciated!

Thank you very much for your generous donations of soup and money to our 2017 Workcamp Soup Lunch fundraiser. We made \$433.50. We are blessed to have a loving and generous congregation! ~ North Church Youth

Thank you for your donation of \$229.70 in December to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Through donations, our food shelf is able to give out between 22,000 and 26,000 pounds of food per month to residents of North St. Paul and Oakdale. Thank you again for your gift and Happy New Year! ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

On behalf of the Chain of Lakes Congregation, we acknowledge your generous 2016 gift of \$250 to support our ministry. Your gifts have allowed consistent worship and ministry offerings to the greater Blaine area community. ~ The Chain of Lakes Stewardship and Finance Team

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calendar

Wednesday, February 1

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Parents' Night Out
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 4

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 5

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:30am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai
 2:30pm Confirmation

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7

9:00am Comforters
 12:00pm RPR
 6:30pm Girl Scouts
 7:00pm 12-Step Program
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, February 8

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 6:00pm Wednesday Women
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 9

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

Friday, February 10

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 11

9:00am Boy Scouts Blue & Gold
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

8:00am ARM Breakfast
 9:30am Ruth Circle
 1:00pm Rachel Circle
 7:00pm Personnel
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 14

9:00am Comforters
 12:00pm RPR
 7:00pm 12-Step Program
 7:00pm Northern Bells
 7:00pm WOW

Wednesday, February 15

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 16

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

Friday, February 17

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 18

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 19

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:30am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai
 5:30pm Confirmation

Monday, February 20

7:00am Carol Mathey's Training
 3:00pm Guild Meeting
 6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, February 21

9:00am Comforters
 12:00pm RPR
 6:30pm Girl Scouts
 7:00pm 12-Step Program
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, February 22

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 25

9:00am NMG
 9:00am Staff Meeting
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 26

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:30am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai
 5:30pm Confirmation

Monday, February 27**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 28

9:00am Comforters
 12:00pm RPR
 7:00pm Northern Bells



Bella Glaser
 Irene Callahan
 Nicholas Olson
 Pat McKisson
 David Nelson
 DD Dumenya
 Kim Lewandowski
 Margaret Verlautz
 Joann Manz
 Mikey Gerhardson
 Julie Bergmann-Barnett
 Bill Morrisette
 Zachari Wetz
 Eli Rangel

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