

January 2017 Innovator

News

January 8th Worship Schedule

9:30 Refreshments and Fellowship
10:00 Worship

January 15th ~ Regular Schedule Resumes

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



May God make your year a happy one!

*Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;*

*Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;*

*Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;*

*Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;*

*Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.*

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



A **Congregational Meeting** will be held **January 8th** to approve Pastor James' Terms of Call. The schedule for today will be the following:

9:30am	Refreshments
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
11:00am	Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
12:00pm	Lunch in the Hall

The youth will be hosting a soup luncheon on January 8th after the Congregational Meeting. If you are able to donate soup, contact Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784. Free-will donations will be accepted to help fund Workcamp 2017.



Please pick up your giving envelopes in the entryway. The envelopes were assigned to you according to how you filled out your pledge card. If you want envelopes and did not have any assigned to you, please stop by the church office and we will remedy the situation.

SUPPORT THE HILL FAMILY

You can make a financial donation to the Hill Family through the church and have it appear on your giving statement. Make checks out to North Presbyterian Church. Clearly mark your donation "Hill Family".





NORTH CHURCH IS HIRING A TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

This position is 12 hours per week
(Sunday mornings are required,
other hours are flexible.)

Some of the responsibilities

- Updating and running the worship service software (ProPresenter)
- Recruiting, training and supervising worship media volunteers
- Maintaining and updating sound, lighting, and video equipment
- Creating, editing, and setting-up digital announcements
- Maintaining, updating, and troubleshooting church computers, phone, and wifi

Please contact the church office with any questions or to get a full ministry description. If you are interested in the position, please email your resume to the church office at north@northchurch-mn.org. The position will be filled as soon as we get a qualified applicant.

COMMUNION SET-UP VOLUNTEERS AND COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Faith Commission is looking for additional volunteers to set up the elements for Communion, which is generally served the first Sunday of each month and at special services. With a few more volunteers, each set-up team would be needed only 2 – 3 times throughout the year. Written instructions will be provided. We are also in need of a coordinator to assign set-up teams to the scheduled dates. Please contact Kathy Carlson (651-334-8031) or Inez Kalle ((651) 447-0178) if you are able to help.

DEEP FREEZE RETREAT 2017

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to the **Deep Freeze Retreat** held at The Windy Hill Farm House near Fredric, Wisconsin on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Weekend. We will depart from church Friday, January 13 at 5:45 pm return Sunday, January 15 at 1:30 pm. The cost is \$40 which includes five meals, lodging, fun activities, and a devotion book. The retreat will be action packed with crazy games, winter fun, fellowship, worship and Biblical insights. We will be exploring God's amazing grace. Please contact Pastor James at pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org or in person if you're interested. Each youth is welcome to bring one friend. The cost for a friend is \$55.



If you are a parent of a child under the age of 5, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on January 4. 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.



COMMISSIONERS TO PRESBYTERY

The North Church session is looking for ruling elder (s) and alternate ruling elder (s) commissioners to the Presbytery of the Twin Cities for 2016-2017. Anyone who has been ordained as a ruling elder qualifies to serve. We need at least one commissioner and one alternate commissioner to serve a one-year term. The commissioners will be asked to attend stated and special Presbytery meetings; and to consult, vote and determine on all things that come before the body. The purpose of the Stated Meetings is to oversee the mission and governance of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. They normally take place up to 6 times a year, in January, March, May, July, September, and November and whenever called into a special session. The meetings are held at different church locations on Saturdays (9:00 am) and Tuesdays (4:00 pm). The commissioners then report to the session on the proceedings of the Presbytery meetings. Please consider this vital service to the Presbytery and North Church. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lynne Beck at 651-770-5463, beckgrant@comcast.net.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

North Church will host the next Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, January 23, 1-7 p.m. If you are able, please plan to donate. Inventories are low as we go into winter. Please contact Kathy Johansen at 651-271-9342. Walk-ins are always welcome!



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. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hagen at 651-739-3224 or lhagen_5@q.com.

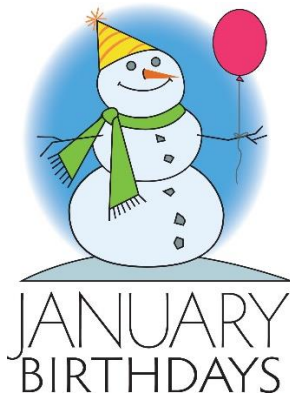


Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and kind words during Jack's surgery and recovery. We will be forever grateful to Pastor James for his hospital visits.
~ Jack and Joan Ruppel

Another BIG Thank you to all of you in the North Presbyterian Church community who contributed food and time toward the Helen Fischer luncheon following her Memorial service on December 12, 2016. It's continually amazing at the congregation's response and generosity in supporting these luncheons. You, and our church staff, always seem to step-up as needed, making these luncheons special for family and friends keeping in mind that each is unique to the family. They help provide memories, closure and support for the family and friends and are not seen as just another luncheon. The Swedish cookies were a nice touch in memory of Helen at the luncheon. Thank you servants as you continue to serve with grace and grace will lead us home!
~ Rod Collins, for the Deacons

Thank you for your donation of 41 pounds of food items in November to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Thanks to the wonderful support our food shelf continues to receive, we will be able to give all of our families coming to the food shelf in December a special Christmas bag. Thank you again and Merry Christmas.
~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

I extend sincere thanks to you for your recent gift of \$99.34 to the Department of Indian Work Food Shelf. The generosity of women's organizations such as yours enables us to continue our efforts to bring together people of faith in the greater Saint Paul area to better life in this community. Your support means the world to those we serve!
~ Kathy Denman-Wilke, Department of Indian Work



Luke Hoffman	January 2
Joyce Meyer	January 4
Claire Wirka	January 4
Porg Andrus	January 7
Delyne Ngu	January 7
Helen McGuire	January 8
Chris Smith	January 9
Mary Seyforth	January 10
Spencer York	January 10
Elias Hill	January 11
Emma Rose Kraus	January 11
June Dalquist	January 12
Dela Dumenya	January 12
Alysha Ngu	January 12
Brian Bullis	January 14
Taylor Boyles	January 14
John Yust	January 15
Scott Purrington	January 15
Annette Sandager	January 15
Ann Rausch	January 16
Keira Morrisette	January 16
Kathie Smith	January 20
Rachael Holle	January 20
Jenny Seely	January 23
Lisa Kalle	January 23
Marlene Zoya	January 25
Jackson Cherne	January 25
Paul Colton	January 26
Ruth Jones	January 26
Sue Parnell	January 27
Sue Ovaldson	January 29
Betty Winter	January 30

January

Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:00am Traditional Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

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, January 5, 2017

6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Faith Commission
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
 7:00pm Stewardship Commission

Friday, January 6, 2017

6:00pm Pinewood Derby Set-Up
 7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, January 7, 2017

9:00am Pinewood Derby
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 8, 2017

9:30am Refreshments
 10:00am Sunday School
 10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
 11:00am Congregational Meeting
 12:00pm Lunch
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai
 5:00pm Confirmation

Monday, January 9, 2017

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

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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, January 12, 2017

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

Friday, January 13, 2017

5:45pm Deep Freeze Retreat Depart
 7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, January 14, 2017

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 15, 2017

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:10am Hands-On Mission
 10:30am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
 1:30pm El Shadai
 1:30pm Deep Freeze Retreat Return
 5:30pm Confirmation

Monday, January 16, 2017

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

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

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

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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, January 19, 2017

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

Friday, January 20, 2017

6:00pm Staff Dinner
7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00am NMG
9:30am El Shadai
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 22, 2017

9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:20am Nominating Committee
10:30am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
1:30pm El Shadai
5:30pm Confirmation

Monday, January 23, 2017

1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

10:00am Choral Bells
1:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
6:00pm Children's Fellowship
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, January 26, 2017

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

Friday, January 27, 2017

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, January 28, 2017

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, January 29, 2017

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, January 30, 2017**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts