

June 2016 Innovator

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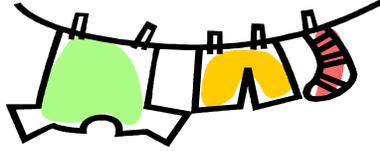
9:30am Worship begins May 29th

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

Travel stories with the Yorks will be rescheduled for a later date.



Mitch Carlson is the son of Kathy and Casey Carlson and is graduating from Stillwater High School. He plans on attending the University of Iowa next year where he would like to pursue a career in biomedical engineering. His school activities have included Minnesota Boys State, Baseball, Mountain Biking, and Basketball. While attending North Church, Mitch participated in Northern Bells and confirmation. Mitch's most memorable experiences at North Church have been the Christmas Eve candlelight services, the confirmation retreat and his mentor, and playing the violin during worship.



“UNDIE SUNDAYS”
Sundays, June 5th & June 12th

Please bring NEW “undie” items for kids, teenagers, men & women who are served by “Project Home” a short term homeless shelter run by volunteers through the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. Items can include: undies, diapers, t-shirts, socks, and pajamas. Drop your donations in the marked collection spot in the Narthex. THANK YOU for providing hope and help for families in crisis. Want to know more about Project Home? Visit www.spacc.org

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. There are still tickets available, so sign up soon if you plan to go. Susanne Meyer and Ed Jones will be collecting money at church June 5th, 12th, 19th, and July 10th. The second payment is due mid-July. At that time, we need to know if more tickets are needed; or if some we have, can be released. If you need to cancel, August 1st is the deadline for a full refund. Checks, payable to “North Presbyterian Mariners”, can be mailed to Susanne Meyer or Ed Jones. More details regarding lunch before the show will be in the July Innovator. Thank you for your cooperation! Enjoy the Show!

We invite you to walk our Prayer Labyrinth. It is located on the east lawn of the church, behind the sanctuary. On your journey to the center of the labyrinth, let go. Once in the center, center with God. On your journey out of the labyrinth, allow yourself to feel how to lovingly serve.



Prayer Labyrinth

WORK CAMP FUNDRAISERS



Please support Workcamp 2016 through the "Wall of Money" which is in the entryway. Please donate the amount of money indicated on an envelope and follow the enclosed instructions. Your donation will support our youth and their mission work in Imperial, Pennsylvania from July 28 – August 6. Thank you for making God's love visible!

GERTEN'S PLANTS & FLOWERS WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased plants during our Gerten's Plant Fundraiser. Because of your support, we were able to successfully raise \$725 in support of our 2016 Youth Workcamp! The youth sincerely thank you for helping make this mission trip possible!



ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

The youth will be hosting the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser after the church service on June 5th. Prices at the door are: \$10/adults and \$5/kids 6-12. Kids who are under 5 are free. Please join us!

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.

- 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





Get ready to dive deep to discover God is with us wherever we go! At *Deep Sea Discovery*, kids dive into God's Word to see how God has been with God's people every step of the way. Hands-on service projects and sea science will help kids experience a VBS adventure like no other! So mark July 10-14 from 6 – 8pm on your calendars! The adventure will start this summer at the bottom of the sea, but you can register anytime! Registration forms can be found on the VBS bulletin board in the entryway or in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please read the following job descriptions and prayerfully consider whether you can volunteer at least one evening during July 10-14. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Kristensen at 651-777-4044 or north@northchurch-mn.org.

Celebration Reef Music and Skit Leader: Co-lead the opening and finale each day through music, laughter, and learning with upbeat worship music, engaging skits, fun large-group challenges, and meaningful mission videos!

E.C.H.O. Sea Sub Game Leader: Lead children in a service project that challenges them to be God's hands and feet in their own community and around the world!

Pelican Pier Snack and Game Leader: Help prepare sea-inspired, tasty, low-prep snacks, and then dive right into super-fun, indoor, outdoor, and science-based activities.

Curiosity Cavern Leader: Explore the mysteries of sea science! Lead children through science experiments and crafts that relate to the daily Bible verse.

S.S. Discovery Bible Story Leader: Lead children as they dive into God's Word to search for Scripture treasures! Hands-on Bible activities and small-group discussions help kids explore God's presence!

Crew Leaders: Participate in fun activities while shepherding a group of 3-5 children.

Tide Pool Playland Director: Lead or co-lead Bible lessons, crafts, snacks, and games with preschool children.

Please check the Lost and Found in the church office and in the coat closet for any items you may have misplaced. All items that have not been claimed will be donated June 6th.





North Area Churches Red Cross Blood Drive
June 13th, 1-7 p.m.
North Haven Church

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.

El Shadai is reaching out to the community by providing food for those in need on the last Saturday of each month from 8:00 - 10:45 am. Individuals will be met in the parking lot by an El Shadai host, ushered through the front door to receive fruit, vegetables, cereal, grain, rice and sometimes meat, and then back to their vehicles through the side entrance. El Shadai will pick up the food from a food bank and return the undistributed portions at the end of the morning. No food will be stored at the church. On average, 140 families participate in the program. Anyone from North Church who is in need is invited to participate in the program.



Life Commission has been working on a way to communicate what is happening at North. We are excited to announce that we now have **The City!** The City is a social network designed to help our church stay connected throughout the week. You'll know who to pray for, how to serve, and much more. It's a way to stay plugged in to everything happening in our church groups and ministry teams. Please ask Jeff Sandager, Jim Holle, Anneliese Miller, or Lonnie Rangel for an invite.

We will continually hold training sessions so all those who have questions will get answers. If you can receive email you can use The City. For those that do not use email, we will continue to send out paper versions of the Innovator, bulletin, and any other items that we are able to print.

BAKE SALE!

Are you a Baker Extraordinaire?

NO, *well don't worry, we still want you.*

We are looking for people who love to bake and share their talents with others.

The Faith Commission and P.W. are having a fundraiser for the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf on June 26 and 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 June 5 for the June 26 date and on July 17 for the August 14 date. More information will be available at that time.

NEW HYMNALS ARE COMING!

Glory to God, the new Presbyterian hymnal, will be arriving at North Church soon! We welcome members and friends to contribute funds to purchase a hymnal to be designated as:

- In Honor of,
- In Memory of, or
- Presented to North Presbyterian Church

Hymnals are \$20 each. Please look for order forms in the narthex or office.

Some facts about *Glory to God*:

- It contains 853 hymns, psalms and spiritual songs, compared to 605 in our current hymnal, which was published over 25 years ago.
- Included are many older hymns never before published in a Presbyterian hymnal (like *Softly and Tenderly*, *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*).
- There are approximately 35 African American/Gospel hymns, as well as contemporary praise songs.
- Over 100 hymns and songs are from the global church, a reflection of our increasingly diverse population.
- 25% were written after 1990, which means there are many new favorites waiting to be discovered!
- Every hymn has a brief informational note at the bottom of the page, with interesting notes about the history and theology of the text or tune.

In addition to ordering 220 hymnals for the sanctuary, we are purchasing a projection edition, which will allow us to view both the words *and* music on the screens in the Hall.

Please join us on June 19th for the dedication of the new hymnals during worship. We look forward to having this new worship resource as we seek to glorify God through song!



by Pat McKisson

NORTH P.W. SPRING EVENT

Twenty women enjoyed a fun gathering on May 18 that included conversation, a potluck salad lunch, an overview of the new 2016-2017 study on “Who is Jesus?”, a moment to honor four longtime members, Sharon Iliff, Helen Brink, Mary Ellen Meisenheimer and Jane Wolfram, for their years of service and dedication, and a service in celebration of the Birthday Offering. The Birthday Offering shows the generosity of Presbyterian women as demonstrated through their gifts. The Offering helps chosen recipients fund real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development and other needs of women and children. The 2016 birthday offering recipients are:

Heartland 180 – Overland Park, Kansas

Heartland 180 serves boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 17 who have been a part of the criminal justice system. Heartland 180 conducts intensive training sessions on character building, core values and life skills for these at-risk youth. Funds from the Birthday Offering will allow Heartland 180 to purchase a dedicated space and computers to enable the program to maintain confidential information about participants and donors.

Direct Action and Research Training Center - Miami, Florida

Direct Action and Research Training (or DART) Center trains individuals to build powerful local justice ministries. With funds from the Birthday Offering, DART will train clergy and lay leaders on how to stop the flow of children into the school-to-prison pipeline.

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley - Oakland, California

Housing costs in the East Bay and Silicon Valley areas of California are among the highest in the country. Manufactured or mobile homes are often the only affordable option for individuals and families with low-incomes, many of whom are elderly or disabled. Gifts to the Birthday Offering will allow Habitat for Humanity to partner with more than 100 individuals and families to repair their manufactured homes, ensuring safety and stability for these households.

Building Minds in South Sudan - Pittsford, New York

Building Minds in South Sudan increases access to education for girls in the Republic of South Sudan. The literacy rate in this country is among the lowest in the world, and the rate for females is significantly lower than for males. Gifts to the Birthday Offering will fund the construction of a girls' primary school, for levels one through eight that will serve approximately 600 girls.

BRITTANY'S PLACE UPDATE

During the remainder of this year, we will be collecting donations to support Brittany's Place girls. Their needs are posted on the P.W. bulletin board. We also will be working on Christmas gifts for the girls and deliver them in December. More to come on that.

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.

A PIECE OF HISTORY "HERITAGE SUNDAY" by Pat McKisson

Every year, Presbyterians celebrate Heritage Sunday, a day to reflect upon and learn more about the long and rich history of the Presbyterian Church in America. Heritage Sunday always falls on the Sunday closest to May 21, the opening date of the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1789. *Does anyone remember when Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong walked on the moon in 1969? Did you know that Buzz Aldrin celebrated communion on the moon? Here is the story.*

*"IN ME, AND I IN HIM, WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT;
FOR YOU CAN DO NOTHING WITHOUT ME."*

With these words from scripture, astronaut Buzz Aldrin celebrated the first, and so far only, communion service on the moon. Aldrin, an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church outside of Houston, worked with his pastor Dean Woodruff to come up with the right symbol to mark the first lunar landing. With permission from the Webster Presbyterian Church session and the stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Aldrin packed communion elements as part of his personal preference kit. The bread and wine had been blessed at Webster, and the church provided the tiny chalice, which was small and light enough to take into space. As the world watched, the Apollo 11 lunar capsule successfully landed on the surface of the moon on July 20, 1969. During the scheduled rest period before Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon, Aldrin took out the elements and the piece of paper with the words from John 15:5 and celebrated communion. As he later reported, there was just enough gravity on the moon's surface to pour the wine into a cup. While NASA staff knew about the lunar communion, the event was not reported in the press until August, with Presbyterian Life noting the special communion in its September 15, 1969 issue. Webster Presbyterian Church, the home of many astronauts and others in the space industry, has marked the unique occasion every July with Lunar Communion Sunday.

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of June is Joni Purrington, 651-750-8894.



The Memorial Service for Jim was a very special day for my family and me. Sincere thanks to Pastor James for leading a meaningful service of celebration of Jim’s life. His hospital visits and comforting prayers were very much appreciated. Thank you to Karen & Coleen for their beautiful music, Don and Renee, the prayer shawl knitters, the kitchen workers, and those who contributed to the delicious lunch. You all helped make a difficult but memorable day very special for all of us. Thanks to my North Church family who showed their love and support. What a blessing to be a part of such a caring church community. ~ From Kris and the family of Jim Craft

The women of North Church want to thank everyone who donated to this year’s Mother's Day mission, "Healthy Women/Healthy Families". Through your generous giving, we collected \$192 to help this mission of the PC(USA) and P.W.
~ Pat McKisson, Moderator, P.W.

Thank you for your donation of 86 pounds of food items in April to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. It is through the generosity of such contributions that we are able to support so many in our area. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Food Shelf



Gail Zoya	June 2	Stan Meyer	June 20
Nate Holle	June 3	Morgan Langer	June 21
Clara Sandager	June 3	Wally Doehne	June 21
Emily Marah	June 3	Cindy Carlson	June 22
Jan Warner	June 5	Mary Ellen Meisenheimer	June 23
David Seely	June 7	Elsie Gunther	June 23
Kate Roth	June 8	Lucita Zoya	June 24
Alex Hummel	June 8	John McGehee	June 24
Karissa Pepin	June 11	Barb Walker	June 25
Barb Williams	June 12	Margaret Corwin	June 25
Calvin Atud Ndi	June 13	Helen Brink	June 26
Ron Javner	June 13	Dafney Sagnweu	June 26
Ann Purrington	June 13	Ed Jones	June 27
Phyllis Volkman	June 17	Dillon Bergmann	June 28
Gary Havran	June 18	Melissa Kraus	June 28
Pat Sim	June 18	Zach Morrisette	June 29

**Wednesday, June 1**

10:00am Choral Bells
4:00pm Sabbatical Meeting
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 2

6:00pm El Shadai
6:30pm Faith Commission
7:00pm Deacons
7:00pm Life, Stewardship & Nurture

Saturday, June 4

2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons
3:00pm El Shadai Graduation

Sunday, June 5

9:30am Graduation Sunday
9:30am Ordination/Installation
9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30am Pancake Breakfast
12:45pm El Shadai

Monday, June 6

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

Tuesday, June 7

9:00am Comforters
11:45am RPR

Wednesday, June 8

10:00am Choral Bells
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 9

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, June 11

4:30pm El Shadai 14th Anniversary

Sunday, June 12

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, June 13

8:00am ARM Breakfast
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, June 14

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

Wednesday, June 15

10:00am Choral Bells
7:00pm Choir Practice
8:00pm Triennium Service Night

Thursday, June 16

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session

Saturday, June 18

9:30am El Shadai
2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, June 19

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
1:30pm El Shadai
4:00pm El Shadai Father's Day Party

Monday, June 20

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

Tuesday, June 21

9:00am Comforters
11:45am RPR

Wednesday, June 22

10:00am Choral Bells
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, June 23

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, June 25

8:00am El Shadai Food Program
2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, June 26

9:00am Bake Sale for Food Shelf
9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, June 27**Innovator Articles Due****Tuesday, June 28**

9:00am Comforters
11:45am RPR

Wednesday, June 29

10:00am Choral Bells
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, June 30

6:00pm El Shadai

