

November 2015 Innovator

News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship



~Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on November 1~

Dedication Sunday

November 8, 2015

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8*

The Stewardship Commission extends a heartfelt thank you for all you have done and are doing to contribute to the ministries of North Church. God is blessing people locally and around the world through your support. Please bring your pledge card to church to be dedicated to God's glory on Sunday, November 8, 2015. If you are unable to attend the service, please mail it to the church. Pledge cards are also available in the pews, meeting space, and in the church office if you need one. Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you are experiencing the joy of giving and seeing the abundant blessings of your stewardship.



November 29: First Sunday in Advent ~ Hope

9:15am – Traditional worship in the sanctuary.

10:45am – Praise service in the Hall.

December 6: Second Sunday in Advent ~ Peace

9:15am – Traditional worship with special music
by the Northern Bells.

10:45am – Praise service in the Hall.

Celebration of Holy Communion at both services.

December 13: Third Sunday in Advent ~ Joy

9:15am – Traditional worship in the sanctuary.

10:45am – Our Youth will present an Advent Drama,
“Love – the Final Frontier!”

December 20: Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Love

10:00am – Traditional worship with carols by the Sanctuary Choir.

10:00am – Children’s Christmas Celebration

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:00pm ~ Celebration of the Christmas Story, Candlelight Worship, the Sacrament of Holy Communion and special music by the Sanctuary Choir.

9:00pm ~ Celebration of the Christmas Story, Candlelight Worship, the Sacrament of Holy Communion and special music.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Everyone in the congregation is invited to assist the Faith Commission in decorating the church for the Advent Season! Please join us on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00pm. Cookies and beverages will be served. Many hands make lighter work!

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

You are invited to the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Saturday, December 12th at 11:30am. Join us for fellowship, lunch, and singing Christmas music! The cost is \$13 per person. Please sign-up in the Gathering Space or call the church office at 651-777-4044 by December 6th.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION PROJECT

On November 15th, the congregation will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Through this program, children throughout the world receive shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents to remind them that they are loved.

We need inexpensive donations of gifts for boys and girls ages 2 - 14 that are small enough to fit into shoe boxes. Donation will be accepted until November 15th and can be placed in boxes located in the Gathering Space. Some gift ideas are listed below.

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

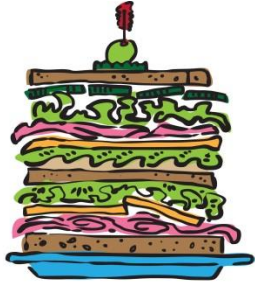
OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)



Welcome Everyone to our Early Veterans Day Celebration!

On Sunday, November 1st, Life Commission will host a breakfast to honor our military Veterans. This breakfast is open to everyone. Please help us honor those who have served in the military, enjoy a wonderful breakfast, and listen to our guest speaker, Michael Rosecrans, who is a lead patient advocate at the Minneapolis VA Hospital. The breakfast starts at 7:45am and is free for veterans and \$9 for non-veterans.



Lunch With the Pastor

Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Wednesday, November 10th, from Noon to 1:30 in Meisenheimer Hall. You bring the topic. It could be discussing a recent sermon, scripture selection, hopes for the church, current events, God's activity in our life or something else. Pastor James is eager to enjoy fellowship with you.

The Faith Commission will be forming an exploratory committee to evaluate the newest edition of the Presbyterian Hymnal and make a recommendation about purchasing them for North Church. Please contact Karen Pepin if you are interested in participating. She can be reached at (651) 777-8901 or by email at kbpmusic@msn.com. Our current hymnals were purchased in 1990, and the set prior to that dated back to 1955!



Clothing Drive



Presbyterian Women (*and men*) packed and delivered 397 pounds of clothing to the Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in St. Paul where people can select what they need at no cost. Thank you to all the people who bought clothes for packing.

BORDER BATTLE FOOTBALL PARTY & SILENT AUCTION

Join us November 22nd at noon to watch the Vikings vs. Packers Game on the big screen in the Hall. Wear your team colors and cheer on your team! The youth will be selling concessions, and we will be having a silent auction with all proceeds going to Workcamp 2016.





Senior High Youth (ages 14-18) are invited to attend the Clearwater Youth Retreat on November 13-15. If you attend, you will have fun, discover what God is doing in your life and make new friends with youth from throughout Minnesota. Your cost is \$47. Your church family will pay an additional \$48 for you. All meals, transportation, programming, and lodging are covered by these payments. We need a few adults to provide transportation and participate with our youth. Questions contact Pastor James.

WORKCAMP 2016 – Theme: (Extra) Ordinary

When: Thursday, July 28 – Saturday, August 6, 2016

Where: Imperial, PA

Who: Youth who are in grades 8-12 or (age 14-21 at time of camp)

How: Sign up and turn in your \$50 deposit to Pastor James to guarantee a spot on the trip. (Deposit is nonrefundable unless you find someone to take your spot.)

What: This is an exceptional experience. Workcamp is a mission trip in which we put our love of neighbor into action. Workcamp is a fun, action packed week of making new friends, serving others by repairing homes and growing closer to God through devotions, drama, and worship. Most of the participants have little to no home repair experience; but, because of the great training you will find it easy to learn and very rewarding. The number one goal of Group Workcamp is your spiritual growth so be prepared to see God in new ways and come home with a deeper faith. Since 1977 over a quarter million youth have participated in a Group Workcamp with over 90% saying that they have grown closer to God through workcamp. On the way to workcamp, we will enjoy a day of fun at Cedar Point Amusement Park. If you want to know more about Workcamp, speak to Pastor James or check out their website at www.groupworkcamps.com

Cost: Total Cost per youth will be \$325. Payable \$50 when registering and \$275 by May 1, 2016. If this is a financial hardship contact Pastor James and a scholarship will be provided. This fee covers all expenses for the week. (Total cost per youth will be approximately \$1,000, the church and fundraisers will cover the balance.)



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 15th at 5:45 pm and return Sunday, January 17th 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. The theme is "Gifted for a Purpose." Please contact Pastor James at pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org or in person. Each youth is welcome to bring one friend. The cost for a friend is \$55.



*Congregation &
Pastoral Sabbatical*

Praising God as a congregation, throughout the Sabbatical we will continue to have traditional worship at 9:15 and the Christ Connection service at 10:45. The only exception to this will be 3 hands-on Mission Sundays, where we will have the opportunity to participate in "worshipful work."

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKETS ARE COMING!!!

Help support two of North's missions.



When: November 8, 2015 from 8:30 am until noon.

Where: North Church in the Gathering Area

Come join us and do a little early Christmas shopping.

If you can't make it to this market, the second alternative gift market will be held on December 6, 2015.



Presbyterian Women News

by Pat McKisson, P.W. Moderator

The P.W. of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area held its **Fall Gathering** at North on October 17. Keynote speaker, Diane Albright, from Houses for Haiti was enthusiastically received for her presentation and Q&A session. Evaluations for the day were 100% positive. A huge 'Thank You' is sent from me to all of the workers who gave of their time and energy to help make this such a great success. Those people are: Jane Wolfram, Mary Morrisette, Sharon Nowak, Beryle Zimanski, Ila Basch, Kathy Richardson, Barb Walker, Ruth Jones. A special 'Thank You' goes out to Lisa Sellie for sharing her musical talents with us, Bill Morrisette and Lonnie Rangel for supporting the speakers by having the electronics up and running and to Don Schroeder for setting up all of the tables and chairs and then having to take them all down again.

The P.W. Praise Service and Thank Offering will be on November 15, 2015. Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have joyfully expressed gratitude for God's blessings by sharing their blessings with those in need at home as well as around the world. In 1888, Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio, urged each woman to give one dollar over and above her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to her Lord." Women gave sacrificially and were credited with saving the worldwide missionary movement of the church at that time.

The Thank Offering has funded thousands of programs throughout the years since that first plea for a "Thank offering to your Lord"! Every year this offering provides education, safe housing, clean water, health care, help for prisoners, and justice for women, and so much more to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and in our own backyard. This year the recipients of money raised through the Thank Offering range from \$5,000 for after school programs for indigent youth in Homedale, ID to \$8,010 for National Women's Desk of the Evangelical Church in Niger for training women leaders for change to \$35,000 for Youth Against Trafficking Leadership Project, Brooklyn, NY that trains young people to educate other young people regarding sexual exploitation and trafficking. If you would like a complete list of all grant recipients please let me know. The goal of this year's Thank Offering is to raise \$900,000.00. How much can you give as a "Thank Offering to your Lord"?

Have you been saving your change in your **Sunshine Bags**? The collection of your 'Sunny Day' contributions will also be taken on November 15. There will be a container in the Gathering Area marked for this. All circle members can bring their Sunshine Bags to their circle meeting in November and have their treasurer receive it and then give it to Beryle Zimanski.

Ongoing P.W. projects include: 1) collecting items for Church World Service kits, 2) collecting knit baby hats, 3) dresses and britches for Little Dresses for Africa and Haiti, 4) Fellowship of the Least Coin, 5) Sunshine Bag collection for Church Women United of the St. Paul Council of Churches' Native American Christmas Party and the 6) semi-annual clothing drives for Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church's clothing center. Have questions about any of these missions, please contact Sharon Nowak or Pat McKisson.



Overwhelmed! Thank you all for your cards, calls, notes, gifts, thoughts and prayers, visits, and kind words during my recent hip surgery and recovery. I'm on the road to recovery and truly appreciate all the kindness and support shown me. ~ Rod Collins

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth at the Pizza Ranch Fundraiser. We raise \$434.91 that will be used for Workcamp 2016. ~ North Youth

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, our member congregations, and the people we serve, I extend sincere thanks to you for your congregation's recent contribution of \$1,000 to the Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul. Your generosity enables us to continue our efforts to bring together people of faith in the East metro area to strengthen the fabric of healthy community life. ~ Randi Ilyse Roth, Executive Director, Interfaith Action of Great Saint Paul

Thank you for your donation of 33 pounds of food items in September to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. In September we served 240 families and distributed over 26,000 pounds of food. Thank you again and may God bless you. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

Thank you again for the use of your beautiful space. ~ Northern Material Girls Quilt Guild



Glenn Fager	November 2	Paula Hagen	November 17
Carole Javner	November 2	Sydney Tiffany	November 18
Kevin Schneider	November 4	Kathy Richardson	November 18
Heather DeVaughn	November 4	Carolyn Morrisette	November 19
Richard Zoya	November 6	Myra Hamper	November 20
Bob Pleban	November 9	LaVonne Holle	November 21
Mary Leisman	November 11	Terrie Arfi	November 22
Inez Kalle	November 13	Julie Wettie	November 22
Verna Rowe	November 15	Elaine Collins	November 24
Mary Morrisette	November 15	Bobbie Wetz	November 24
Don Schroeder	November 15	Joan Purrington	November 25
Milan Chi	November 17	Ryan Purrington	November 26
Shirley Lambert	November 17	Ryan Bearth	November 27



Sunday, November 1

7:45am	Veteran's Breakfast
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Traditional Worship
10:10am	Refreshments
10:45am	Kerygma
10:45am	Praise Worship
1:30pm	El Shadai

Monday, November 2

7:00pm	Boy Scouts
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Tuesday, November 3

9:00am	Crafters
1:00pm	Rachel Circle
7:00pm	Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 4

10:00am	Choral Bells
5:30pm	Youth Group Fellowship
7:00pm	Choir Practice
7:15pm	Youth Band
7:30pm	Praise Band

Thursday, November 5

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

Saturday, November 7

2:00pm	El Shadai
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Sunday, November 8

~Dedication Sunday~

9:00am	RNC/HFH Global Market
9:15am	Sunday School
9:15am	Traditional Worship
10:10am	Refreshments
10:45am	Kerygma
10:45am	Praise Worship
1:30pm	El Shadai

Monday, November 9

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

Tuesday, November 10

9:00am	Crafters
12:00pm	Senior Lunch
7:00pm	Northern Bells
7:00pm	WOW

Wednesday, November 11

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 6:00pm Sarah Circle
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:15pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 12

11:30am NAMA
 6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band

Friday, November 13

5:45pm Senior High Retreat Departs

Saturday, November 14

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 15

9:15am PW Praise Service
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:15am Operation Christmas Child
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am PW Praise Service
 1:30pm Senior High Retreat Returns
 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 16

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

Tuesday, November 17

9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 18

10:30am Choral Bells Christmas Party
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:15pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 19

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

Saturday, November 21

9:00am NMG Sew-In
 9:30am El Shadai
 2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 22

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Refreshments
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:00pm Vikings/Packers Border Battle
 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

9:00am Crafters
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 25

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

Thursday, November 26

~Happy Thanksgiving!~

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, November 28

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 29**1st Sunday of Advent**

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

Monday, November 30**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of November is Annaliese Miller, 651-747-7722. You may also contact Pastor Gail at 727-278-3511 or 651-213-1082.