

# November 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



Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on November 5<sup>TH</sup>

### VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION!

On Sunday, **November 5**, Life Commission will host a breakfast to honor our military veterans. This event is open to everyone. Our speaker will be Bill Lunn from Channel 5 News. Breakfast starts at 7:30am, and the cost is \$7 per person. Veterans, you are our honored guests – no charge for breakfast. Please come enjoy a wonderful breakfast, a great speaker, and help us honor those who have served in the military.



### OUR ADVENT SCHEDULE

Advent is a journey in which we unwrap and savor pure gifts from God who invites us to prepare our heart for God's most precious gift to the world, Jesus. Advent is a season of expectant waiting, preparation and anticipation that hopefully will open us to more glorious love, joy and wonder.

Historically there have been times when the church has celebrated a seven-week advent. Today there is a growing moment to celebrate a seven-week advent. When the current lectionary calendar was established, most churches celebrated Christmas on Christmas. Today most churches celebrate Christmas on Christmas Eve. Since Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, the lectionary suggests celebrating Advent 4 that day, in effect shortening advent to three weeks. We are a church once reformed always reforming. We will be joining several churches in celebrating a full four-week advent that is shifted up by one week. We hope this shift will enable us to savor more of the extravagant love, infinite grace, enduring peace, confident hope and exuberant joy of our Lord and Savior Jesus.



**November 26: First Sunday in Advent**

**9:15am** – Traditional worship in the sanctuary.

**10:45am** – Praise service in the Hall.

**December 3: Second Sunday in Advent**

**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 10: Third Sunday in Advent**

**9:15am** – Traditional worship in the sanctuary

**10:45am** – Our Youth will present an Advent Drama,  
“Classic Christmas Mash-Up!”

**December 17: Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**10:00am** – Explore God’s gifts of Creation, Mary, Joy, Love, Hope and Jesus through  
music by the Sanctuary Choir.

**10:00am** – Children’s Christmas Celebration

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**10:00am** – Reflections on the grandeur of Christmas through scripture, meditations  
from Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Christmas Carols.

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

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on  
Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>! Bring the whole family! We’ll begin with a meal at 5:30pm  
followed by crafts for children and the Hanging of the Greens at 6:00pm.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

You are invited to the Christmas Luncheon to be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at  
11:30am. Join us for fellowship, lunch, and singing Christmas music! Please sign-up in  
the Gathering Space or call the church office at 651-777-4044 by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION PROJECT

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

### OTHER

T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

**\*\*\*They are not accepting candy or toothpaste this year\*\*\***

### HANDS-ON MISSION

Praise God for all of your hard work for Hands-On Mission. We have had a great, first six months supporting various ministries and actively showing God's love to our community and beyond. In the month of November Hands-On Mission is Sunday, **November 19**. Our onsite option will be to pack the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Our offsite option will be working at Merrick Food Shelf in Maplewood. The tentative time right now is from noon-2pm.





If you are a parent of a child under the age of 5, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on **November 1st**. 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.

Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Lunch With the Pastor



Houses For Haiti is hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction/Raffle at Concord Lanes (*Formerly Mattie's Bowl*) on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration is at 12:00pm, bowling starts at 12:30pm. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 18, which includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, and a chance to win fabulous prizes! Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space.

Start your Christmas shopping early and support Houses For Haiti at the same time. Houses for Haiti market will be held on Sunday, **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, to raise money to continue to support the people of Haiti. To date, 25 houses have been built by Houses For Haiti. Each year we travel to Haiti to meet with all the homeowners bringing them food, toiletries, seeds to grow their own food, and other essential items. This year we are also helping seven children attend elementary and middle school. You can learn more about our ministry at [www.housesforhaiti.org](http://www.housesforhaiti.org). Thanks to everyone for their continued support. Hope to see you at the Market!



Presbyterian Women (*and men*) packed and delivered 310 pounds of clothing and bedding 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.



## PW NEWS

Presbyterian Women continue to support **SOLID GROUND...**  
**SANTA SHOP COMING IN DECEMBER!**

P.W. continues to accept and deliver to Solid Ground new and gently used household goods. The drop box is in the Narthex. Many items have already been donated and we send a heartfelt thank you!



On **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, Presbyterian Women will hold a free will bake sale. If you are feeling the urge to start the seasonal baking please consider an extra item for the bake sale. All contributions will be passed on to *Solid Ground* to support their Holiday Santa Shop on **December 16-17**. The Santa Shop is built with donations of items for babies & new parents, gifts for younger children, gifts for older children, and gifts for families/adults. Through generous giving the Santa Shop provides an opportunity for parents to experience the pride of picking out the perfect present for their child. **This is accomplished by donations from people like those of North Church.**

A donation suggestion list has been posted on the PW Bulletin board and there will be copies available for the taking. Donations may be put in the donation bin in the Narthex, or contact Mary Morrisette at 651-777-3470 for a donation pick up.

PLEASE support our bake sale and consider donating an item or items from their Christmas Wish List to help Solid Ground help others.

There is also a list of volunteer opportunities to support the Santa Shop if you are moved to serve this Christmas Season.

For November, set out a box. For each day from November 1 through Thanksgiving, put one non-perishable item in the box. After Thanksgiving, deliver the filled box to church for a foodshelf donation. Repeat for December, deliver to church at Advent end. Easy, simple, painless. You will help many families.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to experience the joy of Christmas gifting. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Morrisette at (651) 777-3470 or [billandmary52@q.com](mailto:billandmary52@q.com).





## PW PRAISE SERVICE AND THANK OFFERING DEDICATION

Please join us on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** when we welcome the Rev. Dr. Paula Sanders as our preacher. She is a feminist and liberation theologian, artist, educator, lover of God's good creation and Nana to seven exceptional grandchildren. Everyone is welcome!



Christmas is less than two months away. For choirs and other musicians, it means preparations have already begun! Music makes Christmas even more special for performers and listeners. This is your invitation to join the Sanctuary Choir as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. There is no obligation to continue into the new year. Join us at rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. with an extra rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 16. The enhanced choir will sing for Advent on November 26, December 10 and December 17 (choral service) plus Christmas Eve. Contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 or [mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com) so we can have music ready for you.

## THERAPEUTIC MUSIC MINISTRY

Therapeutic Music Ministry - facilitated by the Deacons and carried out by Mary Livingston, a Certified Music Practitioner - brings healing, soothing, therapeutic music to people who are ailing, in pain, in rehab from surgery or injury, in memory care, in palliative care, as well as other health-related situations. If you would like to experience what a therapeutic music session might be like, join Mary in the Fireside room between services **November 26<sup>th</sup>** for a demonstration of accordion music for people in memory care. For more information about the ministry, contact one of the Deacons, identified at the "Welcome Wall" near the church entrance.



## November 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 12am

A 6-hour Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. Please call Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784 to reserve your spot TODAY! The cost is \$20.00 by 11/5/17 or \$25 after that date.



The family of Carolyn Morrisette extends a heartfelt thank you to the congregation of North Church for their prayers, support, and the memorial service for Carolyn. It is truly a blessing to be among such a community. Thank you! ~ Bill and Mary Morrisette

Thank you for the large collection of clothing you donated to our Clothing Center. As we enter the winter season, they will be put to good use. Thank you for your abundant kindness. ~ Chuck Neve, Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church

Thank you for your donation of 9 pounds of food items in September to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. We really appreciate donations this time of the year as food items collected during our main drives have really dwindled down. Thank you again and may God bless you. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

Thank you for your special contribution of \$200 to the Friends of the Mississippi River. With this gift, you are helping us do even more to protect clean drinking water, restore important lands and engage the next generation of river stewards in the Twin Cities. ~ Whitney Clark, Executive Director, Friends of the Mississippi River

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of November is Joni Purrington, 612-750-8894.



Glenn Fager	November 2	Shirley Lambert	November 17
Carole Javner	November 2	Sydney Tiffany	November 18
Kevin Schneider	November 4	Kathy Richardson	November 18
Heather DeVaughn	November 4	LaVonne Holle	November 21
Dick Zoya	November 6	Terrie Arfi	November 22
Bob Pleban	November 9	Julie Wettie	November 22
Mary Leisman	November 11	Elaine Collins	November 24
Inez Kalle	November 13	Bobbie Wetz	November 24
Verna Rowe	November 15	Joan Purrington	November 25
Mary Morrisette	November 15	Ryan Purrington	November 26
Don Schroeder	November 15	Ryan Bearth	November 27
Jackson Miller	November 15	Lynnette Johnson	November 29
Milan Chi	November 17		



**Wednesday, November 1**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Parents' Night Out  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship  
 6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:15pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, November 2**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Faith Commission  
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band  
 7:00pm Life & Stewardship  
 7:15pm Nurture Commission

**Friday, November 3**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, November 4**

10:00am El Shadai Bible Study  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, November 5**

7:30am Veterans' 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 6**

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

**Tuesday, November 7**

9:00am Comforters  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, November 8**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 1:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Wednesday Women  
 6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:15pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, November 9**

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

6:00pm El Shadai

**Friday, November 10**

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop

**Saturday, November 11**

10:00am El Shadai Bible Study  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, November 12**

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

**Monday, November 13**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
 9:45am Ruth Circle  
 7:00pm Personnel  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 14**

9:00am Comforters  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, November 15**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship  
 6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:15pm Youth Band  
 7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, November 16**

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

**Friday, November 17**

5:45pm Senior High Depart for Retreat  
 7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, November 18**

9:00am NMG  
 10:00am El Shadai Bible Study  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, November 19 ~ Christ the King**

8:00am Praise Band  
 9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:30am Operation Christmas Child  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 1:30pm El Shadai  
 1:30pm Senior High Return from Retreat



**Monday, November 20**

3:00pm Guild Meeting  
6:00pm Quilt Guild

**Tuesday, November 21**

7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, November 22**

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

**Thursday, November 23 ~ OFFICE CLOSED**

**Saturday, November 25**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, November 26 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent**

9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Traditional Worship  
10:10am Refreshments  
10:20am Meditation with Mary  
10:45am Kerygma  
10:45am Praise Worship  
1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, November 27**

**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, November 28**

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

**Wednesday, November 29**

10:00am Choral Bells  
12:00pm Senior Lunch with Pastor  
5:30pm Dinner  
6:00pm Hanging of the Greens  
6:30pm Youth Drama Rehearsal  
7:00pm Choir Practice  
7:15pm Youth Band  
7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, November 30**

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



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND PLANT PROGRAM**

All are invited to participate in the upcoming Christmas flower & plant program. The flowers and plants may be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones, and will be used to decorate the sanctuary and Narthex on December 17 and 24. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the bulletin on those Sundays. The offerings include 8" poinsettias (red, white, or pink) for \$16 each, 6" red cyclamen for \$10 each, and Norfolk pine for \$20 each. The Faith Commission will take orders between services on November 5, 12, and 19 in the Narthex. Final orders are due November 19. You are welcome to take your plant(s) home with you after the Christmas Eve services. Any plants left at church will be given to our homebound members by the deacons.