

October 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



On October 7, we will begin our Wednesday Evening Discipleship Program. Everyone is invited, so bring your friends!

Wednesdays for Youth

5:30-5:50 Youth in grades 6 – 12 will meet in room 28 for supper.
5:50-7:00 Youth will meet in room 28 for fellowship time.
6:30-7:15 Youth Drama Rehearsal meets in the Hall.
7:15-7:45 Youth Praise Band meets in the Hall.

Wednesdays for Adults

7:00-8:30 Choir rehearsal meets in the Sanctuary.
7:30-8:30 Praise Band rehearsal meets in the Hall.



Lunch With the Pastor

Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Wednesday, October 7, 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 session will be hosting a gathering in the Fireside Room on October 11, from 10:15-10:45, between worship services. Four elders of session will be present to listen to your hopes for the future and concerns and joys for our family of faith. They will answer your questions. The more we join together, discuss and pray together the more likely we are to live God's will with extravagant love and compassionate service.



Our next Red Cross Blood Donation Drive will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Monday, October 5, 1-7 p.m. If you have any questions, want to be added to the current donor list, or set up a donor appointment please contact Kathie Johansen at 651-271-9342 or visit www.redcrossblood.org. Walk-ins are always welcome!

January 25th - April 25th Sabbatical Update:

Coming Soon!!

With joyful and grateful anticipation, we will embark on a mutual journey of rest, renewal, and transformation as we focus on "Living in Sabbath". Just a sampling of what we will be doing:

- 3 Sundays of hands-on mission work
- A photo book
- Hawaiian dinner and African lunch
- Splitting into small groups as we discover that Sabbath isn't only for Sundays through the book "Catch Your Breath: God's Invitation to Sabbath Rest".

Further info will be forthcoming including dates/times next month. ~ God Bless



Congregation & Pastoral Sabbatical



Please join us on October 28 at 6:00 for our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween party. We invite children to dress-up in their Halloween costumes for this fun, non-scary celebration. Children will enjoy trick-or-treating from decorated car trunks in our church parking lot. After children trunk or treat, they can drink hot cider, decorate cookies, get their faces painted, and have a chance at winning prizes. It's a great way to get into the Halloween spirit.

We are also looking for adults who would like to decorate their car trunks and hand out candy to children. We will be giving out prizes for the best decorations, so be creative. If you are interested in volunteering your trunk, please sign-up on the entryway bulletin board beginning October 7 or contact Renee Kristensen at north@northchurch-mn.org or 651-777-4044.

PRESBYTERY MISSION CELEBRATION

Mission is at the heart of who we are as Christians. Churches throughout the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area are following Jesus' example by feeding the hungry, giving the thirsty something to drink, and welcoming the stranger. (Matt. 25:35-36)

On Saturday, October 24, 9:30-2:00 PM, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis will host Mission Celebration 2015. North Presbyterian will exhibit "Houses for Haiti and "Remember Niger" mission projects. Fifty other congregations, ministries, and mission partners will share their creativity in mission through exhibits, conversation, and mini-workshops that will include an all-women's Habitat for Humanity, a hands-on experience with assistive technology for people with disabilities, and a chance to sing with the Cedar Lake Seven Gospel Singers.

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga will lead opening worship at 10:00 a. m., assisted by native flutist Lynn Cox, mission co-worker Josh Heikkila, and the Cedar Lake Seven. The Galloways and the musicians from Kwanzaa will lead the closing worship. During lunch, we shall sample foods from around the world. There is no charge, but please register at mission@ptcaweb.org to allow us to plan for food and space.

Come and experience the connectional church in action.

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 15 at 5:45 pm and return Sunday, January 17 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.



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 beginning October 19 in boxes located in the Gathering Space. Some gift ideas are listed below.

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, 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)

A Breakfast to Honor All Our Church Military Veterans

On Sunday, November 1, Life Commission will host a breakfast to honor our military Veterans. This is open to everyone (in other words, it's not just for men). Please come, help us honor those who have served in the military, enjoy a wonderful breakfast and a great speaker. The breakfast starts at 7:45am. More details to follow.





MISSION MATTERS
September 6 through October 4, 2015

JESUS CALLS US TO BE PEACEMAKERS

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ~ Luke 4:18–19

Each week during A Season of Peace, we all should reflect on one theme.

- Week 1) Peace in the Family/Nonviolence in our Households**
- Week 2) Peace in the Community/Neighborhood**
- Week 3) Human Rights**
- Week 4) We Are Stronger Together/Thinking About Our Systems and Structures**

What you’ve known as the Peacemaking Offering has been transformed into the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This new Offering will have a greater global reach, more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ. The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace and ends on World Communion Sunday, October 4, 2015. All of us can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by this important Offering by giving generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries.



Work Camp Fundraiser

October 23rd ~ 4pm to Midnight

October 24th ~ 8am to Midnight

A Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. A light dinner & lemonade, coffee, and water is included. The cost is \$20.00 by 10/18/14 or \$25 after that date.

Please call Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784 to reserve your spot TODAY!

Clothing Drive



P.W. FALL - WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Oct. 18 - Oct. 26, 2015

Bring in your gently used fall and winter clothing and help those who are less fortunate than we are to stay a little warmer this fall and winter. Bedding and towels are also being collected.

Clothes are taken to Dayton Avenue Presbyterian Church Clothing Center in St. Paul. The Clothing Center was started over 30 years ago and has served the community well.

The congregation at Dayton Avenue has a passion for social justice and faith-based action. In addition to running the Clothing Center, they support social justice programs of all varieties and reach out to their community and those in need. They strive to nurture their faith in God, support each other spiritually, and put their gifts to work in their community. These are their missions!



Thank you for your donation of 49 pounds of food items in August to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. In August we served 248 families and distributed almost 26,000 pounds of food and miscellaneous items. Thank you and God bless you.

~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

Thank you very much for participation in the 2015 School Tools Drive and for making this drive one of our most successful! Empowering local students, from families living in poverty, to start the school year off with the proper supplies conveys a message of hope, encouragement, and success. Blessings! ~ Sara Liegl, Project Home Family Shelters

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of October is Jeff Sandager, 651-402-8468. You may also contact Pastor Gail at 727-278-3511 or 651-213-1082.

OCTOBER



Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

5:45pm Middle School Retreat Departs

Saturday, October 3

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 4

9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:30pm Middle School Retreat Returns
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, October 5

7:00pm Boy Scouts
7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

10:00am Choral Bells
12:00pm Senior Lunch
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:15pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 10

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 11

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

Monday, October 12

8:00am ARM Breakfast
9:30am Ruth Circle
4:30pm Pizza Ranch Fundraiser
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 13

9:00am Crafters
7:00pm Northern Bells
7:00pm WOW

Wednesday, October 14

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, October 15

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, October 17

8:00am PTCA Fall Gathering
9:30am El Shadai
2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 18

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

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

9:00am Crafters
7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session & Deacons

Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

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

Monday, October 26**Innovator Articles Due**

9:30am PW Coordinating Team

Tuesday, October 27

9:00am Crafters
 6:15pm Eagle Scout Expo
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, October 28

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
 6:00pm Trunk or Treat
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:15pm Youth Band
 7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, October 29

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

Saturday, October 31

2:00pm El Shadai



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| Cody Javner | October 1 | Loveline Ngu | October 10 |
| Craig Moore | October 1 | Steve Glasenapp | October 12 |
| Mason Ramey | October 1 | Madison Bergmann | October 16 |
| Lisa Smith | October 1 | Ann Bearth | October 17 |
| Brenda Willar | October 2 | Harvey Gleason | October 17 |
| Aaron Knapp | October 3 | Damien Langer | October 19 |
| Jane Maggart | October 3 | David Novy | October 22 |
| John Parnell | October 3 | Beth Shipway | October 25 |
| Erin Sellie | October 3 | Sharon Iliff | October 27 |
| Dave Hoffman | October 4 | Ryan Smith | October 28 |
| Deloris Phipps | October 5 | Nancy Matteson | October 28 |
| Helen Bowers | October 7 | Gerry Dalquist | October 29 |
| Kris Craft | October 8 | Ralph Maves | October 29 |
| Billie Novy | October 8 | Helen Enyeart | October 30 |
| Nancy Hansen | October 10 | | |

