

September 2016 Innovator



~Beginning September 11~
9:15 Traditional Worship
9:15 Sunday School
10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship

Refreshments and Fellowship begins at 10:10 in the Hall.

Office Hours are 9:00am – 2:30pm Monday thru Thursday.

*Youth Kick-off Celebration ~ September 28, 5:30pm at the Bearth House.
The Wednesday Discipleship Program resumes October 5.*



Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Monday, September 19, 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.

Session has been prayerfully reflecting upon and discussing requests for enhanced communication; so the Life Commission is forming a Communication Taskforce to make recommendations on how to communicate effectively. Please contact Jim Holle or Annaliese Miller to join this taskforce.

The Leadership Directories are in the Gathering Space/Narthex. If you have a suggestion or question, please contact the leader of that ministry directly. All Commission meetings are open for anyone to attend.





PRESBYTERY GRANT & HANDS-ON MISSION

Our presbytery will be offering grants to congregations to expand their ministry in service, outreach and evangelism. The funds are coming from the sale of the Arlington Hills Presbyterian church. Since we have welcomed several members from Arlington Hills we will be given priority for a \$20,000 per year grant for the next five years.

Session has been prayerfully considering how best to utilize the grant since January, 2016. On May 15, 2016, Session invited the entire congregation to a retreat to discern what ministry to launch. Ninety-four members attended. We began in small groups, gathering every idea and found that the Hands-On Mission ministry kept coming up. By the end of the day, we agreed that it is the ministry we want to launch. There was, however, a great variety of missions that people wanted to serve which inspired the creation of a second component where we want to grant money and empower members with guests to serve. Ninety-six percent of completed surveys, offered to the entire congregation, indicated a desire to serve through Hands-On Mission.

The Grant Taskforce and Session are eager to launch the Hands-On Mission ministry on January 15, 2017. We believe that through this ministry we will grow as individuals, grow our family of faith, strengthen our community and serve our neighbors. Serving together and sharing faith stories will help us Know Christ. Putting our love in action, serving the local community and inviting guests to join us will help us Show Christ.

Objectives:

- Evangelism-inviting guests from the community
- Mission-performing meaningful hands-on mission
- Relationship-intergenerational connection
- Components
- Hands-On Mission Sundays on the third Sunday of every month (Offering at least one onsite mission between the 9:15 and 10:45 worship services and one offsite mission.)
- Grants to empower members to do mission service
- The grant will fund a Mission Coordinator to facilitate the Hands-On Mission ministry. Our search will be for a seminary or college student from outside our congregation.

Our presbytery will have the grant application available soon. We are ready to apply immediately. We hope to be awarded the grant later this year. As soon as we receive the grant we will search for our Mission Coordinator. On January 8th following worship and before the congregational meeting, we hope to introduce the Mission Coordinator and the Hands-On Mission ministry. We hope to be ready to survey everyone on potential missions and times. This will be a fluid ministry changing as we learn from the Holy Spirit, each other and those we are serving. Our goal is 10% increase in participants at 6 months and 20% increase in one year.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Session has been prayerfully reflecting upon and discussing our congregational meetings. We will continue to have two Congregational Meetings a year. One in January to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call and one in May to discuss the annual report and elect officers. Session will try a new format this year.

Sunday, January 8, 2017

10:00 One Worship Service

- Liturgy of celebration of 2016 ministries
- Liturgy of hopes to bless others in 2017

11:00 Refreshments and Fellowship

11:15 Discussion in Meisenheimer Hall followed by Congregational Meeting

- Present 2016 Financials (Complete copies printed and available)
- Present 2017 Budget (Complete copies printed and available)
- Hands-On Mission Overview and survey (Introduce Mission Coordinator)

After everyone has completed sharing we will call the Congregational Meeting to order

Congregational Meeting

- Handout Pastor's Terms of Call
- Prayer
- Discuss Pastor's Terms of Call
- Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call
- Prayer

Enjoy a Soup Luncheon together (All donations will support our youth ministries.)

Sunday, May 21

9:15 One Worship Service

10:15 Refreshments and Fellowship

10:30 Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Annual report available on May 14)

- Prayer
- Election of officers
- Discuss Annual Report
- Open floor for sharing
- Thank retiring officers
- Honor Saints who entered Life Triumphant in 2016
- Prayer

Serve together through a Hands-On Mission

Enjoy lunch together

Back-to-school means back-to-work for the Sanctuary Choir! Haven't sung in a choir since high school? No problem! Can't make it every week? Come anyway! The choir welcomes folks of all abilities and availabilities. We are particularly excited to welcome high school students and young adult church members. The choir sings at the 9:15 a.m. service most Sundays, September through May, meeting at 8:30 a.m. for warm-up; we have one Sunday off each month. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft, beginning September 7. No auditions—stop in and try us out! We are also looking for instrumentalists to augment our choral music - brass, strings, woodwinds and percussion. Sometimes we need just one instrument for a particular anthem, but we would also like the option to have a multi-instrument combo to accompany the choir or play a piece on their own. If you have at least 2 years experience playing an instrument, please consider volunteering your musicianship. Contact Mary with questions at 651-331-1089 or mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com.



Nothin' better than a hot cup of coffee and a yummy donut while sharing some fellowship with your church friends! We have had the current hospitality time between services for ten years now – and some of our teams have been serving for that long! Some have retired from this volunteering, and we now have a need for new team members. This job requires about 3 hours (9-noon) on your scheduled Sunday. The more teams we have, the less often you are scheduled. Eight teams of two people means about every two months you would set up, serve and clean up – and taking the offering during the Christ Connection service is a part of this job, too. Please consider whether you and a friend or another family member could sign up to help with this important job at North Church. Please see Leslie Etter from the Life Commission on Sundays to get more information or sign-up in the entryway. You can also call Leslie at 651-271-1120 to get more information. Thank you!

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders will be commissioned during the "Celebration Time" on September 11. We encourage everyone working with our children, youth, and adults to attend this blessing.





Sunday school classes will begin on September 11. Classes begin at 9:15 and end at 10:20. At the end of class, teachers will promptly shepherd the children to the Hall where children can join their parents. We hope that parents and children will then join us for a time of "Celebration" in the Hall. The children will meet in the following rooms.

Preschool - 4th Grade
5th - 7th Grade

Room 26
Room 28

We are looking for Sunday School teachers to help out on Sunday mornings. It would be a commitment of one Sunday every 6-8 weeks. If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Renee Kristensen at north@northchurch-mn.org or sign up on the bulletin board located in the entryway.

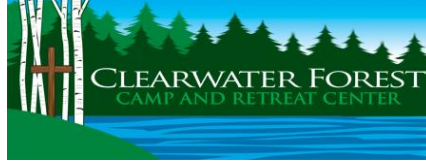


We will be presenting Bibles to our first graders on October 9. If you are new to our church and have a child who is entering the first grade, please stop by the church office and let us know or contact Renee at 651-777-4044/north@northchurch-mn.org.

Do you have a student who will be attending college this year?

The Deacons like to stay in touch with all the college students throughout the coming year. If you have a new student or a returning student, please give their name and address to the Church Office so we can up-date our list. Thank you for your time.





CLEARWATER YOUTH RETREAT

Middle School Youth (ages 11-14) and Senior High Youth (ages 14-18) are invited to attend the Clearwater Youth Retreat. The Middle School Retreat will be September 30-October 2 and the Senior High Retreat will be November 18-20. 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 \$95 (financial aid is available per request to Pastor James). All meals, transportation, programming, and lodging is included. We need a few adults to provide transportation and participate with our youth. Questions contact Pastor James. All youth should receive an email with a link to register in mid-September.

Registration deadline with Clearwater for the Middle School Retreat is September 22.



Confirmation begins Sunday, September 18, for youth in eighth grade and older. The primary purpose is to provide instruction and discussion that will enable youth to understand and profess a personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The secondary purpose is to provide instruction and experiences that will enable youth to understand and participate in the worship and mission of the church. To register for the class, contact Pastor James.

Anyone who is interested in donating stock should contact John Snell at johnbsnell@gmail.com. Scottrade doesn't include the name of the donor, so it's a good idea to let John know that a transaction is being made. Thank you for your generosity!



The Rally for Niger is a family friendly walk or bike ride starting at Trinity Presbyterian at 2125 Tower Dr., Woodbury, MN. There will be 2.5 and 5-mile walking routes going from the church into local parks, and a 15 and a 25-mile biking route along parkways and around lakes. You can register at: <http://rememberniger.donorpages.com/RallyforNiger2016MN/>

FAITH COMMISSION - MISSION MATTERS

By Pat McKisson

SEASON OF PEACE

September 4 -October 2

“You are being rooted and grounded in love.” – Eph. 3:17

Do you remember the hymn that was shared in the last issue of the Innovator? With the words of that hymn in mind, use the following Season of Peace cards. As stated by the PCUSA Mission Team:

“Peacemaking begins with individuals and families, then quickly moves to our communities and the world. Peace Cards provide an opportunity for families to engage in practical and real conversations about peacemaking. Designed for a multigenerational time of sharing, Peace Cards encourage the whole family to share their perspectives, life experiences, and hopes about peace in their homes, community, and the world. Keep the cards on the table where your family eats. At mealtime, draw a card and read the statement or question out loud. Give everyone an opportunity to share their experiences and ideas and let the conversation grow into actions. Peace Cards can be used anywhere and with anyone—at dinner time or family gatherings, during fellowship meals at church, or as icebreakers for study groups or in-depth conversations on long bus rides with youth. Use one card per day during the Season of Peace and let the conversations become avenues for peacemaking.”

You can see the cards displayed on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. If you want a copy for your family, there are 3 ways to get it.

- 1) The office can make you one.
- 2) You can have the document sent to you as a word document by contacting Pat McKisson.
- 3) You obtain it on the PCUSA website at:www.pcusa.org, entering ‘season of peace’ in the search box and picking the document ‘2016 Peace Cards’.

WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION ON WHAT THE PCUSA, THE SYNOD OR THE PRESBYTERY ARE DOING

(If you have a question about the church and its work, there is a wealth of information on every subject imaginable for you to look at on these websites.)

PCUSA	www.pcusa.org
SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES	www.lakesandprairies.org
PRESBYTERY OF THE TWIN CITIES AREA	www.presbyterytwincities.org

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of September is Billie Novy, 651-739-4476.



P.W. NEWS
by Pat McKisson
P.W. Moderator

WOMEN'S FALL FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL BRUNCH – OCTOBER 8, 2016

As Moderator of the P.W. at North Church, I extend a special invitation to all women, including young women ages 10 and up, to the Women's Fall Fellowship Social Brunch. This gathering of the women of our church is a celebration of all of the wonderful work each of you does day in and day out to make our church, community and world a better place to live in. There will be special entertainment by our own Mary Livingston and you won't want to miss her message or music. Please plan to attend this event; without you it won't be the special event we planned!

WHO AND WHAT ARE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN?

As a woman of North Church, you are a Presbyterian Women. You do not need to belong to a circle but most certainly can participate in any mission that you want to support. The women of Presbyterian churches have always done a remarkable job in supporting many current causes throughout the years. Our initiatives and emphases at this time in history are:

1) Immigration, 2) Antiracism Initiative, and 3) Racial Ethnic Dialog.

The missions we support are as varied as the women who make up the organization. They include: 1) Compassion, Peace and Justice – Child Advocacy, Enough for Everyone, Environmental Ministries, Fair Food, Human Trafficking, and many more. 2) Mission Matters – Together in Service, Global Exchange, USA Mission Experience, Birthday and Thank Offerings to fund special projects, and Fellowship of the Least Coin which is used for grants for special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness building among women and relief throughout the world.

BRITTANY'S PLACE UPDATE

We have received a new list of needed items which was put together by the girls who live at Brittany's Place. It is quite extensive but any contributions from the list are always welcome. Look for the list in early October on the P.W. Bulletin Board.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016 (Questions? Contact Pat McKisson)

<i>September 12</i>	Ruth Circle meets at 9:45 a.m.
<i>September 13</i>	Rachel's Women meet at 1:00 p.m.
<i>September 14</i>	Wednesday Women meet at 6:00 p.m.
<i>October 8</i>	Women's Fellowship Luncheon (All are welcome)
<i>October 15</i>	Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Long Lake, MN
<i>October 16-23</i>	Fall Clothing Drive
<i>November 13</i>	Sunshine Bag Collection
<i>November 20</i>	Praise Service/Thank Offering received
<i>December 2</i>	Brittany's Place Christmas Gift Drop-off

2016 FALL GATHERING OF PW OF PTCA

The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit - Psalm 34:18

Come experience "***SHELTER: A Safe Place to Call Home***"

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2016

WHERE: Calvin Presbyterian Church
177 Glendale Drive, Long Lake, MN

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

COST: \$15.00 payable to P.W. North Church
(Complete the Registration form and give it along with your payment to Beryle Zimanski by October 3, 2016)

The Speakers for the day are Linda Wiza, Monica Groves, and Kristen Nelson from The Dwelling Place a Christian ministry providing healing and hope to victim of domestic abuse.

Registrations **must be received** by Monday, October 3. See the P.W. bulletin board for form.

MISSION HIGHLIGHTED at FALL GATHERING – ITEMS NEEDED

One of the missions highlighted for the Fall Gathering is the collection of Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. They are always in need of these kits because of disasters and wars throughout our world. We have started gathering items for this mission but could use the help of everyone. The Hygiene Kits are valued at \$10 each and contain the following items:

One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
One washcloth; One wide-tooth comb (do not buy a package of combs because they cannot use anything but the wide-tooth comb); One nail clipper (get the larger model; they are easier to grip and use); One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper); One toothbrush (in original packaging); Six standard size Band-Aids® (Buy a box and divide them into the kits); and \$5 for each kit for postage and handling – this charge will be covered by the P.W. treasury.

Collection boxes will be in the Gathering Area on Oct. 2 and 9.

Packing will be done on Oct. 9 after the first service. Come and help if you can!

GREETINGS TO ALL NORTH CHURCH WOMEN

There will be a table with "sign-up" sheets available for the new fall study call "Who is Jesus?". All women who might like to learn more about our Lord are invited to purchase a study book (\$8). The books will arrive by the beginning of September. The Women's Fellowship and Mission groups will begin in September with the Fall Fellowship Fun Luncheon get-together to be held on October 8th.



Thank you for your donation of 40 pounds of food items and \$662 in July to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. In July we served 216 families and distributed over 24,000 pounds of food. Thank you and may God bless you. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

I am asked to send you a thank you for a \$25 gift – and I am thankful. Even more, though, I am thankful for all of your support, love, dedication, and prayer you provide the children, teachers, and schools served by the Remember Niger Coalition. Thank you ~ Elizabeth Parler, Treasurer, Remember Niger Coalition

On behalf of the staff and families of Project Home, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of clothing. We are grateful for your ongoing support of our families in their time of need and they transition into housing. ~ Sara Liegl, Director, Project Home Family Shelters

September Birthdays



Frank Manz	September 2	Dave Etter	September 18
Laura Yates	September 4	Becky Yust	September 19
Carol Havran	September 6	Helen Fischer	September 19
Sharon Grapp	September 7	Alex Hill	September 19
Sheila Ferrazzo	September 9	Jason Hanna	September 19
Andrew Hagen	September 11	Virginia Pleban	September 19
Ila Basch	September 12	Charlie Goebel	September 22
Sandy Brogren	September 12	Derick Ngu	September 22
Mary Parrott	September 12	Ron Andrus	September 23
Diane Albright	September 12	Rod Collins	September 23
Daniella Atud	September 12	Kathy Carlson	September 23
Leslie Etter	September 15	Mike Marah	September 23
Jack Twite	September 15	Yao Dumanya	September 23
Mitch Carlson	September 15	Noah Kristensen	September 24
Catti Knapp	September 16	Del Langer-Anderson	September 26
Kathy TeWinkel	September 16	Ed Richardson	September 27
Gabby Boyles	September 16	Laurel Nelson	September 27
Abbey Tiffany	September 17	Donna Sandstrom	September 28
Lynn Davis	September 18	Annie Glasenapp	September 29

September



Thursday, September 1

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

Saturday, September 3

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 4

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

Monday, September 5~ OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 6

9:00am Comforters
12:00pm RPR

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, September 10

2:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 11

9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:30am Teacher Leader Commissioning
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, September 12

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

Tuesday, September 13

9:00am Comforters
12:00pm RPR
1:00pm Rachel Circle
7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, September 14

10:00am Choral Bells
4:00pm Sabbatical Meeting
6:00pm Wednesday Women
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, September 15

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session

Saturday, September 17

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

Sunday, September 18

9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:45pm El Shadai Leadership Meeting
1:30pm El Shadai
5:00pm Confirmation

Monday, September 19

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

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am Choral Bells
6:00pm Youth Team Meeting
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, September 22

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, September 24

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

Sunday, September 25

9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
1:30pm El Shadai
5:30pm Confirmation

Monday, September 26

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, September 27

9:00am Comforters
7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, September 28

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

Thursday, September 29

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, September 30

~Clearwater Middle School Retreat~