

# March 2018 Innovator

## News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship



### March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

During Lent, we will celebrate a favorite yet unique service recreating the earliest Christian gatherings according to the book of Acts. We gather in the Hall where everyone shares platters of finger food distributed around the room by our elders & deacons as we sing, pray, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



### EASTER PARTY

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:15am—10:15am

All children up through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to our Annual Easter Party. Join us for games, crafts, and surprises!  
Everyone is invited!

### EASTER FLOWER PROGRAM

The last day to order Easter flowers is **March 4<sup>th</sup>**. Help grace our church during this holy season with the glory of God through these wonderful creations.





**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday**

9:15am Traditional Service & 10:45am Contemporary Service

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Maundy Thursday**

**Tenebrae Service with Communion**

6:00pm Supper & 6:45pm Worship



**Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Easter**

9:15am Traditional Service & 10:45am Contemporary Service

**HANDS-ON MISSION**

Thank you to the eight people who went to Children's Hospital and prepared a meal for sick kids and their families last month.



We are excited this month to have two Hands-On Mission opportunities. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 18, to participate! We will be having an onsite project of tying fleece blankets for Arlington House which will take place in the Gathering Space directly after the first service. All ages can participate! Our offsite mission will be at the North St. Paul Food Shelf at 2538 Seppala Blvd in NSP. We will be there from 10:30-noon. We plan to meet at church at 10:15am and head over there. Sign-ups for this project will be available at the Hands-On Mission table in the Gathering Space. Please sign up so we know how many to plan for.

Also, we will be encouraging you to bring canned food to the church and place it in the cart to benefit the food shelf. You can start bringing in your items this month. March is MN Foodshare Month, and we want to recognize the need for food in our area.

Also, in April we will be doing two onsite projects. One will be partnering with the PW Women and collecting clothing to give to the Dayton Avenue Clothing Center. Start saving your items now and we will give you more info next month about how to bring in your clothes and what we will do on our mission Sunday. Our other project will be making Adirondack chairs or Chests for Habitat for Humanity onsite.

If you have ideas around Hands-On Mission, please contact our Mission's Coordinator, Lisa Diez at [diezlisa@gmail.com](mailto:diezlisa@gmail.com) or 651-808-4226.

## **The Endowment Committee Wants You to Know.....**

Over 30 years ago, the leadership of North Church established the “Endowment Committee” to be accountable to the Session for management of assets donated for long-term, endowment purposes.

Perhaps you wonder ***what are “Endowment Funds”, and how do they make a difference in the workings of our congregation?***

Endowment Funds represent gifts of cash and proceeds from the sale of donated stock that are to be held and invested by the church for the long term benefit of the congregation. The original amounts donated (the “Principal”) are preserved indefinitely. Only some “earnings” on the endowment investments are spent for special non-budget purposes. The Principal amounts are allowed to grow so that the overall Endowment Funds increase over time.

The Endowment Committee meets quarterly (or thereabout) to review and ensure the sound investment of the funds, to determine the appropriate amount(s) that will be available that year for distribution (generally 3-5%), to consider requests by Commissions of North Church for the use of Endowment Funds, and to make decisions and/or recommendations to Session about those requests. The Committee includes the Treasurer, a member of Session, an investment advisor, and four church members at-large that are recommended by the Committee, and appointed by the Session.

As of year- end 12/31/17 we are blessed to have approximately \$621,000 in six funds, and approximately \$30,000 in cash accounts. Two of the larger funds are designated for “general” purposes; the Corwin Fund for music, the Leisman Fund for youth and mission, the Hoklas Fund for education, and the newest fund, the Purrington fund established for youth development.

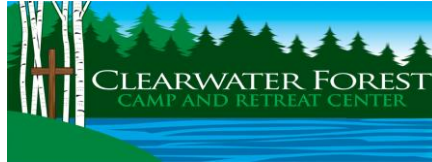
How does it help the congregation? In very significant ways! In 2017 over \$13,000 was made available to help fund worthy causes that were not within our annual budget. Some recent Endowment Fund expenditures include:

- Campership scholarships for North Church kids to attend camp at Clearwater Forest
- Therapeutic Music Ministry; and other special music
- Technology upgrades
- Youth triennium
- Vacation Bible School
- Organ Repairs

Endowment Funds are a tremendous blessing to our congregation. Please consider adding to the enduring legacy by making an Endowment Fund contribution.

Would you like more information? Please contact Susanne Meyer, Chairperson, Endowment Committee.

Submitted by: Cindy Carlson, Secretary, Endowment Committee



Registration for Clearwater Forest summer programs 2018 is going strong! Go to [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) today to check out the 2018 lineup and register online! The theme this summer is "Light the Fire," where campers will explore the many ways that our relationship with Christ can connect us with individuals and communities for the rest of our lives. Clearwater Forest offers programs for anyone grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through recent graduates, and with all of the fantastic options available this summer there is sure to be something for everyone! Campfires, kayaking, high ropes, sailing, worship, hiking, archery, swimming, giant games on the Playfield, and s'mores are only part of what Clearwater Forest is all about. Living in community, learning independence and cooperation simultaneously, developing new friendships in a safe environment, experiencing outdoor ministry, and developing a deeper relationship with Christ makes a week at Clearwater Forest a truly life-changing experience. For more information please call the office at 218-678-2325 or check out [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org).

#### **Financial Assistance for Clearwater**

The endowment committee and/ or a few members of our congregation are eager to offer financial assistance to any member in need so they can attend camp. They are glad to invest in the blessings that abound from the camp experience. Talk to Pastor James or Susanne Meyer of the Endowment Committee if your child wants to attend camp, but you are short on the funds for the camp.



Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Tuesday, March 13<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.



#### **SPRING - SUMMER CLOTHING DRIVE**

April 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

It's time to start sorting your clean, gently-used spring and summer clothing as well as newer, gently-used bedding and towels. Items will be packed up on April 15<sup>th</sup> during Mission Sunday and 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. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Nowak at 651-756-7887.



#### **Thursday, March 1**

6:00pm El Shadai  
6:30pm Faith  
7:00pm Life & Stewardship  
7:15pm Nurture

#### **Friday, March 2**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

#### **Saturday, March 3**

3:00pm El Shadai

#### **Sunday, March 4**

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

#### **Monday, March 5**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 6**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 7~Agape Meal**

10:00am Choral Bells  
6:00pm Agape Meal  
7:00pm Choir Practice  
7:00pm Youth Band  
7:30pm Praise Band

#### **Thursday, March 8**

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting  
6:00pm El Shadai  
6:30pm Cub Scouts  
6:30pm Music Sense Band

#### **Friday, March 9**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

#### **Saturday, March 10**

3:00pm El Shadai

#### **Sunday, March 11**

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

#### **Monday, March 12**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
1:00pm Ruth Circle  
7:00pm Personnel

#### **Tuesday, March 13**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 14**

10:00am Choral Bells  
5:30pm Parents' Night Out  
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship  
6:00pm Wednesday Women  
7:00pm Choir Practice  
7:00pm Youth Band  
7:30pm Praise Band

#### **Thursday, March 15**

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

#### **Friday, March 16**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

#### **Saturday, March 17**

3:00pm El Shadai

#### **Sunday, March 18~Hands-On Mission**

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

#### **Monday, March 19**

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

#### **Tuesday, March 20**

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

#### **Wednesday, March 21**

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

#### **Thursday, March 22**

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

#### **Friday, March 23**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

#### **Saturday, March 24**

9:00am NMG  
3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, March 25~Palm Sunday**

9:15am Children's Easter Party  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:45am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, March 26****Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, March 27**

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

**Wednesday, March 28**

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

7:30pm Praise Band

**Thursday, March 29~Maundy Thursday**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Meal  
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band  
 6:45pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 30~Good Friday**

7:00am Carol Mathey's Training  
 7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, March 31**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 1~Easter**

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



I would like to thank the church family of North and the Deacons for the beautiful cyclamen plant they brought me at Christmas. The cyclamen plant is my favorite plant and I always purchase one for my home at Christmas time. ~ Dorothy Kane

Thank you for your donation of 9 pounds of food items in January to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. It is through the generosity of such contributions that we are able to provide the ongoing needs to so many in our area. God bless you. ~ Linda and Dave Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

Thank you for your financial contribution to The Sheridan Story. Your partnership will enable us to continue to make a positive impact in the fight against child hunger. You have changed the story of child hunger for many kids. Thank you! ~ Rob Williams, Executive Director

Thank you for your donations to the Dwelling Place. We thank God for you and your generous support for the women and children served through our ministry.  
 Linda Wiza ~ Executive Director

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired,  
 the elder on call for the month of March is Ed Jones, 651-275-3700.



Harold Hagen	March 1
Jenny Lewandowski	March 2
Roy Brogren	March 4
Mila Fager	March 4
June Pepin	March 5
Cindy Clark	March 7
Evan Willar	March 7
Dale Piepho	March 8
Renee Kristensen	March 8
Delphin Nelson	March 9
Linda Stegmeir	March 10
Shirley Amundsen	March 10
Lisa Sellie	March 11
Sherry Tiffany	March 11
Shelley Ross	March 13
Donna Ammermann	March 15
Bryan Miller	March 15
Joel Kalle	March 16
Berylii Yuven	March 19
Nancy Glasenapp	March 20
Glenn Wetz	March 20
Ellen Davis	March 21
Patricia Christensen	March 21
James York	March 21
Darrell Fokobo	March 21
Melissa Olson	March 22
Kathryn Hill	March 23
Cassidy Rangel	March 23
Mary Alice Carlson	March 24
Parris Ngu	March 24
Aaron Hill	March 24
Gladys Larson	March 24
Dorothy Kane	March 26
Geoff Lowe	March 27
Dean Willar	March 29
Dorothy Hobbick	March 29
Jeanie Snell	March 30
Lonnie Rangel	March 30
Nancy Gerhardson	March 30
Gabriella Atud	March 30
Jerry Parrott	March 31

