

August 2018 Innovator



9:30am Worship in the Air-Conditioned Hall

~Beginning September 9~

9:15 Traditional Worship & Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship

The Wednesday Discipleship Program resumes October 3.



FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

Mark Your Calendars for the Festival of Cultures Worship Service and Picnic...and more!

North Church and El Shaddai will share a Worship service on Sunday, August 19th at 9:30 AM. We will celebrate our heritage as a faith community and come together to worship God and share in the richness of diversity which God created. Worship will focus on Jesus Parable of the Mustard Seed looking at it from various cultural aspects. There will be wonderful music from the El Shaddai Praise Band, North Praise Band, African Singers and the North Sanctuary Choir. There will also be an opportunity to pass out backpacks filled with school supplies to students from Flex Academy as part of the hands-on mission program. We will also learn about the Trust Round Table that is working to bridge the gap of trust between law enforcement and diverse groups of the community.

After worship, you will have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of cuisine from Central America, West Africa and Northern Europe. Did anyone mention games?? There will be volleyball and soccer games for all ages and abilities along with games for children. Life and Faith Commission are very excited about this opportunity. See you on August 19th!



WEDNESDAY WOMEN UPDATE

Wednesday Women is a friendly, social, and supportive group of women that meets the second Wednesday of each month (September through May), 6 pm in the Fireside Room.

For our study beginning on September 12th we will be using the Horizon's study "God's Promise". The study book costs \$12.00. Beryle Zimanski has offered to order books. If you wish to join us, please send Beryle \$12 by August 6, so we can purchase the study guides in time for our September meeting.

We are always open to new members. If you have any questions about our group please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to let you know what we are about. Mary Morrisette, 651-777-3470, or at billandmary52@q.com.



HANDS-ON MISSION SUNDAYS

Thank you to all those who participated in the July mission at The Dwelling Place. We worked hard on landscaping a home and on demolition of the new home.

Hands-On Mission in August is an onsite mission due to the Festival of Cultures. We are giving out 120 backpacks with school supplies. We will have 20 more that we are receiving from an organization on backup if needed for that day, or we will plan to give those to North Metro Flex Academy for students who might need one. We need your help to fill these backpacks with supplies. You will find on the Hands-On Mission Table, small slips of paper with a short list to fill one backpack. You can take as many slips as you want to fill as many backpacks as you want, but please buy everything on each list. Then, you can bring in the supplies and leave them in the box in the Narthex area. The list of supplies is 3 spiral bound wide ruled notebooks (red, blue, yellow), 3 pocket folders (red, blue, yellow), 1 pack of 24 crayons, 1 pack of 12 wide markers, 1 pack of 12 number 2 pencils. This list will cost you around \$5.

On that day, we will need 8 people to sit at the table making sure that there is information being filled out and that a child is present to receive a backpack. Also, we will need others to help pass them out. Most importantly on this day, we want you to be a welcoming host and a friendly face to those who come. Plan to mingle and speak to people you do not know and share the love of Christ with them. You can sign up in the Narthex at the Hand-On Mission table to be a table host. All other people wanting to help can just gather near where we are passing out the backpacks.

Our Sunday school classes for children (preschool – 7th Grade) will begin on September 9th, and we need teachers! We hope to have at least two teachers for each class, so volunteers can rotate throughout the year. If you are interested in teaching a Sunday school class, please contact the office at 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.



RETREAT? STAND FIRM? ADVANCE?

Which are you likely to do? Why not all three? **RETREAT** to a comfortable space, **STAND FIRM** in your faith and ability to enhance worship through music and **ADVANCE** your musical skills and fellowship. All choir members, as well as others age 16+ who would like a no-commitment opportunity to sing with the choir, are invited to attend. The event will be held on Saturday, August 18th, 9 a.m. - Noon at North Church. It will include musical warm-ups, discovery of new ways to improve your singing voice, reading both familiar and new music, and a potluck brunch. In addition, we will work on the anthem that the Summertime Singers will sing at the August 19th church service. Anyone may sing with the Summertime Singers - just arrive at church on Sunday morning at 8:45 for a short rehearsal before the service begins. To RSVP or to find out more about the Retreat/Advance event on August 18th, please contact Mary Livingston at mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com or 651-331-1089.



NORTH AREA CHURCHES RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

August 8th, 1-7pm
Church of St. Peter

If you would like an appointment or wish to be on the walk-in list, please contact Joni Purrington at 651-750-8894 with any questions. NOTE: 16 year olds are allowed to donate but need a permission form signed by their parent or guardian. You can contact me to obtain a form. THANKS for considering this mission opportunity.

THE GATHERING ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A day of stimulating activities for those experiencing memory loss and 5 hours of respite care for caregivers. Please contact Polly Morrison if you'd like to help with activities at morri064@umn.edu.



Thank you for your donation of 27 pounds of food and personal items in June to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Our donations during the summer really slow down so your gift really came at an excellent time for the families we serve. Thank you again and may God bless you. ~ Dave and Linda Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of August is Inez Kalle, 651-363-8364.



Wednesday, August 1

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

Thursday, August 2

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

Friday, August 3

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, August 4

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 5

9:30am Worship in the Hall
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 6

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 8

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

Thursday, August 9

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

Friday, August 10

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, August 11

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 12

9:30am Worship in the Hall
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 13

8:00am ARM Breakfast

Tuesday, August 14

9:00am Comforters
7:00pm Personnel
7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, August 15

10:00am Choral Bells
11:30am El Shadai/Staff Meeting
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, August 18

8:30am Choir Retreat
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 19

9:30am Festival of Cultures
10:45am Hands-On Mission
11:30am Picnic

Monday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 21

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

Wednesday, August 22

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

Thursday, August 23

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

Friday, August 24

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, August 25

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 26

9:30am Worship in the Hall
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 27

Innovator Articles Due

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 28

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

Wednesday, August 29

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

Thursday, August 30

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

Friday, August 31

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study



Roseanne Brabender	August 1
Andrew Schneider	August 1
Owen Fager	August 2
Thor Sellie	August 2
Nina Hicks	August 3
Dixie Hatcher	August 4
Norm Purrington	August 5
Jim Warner	August 6
Emily Gerhardson	August 6
Marty Ginn	August 7
Lorraine Whisler	August 8
Eleanor Skoog	August 9
Susan Roskos	August 15
Janet Krumrey	August 15
Catherine Satriano	August 20
Lindsey Purrington	August 20
Karl Brogren	August 21
Becky Hamilton	August 21
Christine Schneider	August 22
Lois Brenner	August 26
Joe House	August 27
Elizabeth Zoya	August 27
Jenny Rangel	August 29
Helen Patrick	August 29
Leah Ndi	August 29
Bob Zimanski	August 30
Sarah Etter	August 31