

July 2018 Innovator

News



9:30am Worship in the Air-Conditioned Hall
Beginning July 1st

Summer Office Hours will be 9am – 12pm on Mondays and 9am – 2:30pm
Tuesday through Thursday until September 4.



Good news! As of Sunday, June 24th, we have received a total of \$132,140 in pledges and commitments to the Capital Campaign. This means we are very close to funding the first of our building improvement projects, which is the entryway renovation! The Session will be meeting on July 12th to make important financial decisions regarding the church building, so turning in your pledge by then would be very helpful. Remember, you have until May 202, if necessary, to make actual payments. Thank you for supporting the campaign!

VBS Wish List

Our VBS Wish List is posted in the Narthex. This board lists supplies that are needed for a successful VBS. If you are able to make a donation, please remove the post-it note and drop off the item in Room 11 **by July 8**. Please label all perishable items with "VBS" and place them in the refrigerator or freezer. These gifts are greatly appreciated and help offset our costs. Thank you to everyone for your support!



VBS ~ July 15-19 ~ 5:30-8:00pm

At *Shipwrecked* VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. *Shipwrecked* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot! We begin each evening at 5:30pm with a kid-friendly meal. Then at 6:00pm, VBS begins! We'd love to have you come all week; but if you're only available a couple nights, we still want you to join us. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family which includes dinner each night. We also have scholarships for families who want to attend VBS but cannot afford the cost. Our Kick-Off Dinner is at 5:30pm on July 15th. We hope you can come!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please read the following job descriptions and prayerfully consider whether you can volunteer at least one evening during July 15-19. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 651-777-4044 or north@northchurch-mn.org.

Castaway Sing & Play Leader: Co-lead the opening and finale each day using video clips and skits provided in the curriculum.

Ship Rec Games Leader: Play games with the children that relate to the daily Bible point.

Imagination Station Leader: Lead science experiments that relate to the daily Bible verse.

Spotlight VBS Leader: Take pictures of children and copy them into a special slide show to use during the *Sail Away Sendoff*.

Bible Discovery Leader: Perform simple roles as Bible characters along with other volunteers.

KidVid Cinema Leader: Present a DVD segment followed by a short discussion.

Crew Leaders: Participate in fun activities while shepherding a group of 3-5 children.



All Church Picnic Sunday July 22, 2018

Break out your picnic baskets and lawn games and join us for a picnic following the VBS worship service on Sunday, July 22nd, in our front yard! Our friends from El Shadai will join us for this fun event! There will be a bouncy castle, dunk tank and games.

Life Commission will serve hot dogs, burgers, potato salad and ice cream sandwiches. See you there!



HANDS-ON MISSION

Last month we heard from Theresa from Foster the Love, MN and packed 25 backpacks for kids entering the foster care system. She told us that there are 900 kids entering foster care each year in Ramsey County alone. There are many ways you can get involved by helping support foster care families. You can take kids out for a day of fun, give the foster families a break, or make meals for families as well. There are many ways to help. For more information please visit <https://www.fosterthelovemn.org> or talk to Lisa.

Thank you for your participation!

In July we are fortunate enough to work again with The Dwelling Place. The Dwelling Place is a Christian ministry that provides long-term transitional housing, basic needs, trauma-informed supportive services, educational programs and mentoring for women and their children fleeing domestic violence. Last year we worked on a house in which people are now living. This is a new house, that needs work before people can move in. We will hear from the volunteer coordinator who will share information about The Dwelling Place after worship on July 15 at 10:30-10:45am. We will then travel to the house which is in the Fridley area and have a light lunch before we start working. This Hands on Mission requires you to be 15+ and to complete a confidentiality contract that day. Please sign up for this event in the Narthex area.

Upcoming Hands on Mission - August: School Supply Giveaway September: Meals From the Heart.

Any questions, contact Lisa at 651-808-4226.



Child care is available in Rooms 15 & 17 on Sunday mornings **for infants up to 5 years**. We have Childcare Providers on staff who enjoy rocking, playing with, and telling stories to the youngest members of God's family. This is a place where children can grow spiritually through wonderful learning experiences and loving relationships.

Pastor James and our congregation love having children be a part of our worship services. However, we understand that children's attention spans are much shorter than adults, so we provide "Kid's Stuff Bags" and children's bulletins to occupy restless children. We encourage all ages to attend our **Christ Connection Service** held in the Hall. God loves to see His children make a joyful noise unto the Lord and praise the Lord through dance. That is why we welcome our children to sing and dance during the praise songs.

Due to safety concerns, all children over the age of five in the education wing who are without an adult, will be shepherded back to the service to join their families in worship. Our congregation genuinely cares about children and are passionate about providing a safe and enjoyable environment for them.

Make a Joyful Noise! The Summertime Singers is for anyone who wants to sing 3 or 4 part harmony songs for one service each month. This summer the remaining dates are: July 15 & August 19. We'll meet at 8:30 to warm up and learn the anthem for the day. All are welcome. Even if you've never sung in a choir - take this opportunity to see what it's like. If you have questions, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 or livingstonmusic@q.com.



Summertime Singers



Prayer Labyrinth

We invite you to walk our Prayer Labyrinth. It is located on the east lawn of the church, behind the sanctuary. On your journey to the center of the labyrinth, let go. Once in the center, center with God. On your journey out of the labyrinth, allow yourself to feel how to lovingly serve.



Please know that your gift of \$1,278.42 to Disaster Relief on 5/31/2018 blesses those who walk the hard road toward recovery, letting them know they are not alone, helping them find hope in the midst of chaos, and making real the promise of Pentecost – the tangible demonstration of the “mighty acts of God” in healing and restoration...in the language each one needs most to hear. ~The Reverend Dr. Laurie A. Kraus, Coordinator, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Thank you for the following support to Special Offerings: On May 4, 2018 we received \$1,541.17 for One Great Hour of Sharing, \$217.75 for the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and \$305.00 for the Pentecost Offering. Your congregation's gift, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need. ~Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings PCUSA

Thank you for donating 49 pounds of food in May to the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. This will be the last thank you letter I will be writing for the food shelf. By the time you receive this letter, my husband and I will have retired. We have enjoyed our 16 years with the food shelf but feel it's time to slow down and catch up on unfinished projects. Thank you again for your support. God bless you, ~Linda Zick, North St. Paul Area Food Shelf

Thanks to all of you who called, sent cards, visited, prepared meals and prayed for us during my period of surgery and recovery. Thank you to Pastor James for his listening ears and prayers for me. ~Ginny and Bob Pleban

<p>In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of July is Yuven Lukong, 608-429-4081.</p>



Sunday, July 1

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

Monday, July 2

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 3

9:00am Comforters

Wednesday, July 4~ Office Closed

7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, July 5

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Life Commission
7:00pm Stewardship Commission
7:15pm Nurture Commission

Friday, July 6

Saturday, July 7

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

Sunday, July 8 ~ Communion

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

Monday, July 9

8:00am ARM Breakfast
7:00pm Personnel Com.
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 10

9:00am Comforters

Wednesday, July 11

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

Thursday, July 12

6:00pm El Shadai
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Special Session Meeting

Friday, July 13

Saturday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 15 ~ Hands-On Mission

9:30am Worship in the Hall
1:30pm El Shadai
5:30pm VBS Dinner
6:00pm VBS

Monday, July 16

1:00pm Ruth Circle
3:00pm Guild Meeting
5:30pm VBS Dinner
6:00pm VBS
6:00pm Quilt Guild

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 17

9:00am Comforters
5:30pm VBS Dinner
6:00pm VBS

Wednesday, July 18

10:00am Choral Bells
11:30am El Shadai/Staff Meeting
5:30pm VBS Dinner
6:00pm VBS
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, July 19

5:30pm VBS Dinner
6:00pm VBS
6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, July 20

6:00pm Youth Lock-In

Saturday, July 21

» 9:00am Youth Lock-In
9:30am El Shadai
10:00am El Shadai Bible Study
2:00pm El Shadai Music Lessons
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, July 22 ~ VBS Sunday

9:30am Worship in the Hall
11:00am VBS Picnic
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, July 23

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 24

9:00am Comforters

Wednesday, July 25

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

Thursday, July 26

6:00pm El Shadai
6:30pm Faith Commission

Saturday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 29 ~ Communion

9:30am Worship in the Hall
3:00pm El Shadai

Monday, July 30

Innovator Articles Due
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 31

9:00am Comforters



JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES

Roderick Oji	July 2
Bill Paddock	July 3
Cassie Javner	July 3
Marlene Ramey	July 4
Sue Holweger	July 4
Jean Peters	July 5
Dick Ferrazzo	July 8
Beryle Zimanski	July 9
Nick Hicks	July 10
LuJean Swanlund	July 12
Garrett Colton	July 12
Derick Ngu	July 13
Mike Etter	July 14
Rachael Marah	July 15
Paul Hansen	July 17
Ivy Smith	July 17
Lavina Zimmerman	July 18
Mike Gerhardson	July 18
Jamison Stahnke	July 19
Abigail York	July 19
Juanita Zoya	July 20
Coleen Colton	July 21
Leah Holle	July 21
Karen Lewandowski	July 23
Stephanie Olson	July 23
Sophie Glaser	July 23
J.J. Roth	July 24
Evie Hill	July 24
Joan Ruppel	July 25
Brady Ross	July 25
Ivan Skoog	July 26
Loveline Ndelle	July 28
Paul Nelson	July 29
Christian Sellie	July 29
Mary Livingston	July 29
Oliver Smith	July 30
Zach Carlson	July 31



Lock-in

6:00 pm Friday, July 20 to 9:00 am Saturday, July 21

All youth grades 6 -12 and recent graduates are invited to attend this fun event. We will play games, worship and share God sightings. Sleep is optional. Each youth may invite a friend as long as they bring a signed parent permission form. Bring a snack to share, your favorite game and if you plan on sleeping, then sleeping gear. Please RSVP with Pastor James.