

November 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



Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on November 4TH

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION!

On Sunday, **November 11**, Life Commission will host a breakfast to honor our military veterans. This event is open to everyone. Our speaker will be Don Winger who is a Police Science Professor and former Maplewood Police Chief. Breakfast starts at 7:30am, and the cost is \$10 per person. Veterans, you are our honored guests – no charge for breakfast. Please come enjoy a wonderful breakfast, a great speaker, and help us honor those who have served in the military. You can sign up in the Narthex between worship services.



November 2nd ~ 6pm – 12am



A 6-hour Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. A light meal will be served. Please bring a snack. Call Nancy Gerhardson at 651-808-0306 or Juanita Zoya at 651-748-9784 to reserve your spot TODAY! The cost is \$20.00 by 10/31/18 or \$25 after that date.

Please stop by the Culver's in White Bear Lake (694 & White Bear Ave.) on **November 19th** between 5pm – 7pm for our workcamp fundraiser. The North Church youth will be working that evening and will earn 10% of all the sales during that time. We hope to see you there!



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on Wednesday, **November 28th**! Bring the whole family! We'll begin with a meal at 5:30pm followed by crafts for children and the Hanging of the Greens at 6:00pm.



December 2: First Sunday in Advent

9:15am – Traditional worship in the Sanctuary

10:10am – Refreshments and Fellowship

10:45am – Praise service in the Hall

Celebration of Holy Communion at both services

December 9: Second Sunday in Advent

9:15am – Traditional worship with special music from the Northern Bells

10:10am – Refreshments and Fellowship

10:45am – Advent Drama with youth and children

December 16: Third Sunday in Advent

9:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship

10:00am – Traditional worship with music from the Sanctuary Choir

10:00am – Children's Christmas Celebration

11:15am – Hands-On Mission

December 23: Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship

10:00am – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00pm – Celebration of the Christmas Story, Candlelight Worship, the Sacrament of Holy Communion and special music by the Sanctuary Choir.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION PROJECT



On **November 18th**, 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 until **November 18th** and can be placed in boxes located in the Gathering Space. Some gift ideas are listed below.

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, 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, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

*****They are not accepting candy or toothpaste this year*****

HANDS-ON MISSION

We have had some really wonderful opportunities for Hands-On Mission this year. We look forward to November and December which will both be onsite missions. In November, we will be putting together Operation Christmas Child Boxes, so we need your help getting supplies to fill these boxes. We will be putting together the boxes in between services on November 18. In December, we will be writing care cards to members and making candy treats for the children at North Metro Flex.

We hope you keep the third Sunday of the month open for Hands on Mission! As always, if you have ideas that you would like to share with our Mission's Coordinator, Lisa Diez, please contact her at diezlisagmail.com or by phone at 651-808-4226.





If you are a parent of a child under the age of 5, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on **November 7th**. You can feel comfortable knowing that your children are being watched by your church family as you enjoy an evening of adult time. Parents' Night Out will be held from 5:30pm – 7:00pm the first Wednesday of each month in Room 21.

HOUSES FOR HAITI: WHO WE ARE

Houses For Haiti was founded in 2008 by Diane Albright and her sister Linda Satriano. It is an All Volunteer organization with 98% of its donations going to projects. Houses For Haiti is dedicated to building houses for homeless families living on the streets of Cite Soleil, the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere. With no jobs, education, or public assistance, many families have no hope for ever living in a concrete dwelling. We believe that every person deserves to live in a safe environment, free from disease and filth that is ever-present on the streets of Haiti. To date, we have built 26 houses. Our goal is to build two houses each year with each house costing \$5,000. We also began sponsoring seven children's education in just the last year. There are various ways you can support us. Bring your used Ink Cartridges to the Church and put them in the basket in the Narthex; use Goodsearch.org when surfing the internet and put Houses For Haiti in as the cause you are supporting; pray for us; participate in our annual bowling fundraiser; or make a donation either online at Housesforhaiti.org or by mail. Beginning **November 4**, you can also bring in your spare change and put it in the containers on the tables during fellowship time. We are starting a new program where the 1st Sunday of every month you will have the opportunity to bring in your change, to Change Haiti.

Houses For Haiti is hosting its 11th Annual Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction/Raffle at Concord Lanes (*Formerly Mattie's Bowl*) on Sunday, **November 11th**. Registration is at 12:00pm, bowling starts at 12:30pm. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 18, which includes 3 games of bowling, shoes, and a chance to win fabulous prizes. We are raising money to build houses for homeless people in Cite Soleil, Haiti, the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere. Registration forms can be found in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, you may contact Diane Albright at (651) 983-7501 or at Dalbright@housesforhaiti.org.





Christmas is less than two months away. For choirs and other musicians, it means preparations have already begun! Music makes Christmas even more special for performers and listeners. This is your invitation to join the Sanctuary Choir as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. There is no obligation to continue into the new year. Join us at rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. with an extra rehearsal on Saturday morning, December 15. The enhanced choir will sing for Advent on December 2, December 16 (choral service), and December 23, plus Christmas Eve. Contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 or mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com so we can have music ready for you.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND PLANT PROGRAM

All are invited to participate in the upcoming Christmas flower & plant program. The flowers and plants may be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones, and will be used to decorate the sanctuary and Narthex on December 16, 23, and 24. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the December 16th bulletin. The offerings include 8" poinsettias (red, white, or pink) for \$16 each, 6" cyclamen (red or white) for \$10 each, and Norfolk pine for \$16 each. The Faith Commission will take orders between services on November 4, 11, and 18 in the narthex. Final orders are due November 19.

You are welcome to take your plant(s) home with you after the Christmas Eve service. Any plants left at church may be given to our homebound members by the deacons.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours
(Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm)
north@northchurch-mn.org
651-777-4044
(Voicemail is not checked Friday or Saturday)

The fastest way to reach Pastor James after hours is to send an email to 4theyorks@gmail.com with a call back number.

Please respect Renee's family time by not calling her cell phone. For an emergency, please send an email to rlkristensen@gmail.com.

Emergency Pastoral Care

In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, the elder on call for the month of November is Coleen Colton, 651-497-7514.

Custodian

Nelson Portillo

Nelson has limited English, therefore we contact him through his son at 651-278-1831 or Pastor Arcenio's son, Christian, at 651-428-8107 from 3pm-9pm Monday-Friday.

Emergency Building Contacts

Thor Sellie (Home: 651-770-5943 or Cell: 612-840-0144)
Mike Gerhardson (Cell: 651-808-0307)



Glenn Fager	November 2	Shirley Lambert	November 17
Carole Javner	November 2	Sydney Tiffany	November 18
Kevin Schneider	November 4	Kathy Richardson	November 18
Heather DeVaughn	November 4	LaVonne Holle	November 21
Dick Zoya	November 6	Terrie Arfi	November 22
Bob Pleban	November 9	Julie Wettie	November 22
Mary Leisman	November 11	Elaine Collins	November 24
Inez Kalle	November 13	Bobbie Wetz	November 24
Verna Rowe	November 15	Joni Purrington	November 25
Mary Morrisette	November 15	Ryan Purrington	November 26
Don Schroeder	November 15	Ryan Bearth	November 27
Jackson Miller	November 15	Lynnette Johnson	November 29
Milan Chi	November 17		



Thursday, November 1

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

Friday, November 2

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop
7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 3

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 4

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

Monday, November 5

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 6

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

Wednesday, November 7

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

Thursday, November 8

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

Friday, November 9

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 10

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 11

7:30am Veterans Day Breakfast
9:15am Sunday School
9:15am Traditional Worship
10:10am Refreshments
10:30am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

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

Wednesday, November 14

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
6:00pm Wednesday Women
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 15

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

Friday, November 16

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 17

9:00am NMG
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 18 ~ Hands-On Mission

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

Monday, November 19

1:00pm Ruth Circle
3:00pm Guild Meeting
5:00pm Culver's Workcamp Fundraiser
6:00pm Quilt Guild
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

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

Thursday, November 22

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 23

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 24

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 25

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

Monday, November 26**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 27

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

Wednesday, November 28

10:30am Choral Bells Christmas Luncheon
5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship
6:00pm Hanging of the Greens
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Youth Band
7:30pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 29

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

Friday, November 30

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study