

# February 2019 Innovator

## News

9:15 Traditional Worship

9:15 Sunday School

10:10 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

10:45 Christ Connection Praise Worship



### HANDS-ON MISSION

Thanks to all who helped out for Hands-On Mission in January! We packed 80 food bags and 100 supply bags with hygiene items and warm weather gear for the organization *Just Outta Love*. They bring the bags to individuals who are living on the street mainly around the Dorothy Day Center.

Next month, watch for a Hands-On Mission suggestion box. We are asking you to put your ideas in the box, and then we will pick from box for future Hands-On Mission Sundays! Watch for it in the entryway during the month of February. Also, for 6 weeks we are sending you the link to the interviews of people who did their own "Mission Possible" project to remind you of ways you can do great things when you put your mind to it. We are thankful for those last year who participated and want to give you an opportunity to more closely learn from their experiences.

We've heard from a lot of you that you enjoy doing the Hands-On Mission Sundays more as an onsite option so that you can all work together as one congregation. This will be a great thing once we begin our new services in May, and we will be able to do our projects all as one after the service. We will work to continue to have onsite options and then will plan a couple of offsite options per year.

In February, our Hands-On Mission will be on February 17 between services. We are planning on sending appreciation notes to all kinds of personnel throughout North St. Paul. We will look to have cards going to the city workers, NSP High School staff, and much more. Please mark your calendars to be a part of this process! We need you to make an impact on our city!

*Finally, don't forget to check out the pictures on the TV outside the Fellowship Hall!*



If you are a parent of a child under the age of 6, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on February 13th. 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.

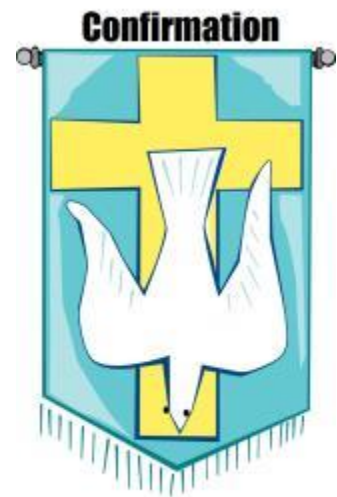
## FAITH BANNERS

Every confirmand made a faith banner which is displayed by Meisenheimer Hall. The banners express their faith and the unique gifts and interests God has given them. Currently the confirmands are writing their statements of faith which will be completed at a retreat lead by Pastor James at Camp Clearwater Forest. Confirmation Sunday is April 7. Please keep the confirmands in your prayers as they discern what it means to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior and how to live as a faithful disciple.

### Confirmands

Bella Glaser  
Gaberik Holm  
Jasmine Kalle  
Matthew Marah  
Erin Sellie  
Lucita Zoya

Evangelyn Hill  
Lisa Kalle  
Damien Langer  
Parris Ngu  
Sydney Tiffany



**Banners**



Do your New Year's Resolutions include any of these: doing something healthy, giving back to the community, learning new things or deepening your relationship with Jesus? You can accomplish all of these by joining the Sanctuary Choir. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. If you have questions, or to RSVP so music will be ready for you, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 or [mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com).

## PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

“Per capita” is Latin meaning each person. It is the responsible way of sharing the costs belonging to the whole Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and expresses our unity. Some of the Per Capita goes to General Assembly (our national ecclesiastical government) and covers the cost of GA meetings, programs, ecumenical relations, new church development, administrative functions, and missions here and around the world. A portion goes to our Synod (our regional ecclesiastical government) and covers programs and ministries at a regional level, such as Clearwater Forest camp. Most of the per capita stays right here in the Twin Cities Presbytery, which provides an array of support, guidance, and programs for churches and local missions. Our presbytery helps us do things orderly and in accordance with our constitution and also funds, equips, and empowers an array of ministries in the Twin Cities Area. We would greatly appreciate if you would make your Per Capita payment of **\$35.70** per person. Whether you pay it or not your church will make the payment for you.

## NEW KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM

Our new keyless entry system has been installed, and we are now setting up those that would like to have access. There are three options for access into the building:

**Option 1:** Continue to use a standard key to unlock the Day Care entrance only.

**Option 2:** Use a key fob that you will flash in front of the card reader at either entrance.

**Option 3:** Use your cellphone using an downloaded app and flash your phone in front of the card reader at either entrance.

There is a cost of \$5 to use the fob or the app on your phone.

Please reach out to Lonnie Rangel at (651) 247-5038 or by email at [lonnie@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:lonnie@northchurch-mn.org).



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is February 3rd, so please save your change to bring it that Sunday to put in the jars.

### REIMAGINE SUNDAY LISTENING

On Sunday, January 13, at the Congregational meeting, a group of Session members and Pastor James shared the results of the Reimagine Sunday discussions that were held in November and December. The feedback and notes provided through those discussions helped the Session begin to design a pilot plan for Sunday mornings starting April 28<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday after Easter.

One of the ways Session would like to keep the congregation informed and answer questions about upcoming changes is to have regularly scheduled listening sessions on the first Sunday of the month in the Fireside Room from 10:20 to 10:40. The February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be a longer session led by Ann Bearth for those interested in the details in the data that were gathered.

- February 3 – Deeper review of the gathered congregational data and taking questions
- March 3 – Updates for Reimagine Sunday's and taking questions
- April 7 – Updates for Reimagine Sunday's and taking questions

### INVITATION TO JOIN COMMISSION MEETINGS

If you have an interest in an aspect of Reimagine Sunday's, we encourage you to attend a Commission Meeting. The Commissions include **Faith** (Worship/Mission), **Nurture** (Education), **Stewardship** (Bldg./Grounds & Finances) and **Life** (Fellowship/Member Care & Evangelism). They meet on the **first Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM**. The next Commission night is February 7<sup>th</sup>. Please come with your enthusiasm, creativity and ideas!

### PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS NEEDED FOR 2019

We are looking for one or two commissioners to represent North Church at meetings of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area. If you are an ordained elder, who is or has served on the session, you are eligible to be a commissioner. You will help oversee the mission and governance of the Presbytery at up to five meetings a year on Saturday morning or Tuesday evening in January, March, May, September and November. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Lynne Beck at 612-414-0964.



**March 1st ~ 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 2/27/18 or \$25 after that date.



Thank you very much for your generous donations of soup and money to our 2019 Workcamp Soup Lunch fundraiser. We made \$444.00. Thank you also for supporting our Culver's Fundraiser and Craft-Til-U-Drop. We are blessed to have a loving and generous congregation! ~ North Church Youth



Bella Glaser  
David Nelson  
DD Dumenya  
Margaret Verlautz  
Mikey Gerhardson  
Julie Bergmann-Barnett  
Bill Morrisette  
Zachari Wetz  
Eli Rangel

February 1  
February 7  
February 8  
February 10  
February 15  
February 17  
February 21  
February 26  
February 28

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## calendar

### Friday, February 1

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

### Saturday, February 2

3:00pm El Shadai

### Sunday, February 3

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:20am Reimagined Sundays

10:30am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

### Monday, February 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 5

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

### Wednesday, February 6

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 7

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Faith Commission

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Deacons

7:00pm Life & Stewardship

Commissions

7:15pm Nurture Commission

### Friday, February 8

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

### Saturday, February 9

3:00pm El Shadai

### Sunday, February 10

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:30am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

### Monday, February 11

8:00am ARM Breakfast

7:00pm Personnel

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 12

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

### Wednesday, February 13

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

5:30pm Parents' Night Out

5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship

6:00pm Wednesday Women

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 14

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Music Sense Band

### Friday, February 15

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

### Saturday, February 16

9:00am NMG

3:00pm El Shadai

### Sunday, February 17

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:15am Hands-On Mission

10:30am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

5:30pm Confirmation

### Monday, February 18

7:00am Carol Mathey's Training

1:00pm Ruth Circle

3:00pm Guild Meeting

6:00pm Quilt Guild

7:00pm Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 19

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

### Wednesday, February 20

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 21

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Session

### Friday, February 22

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

### Saturday, February 23

9:00am Boy Scouts Banquet

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, February 24**

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

**Monday, February 25****Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, February 26**

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

**Wednesday, February 27**

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

**Thursday, February 28**

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

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Church Office Hours

(Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm)

[north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 February is Bill Morrisette, 651-777-3470.

**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)