

# March 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



### March 6th

*6:00pm Supper & 6:45pm Worship*



Please join us for a light supper and reflective evening service which invites us to examine our lives and prepare for Easter.

### March 27<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.

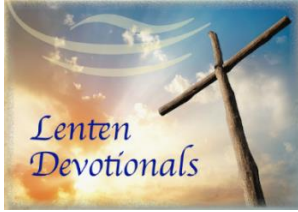


### EASTER FLOWER PROGRAM

Easter flowers can be ordered in the Gathering Space on March 10, 17, and 24. You can pick-up your flowers after the Easter service on Sunday, April 21. Help grace our church during this holy season with the glory of God through these wonderful creations.



## HOPE-FULL LIVING: THE SEASON OF LENT



Our lives should be full of hope, even in our later years. The daily devotions highlight the message and themes of older adult Christians living life to the fullest. The reflections help seniors ponder Christ's journey to the cross and empty tomb for their salvation and encourage them to faithfully share with younger generations the reason for the hope they have in the crucified and risen Savior.

*These devotionals can be picked-up in the Gathering Space.*

Are you looking for a way to make Lent and Easter more meaningful? Music enhances worship for performers and listeners. Singers high school age and older, regardless of choral experience, are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir for the Lenten/Easter season. There is no obligation to continue beyond Easter, although you would certainly be welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 p.m. The choir will sing for Ash Wednesday, all Sundays in Lent (except April 14), Maundy Thursday and of course, Easter Sunday. Contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 or [mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com) so we can have music ready for you.



### DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR NAMETAG IS??

Most of us have gotten out of the habit of wearing our name tags when we get to church on Sunday morning. We either forget to grab it off the nametag board when we arrive at church or we have left it at home. Life Commission is requesting that you please wear your nametag on Sunday mornings. It is very helpful for visitors to be able to identify a person and their name. It makes us a more welcoming congregation. It also helps all of us to get to know new members or people that we don't know as well. Over the years, we have received positive comments from visitors and out of town friends that have come to North Church and have seen members wearing their name tag. It makes us more approachable. Good news! The nametag board has been cleaned up and organized. Your nametag is alphabetized by last name and easy to find. We have also ordered lanyards to make it easier to wear your nametag if you don't have a convenient place to clip it on. If you need a new nametag, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located on the nametag board. Thanks for helping us be a more welcoming church!

## HANDS-ON MISSION

Thank you to all who helped write cards of appreciation and thanks to our community of North St. Paul. We sent cards to the schools of Richardson, Cowern, Webster, and North Metro Flex. This included all staff working there. We also sent cards to all NSP city workers including police and fire. We included many others such as NSP food shelf, library, museum, toy ministry, and more. It is a blessing to continue to lift-up our community and let them know that we care for them!



On March 17, our Hands-On Mission will be with Arrive Ministries. Arrive settles refugees in the area and helps them with their basic needs. Prior to March 17, we will be collecting cleaning supplies that will be sorted for distribution on Hands-On Mission Sunday. Check the Narthex area in the coming weeks for a list of donations that are needed. Thank you for your continued support of Hands-On Mission!

### WEDNESDAY WOMEN NEW MISSION FOCUS STARTS IN MARCH

In discussion with Lisa Diez, we have learned that a new food shelf is opening at Weaver Elementary school in March. In November, North Metro Flex opened their food shelf. The goal is to have small food shelves in each elementary school in the district. For this to happen, we need donations to keep the food shelves stocked and support our community schools.

Starting in March Wednesday Women will provide a bin in the narthex for any donations. These donations will be collected and used to support both North Metro Flex and Weaver Elementary students. As you shop, please consider the following for donations to this new mission. (A full list of items is also posted on the small bulletin board in the narthex.)

**CANNED GOODS:** Tuna, Soups, Stews or Chili, Beans - all kinds, Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned fruits, Tomato sauce, Paste Chunks

**GRAINS:** Rice, Boxed crackers-all kinds, Oatmeal, Popcorn, Noodles-all kinds, Tortillas, Cereal

**BOXED MEALS:** Macaroni & Cheese, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Instant Potatoes, Rice-a-Roni, Ramen Noodles

**SNACKS:** Prepackaged Fruits/Applesauce, Granola/Cereal Bars, Dried Fruit/Trail Mix, Nuts

**MISC ITEMS:** Peanut Butter, Nutella, Oils (veg, olive, canola), Spices, Powdered/Canned Milk, Bottles of Juice

**TOILETRIES:** Body Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste, Individually-packaged Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Toilet Paper

### THERE IS A SPECIAL NEED FOR TOILETRY ITEMS

*This will be an ongoing mission opportunity, so a bin will always be there for your donations.*

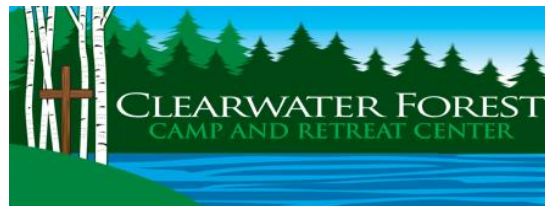


### **March 1st ~ 6pm – 12am**

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 2/27/19 or \$25 after that date.

### **TECH BOOTH HELP NEEDED!**

With the new live streaming of our services as well as our upcoming Reimagine Sundays, we are looking for volunteers to work the video cameras, sound equipment, and video equipment. No experience necessary, we will train you. Please contact Lonnie if you are interested.



Registration for Clearwater Forest summer programs 2019 is going strong! Go to [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) today to check out the 2019 lineup and register online! The theme this summer is “Peace Works,” where campers will learn to become peacemakers in their churches, communities and world. 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.



Thank you for the following support to Special Offerings: \$2,563 for One Great Hour of Sharing, \$255 for the Pentecost Offering, \$256 for the Peace & Global Witness Offering, and \$658 for the Christmas Joy Offering. Your congregation's gift, when combine with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need. ~ Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings, Presbyterian Mission

### **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](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 March is Ann Bearth, 651-402-5315.

### **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)



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



**Friday, March 1**

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop

**Saturday, March 2**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, March 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

5:30pm Confirmation

**Monday, March 4**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, March 5**

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, March 6**

10:00am Choral Bells

6:00pm Ash Wednesday Meal

6:45pm Ash Wednesday Service

7:45pm Praise Band Rehearsal

8:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 7**

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Faith Commission

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Life & Stewardship

7:15pm Nurture Commission

**Friday, March 8**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, March 9**

9:30am El Shadai Fasting

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, March 10**

9:15am Sunday School

9:15am Traditional Worship

10:10am Refreshments

10:30am Kerygma

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, March 11**

8:00am ARM Breakfast

**Tuesday, March 12**

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, March 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, March 14**

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Music Sense Band

**Friday, March 15**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, March 16**

9:00am NMG

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, March 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, March 18**

1:00pm Ruth Circle

3:00pm Guild Meeting

6:00pm Quilt Guild

**Tuesday, March 19**

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, March 20**

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Group Fellowship

6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 21**

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Session

7:30pm Confirmands Examination

**Friday, March 22**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, March 23**

3:00pm El Shadai



**Sunday, March 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, March 25****Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, March 26**

9:00am Comforters  
 7:00pm Northern Bells

**Wednesday, March 27**

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

**Thursday, March 28**

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

**Friday, March 29**

5:45pm Confirmation Retreat Departure  
 7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Sunday, March 31**

9:15am Sunday School  
 9:15am Traditional Worship  
 10:10am Refreshments  
 10:30am Kerygma  
 10:45am Praise Worship  
 1:00pm Confirmation Retreat Return  
 1:30pm El Shadai



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

**SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2019**  
**Year-to-Date Activity Compared to Budget**  
**(Detailed report available in the church office)**

	<u>January 1-31, 2019</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$28,786	\$25,459
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$32,486</u>	<u>\$26,571</u>
 Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)	 <u><b>(\$3,700)</b></u>	 <u><b>(\$1,112)</b></u>

**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.