

May 2019 Innovator

News



9:15am ~ Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

9:30am ~ Traditional Worship & Christ Connection Praise Worship

REIMAGINE SUNDAY WORSHIP & EVENTS

We have begun the pilot kick-off of our Reimagine Sundays. The Christ Connection Café will be open from 9:15am-10:45am for coffee and donuts. Traditional and Praise Worship Services will be occurring simultaneously starting at 9:30am. Childcare is available for children who are under the age of 5 during worship and post-worship activities.

SUNDAY, MAY 5 COME JOIN US FOR FUN AND GAMES!

After worship on May 5, there is an opportunity to partake in a variety of games both indoors and outdoors for all ages. If there is a favorite game you enjoy, please bring it to this event to share. This is an opportunity for extended fellowship and fun after morning worship. Of course, there will be games and activities for the kids too!



Please mark your calendars to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on **May 19th**. After our 9:30am worship, we will be meeting to elect new members to our session, deacons, audit, personnel, and nominating committees. Following the meeting, we will do a Hands-On Mission project. We hope you can attend!

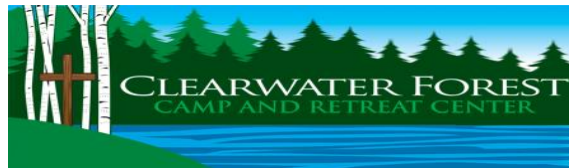
GERTEN'S PLANTS & FLOWERS WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

If you ordered plants, you can pick them up on May 19th between 10:30am—12:15pm and May 20th between 5:30-6:30pm.



PLEASE SUPPORT WORKCAMP 2019

Nine workcampers will travel to Garnett, Kansas to repair homes and share the joyful, love of God. Every donation big and small helps us make this mission trip possible. There will not be a “Wall of Money Fundraiser” this year. Donations are needed and appreciated and can be placed in the offering or dropped off in the Church Office. Please write “Workcamp” on the check or envelope. Please pray for and encourage our workcampers: Lisa Kalle, Jasmine Kalle, Lucita Zoya, Erin Sellie, Gaberik Holm, Matthew Marah, Cassidy Rangel, Jenny Rangel, and Pastor James.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CLEARWATER

The Endowment Committee and 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.



May 3rd ~ 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 5/1/19 or \$25 after that date.



Y'ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR INTERGENERATIONAL VBS

August 4, 2019

9:30am-12pm

Saddle up for a trailblazing Sunday of fun! Y'all will kick up your heels at Yee-Haw VBS as you stampede through the wild frontier and celebrate God's greatest gift of all—Jesus! It's not just for kids this year! Worship will begin in the Moo-sic and More Station to sing our opening songs, then we'll divide into smaller groups and rotate through Bible Adventures, Projects-With-a -Purpose, Saddle-Up Sports, and finish up in the Closing Corral. We'll celebrate our VBS Sunday with a picnic following the morning activities. We are excited to offer this VBS to our entire church family, so round up your children, grandchildren, and friends and join us!

Seniors you are invited to bring your lunch and fellowship with Pastor James on Tuesday, May 7th, from 12pm —1:30pm in the Fireside Room. You bring the topic. It could be discussing a recent sermon, scripture selection, hopes for the church, current events, God's activity in our life or something else. Pastor James is eager to enjoy fellowship with you.



HANDS-ON MISSION SUNDAY



On May 19, we will be able to participate in Hands-On Mission all together as one congregation. We will be gathering together after the Annual Meeting to make sandwiches for "The Sandwich Project."

The Sandwich Project was established with a goal to help feed 150 homeless people in Minneapolis as many times a year as possible, with the ultimate goal of doing it everyday of the year. Today, they are helping to feed about 4,500 people per week through various shelters and food shelves! The Sandwich Project is a grass roots organization built on anonymous donations of time, talent, and treasures. All donations are given and used with the purpose of feeding those less fortunate. Please join with us and let's make a difference in feeding others!



Each month we will be featuring the Statement of Faith from one of our confirmands.

By Evangelyn Hill

I believe that God created the world, and people, for a purpose - to love each other and to praise him. God formed the world from nothing, created night and day, and each and every one of us. I am created in the image of God; therefore, I can love, repeating God's love for me. God created unique gifts in each of us, and unique things that we each enjoy, through his enormous love for us.

I believe that Jesus died for me and suffered greatly. He sacrificed himself, all that I might have freedom. Jesus loves all the world, including those whom we don't think deserves it. Truthfully, none of us deserve it. Yet Jesus is merciful to us, reigning from heaven with God.

I believe that we are never separated from God, but that sin makes it difficult for us to see his love. Sin is anything that hurts God's people, which will in turn hurt God. Sin is also anytime that we fail to do God's will. God does not ignore our evildoing but forgives it with his infinite grace and love.

I believe that, by the pure grace of God, Jesus came to save the world, including me! He loves everyone, and I believe that he will not turn away anyone from grace who could love our Creator. No one will be lost who can be saved. Grace is a free gift, one that no one deserves. Yet it is available to everyone.

I believe that the church is all those who love God, and Christ as savior, despite the fact that they may believe many diverse things. Regardless of our differences, we are all united in Christ, through Christ. I believe that the church's mission is to bring God's love to even the deepest corners of the world. We can do this in a multitude of different ways, including bringing food and shelter to those who need it, encouraging people, and bringing people to Christ. Yet at the center of all the different aspects of the church's mission is the love of Jesus.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is both part of God and inside us. He intercedes for us when we don't know how or what to pray. The Holy Spirit also helps us in our weakness and is the part of God that dwells within us. I believe that the Word of God is both the Bible, and Jesus, God's son.

I believe that the sacraments are visible symbols of God's love for us, and the promise of the gospel. More specifically, the act of baptism signifies that we are joined to Christ forever and that our sins are washed away. Communion, on the other hand, shows that Christ died for us, and renews our connection to him.



SUMMER REFRESHMENTS

We will not be providing coffee and donuts beginning May 26th through Labor Day. We will resume providing regular coffee/donuts starting again in the fall.

SOUNDBOARD & TECH BOOTH HELP NEEDED!

With the new format of our Sunday services, we are looking for volunteers to work the soundboard during the Traditional Service and work video cameras, sound equipment, and video equipment during the Christ Connection Service. No experience necessary, we will train you. Please contact Bill Morrisette if you are interested in volunteering during the Traditional service or Lonnie Rangel if you are interested helping out during the Christ Connection Service.



Thank you North for your continued contributions to the elementary school food shelf collection. We are now taking all items in the Food Shelf Cart to North Metro Flex Academy. They are very excited and appreciative of everything that we bring. Thank you again for your support. ~ Mary Morrisette

Thank you to my North Church family so much for sending multiple cards and gifts throughout my first year of college. I have loved getting letters and cards and especially the knitted scarf that I just received about a week ago!!! It has brought me such great joy and knowing that I have my church family, and you guys are supporting me, means the world. So much thanks and prayers to all. ~ Sophie Glaser

Thank you for praying for me during my surgery, and for all the cards wishing me well while I recover. You made me feel happy and loved. The surgery fixed my heart. I am feeling good and am excited to go back to school. ~ Christian Sellie

Thank you for being with me on my confirmation journey and for helping me explore my faith. I would like to thank North Church for the beautiful cross given to the confirmands; it is very meaningful to me and will help me to remember Confirmation Sunday. In particular, thank you to everyone who contributed plank. I really enjoyed everyone's letters and gifts as I treasure them very much. Special thanks to Pastor James, for being an amazing, inspirational, knowledgeable, and fun confirmation leader. I really learned a lot from him, grew in my faith, and had a lot of fun in the class. Also, thank you to my wonderful mentor, Nancy Glasnapp who helped guide me on my faith journey and who I continue to look forward to talking to! I am very excited to be a member of North Church! ~ Erin Sellie



Wednesday, May 1

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Treasured Tykes
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop

Saturday, May 4

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 5

9:15am Refreshments
9:30am Praise Worship
9:30am Traditional Worship with Communion
10:45am Fellowship and Games
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, May 6

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

9:00am Comforters
12:00pm Seniors Lunch
7:00pm 12-Step Program
7:00pm Northern Bells
7:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 8

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting
6:00pm Wednesday Women
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 9

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

Friday, May 10

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, May 11

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 12

9:15am Refreshments
9:30am Praise Worship with Communion
9:30am Traditional Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, May 13

8:00am ARM Breakfast
6:00pm NPC Capital Campaign
7:00pm Personnel
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 14

9:00am Comforters
7:00pm 12-Step Program
7:00pm Northern Bells
7:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 15

10:00am Choral Bells
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 16

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, May 17

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, May 18

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 19

9:15am Refreshments
9:30am Praise Worship
9:30am Traditional Worship
10:30am Gerten's Flower Pick-Up
10:45am Annual Congregational Meeting
11:30am Hands-On Mission Project
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, May 20

1:00pm Ruth Circle
3:00pm Guild Meeting
5:00pm Gerten's Flower Pick-Up
6:00pm Quilt Guild
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 21

9:00am Comforters
3:00pm El Shadai/Staff Meeting
7:00pm 12-Step Program
7:00pm Northern Bells
7:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 22

10:00am Choral Bells
6:30pm New Officer Orientation
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, May 25

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 26

9:30am Praise Worship

9:30am Traditional Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, May 27**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 28

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

7:15pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 29

10:00am Choral Bells

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 30

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

Friday, May 31

7:30am El Shadai Set-Up



Kyron Kruch	May 1	Bryan Ross	May 13
Cathy Hickman	May 3	Solii Yuven	May 13
Harold Yates	May 4	Jan Nelson	May 16
Craig Seyforth	May 4	Kevin Carlson	May 17
Gary Lambert	May 5	Robyn Marah	May 17
Karen Pepin	May 6	John Ruppel	May 19
Lynne Beck	May 7	Janet Schroeder	May 20
Betsy Hoffman	May 8	Sean Bearth	May 25
Erik Pepin	May 9	Sarah Bearth	May 25
John Snell	May 10	Virginia Gleason	May 26
Linda Hagen	May 10	Annaliese Miller	May 27
Henry Rausch	May 11	Jane Wolfram	May 29
Allen Hicks	May 11	Ruth Bullis	May 30
Joshua Oji	May 11	Julliet Tah	May 31
Doug Pepin	May 13		



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is May 5th, so please save your change to bring it that Sunday to put in the jars.

STATEMENT 2019
Year-to-Date Activity
(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$100,218
Total Expenses	<u>\$94,181</u>
Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$6,037</u>

**We need a surplus going into summer when our giving subsides.*

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 May is Stephanie Olson, 651-226-7374.

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)