

June 2019 Innovator

News



The session has heard your desire for more summer worship options. This summer we will glorify God and deepen our love through four styles of worship:

Traditional: 3 hymns and an anthem

Praise: 5 praise songs

Blended: 2 hymns and 2 praise songs

Staggered: Begins in the sanctuary with 2 hymns, an anthem, and a closing hymn. At the conclusion, worshippers can then move to Meisenheimer Hall to sing 3 praise songs.

All worship styles will begin at 9:30am.

You have four choices for the staggered worship service:

1. Enjoy traditional hymns and praise songs.
2. Enjoy traditional hymns and skip the praise songs.
3. Come at 9:40 skipping the traditional hymns and enjoying the praise songs.
4. Come at 9:40 skipping the traditional hymns and skip the praise songs.

Date	Location	Style	Preacher
June 2	Sanctuary & Hall	Staggered	Pastor James
June 9	Sanctuary & Hall	Staggered	Pastor James
June 16	Sanctuary & Hall	Staggered	Pastor James
June 23	Sanctuary	Traditional	Roderick Oji
June 30	Sanctuary	Traditional	Pastor Kielsmeier
July 7	Sanctuary	Traditional	Pastor James
July 14	Hall	Praise	Workcampers
July 21	Hall	Praise	Pastor James
July 28	Hall	Blended	Pastor James
August 4	Sanctuary & Hall	VBS for All	VBS
August 11	Hall	Praise	Roderick Oji or Pulpit Supply
August 18	Hall	Blended	Roderick Oji or Pulpit Supply
August 25	Sanctuary & Simulcast Hall		Pastor James, Roderick Oji & Arsenio Arias
Sept. 1	Hall	Praise	Pastor James



Abbey Tiffany is graduating from Tartan High School and plans on studying law enforcement at Century College. While at Tartan, Abbey was the Law Enforcement/ Criminal Justice 916 Program Student Ambassador and participated in band, jazz band, and drumline. Her most memorable experience at North Church was working with Chase Burkhart who taught her a lot about music and helped her gain confidence in leading the praise band. Without his guidance, she would have never led the praise band.



ABBEY TIFFANY'S GRADUATION PARTY

Saturday, June 8

11:00am to 3:00pm

North Church ~ Meisenheimer Hall

The Tiffany family invites you to Abbey's high school graduation party. We hope you can join us!



Dillon Bergmann is graduating from Stillwater Area High School and plans on studying mechanical engineering at Minnesota State University, Mankato. While at Stillwater, Dillon was a member of the National Honor Society and volunteered at school blood drives and with the Down Syndrome Society. His most memorable experience at North was his first workcamp. He was amazed at how helpful and friendly everyone was when they were unloading their bags. It even made unpacking fun!

CELEBRATE WITH OUR GRADUATES

JUNE 2

Everyone is invited to celebrate with our High School graduates after worship on June 2 with cake and coffee. Stop by to congratulate Dillon and Abbey on this wonderful milestone.



HANDS-ON MISSION

Thank you to all the people who helped with our Hands-On Mission making sandwiches for The Sandwich Project. We made 300 sandwiches! On June 16, we will be supporting The Father's Project. Look for more information in the coming weeks! Any questions contact Lisa at 651-808-4226.

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.



Prayer Labyrinth



June 21 ~ 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 6/19/19 or \$25 after that date.

WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who attended our Culver's Night and/or purchased plants during our Gerten's Plant Fundraiser. The youth sincerely thank you for helping make our 2019 Workcamp possible!



NEW BIRTHDAY TRADITION AT NORTH!

On the first Sunday of each month, North Church will recognize all those who have a birthday that month with cake and a blessing during fellowship time. We will begin our Birthday Sundays on Sunday, July 7.



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.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please read the following job descriptions and prayerfully consider whether you can volunteer on August 4 from 9:30am-12:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Kristensen at 651-777-4044 or north@northchurch-mn.org.

Moo-sic & More Leader: Co-lead the opening and finale using video clips and skits provided in the curriculum.

Saddle-Up Sports Leader: Lead games and activities that relate to the Bible point.

Projects-With-A-Purpose Leader: Lead a mission project that directly impacts our local community.

Spotlight VBS Leader: Take pictures of participants and copy them into a special slide show to use during the *Closing Corral*.

Bible Adventures Leader: Lead the Bible lesson with volunteer Bible characters.

Crew Leaders: Participate in fun activities while shepherding small groups.



Three members of North Church Comforters Group, Pat Sim, Mary Seyforth, and Mary Ellen Meisenheimer, have been busy knitting and crocheting scarves for the 17 college students in our congregation. Sue Ovaldson is making new activity bags for young children to use during our worship services. We meet Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the church craft room. New members are always welcome!



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

By Lucita Zoya

I believe that God did not need to make the world, because there will still be a God. I believe that God created the world with grace. I believe God wants to share love and freedom. I believe God wants me to live by grace and for love.

I believe that Jesus Christ is a human. I believe Jesus is a human, because Jesus entered fully into our fallen situation and overcame it. I believe Jesus Christ has done so much for us and has done many things already for me and everyone. I believe that when Jesus rose from the dead, it shows his love and compassion and justice over everyone.

I believe when you have forgiven someone who has harmed you, you may not forget what they did. I believe that when you are forgiven, it is in the sight of a privilege; we get the sense of that not everyone will forgive us, but God always will. When someone forgives you, I want to be sure I try to build up my trust. I believe when I sin, God will always forgive me. This will help me remember that I will always have someone by my side. I believe that when I sin, God forgives me. I know not everyone will forgive all my sins, and even though I will be forgiven doesn't mean it is the right thing to do.

I believe when you meet someone with a different religion, you should treat them as what you would want to be treated. Everyone should be treated kindly even if you don't believe in the same thing. I believe that all humans can be saved, because God will always treat us with respect and love. I believe God guides me to a path to where I can tell where I have done wrong, and I know God will help me choose better path for the future. Grace is a free gift of forgiveness and love that always gives me another chance to journey to a better path.

I believe that the holy spirit is within everyone. I believe that the church is holy, because he is holy. Even with all the imperfections, the church is still called to become even more holy.

I believe the mission of the church is to bear witness into God's love for the world on Jesus Christ. I believe when I am baptized, I am being joined to Jesus Christ forever. When I get baptized with water, I believe it is washing away all my sins I have done. When being baptized, I believe that I am being reborn, and my mind becomes clear.

I believe that Christ lives, that we will also live. Death is not the end for human life. I believe that our whole body and soul will rise from death and live eternally with God. I believe that prayer is a calling upon God's whose spirit is always with us. Prayer brings into communion with God.

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 for your generous contribution to the fund that, all total, will send nearly 30 young people from our new Ethiopian worshipping community either to Triennium or to Clearwater Forest Camp this summer. What an incredible boost you've given to this community, not simply with dollars given, but also with the clear statement that the churches and people of this Presbytery stand with them. Thank you again!
~ Jeff Japinga, Executive Presbyter

Thank you for your donation of \$152 to GlobalGiving. Your gift will help send 40 girls in Niger to Secondary School. With gratitude ~ Alix Guerrier, CEO

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

Total Income	\$128,790
Total Expenses	\$118,559
Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$10,231</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 June is Ed Jones, 651-275-3700.

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)



Gail Zoya	June 2	Gary Havran	June 18
Nate Holle	June 3	Pat Sim	June 18
Emily Marah	June 3	Stan Meyer	June 20
Jan Warner	June 5	Morgan Langer	June 21
Dave Seely	June 7	Cindy Carlson	June 22
Kate Roth	June 8	Mary Ellen Meisenheimer	June 23
Ken Pugh	June 10	Elsie Gunther	June 23
Karissa Pepin	June 11	Lucita Zoya	June 24
Barb Williams	June 12	John McGehee	June 24
Calvin Atud Ndi	June 13	Barb Walker	June 25
Ron Javner	June 13	Dafney Sagnweu	June 26
Ann Purrington	June 13	Ed Jones	June 27
Phyllis Volkman	June 17	Dillon Bergmann	June 28



Saturday, June 1

3:00pm

Sunday, June 2

9:30am

1:30pm

Monday, June 3

6:00pm

Tuesday, June 4

9:00am

7:00pm

7:15pm

Wednesday, June 5

10:00am

Thursday, June 6

6:00pm

6:30pm

6:30pm

7:00pm

7:00pm

7:15pm

Friday, June 7

7:00pm

Saturday, June 8

11am-3pm

3:00pm

Sunday, June 9

9:30am

1:30pm

Monday, June 10

8:00am

7:00pm

7:00pm

Tuesday, June 11

9:00am

7:00pm

7:15pm

Wednesday, June 12

10:00am

5:30pm

Thursday, June 13

6:00pm

6:30pm

6:30pm

Friday, June 14

7:00pm

El Shadai Celebration

Staggered Worship

El Shadai

Boy Scouts Court of Honor

Comforters

12-Step Program

Praise Band Rehearsal

Choral Bells

El Shadai

Faith Commission

Music Sense Band

Deacons

Life & Stewardship

Nurture Commission

El Shadai Bible Study

Abby Tiffaney

Graduation Party

El Shadai

Staggered Worship

El Shadai

ARM Breakfast

Personnel

Boy Scouts

Comforters

12-Step Program

Praise Band Rehearsal

Choral Bells

Great Rivers Meeting

El Shadai

Cub Scouts

Music Sense Band

El Shadai Set-Up

Saturday, June 15

10:00am

Sunday, June 16

9:30am

10:30am

1:30pm

Monday, June 17

1:00pm

3:00pm

6:00pm

7:00pm

Tuesday, June 18

9:00am

7:00pm

Wednesday, June 19

10:00am

Thursday, June 20

6:00pm

6:30pm

7:00pm

Friday, June 21

8:00am

6:00pm

Saturday, June 22

3:00pm

Sunday, June 23

9:30am

1:30pm

Monday, June 24

Innovator Articles Due

7:00pm

Tuesday, June 25

9:00am

7:00pm

Wednesday, June 26

10:00am

Thursday, June 27

6:00pm

6:30pm

Friday, June 28

7:00pm

Saturday, June 29

3:00pm

4:30pm

Sunday, June 30

9:30am

1:30pm

El Shadai Wedding

Staggered Worship

Hands-On Mission

El Shadai

Ruth Circle

Guild Meeting

Quilt Guild

Boy Scouts

Comforters

12-Step Program

Choral Bells

El Shadai

Music Sense Band

Session

Workcampers Depart

Craft-Til-U-Drop

El Shadai

Traditional Worship

El Shadai

Boy Scouts

Comforters

12-Step Program

Choral Bells

El Shadai

Music Sense Band

El Shadai Set-Up

El Shadai Quince

Workcampers Return

Traditional Worship

El Shadai

