

July 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 30	Sanctuary	Traditional	Pastor Kielsmeier
July 7	Sanctuary	Traditional	Pastor James
July 14	Hall	Praise	Roderick Oji
July 21	Hall	Praise	Workcampers
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	Festival of Cultures	Pastor James, Roderick Oji & Arsenio Arias
Sept. 1	Hall	Praise	Pastor James



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.

Make a Joyful Noise! The Summertime Singers is for anyone who wants to sing 3 or 4 part harmony anthems for one service each month during the summer. Whether or not you have sung with the choir, we'd love to you have join us as a member of the Summertime Singers. The next dates this year are: July 7 and August 25. We'll meet at 8:30 to warm up and learn the anthem for the day. All are welcome. Even if you've never sung in a choir - take this opportunity to see what it's like. If you have questions, contact Mary at mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com / 651-331-1089.



Summertime Singers



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

By Gaberik Holm

I believe that God would only want us to live our lives and take paths God knows is the rightful way to live. I believe that God is the creator and God made everything. I believe that God created us in the likeness of God's self, and he would not want us to disobey his will for us to live.

Jesus Christ is the son of God. He is not 50% human, 50% God, he is 100% both. Jesus was born from a woman who was actually a virgin. Jesus in the Bible had an alright relationship with his mom when he was a teenager like most teenagers would. So, Jesus is actually pretty relatable in that way. Jesus' human side gave him human-like faults and his God side gave him powers that were unimaginably awesome. Jesus is powerful, loving, caring, priest, God, the word, and pretty much everything.

I believe that sin is bad and is something God doesn't want people to be doing because in return it could hurt us. I also believe that each time we sin, we are forgiven but that doesn't mean it's okay because forgiveness is not forgetfulness. But I also believe that no one is perfect and we are all human and still make mistakes. Sin is when someone disturbs order and does an action that goes against God's teachings.

I believe that whenever you sin, you are forgiven because that is what Jesus died on the cross for. I believe that grace is just part of Godself and there are so many more parts to discover. Jesus saves us from sin by erasing it even if he might be scarred or hurt in the process.

I believe the Holy Spirit, the father, and the son are all together and all work the same. The word of God is similar to rules and really just tells you how to live your life. I believe that the Holy Spirit has many different names and that the Holy Spirit works through everyone on earth. I also know that God works best when we are in a bad spot in life.

I believe the churches mission is to eventually try to get everyone to believe in the word of God the Christian way. I also know that there are many different types of churches and the difference between them is they all focus on different times like the resurrection, the crucifixion, etc.

I believe that the Lord's Supper is a recreation of the last supper that Jesus had before he was betrayed. I believe that baptism is a ceremony that celebrates the blessing of another child into the kingdom of God.



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.

The North Church Comforters Group meets Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the church craft room. Bring your own craft and enjoy a morning of conversation and coffee. New members are always welcome!



Thank you once again to all who are supporting the elementary school food shelf collections. Our schools are open during the summer at designated times that allow our contributions to be received and distributed. Please continue your support during the summer months. Thanks so much! ~ Mary Morrisette



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is July 7th, so please save your change and bring it that Sunday to put in the large jar in the Gathering Space.





HANDS-ON MISSION

Thank you to everyone for participating in the Hands-On Mission for The Father's Project. We created bags that had "Open Me When..." type of notes along with a picture frame for the guys participating in The Father's Project. This is geared towards men who are working through things to become reunified with their children. They provide case management and parenting classes among other services.

For the month of July, our Hands-On Mission date is Sunday, July 21, after service. We will be assembling shower kits for The House of Charity. They provide places to take showers for those experiencing homelessness. Showers are available at no cost and they receive shower supplies that we will be packing. The showers were used almost 1000 times last year!

Also, for August we plan to do some school supply donations to Richardson and North Metro Flex. Please start bringing in donations of school supplies starting July 9. We will have a box available for donations. We are looking for wide rule notebooks (red, blue, yellow if possible), crayons, pencils, markers and pens. The week before the festival, our Hands-On Mission will be compiling the school supplies for those who stay at the building and delivering flyers advertising the event throughout our neighborhood for those who want to go out.

SCHOOL FOOD SUPPORT

Thank you for all the food that you have been donating to our school food shelves. North Metro Flex continues to distribute as needed to their summer school families. The summer months are a great time to build up the current supply, and we appreciate you assisting in this endeavor. You will be excited to know that Lisa has been meeting with all the various food shelves, other agencies, and principals of schools to provide a more unified approach to addressing food insecurity in the 622 District. She was able to schedule a meeting with 622 Assistant Superintendent Troy Miller, and all the directors from Second Harvest, NSP Food Shelf, Valley Outreach, Saint Andrews Community Resource Center, Good in the Hood, and The Sheridan Story as well as a few 622 parents. We shared about what we had done at North Metro Flex, Weaver, and Webster and how North Presbyterian has helped bridge the gap of food assistance by supporting North Metro Flex. All the different agencies expressed their desires to be involved in a solution at a school and district level. The district will be starting a process of determining what each school currently does, what they want to do, and how we can make it a systematic, sustainable process. We can throw pebbles and make great waves!

Thoughts from the Presbyterian Women's Synod of the Lakes and Prairies June gathering...

Did you know that Thursdays are "wear black" days to work towards a world without rape and violence?

- Black Thursday stands in solidarity with 1 in 3 women worldwide who face violence in their lives.
- Stands in protest against systems and societies that encourage violence in any form.
- Stands in mourning for men, women and children who are harmed and killed in sexual violence.
- Stands in hope that a different reality is possible.

Did you know that the 25th of each month is a "wear orange" day to take a stand on ending violence against women and girls?

- The UN Secretary-General's UNITE to End Violence against Women campaign calls upon activists, governments, and UN partners to mobilize people and highlight issues relevant to preventing and ending violence against women and girls every month.

"Break the silence. When you witness violence against women and girls, do not sit back. Act." ~ Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations. UNITE Campaign



Roderick Oji	July 2	Juanita Zoya	July 20
Bill Paddock	July 3	Coleen Colton	July 21
Marlene Ramey	July 4	Karen Lewandowski	July 23
Jean Peters	July 5	Stephanie Olson	July 23
Dick Ferrazzo	July 8	Sophie Glaser	July 23
Henry Hurt	July 8	J.J. Roth	July 24
Beryle Zimanski	July 9	Evangelyn Hill	July 24
LuAnn Monette	July 11	Joan Ruppel	July 25
LuJean Swanlund	July 12	Brady Ross	July 25
Garrett Colton	July 12	Ivan Skoog	July 26
Derick Ngu	July 13	Loveline Ndelle	July 28
Rachael Marah	July 15	Paul Nelson	July 29
Paul Hansen	July 17	Christian Sellie	July 29
Ivy Smith	July 17	Mary Livingston	July 29
Mike Gerhardson	July 18	Oliver Smith	July 30
Abigail York	July 19	Zach Carlson	July 31

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 July is Paul Colton, (651) 242-1668.

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)

STATEMENT 2019

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$147,037
Total Expenses	<u>\$149,238</u>
Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)	<u><u>(\$2,201)</u></u>



Monday, July 1

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 2

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED – FLOATING HOLIDAY

10:00am Choral Bells

Thursday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

Friday, July 5

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, July 6

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, July 7

9:30am Traditional Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, July 8

8:00am ARM Breakfast

7:00pm Personnel

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 9

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, July 10

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

Thursday, July 11

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Cub Scouts

6:30pm Music Sense Band

6:30pm Faith Commission

7:15pm Nurture Commission

Friday, July 12

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, July 13

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, July 14

9:30am Workcamp Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, July 15

3:00pm Guild Meeting

6:00pm Quilt Guild

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 16

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, July 17

10:00am Choral Bells

Thursday, July 18

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

Friday, July 19

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, July 20

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, July 21

9:30am Praise Worship

10:30am Hands-On Mission

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, July 22

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 23

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, July 24

10:00am Choral Bells

Thursday, July 25

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Music Sense Band

Friday, July 26

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, July 27

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, July 28

9:30am Blended Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, July 29

Innovator Articles Due

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, July 30

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

Wednesday, July 31

10:00am Choral Bells

