

# August 2019 Innovator



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:

**Praise:** 5 praise songs

**Blended:** 2 hymns and 2 praise songs

All worship styles will begin at 9:30am.

Date	Location	Style	Preacher
August 4	Sanctuary & Hall	VBS for All	VBS
August 11	Hall	Praise	Roderick Oji
August 18	Hall	Blended	Jean Greenwood
August 25	Sanctuary & Simulcast Hall	Festival of Cultures	Pastor James, Roderick Oji & Pastor Arsenio
Sept. 1	Hall	Praise	Pastor James



~Beginning September 8~

9:15am ~ Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall

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

10:30am ~ Birthdays & Fellowship (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month)

Education for All (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month)

Hands-On Mission (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month)

*The Wednesday Discipleship Program resumes October 2.*



**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 are excited to offer this VBS to our entire church family, so round up your children, grandchildren, and friends and join us.



**YEE HAW!**  
**PICNIC LUNCH & GAMES**  
**TO FOLLOW VBS**

Following the conclusion of the intergenerational VBS program, there will be a picnic lunch and outdoor games starting at approximately 11:40am. Life Commission will provide the sandwiches with fixings and birthday cake for dessert. We ask VBS participants to provide either a side dish, chips, or beverage to share. A sign-up sheet will be available in the gathering space after worship service. If you aren't participating in Vacation Bible School and can help with picnic set-up at 10:30am, you can also sign up for that after worship service. Thank You!

**FESTIVAL OF CULTURES**

Mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Festival of Cultures on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. North will be partnering with El Shaddai for a shared worship experience starting at 9:30am with a wide variety of music, unique spiritual perspectives representing our various cultures. The Worship Service will be followed with a celebration of ethnic foods, picnic games, a visit by the North St. Paul Fire Department and the opportunity to participate in the peace circle plus much more. We also need your help – If you have a great hot dish recipe, particularly a tater tot hot dish recipe, please sign up with a member of the Life Commission to bring your dish to the celebration don't cha know! (Contact Paul Colton or Stephanie Olson). Or if you are a native of Cameroon or other West African nation, please contact Life Commission member Julliet Tah to discuss what food items to bring to the celebration.





The congregation is invited to attend Lucita Zoya's  
Quinceañera Service at 3:30pm on August 3  
at North Church.

*We hope you can join us!*

## **HANDS-ON MISSION SUNDAYS**

### **School Supply Donations**

Reminder we are collecting school supplies to give to Richardson and North Metro Flex for the students. If you are able to donate notebooks (red, blue, yellow), pens, pencils, crayons or markers that would be so appreciated. Please leave donations in the basket in the narthex area.

### **Hands on Mission**

Last month we created 120 bags of hygiene shower bags for The House of Charity's public showers. Thank you for your work for Hands on Mission. In August, we will be delivering flyers to the neighborhood to invite people to our Festival of Cultures. Please plan to join us! Hands on Mission is every 3rd Sunday of the month following worship.

### **Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Some of you may know that our Mission Coordinator, Lisa Diez, is a Hospice Chaplain. Hospice patients need VOLUNTEERS and there are many patients in need right now. If you are interested in helping, you can contact Lisa for more information at 651-808-4226 or [diezlisa@gmail.com](mailto:diezlisa@gmail.com).

Some options with our patients include:

- Go for a walk
- Pray
- Share a conversation
- Play music or games
- Assist with writing cards or letters
- Read devotionals, a newspaper or a favorite book
- Offer pet therapy
- Assist with office work in our Roseville office
- Prepare mailings for bereaved families

You set your own schedule, and we can work around your availability. Patients live all over the metro. Some in their own homes, and others in assisted living or nursing facilities.

Also, if you are part of a group that would be interested in donating small memorial gifts, or prayer shawls, or any other option, please contact Lisa as well. All participation is appreciated.



We will be presenting Bibles to our first graders on September 8. If you are new to our church and have a child who is entering the first grade, please stop by the church office and let us know or contact us at 651-777-4044 or [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org).

Sunday School for children (preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade) will begin on September 8, and we need teachers! We will be having a single classroom for all ages and will be meeting after worship (10:30am) on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. We would like to have at least two sets of teachers to rotate during the month. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Renee at 651-777-4044 or [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org).



***Do you have a student who will be attending college this year?***

The Deacons like to stay in touch with all the college students throughout the coming year. If you have a new student or a returning student, please give their name and address to the Church Office so we can up-date our list.



**RETREAT? STAND FIRM? ADVANCE?**

Which are you likely to do? Why not all three? **RETREAT** to a comfortable space, **STAND FIRM** in your faith and ability to enhance worship through music and **ADVANCE** your musical skills and fellowship. All choir members, as well as others age 16+ who would like a no-commitment opportunity to sing with the choir, are invited to attend. The event will be held on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - Noon at North Church. It will include musical warm-ups, discovery of new ways to improve your singing voice, reading both familiar and new music, and a potluck brunch. In addition, we will work on the anthem that the Summertime Singers will sing at the August 25<sup>th</sup> church service. Anyone may sing with the Summertime Singers - just arrive at church on Sunday morning at 8:45 for a short rehearsal before the service begins. To RSVP or to find out more about the Retreat/Advance event on August 24<sup>th</sup>, please contact Mary Livingston

at [mary.livingstonmu](http://mary.livingstonmu)



Summertime Singers

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 date this year is 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](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com) / 651-331-1089.

### **NORTH AREA CHURCHES RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-7pm  
Church of St. Peter



If you would like an appointment or wish to be on the walk-in list, please contact Joni Purrington at 651-750-8894 with any questions. NOTE: 16 year olds are allowed to donate but need a permission form signed by their parent or guardian. You can contact me to obtain a form. THANKS for considering this mission opportunity.



Women of North - The Wednesday Women's study group will kick off our new study September 11th, 6 pm in the Fireside Room. We are a social bunch who just happen to also enjoy the time to read, reflect, and learn from a guided study.

Our study this year is "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments". What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God?

Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Commandments in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. If you want to find out more about the study you can search the Presbyterian Women's website for Current Bible Study, *Loved Carved in Stone*.

If you are returning to WW or if you want to give us a try, please contact Mary Morrisette at 651-777-3470 or [billandmary52@q.com](mailto:billandmary52@q.com) by August 15, so we can order the appropriate number of study books. The cost is \$12.50 each this year. We hope we see new faces this year.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is August 4, so please save your change to bring it that Sunday to put in the jars.



Many of you have been kind enough to ask about my son-in-law, Dan. His doctor has pronounced Dan “cancer free” and feels that the cancer will not return because of the complete transplant of his bone marrow. We are very grateful for all your prayers and concern during this difficult time. ~ Mary Ellen Meisenheimer



### 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 be celebrating our August birthdays on Sunday, **August 4**.



Roseanne Brabender  
Thor Sellie  
Nina Hicks  
Dixie Hatcher  
Norm Purrington  
Jim Warner  
Emily Gerhardson  
Marty Ginn  
Lorraine Whisler  
Eleanor Skoog  
Susan Roskos  
Janet Krumrey

August 1  
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August 5  
August 6  
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August 7  
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August 15  
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Catherine Satriano  
Lindsey Purrington  
Karl Brogren  
Becky Hamilton  
Christine Schneider  
Lois Brenner  
Elizabeth Zoya  
Jenny Rangel  
Helen Patrick  
Leah Atud Ndi  
Bob Zimanski  
Sarah Mauer

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### **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 August is Yuven Lukong, (608) 498-7626.

### **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)**

<b>Total Income</b>	\$166,788
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$171,668</u>
<b>Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(\$4,880)</u></u>



**Thursday, August 1**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:25pm New Deacons Orientation  
 6:30pm Faith Commission  
 6:30pm Music Sense Band  
 7:00pm Deacons  
 7:00pm Life & Stewardship  
 7:15pm Nurture Commission

**Friday, August 2**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, August 3**

5:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, August 4 ~ Birthday Sunday**

9:30am VBS Worship  
 11:40am Picnic  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, August 5**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, August 6**

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

**Wednesday, August 7**

10:00am Choral Bells

**Thursday, August 8**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:30pm Cub Scouts

**Friday, August 9**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, August 10**

5:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, August 11**

9:30am Praise Worship  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, August 12**

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, August 13**

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

**Wednesday, August 14**

10:00am Choral Bells  
 5:30pm Great Rivers District Meeting

**Thursday, August 15**

6:00pm El Shadai

**Friday, August 16**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, August 17**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, August 18**

9:30am Praise Worship  
 10:30am Hands-On Mission  
 1:30pm El Shadai

**Monday, August 19**

3:00pm Guild Meeting  
 6:00pm Quilt Guild  
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, August 20**

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

**Wednesday, August 21**

10:00am Choral Bells

**Thursday, August 22**

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

**Friday, August 23**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, August 24**

8:00am Choir Retreat  
 3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, August 25**

9:30am Festival of Cultures Worship  
 10:30am Picnic & Games

**Monday, August 26**

**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, August 27**

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

**Wednesday, August 28**

10:00am Choral Bells

**Thursday, August 29**

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

**Friday, August 30**

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

**Saturday, August 31**

3:00pm El Shadai