

# September 2019 Innovator



~Beginning September 8~

9:30am ~ Traditional Worship & Simulcast 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)

***Refreshments and Fellowship begins at 9:15am in the Hall.***

Office Hours are 8:30am – 1:30pm Monday thru Thursday.

*The Wednesday Discipleship Program resumes October 2.*

Sunday School for all ages begins **September 8** 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. Everyone is welcome!

Preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Kerygma

Sermon Discussion with Pastor James

Room 23

Room 13

Fireside Room

*\*\* Kerygma will be starting at a later date \*\**



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 Renee at 651-777-4044 or [north@northchurch-mn.org](mailto:north@northchurch-mn.org).



## STEWARDSHIP

*The meaning of life is to find your gift; the work of life is to develop your gift and the purpose of life is to give your gift away." ~ unknown*

God has given each of us unique gifts, abilities and resources that can be used to serve God. Individually and as a church family, all we need to do is listen to what God is telling us and go where the Holy Spirit leads us. Consider the ways we all can serve God with our time and gifts. A strong church takes each of us to make it a success to serve others locally and around the world.

It's not the amount of resources or time we have, but how we use them most efficiently that's important. If it's our belief that God has given us all we have, family, our planet, our life, health and skills, then we must be good stewards of them all.

Stewardship takes many forms:

- Teaching Sunday School
- Sharing musical talents
- Helping with Worship
- Doing mission work (Neighboring)
- Being good stewards of God's creation
- Contributing financially

The opportunities to serve God here at North are abundant. Use your talents to find an area that will help North and help you in your spiritual growth through stewardship. Please help support North with your financial resources. In the Bible often is mentioned that we offer to God our "first fruits".

Because of God's creative power and ownership of all, the Bible instructs believers to give God the best of the animal sacrifices (see Lev. 1-5). The land is also viewed as a gift from God and the best of it, its "firstfruits," is to be given to him. Crops ( Exodus 23:16 Exodus 23:19 ), the wheat harvest (Exod 34:22; Lev 2:14; 23:20), olive oil ( Num 18:12; Deut 18:4), the finest new wine (Num 18:12; Deut 18:4), honey (2 Chron 31:5), sheep wool (Deut 18:4), and fruit (Neh 10:35). The Old Testament makes it clear that everything that God's people have is to be viewed as from God and gained through his providence (Psalm 50:10).

As we start planning for a new year of living as faithful stewards of all that God has given us, you are being asked to prayerfully consider your gift of financial support in response to God's grace. Our offering to God should be the first portion we set aside as good stewards. We all have been very blessed. Let our pledges be a testament to our stewardship, love, and gratitude for all God has given us.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Session has been prayerfully reflecting upon and discussing our congregational meetings. We will continue to have two Congregational Meetings a year. One in January to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call and one in May to discuss the annual report and elect officers.

### **Sunday, January 5, 2020**

9:15 Refreshments and Fellowship

9:30 Worship

- Liturgy of celebration of 2019 ministries
- Liturgy of hopes to bless others in 2020

10:30 Discussion followed by Congregational Meeting

- Present 2019 Financials (Complete copies printed and available)
- Present 2020 Budget (Complete copies printed and available)

*After everyone has completed sharing we will call the Congregational Meeting to order.*

Congregational Meeting

- Handout Pastor's Terms of Call
- Discuss Pastor's Terms of Call
- Vote on Pastor's Terms of Call
- Prayer

Enjoy a Soup Luncheon together (All donations will support our youth ministries.)

### **Sunday, May 17, 2020**

9:15 Refreshments and Fellowship

9:30 Worship

10:30 Annual Meeting of the Congregation (Annual report available on May 10)

- Prayer
- Election of officers
- Discuss Annual Report
- Open floor for sharing
- Thank retiring officers
- Honor Saints who entered Life Triumphant in 2018
- Prayer

Serve together through a Hands-On Mission



Back-to-school means back-to-work for the Sanctuary Choir! Haven't sung in a choir since high school? No problem! Can't make it every week? Come anyway! The choir welcomes folks of all abilities and availabilities. We are particularly excited to welcome high school students and young adult church members. The choir sings at most Sundays, September through May, meeting at 8:30am for warm-up; we have one Sunday off each month. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm in the Choir Loft, beginning September 4. No auditions—stop in and try us out! We are also looking for instrumentalists to augment our choral music - brass, strings, woodwinds and percussion. Sometimes we need just one instrument for a particular anthem, but we would also like the option to have a multi-instrument combo to accompany the choir or play a piece on their own. If you have at least 2 years experience playing an instrument, please consider volunteering your musicianship. Contact Mary with questions at 651-331-1089 or [mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com).

Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders will be commissioned during worship on **September 8**. We encourage everyone working with our children, youth, and adults to attend this blessing.



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 update our list.





Women of North - The Wednesday Women's study group will kick off our new study **September 11**, 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. We hope we see new faces this year.

### WEDNESDAY WOMEN MISSION

Wednesday Women is providing a bin in the narthex for donations to support both North Metro Flex and Weaver Elementary students. As you shop, please consider the following for donations to this 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.*

## 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOWLING FOR CHARITY

Concord Lanes  
(Formerly Mattie's Lanes)  
365 Concord St N, South St Paul, MN 55075



Houses for Haiti will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction/Raffle on Sunday, **October 27, 2019**. We are raising money to build houses for homeless people in Cite Soleil, Haiti, the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere and send 7 children to school. Check in is at noon and bowling starts at 12:30. Bring the kids, grandkids, friends and family out for a fun filled afternoon while supporting Houses For Haiti.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **September 1**, so please save your extra change to bring on that Sunday to put in the jars.

## HANDS-ON MISSION

### 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.



## **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

*“Peace at all Times and in all Ways.” ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church. At the national level, it means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan, strengthening the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

As always, 25 percent of the Offering is retained by both your congregation and mid council, providing support where you feel is needed most. That could mean supporting an organization that seeks civility in political discourse. It might mean scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, or refugee resettlement, or support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge.

This Offering sustains these diverse initiatives and at every level of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all are bound together in Christ. Together they are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostility and speaks peace to all, near and far.

## **SEASON OF PEACE**

In conjunction with the Peace & Global Witness Offering, Special Offerings recommends participating in ‘A Season of Peace from September 1 – October 6.

Daily reflections, ideas for building peace in your community and a children’s coloring sheet are all available for use during this important season at:

[www.presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/seasonofpeace)

While there, be sure to click the link and sign up to receive the 2019 Path of Peace daily reflections.



We give thanks to you for your support of Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ: \$3,074.75 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$658.00 for the Christmas Joy Offering. Your congregation’s giving will share the love of Christ with those in need. With gratitude to God ~ Bryce Wiebe, Special Offerings, PCUSA

A big thank-you from the Deacons for all those who so generously gave salads and desserts, and their help in the kitchen for the Lambert funeral. You all give real meaning to the fact that we are more than a church. We are a church FAMILY!

**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 September is Kevin Carlson, (651) 335-2539.

**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>	\$182,072
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$198,281</u>
<b>Overall Total Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>(\$16,209)</u></u>



### 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 September birthdays on Sunday, **September 1**.

### September Birthdays



Laura Yates	September 4	Becky Yust	September 19
Carol Havran	September 6	Alex Hill	September 19
Mark Matteson	September 7	Jason Hanna	September 19
Sheila Ferrazzo	September 9	Virginia Pleban	September 19
Ila Basch	September 12	Derick Ngu	September 22
Sandy Brogren	September 12	Ron Andrus	September 23
Mary Parrott	September 12	Rod Collins	September 23
Diane Albright	September 12	Kathy Carlson	September 23
Daniella Atud	September 12	Mike Marah	September 23
Leslie Etter	September 15	Yao Dumenya	September 23
Mitch Carlson	September 15	Noah Kristensen	September 24
Kathy TeWinkel	September 16	Del Langer-Anderson	September 26
Abbey Tiffany	September 17	Ed Richardson	September 27
Lynn Davis	September 18	Laurel Nelson	September 27
Dave Etter	September 18	Donna Sandstrom	September 28

# September



## Sunday, September 1

9:30am Praise Worship  
10:30am Birthday Sunday  
1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 2

**OFFICE CLOSED**

## Tuesday, September 3

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

## Wednesday, September 4

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

## Thursday, September 5

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

## Friday, September 6

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

## Saturday, September 7

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, September 8

9:15am Refreshments  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Education for All  
1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 9

8:00am ARM Breakfast  
7:00pm Personnel

## Tuesday, September 10

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

## Wednesday, September 11

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

## Thursday, September 12

6:00pm El Shadai

## Friday, September 13

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

## Saturday, September 14

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, September 15

9:15am Refreshments  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Hands-On Mission  
1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 16

1:00pm Ruth Circle  
3:00pm Guild Meeting  
6:00pm Quilt Guild

## Tuesday, September 17

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

## Wednesday, September 18

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

## Thursday, September 19

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

## Friday, September 20

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

## Saturday, September 21

9:00am NMG  
3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, September 22

9:15am Refreshments  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Education for All  
1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 23

7:00pm Boy Scouts

## Tuesday, September 24

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

## Wednesday, September 25

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

## Thursday, September 26

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

## Friday, September 27

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

## Saturday, September 28

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, September 29

9:15am Refreshments  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Education for All  
1:30pm El Shadai

## Monday, September 30

**Innovator Articles Due**  
7:00pm Boy Scouts

