

November 2019 Innovator

News

9:30am ~ Traditional Worship & Simulcast Praise Worship

9:45am ~ Education for PreK-Grade 4 (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the Month)

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

Hands-On Mission (3rd Sunday of the Month)

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



Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on November 3rd



Please join us on Sunday, **November 3**, after worship for an All Saints Day Family Party. We invite children to dress-up in their Halloween costumes for this fun, family celebration. The morning will be jam-packed with games and crafts as well as a New Orleans-inspired brunch. Everyone is welcome!



A **Congregational Meeting** will be held after worship on **November 10th** to discuss the current worship schedule and the financial state of the church.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **December 1st**! Join us after worship to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas!



December 1: First Sunday in Advent

9:15am – Refreshments and Fellowship

9:30am – Worship

10:30am – Birthday Celebration & Hanging of the Greens

Celebration of Holy Communion at both services

December 8: Second Sunday in Advent

9:15am – Refreshments and Fellowship

9:30am – Advent Drama with Adults, Youth & Children

December 15: Third Sunday in Advent

9:15am – Refreshments and Fellowship

9:30am – Traditional worship with music from the Sanctuary Choir

9:30am – Children's Christmas Celebration

10:30am – Hands-On Mission

December 22: Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:15am – Refreshments and Fellowship

9:30am – Traditional worship with music from the Northern Bells

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

5:00pm – Celebration of the Christmas Story, Candlelight Worship, the Sacrament of Holy Communion and special music by the Sanctuary Choir.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MISSION PROJECT



On **November 17th**, the congregation will be packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Through this program, children throughout the world receive shoe boxes filled with Christmas presents to remind them that they are loved.

We need inexpensive donations of gifts for boys and girls ages 2 - 14 that are small enough to fit into shoe boxes. Donation will be accepted until **November 17th** and can be placed in boxes located in the Gathering Space. Some gift ideas are listed below.

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights

*****They are not accepting candy or toothpaste this year*****

HANDS-ON MISSION

Hands-On Mission was a great success in October. Our congregation put together 85 packs of baby supplies for the Red Lake Native American Reservation. We look forward to our November mission which is packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please be thinking about what you might be able to purchase to assist in this mission.

As always, if you have ideas that you would like to share with our Mission's Coordinator, Lisa Diez, please contact her at diezlisa@gmail.com or by phone at 651-808-4226.



If you are a parent of a child under the age of 6, we invite you to enjoy a Parents' Night Out on **November 6th**. You can feel comfortable knowing that your children are being watched by your church family as you enjoy an evening of adult time. Parents' Night Out will be held from 5:30pm – 7:00pm the first Wednesday of each month in Room 21.



The Advent / Christmas season is right around the corner. Don't know what to give your church friends as a gift for Christmas? Give the gift of music! You are invited to join the choir during Advent and Christmas. This is a short-term commitment for the holiday season. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 in November and December. The choir will sing for the first Sunday in Advent on December 1, for the Choral Sunday on December 15 and for the Christmas Eve Service. We'd love to have you join us for all three of those dates, but if only one or two work, that's OK too. For more information, contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 or mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND PLANT PROGRAM

All are invited to participate in the upcoming Christmas flower & plant program. The flowers and plants may be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones and will be used to decorate the sanctuary and Narthex on December 15, 22, and 24. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the December 15th bulletin. The offerings include 8" poinsettias (red, white, or pink) for \$16 each, and 6" cyclamen (red, white, pink/purple) for \$10 each. The Faith Commission will take orders between services on November 3, 10, and 17 in the Narthex. Final orders are due November 18.

You are welcome to take your plant(s) home with you after the Christmas Eve service. Any plants left at church may be given to our homebound members by the deacons.



Celebrate the eternal gift of hope found in the past, present, and future presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! *Hope of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come* guides you through daily Advent prayers focusing on the long-ago promise of the coming Christ, the present coming of Christ into our daily lives and the hope of Christ's glorious return and our eternal home. These prayers lift your spirit throughout the Advent season with a daily reminder of the infinite ways God has, is and will continue to bless us all.

Children will love the *2019 Advent Calendar* filled with Scripture verses, activities, thought starters and Advent images for every day of Advent. Each mini-meditation helps children focus on the coming Savior.

Devotionals for adults and children can be picked up in the Gathering Space.



MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 22

6:00pm ~ Potluck Dinner

(Please bring something to share for the potluck)

6:30pm ~ God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness

All members are welcome to serve the Lord's Supper!

Session approved expanding those who can serve the Lord's Supper to all members. The first Sunday of the month we need servers for both worship spaces. Servers meet in the Fireside Room at 9:20 for instructions. Contact Kathy Carlson kmschakel-carlson1@mmm.com 651-334-8031 to serve.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is November 3rd, so please bring your extra change to put in the jars that Sunday.

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 November is Kathy Carlson, 651-334-8031.

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	\$219,735
Total Expenses	<u>\$249,143</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>(\$29,408)</u></u>

It has been a joy to welcome and care for families through our partnership with Carol Mathey's Treasured Tykes Daycare for the last 18 years. We provided them space at an affordable lease, so they were able to provide care for infants and toddlers. The daycare closed October 11 and will vacate the rooms by November 30. If you know of any organization that is interested in leasing space from us, please contact Kevin Carlson, carcomsales@aol.com 651-335-2539.

HYMN LEADER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for volunteers to step forward and act as Hymn Leaders. This new ministry will allow us to be more flexible when it comes to singing new or unfamiliar hymns, call-and-response hymns, songs that have unfamiliar introductions or interludes, etc. You would be singing from the lectern at the front of church. Hymn leaders should be at least 14 years old. You can do it as an individual, as a husband / wife team, parent / child, siblings or any two people who want to sing together. If you want to try it as a duo, but don't have someone to sing with, we can arrange for hymn leading partners. The goal is to have enough hymn leaders that each person or duo will sing once every 4 to 6 weeks. To find out more about this opportunity, contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 / mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com



Friday, November 1

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 2

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 3

9:15am Refreshments

9:30am Worship

10:30am All Saints Celebration

10:45am Kerygma

12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 4

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 5

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 6

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Parents' Night Out

5:30pm Youth Fellowship

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 7

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Faith Commission

6:30pm Music Sense Band

7:00pm Life & Stewardship

7:15pm Nurture Commission

Friday, November 8

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 9

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 10

9:15am Refreshments

9:30am Worship

9:45am Sunday School

10:30am Congregational Meeting

10:45am Kerygma

12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 11

8:00am ARM Breakfast

7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, November 12

9:00am Comforters

7:00pm 12-Step Program

7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 13

10:00am Choral Bells

5:30pm Youth Fellowship

6:00pm Wednesday Women

7:00pm Choir Practice

7:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 14

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 15

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 16

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 17

Hands-On Mission Sunday

9:15am Refreshments

9:30am Worship

10:30am Hands-On Mission

10:45am Kerygma

12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

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

Wednesday, November 20

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Fellowship
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

6:00pm Family Movie Night

Saturday, November 23

9:00am NMG
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 24

9:15am Refreshments
 9:30am Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 10:45am Kerygma
 12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 25**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, November 28**OFFICE CLOSED ~ THANKSGIVING**

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 29

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 30

3:00pm El Shadai



Carole Javner	November 2
Gaberik Holm	November 2
Kevin Schneider	November 4
Dick Zoya	November 6
Bob Pleban	November 9
Pat Hurlbutt	November 10
Mary Leisman	November 11
Inez Kalle	November 13
Verna Rowe	November 15
Mary Morrisette	November 15
Jackson Miller	November 15
Milan Chi	November 17

Shirley Lambert	November 17
Sydney Tiffany	November 18
Kathy Richardson	November 18
LaVonne Holle	November 21
Terrie Arfi	November 22
Julie Wettie	November 22
Elaine Collins	November 24
Bobbie Wetz	November 24
Joni Purrington	November 25
Ryan Purrington	November 26
Ryan Bearth	November 27
Lynnette Johnson	November 29

