

February 2020 Innovator

News

9:00 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00 Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall
10:00 Hands-On Mission (3rd Sunday of the Month)
10:10 Children's Sunday School
10:45 Praise Worship in the Hall



HANDS-ON MISSION

Thank you to all those who participated in our Hands-On Mission last month! We created 47 bags filled with dog food, bones, and treats, and added an inspirational message for the people receiving these service animals. The organization is called Pawsativity Service Animals. They train rescue dogs to be service animals for veterans and people with disabilities.

On February 16, Hands-On Mission will partner with North High School and fill snack packs for kids in the EBD program. The teachers have been buying food themselves and taking turns supporting their kids. We are going to help relieve some pressure by providing healthy snacks for kids who have struggled due to lack of food in the home. We continue to be great partners with our community and really show our heart for our area and how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you for your continued support of Hands on Mission!



Wednesday Women are sponsoring this bake sale with all donations being used to benefit SOLID GROUND in White Bear Lake.

We also seek contributions to our baked goods from our generous congregation. If you can contribute please bring any donations the morning of the bake sale. ~ Thank you from Wednesday Women!

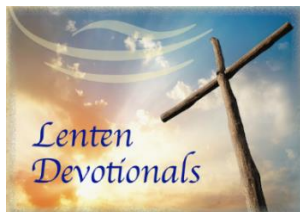
February 26th

6:00pm Supper & 6:45pm Worship

Please join us for a light supper and reflective evening service which invites us to examine our lives and prepare for Easter.



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS



Jesus told his disciples (and us), "Take up your cross, and follow me." In these daily devotions for Lent, author David Boyd explores what it means for us to take up our cross for Christ and outlines various ways in which this "cross carrying" happens in our lives. As Christ's disciples, we follow in his footsteps during the days of Lent on the way to his ultimate sacrifice on the cross of Calvary.

These devotionals can be picked-up in the Gathering Space.

Are you looking for a way to make Lent and Easter more meaningful? Music enhances worship for performers and listeners. Singers high school age and older, regardless of choral experience, are invited to join the Sanctuary Choir for the Lenten/Easter season. There is no obligation to continue beyond Easter, although you would certainly be welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 p.m. The choir will sing for Ash Wednesday, all Sundays in Lent (except April 14), Maundy Thursday and of course, Easter Sunday. Contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 or mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com so we can have music ready for you.





- When:** 8 am Friday, June 12 – Noon Saturday, June 20, 2020
- Where:** Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Who:** Youth who are in grades 8-12 or (age 14-21 at time of camp)
- How:** Sign up and turn in your \$50 deposit to Pastor James to guarantee a spot on the trip. (Deposit is nonrefundable less you find someone to take your spot.)
- Theme:** Worth It! (Exploration of the parable of the prodigal son)
- What:** This is an exceptional experience. Workcamp is a mission trip in which we put our love of neighbor into action. Workcamp is a fun, action-packed week of making new friends, serving others by repairing homes, and growing closer to God through devotions, drama, and worship. Most of the participants have little to no home repair experience; but because of the great training, you will find it easy to learn and rewarding. The number one goal of Group Workcamp's is your spiritual growth so be prepared to see God in new ways and come home with a deeper faith. Since 1977 over a quarter million youth have participated in a Group Workcamp with over 90% saying that they have grown closer to God through work camp. On the way to workcamp we will enjoy a few fun activities. If you want to know more about Workcamp, speak to Pastor James or check out their website at www.groupmissiontrips.com
- Cost:** Total Cost per youth will be \$345. Payable \$50 when registering and \$295 by May 1, 2020. If this is a financial hardship contact Pastor James and a scholarship will be provided. This fee covers all expenses for the week. (Total cost per youth will be approximately \$1,000, the church and fundraisers will cover the balance)

March 6th ~ 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 3/4/20 or \$25 after that date.

PLEASE PAY YOUR PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

“Per capita” is Latin meaning each person. It is the responsible way of sharing the costs belonging to the whole Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.) and expresses our unity. Some of the Per Capita goes to General Assembly (our national ecclesiastical government) and covers the cost of GA meetings, programs, ecumenical relations, new church development, administrative functions, and missions here and around the world. A portion goes to our Synod (our regional ecclesiastical government) and covers programs and ministries at a regional level, such as Clearwater Forest camp. Most of the per capita stays right here in the Twin Cities Presbytery, which provides an array of support, guidance, and programs for churches and local missions. Our presbytery helps us do things orderly and in accordance with our constitution and also funds, equips, and empowers an array of ministries in the Twin Cities Area. We would greatly appreciate if you would make your Per Capita payment of **\$35.70** per person. Whether you pay it or not your church will make the payment for you.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Final 2019

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$309,458
Total Expenses	<u>\$313,982</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>(\$4,524)</u></u>



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is February 2nd, so please save your change to bring it next Sunday to put in the jars.



Heartfelt thanks to our North Church family for all your support following the passing of our father and grandfather, Roy Brogren. The presence of so many friends at his memorial service and your expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated. Special thanks to all who provided the delicious salads and desserts for the luncheon, and to the many volunteers who helped with set-up, serving, and clean-up. With gratitude ~ Karen and Doug Pepin, Karl and Sandy Brogren, and Annaliese and Bryan Miller

THANK YOU for your support of the Elementary School Food Shelf. We were able to make two deliveries in December thanks to your generosity. Now that it is a New Year we again ask for your continued support to help keep the shelves stocked at North Metro Flex Academy. Thank you! ~ Mary Morrisette



Bella Glaser
David Nelson
DD Dumenya
Margaret Verlautz
Mikey Gerhardson
Julie Bergmann-Barnett
Rejoice Abanei
Frida Uneidong
Bill Morrisette
Zachari Wetz
Eli Rangel

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february

calendar

Saturday, February 1

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 2

9:00am Traditional Worship
10:00am Refreshments
10:00am Birthday Celebrations
10:10am Sunday School
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, February 3

6:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 8

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 9

9:00am Traditional Worship
10:00am Refreshments
10:10am Nominating Committee
10:10am Sunday School
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

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

Thursday, February 13

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

Friday, February 14

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 15

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 16

9:00am Traditional Worship
10:00am Hands-On Mission
10:00am Refreshments
10:45am Kerygma
10:45am Praise Worship
12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, February 17

7:00am Carol Mathey's Training
1:00pm Ruth Circle
3:00pm Guild Meeting
6:00pm Quilt Guild
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

5:30pm Girl Scouts
6:00pm El Shadai
6:30pm Music Sense Band
7:00pm Session

Friday, February 21

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 22

9:00am NMG
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, February 23

9:00am Traditional Worship
 10:00am Refreshments
 10:10am Nominating Committee
 10:10am Sunday School
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 12:30pm El Shadai

Monday, February 24**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

10:00am Choral Bells
 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Meal
 6:45pm Ash Wednesday Service
 7:00pm Praise Band
 7:45pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, February 29

9:00am Blue and Gold Banquet
 3:00pm El Shadai

Pastor James will be on vacation February 6-10 cheering for Abigail at USA Climbing Nationals in Bend, Oregon.

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.

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 February is Glenn Wetz, 651-731-2966.

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)