

March 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



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.

March 18th at 6pm

During Lent, we will celebrate a favorite yet unique service recreating the earliest Christian gatherings according to the book of Acts. We gather in the Hall where everyone shares platters of finger food distributed around the room by our elders & deacons as we sing, pray, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

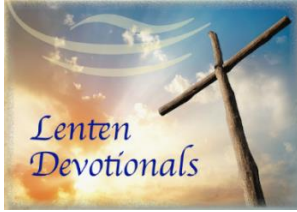


EASTER FLOWER PROGRAM

Easter flowers can be ordered in the Gathering Space on March 1 and 8. You can pick-up your flowers after the Easter service on Sunday, April 12. Help grace our church during this holy season with the glory of God through these wonderful creations.



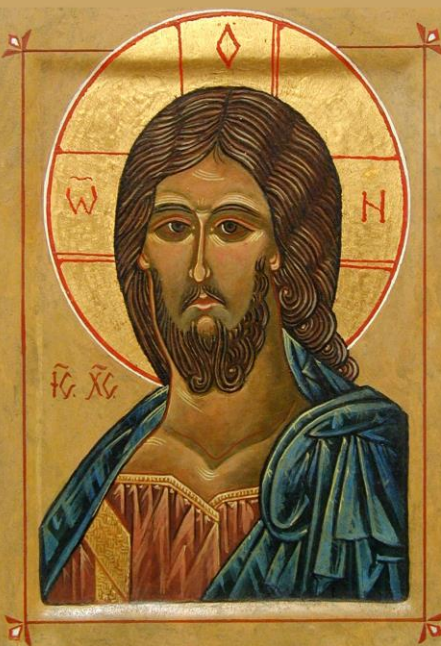
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS



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 March 22), 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.



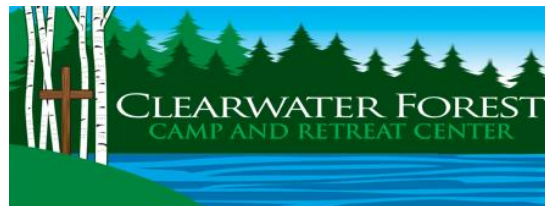
DARING DISCIPLES
Lessons in Leadership
Lenten Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30 PM
begins February 27
New Life Presbyterian
Heritage Room

How we can become better followers of Jesus through being vulnerable, clear on our values, trusting and trustworthy and rumbling with failure.



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.



Registration for Clearwater Forest summer programs 2020 is going strong! Go to www.clearwaterforest.org today to check out the 2020 lineup and register online! The theme this summer is “This Is Our Prayer,” where campers will find their own style of prayer and face the challenges as well as realize blessings in their everyday lives. Clearwater Forest offers programs for anyone grades 3rd through recent graduates, and with all of the fantastic options available this summer there is sure to be something for everyone! Campfires, kayaking, high ropes, sailing, worship, hiking, archery, swimming, giant games on the Playfield, and s’mores are only part of what Clearwater Forest is all about. Living in community, learning independence and cooperation simultaneously, developing new friendships in a safe environment, experiencing outdoor ministry, and developing a deeper relationship with Christ makes a week at Clearwater Forest a truly life-changing experience. For more information please call the office at 218-678-2325 or check out www.clearwaterforest.org.

Financial Assistance for Clearwater

The endowment committee and/ or a few members of our congregation are eager to offer financial assistance to any member in need so they can attend camp. They are glad to invest in the blessings that abound from the camp experience. Talk to Pastor James or Susanne Meyer of the Endowment Committee if your child wants to attend camp, but you are short on the funds for the camp.

Additional Communion preparation volunteers are needed. This involves coming to church the day before Communion is to be served, to arrange the bread and juice in the serving trays and cups, to place the elements and tablecloths on the Communion table in each worship space, and then to clean up after Communion is served in worship. Training and instructions are available. We would like to have enough volunteers so that people are taking only a few turns per year. Please contact Kathy Carlson if interested (651-334-8031 or kmschakel-carlson1@mmm.com).

Nominating Committee is seeking the next class of Elders and Deacons, to serve a 3-year term starting in June. There are also two shorter-term Deacons vacancies to fill. For learn more or to volunteer, please contact any of the nominating committee members (Kathy Carlson, Leslie Etter, Eric Holm, Inez Kalle, Joni Purrington, and Glenn Wetz), or speak with Pastor James or Roderick Oji. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to carry out God's work among our congregation and enjoy wonderful fellowship along the way.

STATEMENT 2020
Year-to-Date Activity
(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$38,615
Total Expenses	<u>\$34,824</u>
Overall Total	<u><u>\$3,791</u></u>

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 March 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)



Sunday, March 1

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, March 2

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop
 7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, March 7

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 8

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, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, March 14

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

1:00pm Ruth Circle
 3:00pm Guild Meeting
 6:00pm Quilt Guild
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Youth Fellowship
 6:00pm Agape Meal
 7:00pm Choir Practice
 7:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, March 19

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

Friday, March 20

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, March 21

9:00am NMG
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 22

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

Monday, March 23

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 26

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

Friday, March 27

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, March 28

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 29

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

Monday, March 30**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 31

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



Harold Hagen	March 1	James York	March 21
Cindy Clark	March 7	Darrell Atud Ndi	March 21
Evan Willar	March 7	Kathryn Hill	March 23
Dale Piepho	March 8	Cassidy Rangel	March 23
Delphin Nelson	March 9	Mary Alice Carlson	March 24
Linda Stegmeir	March 10	Parris Ngu	March 24
Shirley Amundsen	March 10	Aaron Hill	March 24
Lisa Sellie	March 11	Dorothy Kane	March 26
Sherry Tiffany	March 11	Dean Willar	March 29
Shelley Ross	March 13	Jeanie Snell	March 30
Bryan Miller	March 15	Lonnie Rangel	March 30
Berylly Yuven	March 19	Nancy Gerhardson	March 30
Nancy Glasenapp	March 20	Gabriella Atud	March 30
Glenn Wetz	March 20	Jerry Parrott	March 31
Ellen Davis	March 21		



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is March 1st, so please save your change to bring it that Sunday to put in the jars.