

November 2021 Innovator

News



Welcome back to Sunday worship! If you feel well and have read and agree to follow the recommendations of the *Safe Gatherings*, we invite you to return to in person worship.

9:00am Sanctuary Worship: Masks are optional, Singing is encouraged, and Physical distancing is optional

10:45am Meisenheimer Hall Worship: Masks are optional, Singing is encouraged, and Physical distancing is optional

10:45am Worship Livestream-Sanctuary: Masks are required, Singing is not allowed, and Physical distancing of 6 feet between households is required

Worship services will begin at 9:00am and 10:45am and will also be livestreamed on Youtube. You can find the links via our webpage northchurch-mn.org. Click on the red YouTube icon in the upper right corner. To access North Church's YouTube Channel, follow this link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFxRhCSCfSL8Ru5T3aV1Asw?view_as=subscriber

8:45am	Child Care
9:00am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
10:00am	Fellowship and Refreshments in Meisenheimer Hall
10:00am	Hands-On Mission (3 rd Sunday of the Month)
10:10am	Sunday School for Children
10:45am	Worship with the Praise Band in Meisenheimer Hall & Streamed to the Sanctuary

Office Hours are 9:00am – 12:00pm Monday thru Thursday.



Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on **November 7th**.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **November 28th**! Join us after the first service to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas!



November 28: First Sunday in Advent

9:00am – Traditional Worship
10:00am – Refreshments and Fellowship
10:00am – Hanging of the Greens
10:45am – Praise Worship

December 5: Second Sunday in Advent

9:30am – Traditional worship with music from the Sanctuary Choir
10:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship

December 12: Third Sunday in Advent

9:30am – Traditional worship with music from the Northern Bells
10:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship

December 19: Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am – Advent Drama with Adults, Youth & Children
10:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship
10:30am – Hands-On Mission



HANDS-ON MISSION

Thank you to all who helped make birthday bags for the elderly at an assisted living facility. The bags will be going to the Shores of Lake Phalen to give to the residents. We made 50 bags with gifts inside and created birthday cards with warm well wishes from everyone at North. Our next Hands-On Mission will be on **November 21** at 10:00am.

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.

November 12th ~ 6pm – 12am

A 6-hour Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. Pizza will be served. 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 11/7/21 or \$25 after that date.



INTERGENERATIONAL 'VIRTUAL' CHOIR

Do you, your children, or your grandkids like to sing? The North Sanctuary choir invites you to join them for some special seasonal singing. As we prepare for Advent and Christmas, we welcome new singers as part of the Sanctuary Choir. And in a new opportunity, we are inviting children ages 4 – 14 (with or without their parents or grandparents) to join us for an Intergenerational 'Virtual' Choir. We're going to make a video of children singing *Away in the Manger* as part of a larger anthem video. Folks ages 15 and up can sing some of the other parts if they'd like, or they can help the kids. If you're interested and want more information, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 (phone/text) 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 12, 19, and 24. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the December 12th 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 October 31, November 7 & 14 in the Narthex. You can also place an order by contacting one of the Faith Commission members (Terrie Arfi, Kathy Carlson, Paul Colton, Eric Holm, Billie Novy, or Glenn Wetz). Final orders are due November 14.

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 Advent and draw closer to our Savior through the daily reflections and prayers inspired by Scripture and the spiritual writings of Henri J. M. Nouwen. *The Fullness of Time* invites readers to pray each day and encounter Emmanuel, God-with-us. Each devotion begins with a Scripture verse, followed by the words of beloved theological master Henri Nouwen and a reflection from contemporary writer and retreat leader Amy Ekeh. A prayer closes each daily reflection, leading readers to experience a fullness of faith in Christ Jesus.

Children will love *How Do They Celebrate Christmas?* booklet and advent chain. Families will make new connections with children in other countries and learn to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Birthday, Jesus" in 24 different languages. Each day of Advent, read and reflect on the ways that kids around the globe celebrate Jesus' birthday. Each devotion ends with a prayer that people all over the world will know the joy of Jesus at Christmas and always!

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



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **November 7**, so please save your extra change to put in the jars on this Sunday.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours
(Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm)
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 Mary Morrisette, 651-777-3470.

Custodian

Nelson Portillo

Nelson has limited English, therefore we contact him through his son at 651-443-6612 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 2021

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$204,075
Total Expenses	<u>\$204,188</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>(-\$113)</u></u>



Monday, November 1

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 2~ General Election

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

7:00pm Nurture Commission

Wednesday, November 3

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 4

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

6:00pm Life Commission

6:30pm Faith Commission

7:00pm Stewardship Commission

Friday, November 5

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 6

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 7

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Praise Band Rehearsal

9:00am Traditional Worship

10:00am Fellowship

10:10am Sunday School for Children

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 8

6:00pm Century Commons

7:00pm Personnel

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 9

6:00pm Martial Arts

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, November 10

10:00am Choral Bells

6:15pm Wednesday Women

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 11

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

6:30pm Cub Scouts

Friday, November 12

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 13

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 14

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Praise Band Rehearsal

9:00am Traditional Worship

10:00am Fellowship

10:10am Sunday School for Children

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 15

6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, November 16

6:00pm Martial Arts

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 18

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm Session

Friday, November 19

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 20

8:30am NMG

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 21 ~ Hands-On Mission

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Praise Band Rehearsal

9:00am Traditional Worship

10:00am Fellowship

10:00am Hands-On Mission

10:10am Sunday School for Children

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 22

Innovator Articles Due

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 23

6:00pm Martial Arts

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, November 24

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 25
OFFICE CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 26

7:00pm El Shadai Bible Study

Saturday, November 27

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 28

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Praise Band Rehearsal

9:00am Traditional Worship

10:00am Fellowship

10:00am Hanging of the Greens

10:10am Sunday School for Children

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 29

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 30

6:00pm Martial Arts

6:30pm Boy Scouts

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting



Carole Javner
 Gaberik Holm
 Kevin Schneider
 Dick Zoya
 Bob Pleban
 Pat Hurlbutt
 Mary Leisman
 Inez Kalle
 Verna Rowe
 Mary Morrisette
 Jackson Miller
 Milan Chi

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Shirley Lambert
 Sydney Tiffany
 Kathy Richardson
 LaVonne Holle
 Terrie Arfi
 Julie Wettie
 Elaine Collins
 Sherry Long
 Joni Purrington
 Ryan Purrington
 Ryan Bearth
 Lynnette Johnson

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