

March 2022 Innovator



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

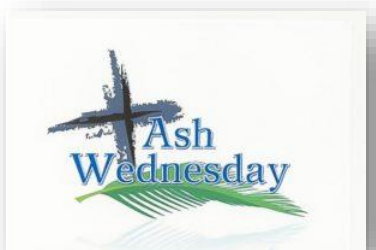
10:45am Meisenheimer Hall Worship: Masks are optional, Singing is encouraged, and Physical distancing is optional

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
10:10am	Sunday School for Children
10:45am	Worship with the Praise Band in Meisenheimer Hall

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



March 2, 2022 ~ 7:00pm

We will be observing Ash Wednesday with members from Trinity Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian.

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church - 2125 Tower Dr, Woodbury. To livestream the service, type in this link:

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FULL TO THE BRIM: A Lenten Devotional

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, this weekly devotional follows the Revised Common Lectionary through Easter Sunday. As you journey through the devotional at your own pace, you will find scriptures, poems, art, reflections, and hymns that are filled with promises of God's abundant and expansive grace. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

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



SINGING FOR LENT AND EASTER

What are you planning to do to make your Lenten journey more meaningful? Some people give up something. Others add to their list of prayerful things to do. Some take on projects to help other people. Still others do something healthy for themselves.

You can check all four of those things off of your list by joining choir! Give up 90 minutes of your time on Wednesday evenings, sing prayerful anthems, help the Sanctuary Choir provide beautiful music to enhance Lenten worship and – did you know this? - singing in a choir helps improve breathing and circulation, lowers stress levels and boosts mental health!

Join us for your Lenten journey, with no further obligation (unless, of course, you enjoy choir so much that you want to continue). Sanctuary choir meets Wednesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary or loft. We currently wear masks while we sing, to keep ourselves and others protected and healthy. We are scheduled to sing at four Sundays in Lent, plus Easter Sunday, April 17.

There are no auditions, and you don't have to know how to read music. We are particularly in need of altos, but all voices are welcome. You just need to enjoy singing, have the desire to learn and be willing to add your voice to the choir. For more information, contact Mary at 651-331-1089 (phone or text) / livingstonmusic@q.com or just come to a Wednesday rehearsal.

EASTER FLOWER PROGRAM

You are invited to order a flowering plant this Easter Season to honor or remember a loved one or friend and to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The plants will first decorate the church, adding special meaning to our celebration of Christ's resurrection, and then will brighten your home after Easter. The names of those being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. You will be able to take your plant home after Easter worship on April 17. Remaining flowers will be delivered to homebound members of our congregation. The final Sunday that Easter flowers can be ordered in the Gathering Space is March 6.



SUNDAY FLOWER PROGRAM

Each Sunday worship we have a fresh flower arrangement gracing our Sanctuary and Fellowship hall lecterns. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Ila Basch at 651-429-4826. The dedication will be printed in the bulletin for the 9:00am service and shown on screen for the 10:45am service. Beginning in April, the cost to sponsor the flowers will be \$25. You may take your flowers home following the service, though we ask that you leave or return the vase, as we return those to the florist.

March 25 ~ 6pm – 12am

A 6-hour Crafting/Scrapbooking/Stamping event! Bring your crafting, scrapbooking, or stamping projects along with your own supplies. 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 3/23/22 or \$25 after that date.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated mittens, hats, scarves, and other winter items to the Mitten Tree. The items were taken to the Union Gospel Mission, who gladly received them and had them soon distributed to those in need.



The Nominating Committee is looking for members to serve as deacons, elders, or members of the Audit Committee, Personnel committee, or Nominating Committee. If you are interested, please contact Terrie Arfi at 651-429-4081 or tarfi2@juno.com.

CALLING ALL COOKIE LOVERS!!!

Girl Scouts from North Church are selling cookies until **March 27**. Flavors include:

- **Adventureful** - *NEW brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored creme and a hint of sea salt*
- **Toast-Yay!** - *French Toast-inspired cookies dipped in delicious icing and full of flavor in every bite*
- **Lemonades** - *Savory slices of shortbread with a refreshingly tangy lemon-flavored icing*
- **Shortbread** - *Traditional shortbread cookies*
- **Thin Mints** - *Crispy chocolate wafers dipped in a mint chocolatey coating*
- **Peanut Butter Patties** - *Crispy vanilla cookies layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolatey coating*
- **Caramel Delites** - *Vanilla cookies topped with caramel, sprinkled with toasted coconut, and laced with chocolatey stripes*
- **Peanut Butter Sandwich** - *Crisp and crunchy oatmeal cookies with creamy peanut butter filling*



The cost is **\$5 per box**. To order, call or text Lisa Smith at 612-202-1132 or email lisa.stearns@gmail.com. *Thank you for your support!!*



GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

Help support our youth programs by purchasing your spring plants from us. You can choose between hanging baskets, patio containers, annuals, vines, and grasses as well as flats of sunny and shady plants. You can also purchase a plant card that will give us 15% on every plant card purchase at the Inver Grove Heights store. Please contact Nancy Gerhardson with questions at 651-808-0306. All orders and payments can be placed online thru **April 6**. Delivery will be from 9am-12pm on May 15, 2022. *Thank you for supporting our youth!*



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have least" – that's how Matthew 25 puts it – and that's what *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS) is all about. Your gifts to OGHS are shared with the ministries of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. You can give to OGHS by using one of the envelopes found in the Gathering Space or by writing OGHS on your check.

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **March 7 and 21**. They also are asking for you to consider a change in check writing and ask that a separate check for each specific contribution be written. As an example - If you are donating by check to both the General Offering and to Building Fund, please consider writing two checks and noting the purpose on the memo line. This will be a significant help for accurate allocation of your funds to the proper accounts.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **March 6**, so please save your change to bring it that Sunday to put in the jars.

STATEMENT 2022

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$25,138
Total Expenses	<u>\$33,864</u>
Overall Deficit Total	<u><u>-\$8,726</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.

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 Edward Cheng, 240-714-7493.

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)



Tuesday, March 1

6:00pm Martial Arts
6:30pm Northern Bells
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, March 2 ~ Ash Wednesday

6:30pm Praise Band Practice
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 3

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai
6:00pm Life Commission
6:30pm Faith Commission
7:00pm Stewardship Commission
7:15pm Nurture Commission

Friday, March 4

1:30pm Martial Arts
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 5

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 6

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, March 7

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 8

6:00pm Martial Arts
 6:30pm Northern Bells
 7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, March 9

6:15pm Wednesday Women
 6:30pm Praise Band Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 10

8:00am FCHE
 6:00pm El Shadai
 6:30pm Cub Scouts

Friday, March 11

1:30pm Martial Arts
 7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 12

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 13

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, March 14

7:00pm Personnel
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 15

6:00pm Martial Arts
 6:30pm Northern Bells
 7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, March 16

10:00am Choral Bells
 6:30pm Praise Band Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 17

8:00am FCHE
 6:00pm El Shadai
 7:00pm Session

Friday, March 18

1:30pm Martial Arts
 7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 19

8:30am NMG
 3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 20

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, March 21

6:00pm Quilt Guild
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 22

6:00pm Martial Arts
 6:30pm Northern Bells
 7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, March 23

6:30pm Praise Band Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 24

8:00am FCHE
 6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, March 25

1:30pm Martial Arts
 6:00pm Craft-Til-U-Drop
 7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 26

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 27

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, March 28**Innovator Articles Due**

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 29

6:00pm Martial Arts
 6:30pm Northern Bells
 7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, March 30

6:30pm Praise Band Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 31

8:00am FCHE
 6:00pm El Shadai



Harold Hagen	March 1
Cindy Clark	March 7
Evan Willar	March 7
Bryce Wickstrom	March 7
Linda Stegmeir	March 10
Lisa Sellie	March 11
Sherry Tiffany	March 11
Shelley Ross	March 13
Bryan Miller	March 15
Berylui Yuven	March 19
Nancy Glasenapp	March 20
Glenn Wetz	March 20
Ellen Davis	March 21
James York	March 21

Darrell Atud Ndi	March 21
Cassidy Rangel	March 23
Mary Alice Carlson	March 24
Parris Ngu	March 24
Aaron Hill	March 24
Dorothy Kane	March 26
Dean Willar	March 29
Jeanie Snell	March 30
Lonnie Rangel	March 30
Nancy Gerhardson	March 30
Gabriella Atud	March 30
Jerry Parrott	March 31
Shapeh Ro	March 31