

September 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

~September 4 Worship Schedule~

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| 8:45am | Child Care |
| 9am | Worship in the Sanctuary ~ Lord Supper & Sanctuary Re-dedication |

~ September 11 Festival of Cultures~

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| 10:15am | Child Care |
| 10:30am | Worship in the Sanctuary, Streamed outside and to Meisenheimer Hall |
| 12:00pm | Lunch |

~ Beginning September 18~

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| 8:45am | Child Care |
| 9:00am | Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary |
| 10:00am | Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall |
| 10:45am | Praise Worship in Meisenheimer Hall |

Children's Sunday School Resumes October 2

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



FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

On Sunday, **September 11**, North Presbyterian Church will host the Festival of Cultures. There will be inspiring worship, delicious food, robust fellowship, and games. The Festival of Cultures is a joint ministry of El Shadai New Hope Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Life Presbyterian Church, and North Presbyterian Church. We will gather for worship at 10:30am to praise God with hymns, Latino Praise Band, Western Praise Band, Western Choir and African Choir. There will be three short sermons on a parable that highlight Latino, African, and Western insights. Parts of the service will be in Spanish and parts in Hausa, both will be translated into English. After worship, at approximately noon, enjoy Latino, African, and/or Western food. There will be games and fellowship.

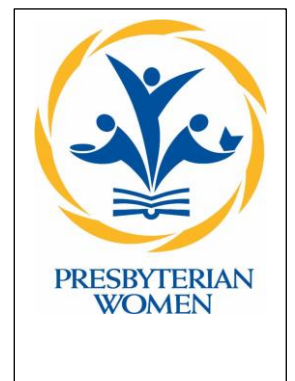


On Sunday, **September 18**, between worship services, we will be packing school supplies for students at North Metro Flex Academy. The Faith Commission will provide backpacks, but we need school supply donations. Our School Supply Wish List is posted in the Narthex and includes everything needed to fill the backpacks. If you are able to donate, please remove one or more post-it notes and drop off the item(s) in the church office by **September 10**. If you find shopping difficult, but still want to participate, your financial donation will be used to purchase additional items. (Please write "Flex School Supplies" on your check and/or offering envelope.) Thank you for your support.

Women of North: Although we do not have a formal P.W. organization within our church, we are still Presbyterian women. The Fall P.W. Gathering at Stillwater Presbyterian Church is open to all Presbyterian women.

October 1st, Stillwater Presbyterian Church, registration fee is \$15.

Registration is due no later than September 20th. If you decide to attend, please let Mary Morrisette know at 651-777-3470 or billandmary52@q.com e-mail or text at 763-218-3797, and she can get you the registration information. We will try to coordinate some carpools from North Church if there is interest. Thanks for considering this opportunity to hear what's happening in our P.W. area.





CONFIRMATION AND COMMISSIONING 2022-2023

Youth in grades 8-12 who have not yet been confirmed are invited to confirm their baptism through Confirmation and Commissioning. The class will begin on **September 7, 2022**. Confirmation and Commissioning Sunday will be March 5, 2023. Contact Pastor James to register: pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org or 651-230-8816.

Do you have a student who will be attending college this year?

The Deacons like to stay in touch with all the college students throughout the coming year. If you have a new student or a returning student, please give their name and address to the Church Office so we can update our list.



October 7 ~ 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 10/5/22 or \$25 after that date.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 15th ANNUAL BOWLING FOR CHARITY

*Concord Lanes
365 Concord St N, South St Paul, MN 55075*



Houses for Haiti will be hosting its 15th Annual Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction/Raffle on Sunday, **November 6, 2022**. We are raising money to build houses for homeless people in Cite Soleil, Haiti, the poorest slum in the Western Hemisphere. Bring the kids, grandkids, friends, and family out for a fun-filled afternoon while supporting Houses For Haiti. Noon check-in and 12:30 start time. Details and signup information will be sent in the coming weeks.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **September 4**, so please save your extra change to bring on that Sunday to put in the jars.



WEDNESDAY WOMEN

Women of North, are you interested in participating in a bible study/fellowship once a month? Wednesday Women meets the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00pm, September through May to join in fellowship and a bible study.

This year's study is "*Celebrating Sabbath - Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*". Below is an excerpt from the PW introduction of this study.

"On May 8, 2019, Presbyterian Women's Bible study committee selected Carol M. Bechtel's proposal to write a study about Sabbath, or more particularly, God's gift of Sabbath to God's creation—and that includes each one of us reading this buzz. Sabbath, suggests Carol, is not a dreary formality, but instead, a whole day set aside each and every week for rest, community, and faith. But how do we honor Sabbath in a 24/7 world? The author confesses, "As an Old Testament scholar at a seminary, I had plenty of opportunities to study the Sabbath, but I never tried to embrace it as a way of marking time in my life. I hope to share with you some of what I learned by doing both."

Study books are about \$12.00 each. I will have a tighter price after they are ordered.

I hope you can join us. If you have questions, or just want to sign up.

Contact Mary Morrisette, billandmary52@q.com, or 763-218-3797 for text, or see me in church!

NOTE: If some women would like to form a day meeting group - PLEASE feel free to do so. I can assist with your books, and any initial questions.

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **September 12 & 26** and **October 10 & 24**. 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.





For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.

Isaiah 55:12

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world – and right here at home.

Twenty-five percent of this Offering stays with local congregations, 25% to other congregation in our area, and 50% to Presbyterians across the globe who support the work for peace and reconciliation.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022.

September Birthdays



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| Laura Yates | September 4 | Abbey Tiffany | September 17 |
| Carol Havran | September 6 | Dave Etter | September 18 |
| Mark Matteson | September 7 | Becky Yust | September 19 |
| Sheila Ferrazzo | September 9 | Alex Hill | September 19 |
| Ila Basch | September 12 | Derick Ngu | September 22 |
| Sandy Brogren | September 12 | Rod Collins | September 23 |
| Mary Parrott | September 12 | Kathy Carlson | September 23 |
| Diane Albright | September 12 | Mike Marah | September 23 |
| Daniella Ndi | September 12 | Yao Dumenya | September 23 |
| Leslie Etter | September 15 | Del Langer-Anderson | September 26 |
| Mitch Carlson | September 15 | Ed Richardson | September 27 |
| Kathy TeWinkel | September 16 | Laurel Nelson | September 27 |



Don't be glum, come rest your bum, and see what the sanctuary has become!

North Church Family,

With great joy, we are ready to unveil the newly renovated Sanctuary! It has taken many years to get to this point, with contributions from everyone along the way. You have made this possible - thank you! We hope you can join us in-person or virtually on Sunday, September 4, to see how far we have come.

One thing that isn't quite ready yet are the new pew cushions. We're close! You will see the old red cushions for a little while longer. To help get us over this last hurdle, we are asking for your help. We have established a **Pew Cushion Fund** for contributions. It should not replace support for the Operating Fund with your regular general contributions. But, if you can help through additional gifting, your donation will be very appreciated and well-used!

PEW CUSHION FUNDRAISER

Suggested donation is \$50 per "seat"

Donations accepted in September – come see our progress at church! Committee members will be available to answer your questions.

How to give:

- **Special donation envelopes will be available at church.**
- **Donations can also be made online on the [website's Giving page](http://northchurch-mn.org) (northchurch-mn.org then click on Giving).**
- **If you mail a check to church, please put "Pew Cushions" in the memo line.**

Thank you for your generosity!

STATEMENT 2022 **Year-to-Date Activity** **(Detailed report available in the church office)**

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| Total Income | \$150,663 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$163,387</u> |
| Overall Total Deficit | -\$12,724 |

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 September is Carole Javner, 763-688-5362.

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)



Thursday, September 1

6:00pm El Shadai
6:00pm Life Commission
7:00pm Stewardship Commission

Friday, September 2

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 3

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 4

8:45am Childcare
9:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, September 5

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 6

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, September 7

5:00pm Confirmation @ NLR
6:30pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 10

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 11

10:15am Childcare
10:30am Festival of Cultures
12:00pm Lunch

Monday, September 12

6:00pm Century Commons
7:00pm Personnel
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 14

5:30pm Confirmation Meal & Class
6:00pm Wednesday Women
6:30pm Praise Band Practice
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 15

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

Friday, September 16

6:00pm Confirmation Retreat Depart
7:00pm Session

Saturday, September 17

8:00am NMG
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 18

8:45am Childcare
9:00am Traditional Worship
10:00am Fellowship
10:00am Hands-On Mission
10:45am Praise Worship
1:00pm Confirmation Retreat Return
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, September 19

6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Confirmation @ NLR
6:30pm Praise Band Practice
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 22

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, September 23

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 24

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 25

8:45am Childcare
9:00am Traditional Worship
10:00am Fellowship
10:45am Praise Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, September 26

Innovator Articles Due

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, September 27

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

Wednesday, September 28

5:30pm Confirmation Meal & Class
6:30pm Praise Band Practice
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 29

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, September 30

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

