

November 2022 Innovator

News



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:

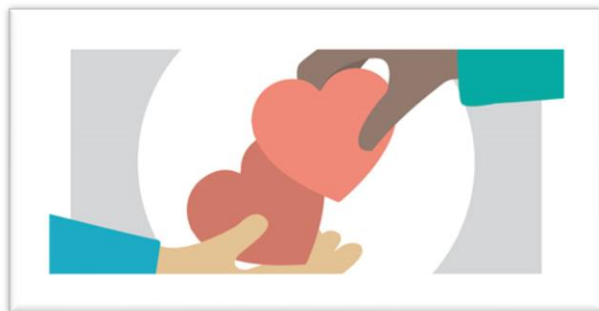
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8:45am	Child Care
9:00am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:00am	Sunday School for Children
10:00am	Refreshments and Fellowship in the Hall
10:45am	Praise Worship in Meisenheimer Hall

Office Hours are 8:00am – 12:00pm Monday thru Wednesday.



Please join us on **November 20** to assemble bags of food or hygiene items that will be distributed to those in need through the Waite House neighborhood center. Waite House is a long-standing pillar of the vibrant Phillips Community in South Minneapolis and nurtures the health, prosperity, and social capital of over 4,500 community members each year.



Gifts from the Heart ~ Dedication Sunday

As you think of the many simple gifts God has given us - sun and rain, food and shelter, blessings, grace, and eternal life through Jesus Christ's resurrection, what "simple gifts" - your time, your talents, your financial resources - are you ready to return to do God's work in our world? Please consider a true gift from your heart that we can use to share God's message in the world. Pledge cards will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday, November 13**. If you are unable to attend the service, please mail it to the church. Pledge cards are also available in the pews, gathering space, and in the church office if you need one. Thank you for your ongoing support.

15th ANNUAL BOWLING FOR CHARITY

Concord Lanes

(Formerly Mattie's 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. Registration forms can be found in the church Narthex.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **November 6**, so please save your extra change to put in the jars on this Sunday.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THERAPEUTIC MUSIC MINISTRY

The deacons coordinate Mary Livingston to provide Therapeutic Music Ministry to our members free of charge. The Therapeutic Music Ministry fund is running low on money. The deacons, and future recipients, would greatly appreciate donations to keep this comforting, love made audible through music, ministry happening in the future. To donate write "Therapeutic Music" on a separate check and include it in your offering or give online and select "Therapeutic Music" in the "Fund" box.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **November 27th**! Join us after the first service to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas!



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 11 through Christmas Eve. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the December 11th and Christmas Eve bulletins. The offerings include 8" poinsettias (red, white, or pink) for \$19 each, and 6" cyclamen (red, white, pink/purple) for \$10 each. The Faith Commission will take orders between services on **November 6 & 13** in the Narthex. You can also place an order by contacting one of the Faith Commission members (Terrie Arfi, Kathy Carlson, Paul Colton, Mike Etter, Billie Novy, or Glenn Wetz). Final orders are due **November 13**.

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.



November 27: First Sunday in Advent

9:00am – Traditional Worship

9:00am – Sunday school for children

10:00am – Refreshments and Fellowship

10:00am – Hanging of the Greens

10:45am – Praise Worship

December 4: Second Sunday in Advent

Celebration of Holy Communion

10:00am – Traditional worship with music from the Northern Bells

10:00am – Sunday School for children

11:00am – Refreshments and Fellowship

December 11: Third Sunday in Advent

10:00am – Traditional worship with music from the Sanctuary Choir

10:00am – Sunday School for children

11:00am – Refreshments and Fellowship

December 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent

10:00am – Advent Drama with Adults, Youth & Children

11:00am – Refreshments and Fellowship

11:00am – Intergenerational Advent Craft

YOUTH SNOW CAMP RETREAT

January 13-15, 2023

This popular, fun, inspiring retreat is for youth in grades 6-12 at Clearwater Forest Camp. All the youth from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities are invited to attend. We have several young adults who have wonderful memories of this retreat and are willing to provide transportation and adult discipleship. Please contact Pastor James pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org or cell 651-230-8816 for more information and to register. *Please note this is an additional retreat opportunity. The spring confirmation retreat is February 17-19.*

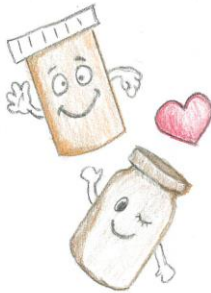




December 2 ~ 6pm – 12am

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 11/30/22 or \$25 after that date.

NEW! PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION MISSION: NOVEMBER & FORWARD!



Wednesday Women's group is starting a new mission project in November to collect used prescription and over the counter pill bottles. Bottles will be collected in the gathering space. (Look for our bin!). They will be sent to Matthew 25 Ministries In Blue Ash, OH for their use in overseas shipments of medical products. The cleaned and capped bottles are bagged and first used as packing (similar to packing peanuts) then they gain a new life being used to distribute medications where pill bottles are not easily available. WATCH FOR OUR BIN IN NOVEMBER! Thank You!

(Please deface or remove any labels with name and prescription details.)

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **November 7 & 28**. If you are donating by check to the General Operating Fund or Building Fund, please consider writing separate checks and noting the purpose on the memo line.



STATEMENT 2022

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$215,145
Total Expenses	<u>\$229,929</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>(-\$14,784)</u></u>



Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on **November 6th**.



Thank you for your continued support of the American Red Cross blood drives. Recently the North St. Paul Churches held a blood drive at St. Mark's church. With the many generous donors from our church and others in the community, we collected 70 units of blood on a goal of 61. Each donation continues to save the life of another person in our community. The next North St. Paul Churches blood drive is at North on *Monday, January 23, 2023*. The blood drive will run from 1-7 pm. We hope to see you there. ~ Joni Purrington

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 Elizabeth Zoya, 828-233-5833.

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)



Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 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, November 4

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 5

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 6

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

Monday, November 7

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

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

Friday, November 11

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 12

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 13 ~ Dedication Sunday

8:45am Childcare
9:00am Traditional Worship
9:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Fellowship
10:45am Praise Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 14

6:00pm Century Commons Association
7:00pm Personnel Com.
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Confirmation Meal & Class
6:30pm Praise Band Practice
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 17

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

Friday, November 18

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 19

8:00am NMG
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 20

8:45am Childcare
9:00am Traditional Worship
9:00am Sunday School for Children
10:00am Fellowship
10:00am Hands-On Mission
10:45am Praise Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 24 ~ OFFICE CLOSED

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 25

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 26

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 27

8:45am Childcare
 9:00am Traditional Worship
 9:00am Sunday School for Children
 10:00am Fellowship
 10:15am Hanging of the Greens
 10:45am Praise Worship
 1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, November 28**Innovator Articles Due****Tuesday, November 29**

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

Wednesday, November 30

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



Carole Javner	November 2
Gaberik Holm	November 2
Charles Etter	November 2
Kevin Schneider	November 4
Dick Zoya	November 6
Bob Pleban	November 9
Pat Hurlbutt	November 10
Mary Leisman	November 11
Inez Kalle	November 13
Verna Rowe	November 15
Mary Morrisette	November 15
Jackson Miller	November 15
Milan Chi	November 17

Shirley Lambert	November 17
Sydney Tiffany	November 18
Kathy Richardson	November 18
LaVonne Holle	November 21
Terrie Arfi	November 22
Julie Wettie	November 22
Elaine Collins	November 24
Sherry Long	November 25
Joni Purrington	November 25
Ryan Purrington	November 26
Ryan Bearth	November 27
Lynnette Johnson	November 29