

March 2023 Innovator



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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
9:00am	Sunday School for Children
10:00am	Fellowship and Refreshments in Meisenheimer Hall
10:45am	Worship with the Praise Band in Meisenheimer Hall

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



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 5

One Service at 10am

We will join together in worship with New Life Presbyterian and Kenyan Christian Outreach to celebrate confirmation and commissioning Sunday. This joint worship service will be held in person at North Presbyterian, in the sanctuary, and livestreamed.

SEEKING: Lenten Devotional Booklet



Beginning with Ash Wednesday, this weekly devotional follows the Revised Common Lectionary through Easter Sunday. Each week offers commentary, poetry, visual art, hymns, and reflection prompts. We encourage you to walk through these weekly readings at your own pace throughout the season, following the rhythm that works best for you.

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 9. Remaining flowers will be delivered to our homebound friends.

- Plant selections:
 - Easter Lily - \$10
 - Pink/Purple Mums - \$11
 - Hyacinths - \$8
 - Blue Hydrangea - \$19
- Orders may be placed:
 - In the Gathering Space on March 5
 - By calling Kathy Carlson (651-334-8031)
- Orders are due by **March 5**.
- Payment options include check (payable to North Church, marked for Easter flowers), cash, or electronic payment via the church website at northchurch-mn.org.

March 15 ~ 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. We will be celebrating the Agape Meal with members from Trinity Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian.



March 10 ~ 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 3/8/2023 or \$25 after that date.



The Nominating Committee is seeking those willing to serve our family of faith. Please contact Greg Hickman for more information and to volunteer at greghickman@hotmail.com or 651-206-4438.

GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

Help support our 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. To access the site and place an order:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter our Store ID code: **216**

Please contact Nancy Gerhardson with questions at 651-808-0306. All orders and payments can be placed online thru **April 2. Plant pick-up will be from 9am-12pm on May 21, 2023.**



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

The Deacons have a limited number of prayer shawls to give to members of our church family when they are in need. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and can make a few shawls, please contact Donna Wickstrom at 651-489-6409.



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." One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected at worship services during Lent. 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 6 & 20**. 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.

We would greatly appreciate if you would make your Per Capita payment of **\$38.00** per person. Whether you pay it or not your church will make the payment for you.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **March 5**, so please save your change to bring it that Sunday to put in the jars.

Thanks to all who helped assemble and pack over 200 sandwiches between worship services on Sunday for this February's Hands-On Mission project! These were gratefully received by the Groveland Food Shelf in Minneapolis which was especially busy earlier this week with many people coming in for food before the snowstorm.



Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need! North Church donated 43 pounds of food in addition to monetary donations to the North St Paul food shelf in January. Volunteers are always welcome at the food shelf.

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 Billie Novy, 651-739-4476.

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)



Wednesday, March 1

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 4

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 5 ~ Confirmation Sunday

9:45am Childcare
10:00am Confirmation Worship
10:00am Sunday School for Children
11:00am Fellowship
1:30pm El Shadai

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, March 10

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 11

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 12

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, March 13

6:00pm Century Commons Association

Tuesday, March 14

6:30pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, March 15

10:00am Choral Bells
6:00pm Agape Meal
7:15pm Choir Practice
7:15pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, March 16

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

Friday, March 17

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 18

8:00am NMG
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 19

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, March 20

6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, March 24

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 25

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 26

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, March 27

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

8:00am FCHE
 6:00pm Life Commission
 6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, March 31

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship



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
Berylly 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