

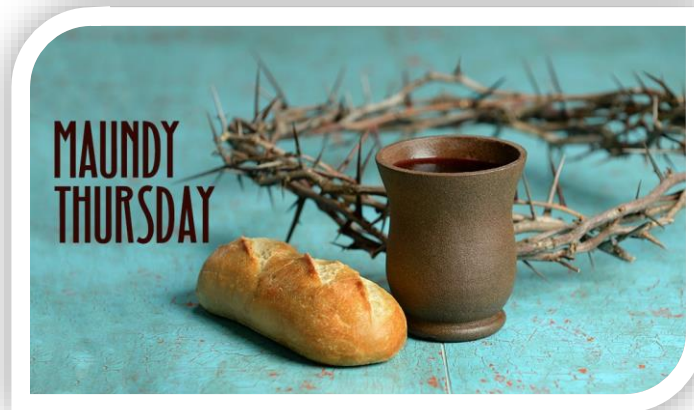
April 2023 Innovator

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 <http://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

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| 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 & Friday.



Thursday, April 6th ~ 7:00pm

We will be observing Maundy Thursday with members from Trinity Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian. Our Maundy Thursday Service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church – 2125 Tower Dr, Woodbury. We hope you will join us.



Sunday, April 2nd ~ Palm Sunday

9:00am Traditional Service & 10:45am Contemporary Service

Thursday, April 6th ~ Maundy Thursday

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Sunday, April 9th ~ Easter Sunday

9:00am Traditional Service & 10:45am Contemporary Service



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. You can give to OGHS by using one of the envelopes found in the Gathering Space or by writing OGHS on your check.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER PARTY FOR CHILDREN

During Sunday School on **April 2**, from 9am-10am, the Nurture Commission will be hosting an Easter Party for all children.





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.*



Do you remember the campfires, skits, games, fun and adventures of camp? Why not share your love of camp with the campers of today by sending a child, grandchild, or neighbor to camp? For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

Summer Campships Available for Clearwater Forest All Kids/Youth Ages 8-17

North Church through its Endowment Committee will pay all registration costs for campers. North Church believes every child should have the opportunity to experience God's Woods and Waters. If you have questions about Camp Programs and Registration, please contact Paul Colton 651-242-1668.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 11-15 ~ 5:30pm-7:30pm

Children 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to attend VBS at Presbyterian Church of the Way, 3382 Lexington Ave N, Shoreview. It will be a Star Wars theme where we will be building lightsabers (pool noodles), learning how to use the force (bodily movement prayers), Bible study times, music, more games and crafts and snacks. Registration information coming soon!

Diane Albright is looking for individuals or families who might be interested in sponsoring a Haitian to come to the U.S. for the next 2 years under the government's new Humanitarian Parole Program. She has several Haitians who would like to come to the United States under this program to gain employment and help provide for their families back home who are unable to find jobs. Diane is sponsoring a Haitian who is coming on April 19 and can answer your questions at satrianodee@hotmail.com. For more information about the program, go to <https://www.uscis.gov/CHNV>.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **April 2**, so please bring in your extra change on that Sunday.

NORTH ST PAUL FOOD SHELF

During the month of April, the Faith Commission is lifting up one of our ongoing mission projects for the community. The Food Shelf is in need of donations of both food items and money. Please check the list in the Narthex for the food items needed. Financial contributions are also needed to purchase fresh produce and the money goes three times further when spent by the Food Shelf than when one of us purchases food items.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting the next Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, **April 3**, 1-7 p.m. As of right now, we have 37/76 appointments filled. Thanks so much for always assisting us to fill the blood drive appointments. This has been a very challenging time for the Red Cross blood drives. Drives have been cancelled due to severe weather. Please contact Joni Purrington at 612-750-8894. Walk-ins are always welcome!

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **April 3 & 17**. 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.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2023 Year-to-Date Activity (Detailed report available in the church office)

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| Total Income | \$78,440 |
| Total Expenses | \$90,988 |
| Overall Total (Deficit) | <u><u>-\$12,548</u></u> |

**We need a surplus going into summer when our giving subsides.*

A recurring scam involves requests for gift cards of church members. Many churches experience this scam a couple of times per year. The scammer will email or text requesting gift cards or money. Pastor James and North Presbyterian Church staff will never ask for money or gift cards via text or email. Usually, the scammers use an email address or phone number that is close but incorrect. If communication looks suspicious, then verify that it is sent from the correct email or phone number. If the information is correct and you are still unsure check with Renee or Pastor James directly. We have checked the church's network and all the information is secure.





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| April Duo | April 1 | Donna Wickstrom | April 12 |
| Walton Yates | April 2 | Matthew Marah | April 15 |
| Deanna Dick | April 3 | Randy Smith | April 15 |
| Daniel Oji | April 6 | Leslie York | April 16 |
| Kathie Johansen | April 6 | Mary Japs | April 20 |
| Brandon Nelson | April 8 | Jasmine Kalle | April 22 |
| Casey Carlson | April 9 | Samuel Lindenfesler | April 24 |
| Courtney Colton | April 9 | James Nowak | April 28 |
| Maddie Roth | April 10 | Jim Holle | April 29 |
| Ariana Hill | April 10 | | |

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 April is Sean Bearth, 651-276-4537.

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)

**Saturday, April 1**

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 2 ~ Palm Sunday

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Traditional Worship

9:00am Easter Party for Children

10:00am Fellowship

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Tuesday, April 4

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm Deacons

Wednesday, April 5

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 6 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship
@ Trinity

Friday, April 7

12:00pm El Shadai Wedding

Saturday, April 8

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 9 ~ Easter

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Traditional Worship

10:00am Fellowship

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Personnel

Tuesday, April 11

6:30pm Northern Bells

6:30pm CMA

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, April 12

6:00pm Wednesday Women

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 13

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

6:00pm Life Commission

6:30pm Nurture Commission

Saturday, April 15

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 16

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, April 17

6:00pm Quilt Guild

Tuesday, April 18

6:30pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, April 19

10:00am Choral Bells

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 20

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, April 21

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, April 22

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 23

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, April 24

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, April 25

6:30pm Northern Bells

6:30pm Session @ New Life

Wednesday, April 26

6:30pm Praise Band Practice

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 27

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, April 29

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 30

8:45am Childcare

9:00am Traditional Worship

9:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Fellowship

10:45am Praise Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

