

May 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

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

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



One Worship Service at 10am Begins May 21

We will gather together for one worship service at 10am in the Sanctuary but will move to the air conditioned Meisenheimer Hall on Sundays that are uncomfortably warm.

Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on **May 21**. After our 10am worship service, we will hold the meeting where we will be electing new members to our session, deacons, audit, personnel, and nominating committees.





May 5 ~ 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 5/3/2023 or \$25 after that date.

Please join us **May 21** after the Annual Congregational Meeting for our Hands-On Mission! We will be assembling teacher appreciation snack bags for the teachers of North High School.



GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER



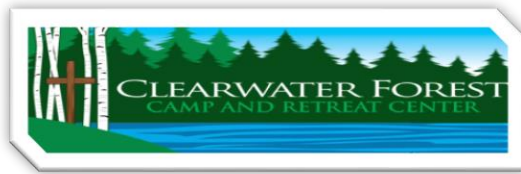
If you ordered plants, you can pick them up on **May 21**, between 9am—12pm. Please contact Nancy Gerhardson with questions at 651-808-0306. *Thank you for supporting our programs!*

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **May 8** and **22**. 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 **May 7**, so please bring in your extra change on that Sunday.



Summer Camperships 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 can be found at <https://www.pcotw.org/RegisterVBS>.

A Brief Update from The Tiffanys:

Due to both physical and logistical challenges, we have made the decision to attend a church that is closer to our home. As time has gone on, mobility has become more difficult for Sherry. Although this has been a difficult decision, we feel this will be more manageable for our family. We have formed many wonderful friendships at North Church over the years, and the memories our family has made are endless! Please know we want to continue ALL of these friendships. We deeply appreciate all of your prayers, meals, cards and support, and hope you will continue to pray for our family during these uncertain times. ~Mark, Sherry, Abbey & Sydney





Kyron Kruch	May 1	Jan Nelson	May 16
Cathy Hickman	May 3	Kevin Carlson	May 17
Harold Yates	May 4	Robyn Marah	May 17
Karen Pepin	May 6	John Ruppel	May 19
Lynne Beck	May 7	Sean Bearth	May 25
Betsy Hoffman	May 8	Sarah Bearth	May 25
John Snell	May 10	Annaliese Miller	May 25
Linda Hagen	May 10	Virginia Gleason	May 26
Joshua Oji	May 11	James Lindenfelser	May 28
Doug Pepin	May 13	Jane Wolfram	May 29
Solii Yuven	May 13	Lena Yates	May 29
Bryan Ross	May 13		

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 May is Terrie Arfi, 651-429-4081.

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, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

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

Thursday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 13

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

10:00am Choral Bells
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session

Friday, May 19

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, May 20

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 21

9:00am Gerten's Flower Pick-Up
9:45am Childcare
10:00am Worship
11:00am Annual Meeting
11:30am Hands-On Mission
1:30pm El Shadai

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

6:30pm New Officer Orientation
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 25

6:00pm El Shadai

Saturday, May 27

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, May 28

9:45am Childcare
10:00am Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, May 29

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, May 30

10:30am Red Cross Blood Drive
6:30pm CMA
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

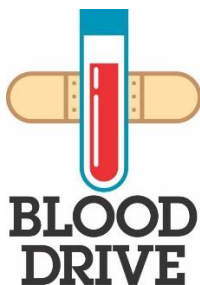
Wednesday, May 31

7:00pm Choir Practice



The Pentecost Offering connects us with children, youth, and young adults — each with gifts to share — and offers them opportunities to build a solid foundation of faith to last a lifetime. You can give to the Pentecost Special Offering by using one of the envelopes found in the Gathering Space or by writing Pentecost on your check. This special offering will be taken from April 10-May 28.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

North Church will host the next Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, **May 30**, 10:30am – 5:30pm. If you are able, please plan to donate. Inventories are low! Please contact Joni Purrington at 612-750-8894 with any questions. Walk-ins are always welcome!

