

August 2023 Innovator



One Worship Service at 10am

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

Worship services will begin at 10:00am 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:

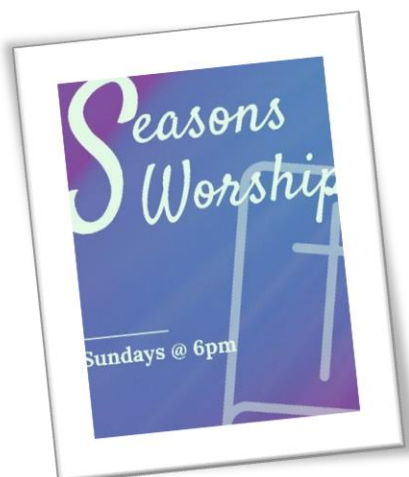
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9:45am	Child Care for children 5 years of age and younger
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary

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



We invite you to join us for the Festival of Cultures on **September 10** at 10am. This unique service celebrates the diversity of our community through worship in Spanish, Hausa, and English, and uses parables to gain Latino, African, and Western insights. The service will also feature music from Latino, African, and American Praise Bands and Choirs. In addition to the spiritually enriching worship, you will be treated to a feast of Latino, African, and American food followed by action-packed games. This worship service is a joint ministry of El Shadai, Trinity Presbyterian, New Life, and North Church. Don't miss this opportunity to worship together and celebrate our differences in a welcoming and inclusive environment.



Get ready for an uplifting worship experience as we kick off *Seasons Worship* **September 17** at 6pm. Our talented praise band will get you in the spirit with 15 minutes of praise music, followed by 45 minutes of scripture-based discussion and prayer led by Pastors Riz and James. Then, each Sunday we dive into a different rhythm including Hands-On Mission, Dinner, Holy Communion, Games, or an Open Mic Session. Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with members from New Life and North!

Women of North Church - Wednesday Women's 9-month bible study will start **September 13**, 6pm, in Room 13. This year's Horizons' study is titled "Sacred Encounters, the Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" by Olive Mahabir. PW describes it as a study that will lead readers through the radical, inclusive, and hope-filled message of Luke-Acts. (Cost of the study is \$16.00 for book and shipping.) You can internet search Presbyterian Women Sacred Encounters bible study for info. We meet the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. We are always open to new members. If you wish to join the study or have questions feel free to contact Mary Morrisette at mbmorr99@gmail.com or 763-218-3797.



SUMMERTIME SINGERS

Do you like to sing? Whether or not you've sung with a choir, you are welcome to sing with the Summertime Singers. The group is made up of members of the Sanctuary Choir as well as anyone else who would like to sing. It's the perfect introduction to singing with the choir. You can sing for one, two or all three dates this summer and, if you'd like, you can continue in the fall as a regular choir member.

The Summertime Singers will be singing **August 27**. We will meet 45 minutes before the service starts to learn our parts. If you are interested, please contact Mary Livingston at 651-331-1089 (phone/text) or livingstonmusic@q.com.



CHOIR RETREAT AND ADVANCE!

Save the date! The choir retreat will be held on Saturday, **August 26**, 9am - noon at North Church.

This event is open to all current, former, and future choir members - or people who just want to sing on a Saturday morning. If you enjoy singing and want to share your voice, please join us at the retreat and advance your musical skills. The retreat will include vocal warm-ups, discovery of new ways to improve your singing voice, reading both familiar and new music ... and snacks! Some snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something to share, if you'd like.

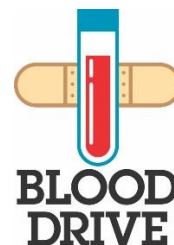
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Do you have a student who will be attending college this year?

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 up-date our list.

Church of St. Peter will host the next Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, **August 2**, 1-7 pm. If you are able, please plan to donate. To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: North St Paul Churches. Please contact Joni Purrington at 612-750-8894 or Nancy Glasenapp at 651-414-1243 with any questions.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **August 6**, so please bring in your extra change on that Sunday.



HOSPITALITY TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

The Joint North and New Life Seasons Worship Hospitality Team is seeking volunteers for the Hospitality Team that will participate in our new Seasons service starting Sunday, Sept. 17 at North. Hospitality will be responsible for greeting at the entryway and organizing snacks for the service. For the second Sunday of each month, Hospitality will organize a meal plan - maybe a barbeque, pizza making, chili contest, or something else. The goal is to keep the meal simple and create fellowship by having attendees involved if they wish to join in the planning and/or preparation. Please consider joining the Team as we start on this new journey. Contact Mary Morrisette, 763-218-3797 (call/text), Carole Javner or Shelley Ross if you have an interest in joining the Team. THANK YOU!



As a church family, we often provide rides to members who need assistance traveling to and from doctors' appointments. We are currently updating our list of volunteers who would be available to provide transportation. **We currently have a member who needs rides to and from dialysis on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week. The appointment is near Lake Phalen, and she needs to arrive by 12:30pm on these days. She would also need to be picked up after the appointment which is a minimum of 3 hours long.** If you would like to be added to our list of volunteer drivers and/or are available to help with dialysis transportation, please contact Donna Wickstrom at wickstromdonna@gmail.com or call/text at (612) 867-8180.



Thank you to everyone who purchased plants for our Gertens' Fundraiser. We raised \$520 for our youth programs.

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **August 7 and 21.**



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

Total Income	\$146,027
Total Expenses	<u>\$163,579</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>(-\$17,552)</u></u>



Roseanne Brabender	August 1	Karl Brogren	August 21
Thor Sellie	August 2	Becky Hamilton	August 21
Nina Hicks	August 3	Lois Brenner	August 26
Dixie Hatcher	August 4	Elizabeth Zoya	August 27
Mark Long	August 4	Jenny Rangel	August 29
Norm Purrington	August 5	Helen Patrick	August 29
Jim Warner	August 6	Leah Fese	August 29
Emily Gerhardson	August 6	Bob Zimanski	August 30
Janet Krumrey	August 15	Sarah Mauer	August 31
Sandra Nambangi	August 16		
Catherine Satriano	August 20		



Tuesday, August 1

6:30pm CMA
6:30pm New Deacon Orientation
7:00pm Deacons
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, August 2

6:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 3

6:00pm Life Commission
6:30pm Faith Commission
7:00pm Stewardship Commission
7:15pm Nurture Commission

Friday, August 4

3:00pm El Shadai Quinceanera

Saturday, August 5

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 6

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

6:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 10

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, August 11

3:00pm El Shadai Quinceanera

Saturday, August 12

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 13

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

Monday, August 14

7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, August 15

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

Wednesday, August 16

6:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 17

7:00pm Session

Saturday, August 19

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

2:00pm FCHE Open House
6:00pm Praise Band

Thursday, August 24

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, August 25

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, August 26

8:00am Choir Retreat
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, August 27

9:15am Summertime Singers Rehearsal
9:45am Childcare
10:00am Worship
1:30pm El Shadai

Monday, August 28

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

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

Thursday, August 31

6:00pm El Shadai

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 August is Shelley Ross, 612-804-3450.

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)