

September 2023 Innovator



One Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary

Fellowship & Food at 11am in Room 24

Seasons Interactive Worship at 6pm in the Hall Starting September 17

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:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFxRhCSCfSL8Ru5T3aV1Asw?view_as=subscriber

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

~ September 10: Festival of Cultures~

9:45am	Child Care
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary, Streamed Outside and to Meisenheimer Hall
11:00pm	Lunch and Games

~ Beginning September 17~

Sunday Morning Worship

9:45am	Child Care for children 5 years of age and younger
10:00am	Sunday School for Children preschool thru 5 th Grade
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00am	Refreshments and Fellowship in Room 24

Seasons Worship Service

6:00pm	Seasons Interactive Worship in the Hall
7:00pm	Hands-On Mission, Games, Open Mic or Lord's Supper

Office Hours are 9:00am – 1:00pm Monday thru Wednesday & Friday.



We invite you to join us for the Festival of Cultures on **September 10** at 10am at North Presbyterian Church, 2675 E Hwy 36, North St. Paul. This unique service celebrates the diversity and unity of our community through worship in Spanish, Hausa, and English, and uses scripture to gain Latino, African, and Western insights on God's grace. 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 exciting games. This worship service is a joint ministry of El Shadai New Hope Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian, New Life Presbyterian, Kenyan Christian Outreach, Presbyterian Church of Cameroon, Presbyterian Church of Ghana, and North Presbyterian. We are expecting numerous guests. We hope you will join us in worship, fellowship, games and celebration of God's grace that transforms all of us and unites us.

Get ready for an uplifting worship experience as we kick off *Seasons Interactive 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. Attend any component or all components.

That's not all! We're inviting you to bring your own beverage (BYOB), but remember, moderation is key, so please limit yourself to no more than 2 servings of alcohol. To satisfy your appetite, we'll also be providing snacks. However, if you have any personal favorites, feel free to bring your own snacks too! Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with members from New Life and North!

The purpose of Seasons is to provide a safe, caring space where all are loved and accepted in the hope of having everyone experience God's grace and everyone growing in love of God and love of all people.

Text "Seasons" to 888-487-3394 for updates.

Seasons is a ministry of New Life Presbyterian Church
www.newlifechurchroseville.org and North Presbyterian Church
www.northchurch-mn.org.

Join us for Seasons Worship at: *North Presbyterian Church,
2765 East Highway 36, North St. Paul MN 55109*



Seasons
Interactive Worship



Seasons

Worship Schedule

Weekly Rhythms

1 st Sunday of the Month:	Open Mic for Music or Poetry
2 nd Sunday of the Month:	Meal and Lord's Supper
3 rd Sunday of the Month:	Hands-On Mission
4 th Sunday of the Month:	Games
5 th Sunday of the Month:	Special Event, Movie Clip, or Art

Worship Times for 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of the Month

6:00pm - 6:15pm:	Live Music
6:15pm - 7:00pm:	Conversation and Prayer
7:00pm:	Rhythm Activity

Worship Times for 2nd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm - 6:15pm:	Live Music
6:15pm - 6:50pm:	Meal & Prayer
6:50pm - 7:00pm:	Clean-up
7:00pm:	Celebration of Lord's Supper and Conversation

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Staffing Update

The Personnel Committee would like to brief the congregation on some recent actions to reflect our evolving Sunday worship schedule. As we look ahead to the new evening Seasons worship experience, we have updated several Ministry Descriptions:

*Director of Children's Ministry
Sunday AM Childcare Provider
Seasons Childcare Provider/Teacher
Praise Band Director*

There are several changes in our staffing related to these updated roles. First, we would like to extend our gratitude to Sarah Bearth for her 2.5 years of service in the Children's Ministry role! We appreciate all that she did for the youth at our church! She has opted not to apply for any of the newly updated roles.

After a committee interview process and then having been approved by Session, we would like to welcome Emily Gerhardson into the newly updated role of Director of Children's Ministry and Nancy Gerhardson as the new Sunday AM Childcare Provider. Emily will be reaching out to parents as we approach the beginning of Sunday school.

We are still seeking a Seasons Childcare Provider/Teacher, so if you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested - please let us know!

We are also searching for backup childcare volunteers and Sunday school teachers. If you feel called to help, please reach out to Emily at (651) 460-0875 or pandaerg@gmail.com. We would love to be able to recruit a group that could take rotations leading class under Emily's supervision.

Thanks for reading! ~ North Church Personnel Committee

WELCOME BACK HOSPITALITY TIME - WITH A TWIST!

We are excited to announce coffee time will resume on **Sunday, September 17th after the morning service**. Life Commission is in the process of creating a dedicated, warm, and welcoming space in Room 24. This new space will provide a quiet environment to settle in, relax, and enjoy fellow members without distractions from afternoon services held at the church. We are also looking at enhancing hospitality refreshments!

Stop by after morning service on September 17th, and each Sunday morning after, to enjoy refreshments and fellowship!





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!



Weekly youth ministry will resume **October 4** from 5:30pm-7:30pm! This year youth fellowship will be a joint ministry of New Life, Kenyan Christian Outreach Church (KCOC), Presbyterian Church of the Way Shoreview (PCOTW) and North. For last year's confirmands this will be a reunion with most of the youth from confirmation and several potential new friends. We will rotate between the four churches. The first Wednesday of the month we will be at PCOTW. The second Sunday of the month at New Life. The third Wednesday of the month at KCOC. On the fourth Sunday of the month, we will host all of the youth at the *Seasons* Interactive Worship followed by games.

All Saints Retreat ~ Friday, October 27 thru Saturday, October 28. We will begin with a mission project packing meals for Every Meal followed by dinner and games, sleep at the church, and awake to breakfast.

January or February Retreat at Clearwater Forest.

Summer 2024 Workcamp. We will serve together likely in Chicago.

You have a great leadership team planning all of these happenings. Watch for more details the last week of September.



SEPTEMBER HANDS-ON MISSION PROJECT

On **September 17**, attendees at both the Sunday morning worship service and the new Seasons worship service will have the opportunity to pack backpacks with school supplies for North Metro Flex Academy.

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 update our list.



October 6 ~ 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 10/4/23 or \$25 after that date.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 16th ANNUAL BOWLING FOR CHARITY

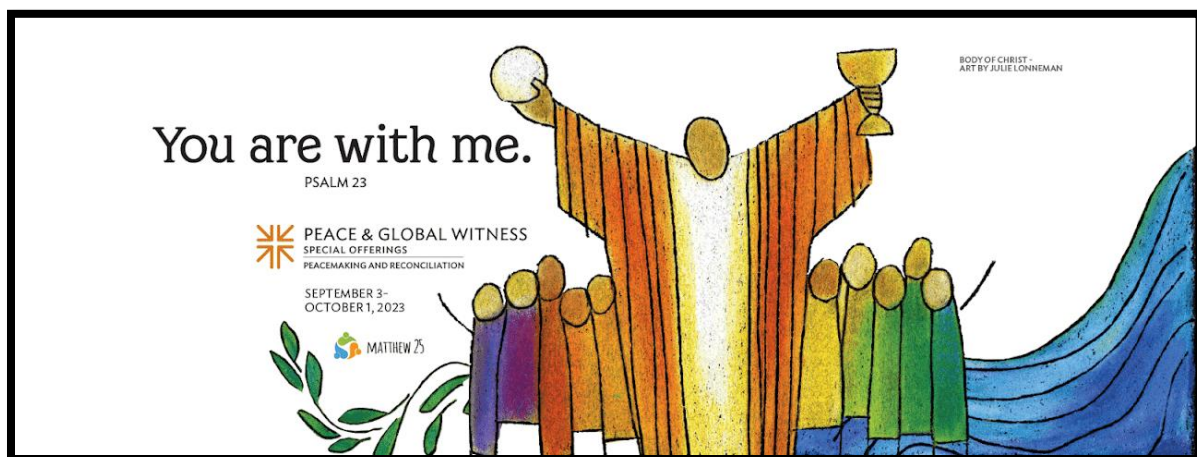
Concord Lanes
365 Concord St N, South St Paul, MN 55075



Houses for Haiti will be hosting its 16th Annual Bowling Tournament and Silent Auction/Raffle on **Sunday, November 26, 2023**. 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 are available in the Narthex.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **September 3**, so please save your extra change to bring on that Sunday to put in the jars.



The *Peace & Global Witness Offering* offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

Twenty-five percent of this Offering stays with local congregations, 25% to mid-councils for other congregations, and 50% to Presbyterians across the globe who support the work for peace and reconciliation.

The *Peace & Global Witness Offering* is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 1, 2023.

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

Total Income	\$162,302
Total Expenses	<u>\$186,405</u>
Overall Total Deficit	-\$24,103

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **September 11 & 25** and **October 16 & 30**.





Thank you for your donation of \$200 to assist Remember Niger Coalition in expanding quality education opportunities in the least developed country in the world. Your gift will have an enormous impact in the lives of children in Niger as they attend quality schools with caring teachers. Please keep our partners and students in Niger in your prayers. With Gratitude ~ Kara VanderKamp



Laura Yates	September 4	Abbey Tiffany	September 17
Carol Havran	September 6	Dave Etter	September 18
Sheila Ferrazzo	September 9	Becky Yust	September 19
Ila Basch	September 12	Alex Hill	September 19
Sandy Brogren	September 12	Liram Lukong	September 19
Mary Parrott	September 12	Derick Ngu	September 22
Diane Albright	September 12	Rod Collins	September 23
Daniella Ndi	September 12	Kathy Carlson	September 23
Leslie Etter	September 15	Mike Marah	September 23
Mitch Carlson	September 15	Yao Dumenya	September 23
Rulen Lukong	September 15	Del Langer-Anderson	September 26
Kathy TeWinkel	September 16	Ed Richardson	September 27
		Laurel Nelson	September 27



Friday, September 1

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 2

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 3

9:45am Childcare

10:00am Worship

1:30pm El Shadai

Tuesday, September 5

6:30pm CMA

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

6:00pm Praise Band

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

6:00pm Life Commission

6:30pm Faith Commission

7:00pm Stewardship Commission

7:15pm Nurture Commission

Friday, September 8

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 9

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 10

9:45am Childcare

10:00am Festival of Cultures

11:00am Lunch & Games

Monday, September 11

7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, September 12

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, September 13

6:00pm Praise Band

6:00pm Wednesday Women

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 14

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, September 15

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 16

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 17 ~ Hands-On Mission

9:45am Childcare

10:00am Worship

11:00am Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

4:20pm Praise Band Practice

6:00pm Seasons Interactive Worship

Tuesday, September 19

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

10:00am Choral Bells

6:00pm Praise Band

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 21

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm Session

Friday, September 22

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 23

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, September 24

9:45am Childcare

10:00am Worship

11:00am Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

4:20pm Praise Band Practice

6:00pm Seasons Interactive Worship

Monday, September 25

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, September 26

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, September 27

6:00pm Praise Band

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 28

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, September 29

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, September 30

3:00pm El Shadai

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours
(Monday-Wednesday & Friday 9:00am-1:00pm)
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 September is Mike Etter, 651-249-9656.

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)