

November 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

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

Sunday Morning Worship

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| 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

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| 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.



Please join us on **November 19th** to assemble bags with Kleenex packs, decks of cards, trail mix, etc. that will be distributed to those at the Hastings Veterans Home. We will also decorate poster boards with messages of encouragement.



Stewardship Campaign

Our theme for the Fall Stewardship campaign this year is *Grateful Giving*. In this season, we ask you to reflect and prayerfully consider all that has been given to you, and the ways in which you might joyfully return some of your time, talents, and gifts. Your gifts will not only be an investment in our mission but also a testament to your commitment to spreading love, compassion, and hope in our community. Pledge cards will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday, November 12th**. If you are unable to attend the service, please mail it to the church or pledge online at onrealm.org/northchurchmn. Pledge cards are also available in the pews, gathering space, and church office if you need one. Thank you for your ongoing support.

16th ANNUAL BOWLING FOR CHARITY

Concord Lanes
(Formerly Mattie's 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 26th, 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 12:30pm start time. Details and signup information are available in the Narthex.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **November 5th**, so please save your extra change to put in the jars on this Sunday.

Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on **November 5th**.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **December 3rd**! Join us after worship to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND PLANT PROGRAM

All are invited to participate in the upcoming Christmas Flower & Plant Program. The flowers and plants may be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones and will be used to decorate the sanctuary and Narthex on December 10 through Christmas Eve. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the December 10th and Christmas Eve bulletins. The offerings include 8" poinsettias (red, white, or pink) for \$19 each, and 6" cyclamen (red, white, pink/purple) for \$11 each. The Faith Commission will take orders between services on **November 5 & 12** in the Narthex. You can also place an order by contacting one of the Faith Commission members (Kathy Carlson, Paul Colton, Mike Etter, Billie Novy, Lisa Sellie, or Glenn Wetz). Final orders are due **November 12**.

You are welcome to take your plant(s) home with you after the Christmas Eve service. Any plants left at church may be given to our homebound members by the deacons.

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **November 13 & 27** and **December 11 & 30**.



STATEMENT 2023

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$208,365
Total Expenses	<u>\$231,935</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>(-\$23,570)</u></u>



December 3: First Sunday in Advent

Celebration of Holy Communion

- 10:00am** – Traditional Worship
- 10:00am** – Sunday school for children
- 11:00am** – Food and Fellowship
- 11:00am** – Hanging of the Greens
- 6:00pm** – *Seasons* Interactive Worship

December 10: Second Sunday in Advent

- 10:00am** – Traditional worship with music from the Northern Bells
- 10:00am** – Sunday School for children
- 11:00am** – Food and Fellowship
- 6:00pm** – *Seasons* Interactive Worship

December 17: Third Sunday in Advent

- 10:00am** – Traditional worship with music from the Sanctuary Choir
- 10:00am** – Sunday School for children
- 11:00am** – Food and Fellowship
- 6:00pm** – *Seasons* Interactive Worship

December 24: Fourth Sunday in Advent

Celebration of Holy Communion

No Morning Worship Service

- 5:00pm** – Christmas Eve Worship



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Life Commission is looking for a few good folks to help with hospitality on Sunday mornings. The time commitment is one Sunday a month, from 10am – noon. The process is slightly different since we have moved hospitality to Room 24, but the basics are the same: buy donuts (get reimbursed), make coffee, set up a serving table, set out coffee/water/tea, and mingle with the fine members who will come for fellowship at the end of the service. Minimal clean-up. Greg Hickman will make up a schedule, so if you can help out, please email him at greghickman@hotmail.com. You can also contact anyone else from Life Commission: Shelley Ross, Carole Javner, Sean Bearth, Leslie Etter, Becky Hamilton, Robyn Marah. Thank you in advance!!

YOUTH SNOW CAMP RETREAT January 12-14, 2024

This popular, fun, inspiring retreat is for youth in grades 6-12 at Clearwater Forest Camp. All the youth from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities are invited to attend. We have several young adults who have wonderful memories of this retreat and are willing to provide transportation and adult discipleship. Please contact Pastor James pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org or cell 651-230-8816 for more information and to register.



HOLIDAY FAIR TRADE MARKET New Life Presbyterian Church Saturday, November 4, 9am-4pm Sunday, November 5, 11am-2pm

Come to the Holiday Fair Trade Market to shop for handcrafted fair trade gift and food items from all over the world. You will find jewelry, baskets, hats, scarves, bee products, home décor, chocolate, coffee, wild rice, and more!



Wednesday, November 1

6:00pm Youth Ministry
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 4

9:00am Holiday Market @ New Life
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 5

9:45am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School for Children
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship
11:00am Holiday Market @ New Life
1:00pm El Shadai
4:20pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

Tuesday, November 7

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

Wednesday, November 8

6:00pm Wednesday Women
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 9

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 10

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 11

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 12 ~ Dedication Sunday

9:45am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School for Children
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship
1:00pm El Shadai
1:00pm Youth Ministry
4:20pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

Monday, November 13

7:00pm Personnel

Tuesday, November 14

6:30pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 15

10:00am Choral Bells
5:30pm Youth Ministry
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 16

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

Friday, November 17

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 18

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 19 ~ Hands-On Mission

9:45am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School for Children
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship
1:00pm El Shadai
4:20pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving

3:00pm El Shadai

Friday, November 24

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, November 25

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, November 26

9:45am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School for Children
10:00am Worship
11:00am Fellowship
1:00pm El Shadai
4:20pm Praise Band Practice
5:30pm Youth Ministry
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

Monday, November 27

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, November 28

6:30pm CMA
6:30pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, November 29

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 30

8:00am FCHE
6:00pm El Shadai



Carole Javner	November 2	Sydney Tiffany	November 18
Gaberik Holm	November 2	Kathy Richardson	November 18
Charles Etter	November 2	LaVonne Holle	November 21
Dick Zoya	November 6	Terrie Arfi	November 22
Bob Pleban	November 9	Julie Wettie	November 22
Pat Hurlbutt	November 10	Elaine Collins	November 24
Mary Leisman	November 11	Sherry Long	November 25
Inez Kalle	November 13	Joni Purrington	November 25
Mary Morrisette	November 15	Ryan Purrington	November 26
Jackson Miller	November 15	Ryan Bearth	November 27
Milan Chi	November 17	Lynnette Johnson	November 29

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 November is Lisa Sellie, 651-770-5943.

Custodian

Nelson Portillo

Nelson has limited English, therefore we contact him through his son at 651-443-6612 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)