

October 2024 Innovator



Sunday 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

- 9:50am Child Care for children 5 years of age and younger
- 10:00am Sunday School for children 6 years of age to Grade 5
- 10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am Refreshments and Fellowship in Room 24

Wednesday Seasons Worship Service

- 6:00pm Seasons Interactive Worship in the Hall
- 7:00pm Hands-On Mission, Games, Open Mic for Poetry or Music, Art, Fellowship

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



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH October 6, 2024

We will celebrate World Communion Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church, (2125 Tower Dr, Woodbury, MN) at 10am. There will be **no** in person worship at North.



Stewardship Campaign

Our theme for the Fall Stewardship campaign this year is *Grateful Giving*. As we enter another stewardship campaign, we invite you to reflection Psalm 90:12. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can be a wise steward of the blessings God has entrusted to you. Pledge cards will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday, November 10**. However, we urge you to make both your pledge and contributions via the OnRealm portal: 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.



HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

We are developing a new and improved North Church website and would love your help! Please consider sharing what makes North a great place to worship. We plan to use these testimonials on our new website to help attract new visitors. (Don't worry - only your first name and last initial will be used in your testimonial.) Please email north@northchurch-mn.org with the following information:

- First name & last initial
- Testimonial: Please explain your positive experience with North Church in 1-5 sentences. This can be related to the sermons, music, Christian education, mission, welcoming congregation, or anything else you value at North.

TAKE IT ONE STEP FURTHER

One way to rank higher in Google searches, as well as build our church reputation, is with positive Google reviews. We would truly appreciate if you would also provide a Google review for North Church. Please use the following link, sign in to your Google account, and provide a review. Google Link: <https://g.page/r/CXIrUHUbvqnZEAE/review> . Thank you!!



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 6, 2024.



North Church members and friends are once again invited to partner with New Life Presbyterian Church in hosting a pumpkin patch. Proceeds from the sale benefit the Navajo Nation of New Mexico as well as our church's mission and other projects. Please support the effort by purchasing pumpkins from the patch or volunteering to help staff it. The patch is located at New Life Presbyterian Church (965 *Larpenteur Ave W., Roseville*). Volunteers are needed to staff the patch in 2-hour shifts during afternoons from **September 29 through October 31**. Please sign up at the SignUp Genius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=s.signup&urlid=20F0F4CABAD28A0FC1-51238042-newlife&useFullSite=true#/>. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Carlson (kmschakel-carlson1@mmm.com, 651-334-8031). Thank you for supporting this fun and fruitful fundraiser!

FELLOWSHIP AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE WAY

Members of North Church are invited to participate in the following activities at Presbyterian Church of the Way (3382 Lexington Ave N, Shoreview).



Blessing of the Animals ~ October 5 at 10am

Bring your favorite creatures and join us for a Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, Oct. 5 starting at 10am at PCOTW. Those planning on attending should bring their own lawn chairs and should bring their pet leashed or caged for a blessing. If you prefer, you may bring a photo of your pet instead for their blessing.

Halloween Costume Swap ~ October 5 from 11am-1pm

Bring gently used costumes, play clothes, or dress up clothes and swap them for a different costume at PCOTW.



Senior Ministry ~ October 15 at 1:30pm

Seniors you are invited to a new partnership ministry with New Life and Presbyterian Church of the Way (PCOTW). On the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm, seniors from all three churches will gather at PCOTW for snacks, fellowship, laughs, meeting new friends and experience a different program or mission each month.

Wednesday Meal and Ministries ~ October 23 at 6pm

Enjoy a delicious home cooked style meal and fellowship at 6pm on Wednesday, October 23 at PCOTW. At 6:30pm, there will be ministries for children and youth and fellowship for adults. Please RSVP to pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org, so we can have a meal ready for you.



Trunk or Treat ~ October 27 from 4-6pm

Children are invited to wear their costumes and trick or treat from car trunks. *Trunks will be ready at 3:30 pm to welcome kids with sensory sensibilities.*

October 4 ~ 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 10/2/24 or \$25 after that date.



St. Mark Lutheran Church will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, **October 3**, 12pm – 6pm. Blood supplies are extremely low. If you are able, please plan to donate. Please contact Nancy Glasenapp at 651-414-1243 or Stglasen@aol.com with any questions.

17th 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, October 27, 2024**. 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 **October 13**, so please bring your extra change on this Sunday to put in the jars.



Thanks for your generous donations of school supplies which made the September Hand-On Mission such a success. Nine backpacks (one each for grades kindergarten through eighth) were filled with school supplies. We also donated Clorox wipes, boxes of Kleenex, paper towels and extra school supplies. A special thank you to Joni Purrington (with Norm's support) for delivering everything mentioned above. North Metro Flex Academy was very grateful for your largesse. ~ Faith Commission

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **October 15 & 28** and **November 11 & 25**.



STATEMENT 2024

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$172,486
Total Expenses	<u>\$193,541</u>
Overall Total Deficit	-\$21,055



REMEMBER NIGER 2024- NORTH CHURCH RALLY WALK OCTOBER 20

North Church is excited to participate in the Fall Remember Niger Rally to support our students and schools in Niger! You can play an important part of this mission by supporting the rally here at North Church. Here are details and how you can participate:

October 20 - After Worship Service 11:00 – a lunch and learn session – find out more about Remember Niger and learn what's new. There will also be time to write cards/letters to students at our supported Niger schools.

Following lunch – a 2-mile walk (starting and ending at North Church).

Suggested Donation Amounts:

- Adults: \$25
- Youth 2-17: \$10
- Kids 2 and Under: Free

Even if you aren't walking, you can still donate to the Rally and participate in the letter writing. **Best of all, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar from a generous matching gift!**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Pepin or Paul Colton.

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours
(Monday-Wednesday & Friday 9am-1pm)
north@northchurch-mn.org
651-777-4044

(Voicemail is checked Monday-Wednesday & Friday)

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 October is Randy Smith, 612-327-4955.

Emergency Building Contacts

Thor Sellie (Home: 651-770-5943 or Cell: 612-840-0144)
Mike Gerhardson (Cell: 651-808-0307)



Lisa Smith	October 1	Danny-Bradley Atanga	October 12
Brenda Willar	October 2	Bruno Sagnweu	October 13
Jane Maggart	October 3	Ann Bearth	October 17
Erin Sellie	October 3	Harvey Gleason	October 17
Dave Hoffman	October 4	Willow Nelson	October 20
Stanley Hurt	October 6	Eric Holm	October 22
Kris Craft	October 8	David Novy	October 22
Billie Novy	October 8	Schneider Abanei	October 23
Chrispus Abanei	October 10	Beth Shipway	October 25
Zion Oji	October 11	Sharon Iliff	October 27
Steve Glasenapp	October 12	Ryan Smith	October 28

**Tuesday, October 1**

6:30pm Northern Bells
7:00pm Deacons

Wednesday, October 2

4:00pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 3

6:00pm El Shadai
6:00pm Life Commission
6:30pm Faith Commission
7:00pm Nurture Commission
7:00pm Stewardship Commission

Friday, October 4

6:00pm Craft Til U Drop

Saturday, October 5

10:00am Blessing of the Animals
@ PCOTW
11:00am Halloween Costume Swap
@ PCOTW
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 6 ~ World Communion

10:00am Worship @ Trinity Presbyterian
1:00pm El Shadai

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

4:00pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 10

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, October 11

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, October 12

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 13

9:50am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Food & Fellowship
1:00pm El Shadai

Tuesday, October 15

1:00pm Senior Ministry @ PCTOW
6:30pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, October 16

4:00pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 17

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session

Friday, October 18

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, October 19

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 20

9:50am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Food & Fellowship
11:00am Walk for Niger
1:00pm El Shadai

Tuesday, October 22

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

Wednesday, October 23

6:00pm Wednesday Meal & Ministries
@ PCOTW
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 24

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, October 25

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, October 26

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, October 27

9:50am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Food & Fellowship
1:00pm El Shadai
4:00pm Trunk or Treat @ PCOTW

Monday, October 28**Innovator Articles Due****Tuesday, October 29**

6:30pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, October 30

4:00pm Praise Band Practice
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, October 31

6:00pm El Shadai

