

# April 2025 Innovator



**Sunday Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary**

**Fellowship & Food at 11am in Room 24**

**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](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

*Office Hours are 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday.*



## **Seasons April Schedule**

**6pm ~ April 6:** An evening of live music followed by exploring inspirations from Christian art.

**6pm ~ April 11:** Pizza followed by painting Ukrainian Easter eggs.



**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Palm Sunday**  
10am ~ Traditional Service

**Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Maundy Thursday**  
7pm ~ Tenebrae Service at North

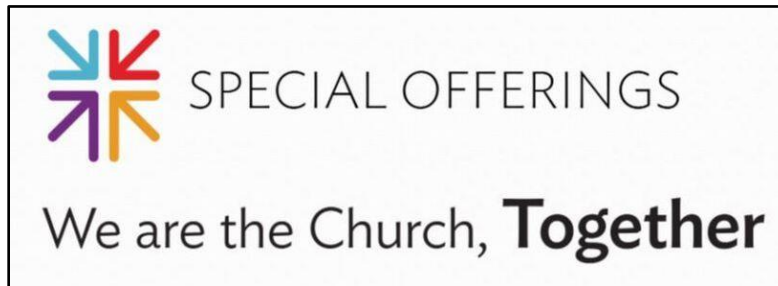
**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Good Friday Service**  
7pm ~ Good Friday Service  
at Presbyterian Church of the Way

**Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Easter Sunday**  
10am ~ Traditional Service



**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**  
**April 17 ~ 7:00pm**

We gather to remember the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. During this Tenebrae service, we remember and celebrate who Jesus is and what Jesus taught us, including his model of servant leadership, his command to love one another as he loves us, and his invitation to trust him in spite of the troubling world in which we live. All are invited and encouraged to come. We will be observing Maundy Thursday with members from Presbyterian Church of the Way.



During Lent, we celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection, and connects us with "those who have least." One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. **The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected at worship services during Lent.** You can give to OGHS by using one of the envelopes found in the Gathering Space or by writing OGHS on your check.



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 21 – June 8.** You can give to the Pentecost Offering by using one of the envelopes found in the Gathering Space or by writing Pentecost on your check.

## GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

Help support our programs by purchasing your spring plants from us. You can choose between hanging baskets, patio containers, annuals, vines, and grasses as well as flats of sunny and shady plants. You can also purchase a plant card that will give us 15% on every plant card purchase at the Inver Grove Heights store. To access the site and place an order:

1. Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com)
2. Enter our Store ID code: **216**

Please contact Nancy Gerhardson with questions at 651-808-0306. All orders and payments can be placed online thru **April 1**. *Plant pick-up will be from 9am-10am on May 18.*



Please plan to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting on **May 4**. 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. Annual Reports will be available in the Gathering Space beginning **April 27**.



The Nominating Committee is seeking those willing to serve our family of faith. Please contact Randy Smith for more information and to volunteer at [randmeistro@gmail.com](mailto:randmeistro@gmail.com) or 612-327-4955.





Do you remember the campfires, skits, games, fun and adventures of camp? Why not share your love of camp with the campers of today by sending a child, grandchild, or neighbor to camp? For more information please visit [www.clearwaterforest.org](http://www.clearwaterforest.org) or call 218-678-2325.

**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.



**CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY**  
**Saturday, May 17**  
**9am -12pm**

The Faith and Stewardship Commissions are asking for your help to spruce up our surroundings. On Saturday, **May 17**, our Hands-On Mission will be a clean-up day. We will have a list of jobs that need to be done both inside and outside the church including weeding, planting, raking, window washing, and other general cleaning. Please dress for cleaning and bring rakes, gloves, and other assorted items you might need for yard work. *Anyone who would like to help with a yard or clean-up project at a later date, please contact a Stewardship or Faith Commission member (Randy Smith or Kathy Carlson).*



April Duo	April 1	Donna Wickstrom	April 12
Walton Yates	April 2	Matthew Marah	April 15
Deanna Dick	April 3	Randy Smith	April 15
Daniel Oji	April 6	Leslie York	April 16
Kathie Johansen	April 6	Jasmine Kalle	April 22
Brandon Nelson	April 8	Samuel Lindenfelser	April 24
Casey Carlson	April 9	James Nowak	April 28
Ariana Hill	April 10	Jim Holle	April 29

### **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Church Office Hours  
 (Monday-Wednesday & Friday, 8am-2pm)  
 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](mailto: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 [rikristensen@gmail.com](mailto:rikristensen@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 April is Doug Pepin, 651-888-1113.

### **Emergency Building Contacts**

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





**Tuesday, April 1**

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

**Wednesday, April 2**

8:15pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 3**

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

**Friday, April 4**

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, April 5**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 6**

9:50am Childcare  
 10:00am Sunday School for Children  
 10:00am Worship  
 11:00am Food & Fellowship  
 1:00pm El Shadai  
 6:00pm Seasons

**Tuesday, April 8**

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

**Wednesday, April 9**

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 10**

6:00pm El Shadai

**Friday, April 11**

6:00pm Seasons  
 7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, April 12**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 13**

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

**Tuesday, April 15**

1:30pm Senior Ministry @ PCOTW  
 6:30pm CMA  
 6:30pm Northern Bells  
 7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

**Wednesday, April 16**

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 17 ~ Maundy Thursday**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 7:00pm Maundy Thursday @ North

**Friday, April 18 ~ Good Friday**

7:00pm Good Friday @ PCOTW  
 7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, April 19**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter**

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

**Tuesday, April 22**

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

**Wednesday, April 23**

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 24**

6:00pm El Shadai  
 7:00pm Session

**Friday, April 25**

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, April 26**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, April 27**

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

**Monday, April 28**

**Innovator Articles Due**

**Tuesday, April 29**

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

**Wednesday, April 30**

8:15pm Choir Practice



