

March 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

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 March Schedule

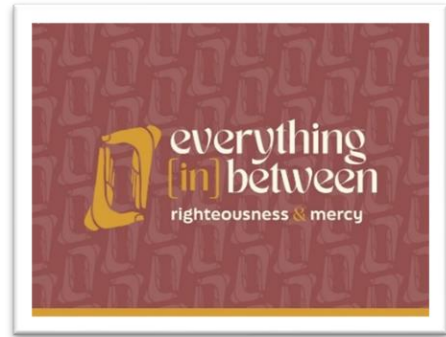
6pm ~ March 2: An evening of live music followed by exploring the literary styles of the Bible in the Hall.

6pm ~ March 7: An evening of food and fellowship hosted by Sean Bearth.

6pm ~ March 16: Recorded music followed by self empathy insights, Bible insights and planning future Seasons.

everything [in] between
meeting God in the midst of extremes
Lenten Devotional Booklet

Beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding on Easter Sunday, this devotional follows Jesus through Luke's Gospel. It includes weekly reflections with art, hymns, poetry, commentary, and reflection prompts. We encourage you to engage in the weekly art and reflections at your own pace, imagining where God might be meeting us beyond the categories we create. This Lent, we're trusting that God shows up in shades of gray, rainbow hues, and everywhere in between.



Devotionals can be picked-up in the Gathering Space beginning February 23.



ASH WEDNESDAY
March 5, 2025
7:00pm

Please join us for reflective evening service which invites us to examine our lives and prepare for Easter.

Agape Meal
March 23 ~ 10am

During Lent, we will celebrate a favorite yet unique service recreating the earliest Christian gatherings according to the book of Acts. We gather in the Hall where everyone shares platters of finger food distributed around the room by our elders & deacons as we sing, pray, and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.





Sunday, April 13th ~ Palm Sunday
10am ~ Traditional Service

Thursday, April 17th ~ Maundy Thursday
7pm ~ Tenebrae Service at North

Friday, April 18th ~ Good Friday Service
7pm ~ Good Friday Service
at Presbyterian Church of the Way

Sunday, April 20th ~ Easter Sunday
10am ~ Traditional Service



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.



March 18 ~ 1:30pm

North Church is excited to announce our new Senior Ministry partnership with PCOTW and New Life! It will take place every third Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm at Presbyterian Church of the Way (3382 Lexington Ave, Shoreview, MN).



March 21 ~ 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 3/18/2025 or \$25 after that date.

MARCH HANDS-ON MISSION

Meals From the Heart

5600 Memorial Ave North, Oak Park Heights

Saturday, March 15

Be there by 10am - plan to be done by 11am



We will be packing hundreds of meals to be delivered to local food shelves, working in two teams having fun, a little friendly competition, and helping to feed local communities!

Please sign up at church next Sunday or contact any member of the Faith Commission. Thanks for your participation!!

EASTER FLOWER PROGRAM



You are invited to order a flowering plant this Easter Season to honor or remember a loved one or friend and to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The plants will first decorate the church, adding special meaning to our celebration of Christ's resurrection, and then will brighten your home after Easter. The names of those being honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. You will be able to take your plant home after Easter worship on **April 20**. Plant selections include Easter Lilies, Pink/Purple Mums, Blue Hydrangeas, Yellow Calla Lilies, and Mixed Color Kalanchoe. Remaining flowers will be delivered to our homebound friends. Orders may be placed in the Gathering Space on **March 2, 9 & 16** or by calling Kathy Carlson (651-334-8031). **Orders are due by March 16**. Payment options include check (payable to North Church, marked for Easter flowers), cash, or electronic payment via the church website at northchurch-mn.org. **Do not put your check or order form in the offering plate; we may not see these in time to include them in our order with Gertens.**



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **March 2**, so please bring in your extra change on this Sunday.

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 or 612-327-4955.



DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **March 10 & 24**. If you are donating by check to the General Operating Fund or Building Fund, please consider writing separate checks and noting the purpose on the memo line.

STATEMENT 2025

Year-to-Date Activity

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$25,709
Total Expenses	<u>\$27,082</u>
Overall Total (Deficit)	<u><u>-\$1,373</u></u>

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 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 March is Shelley Ross, 612-804-3450.

Emergency Building Contacts

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



Harold Hagen	March 1	Glenn Wetz	March 20
Bryce Wickstrom	March 7	Ellen Davis	March 21
Linda Stegmeir	March 10	James York	March 21
Lisa Sellie	March 11	Cassidy Rangel	March 23
Shelley Ross	March 13	Aaron Hill	March 24
Bryan Miller	March 15	Dean Willar	March 29
Berylii Yuven	March 19	Lonnie Rangel	March 30
Nancy Glasenapp	March 20	Nancy Gerhardson	March 30



Saturday, March 1

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 4

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

Wednesday, March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 6

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

Friday, March 7

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

Saturday, March 8

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 11

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

Wednesday, March 12

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 13

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, March 14

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 15

10:00am Hands-On Mission
3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 20

6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session

Friday, March 21

6:00pm Craft-Til-U-Drop
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 22

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 23

9:50am Childcare
10:00am Agape Meal
1:00pm El Shadai

Monday, March 24

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 27

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, March 28

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, March 29

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, March 30

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

