

NORTH CHURCH RETURNS TO REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPT. 11, 2011

- ◆ 9:15 am Traditional Worship
- ◆ 9:30 am Church School for children preschool through grade 7
- ◆ 10:10 am Café Opens for Fellowship
- ◆ 10:25 am Celebration Time
- ◆ 10:45 am Praise Worship

Children's Sunday School will resume September 11, 2011. Children, preschool through grade 7, are invited to attend a class. See the schedule of classes on the "Children's Ministries" page.

Wednesday Evening Activities for Children and Youth AND Christian Dance Classes for Children will begin October 5, 2011. See the schedule of events on the "Children's Ministries" page.



HEADLINE NEWS!!!

Bathroom Renovation Coming Soon



But only if you're ready to
TAKE THE PLUNGE
and help raise \$1,500.



Let's **SINK** our money into renovating, redecorating, refurbishing and renewing our men's and women's bathrooms.



Pastor James would enjoy the opportunity to visit with you. Call the church office to arrange a visit or stop by his study. Friday is Pastor James' family day. In an emergency or hospitalization contact Pastor James at church 651-777-4044 or at home 651-773-6502. In the absence of the pastor or when contact with the session is desired, elder on call for the month September is Sherry Tiffany (651/773-3556).

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
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Many thanks for the cards and phone calls while my infected hand was healing.

—Carolyn Morrisette

Many thanks to everyone for your thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized the latter part of May. Also, while I was recovering. A special thanks to Pastor James for his visit, phone call and prayers. I appreciated the hospital callers visits, and those who visited me at our home. The cards I received were beautiful. It is so great to be part of a caring church family.

—Marty Ginn

Our family greatly appreciates the many words of comfort, calls, cards and memorials received in the recent loss of my mother, Mabel Jensen. All expressions have helped ease us through this huge transition, as well as that of moving my father, Herluf Jensen, to Boutwells Landing as his new residence. Our family is excited to have him so much closer and have the opportunity to see him on a daily basis, create a "to do list" around our house and yard to help keep him active, and more importantly have him join us each week at Church.

—Marie and Charlie Goebel

A big "Thank You" to all the wonderful people at North Church who have sent me cards, called me, and most importantly have prayed for me these past several weeks. I am doing much better although the doctors still have not figured out what has been causing the pain I have been experiencing. It is a comfort to know that we have such a caring family here at North Church. Thank you again.

—Janet Schroeder

Fifteen years seems to have gone by in an instant. Instead of being honored for my work at North Church, I feel that I should be thanking you for making the fifteen years so special. North Church is a wonderful employer and I feel blessed to have been given the job of Administrative Assistant. Thank you to all who gave me cards and gifts. They are greatly appreciated.

—Trudy Hauschild



North Church Prayer Chain and Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of the North Church Prayer Chain are available to provide prayer support. All requests are kept confidential. To place a prayer request, please call the church office (651/777-4044) or talk to Pastor James. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted by our members to be given out to those in need of God's healing and loving prayers. Call the church office if you know of someone who could benefit from the comfort a shawl can provide.



News From The Presbyterian Women of North Church.....

The Presbyterian Women of North Church will be starting a new year of fellowship and learning in September. All women, no matter what age, are invited to attend our kick-off celebration. It will be on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. This year our study will be Margaret Aymer's 'Confessing the Beatitudes'.

Presbyterian women have many opportunities to grow individually and spiritually through the Presbyterian Women's hands-on mission opportunities program. Some of the opportunities that await you through the Mission Matters Program are:

Together in Service

For generations, Presbyterian women have responded to God's love by offering this love back to the world in tangible ways. We can share ideas for a whole range of projects. From sewing hats for newborns in Africa to selling fair-trade coffee at church events, we all can find a place to offer our gifts.

Global Exchange

Every three years, a group travels to another part of the world to listen to the pain and the joy that their sisters experience and to share their faith stories and ministries with each other. It is a global exchange because, the following year, a group of women from the same part of the world are invited to attend the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women to tell their stories to their North American sisters.

Transformation in Partnership Program (TRIP)

TRIP is a travel/study program. The annual educational and transformational trips take groups to sites of interest for Presbyterian Women. In 2011, a group traveled to Geneva. It spotlighted women of the Reformation.

USA Mission Concerns

A group travels within the U.S. to connect concerns raised by past Global Exchanges with similar issues in the U.S. With local mission projects as partners, participants combine education with hands-on ministry. Participants will encounter challenges to God's promise of a beloved community and witness the faithful responses of Christians living and working in difficult situations.

P.W. Offerings

The Birthday Offering is collected in the spring and the ***Thank Offering*** is collected in the fall. Both offerings fund projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elder care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

Come join us for the Kick-Off dinner at 6 pm on Sept. 14th.

If you plan to attend, let Pat McKisson, Sharon Iliff or Sue Ovaldson know so we can be sure to have enough food for everyone.



***Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area
Fall Gathering ~ October 15, 2011
at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Long Lake MN***

The 2011 Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering will be held Saturday, October 15 at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Long Lake, MN. The theme for the Gathering is: "Faith Empowers Community: Serving Our Sisters in Christ" (Our role in reducing human trafficking)

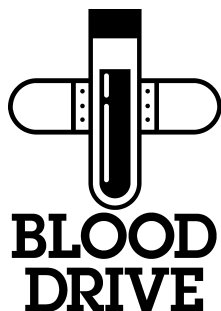
The speakers will be Kwanzaa co-pastor Alika Galloway and University of Minnesota Researcher Lauren Martin, Ph.D. They are responsible for the research that went into this project and the actual implementation of the Northside Women's Space. They will share what led them to establish this island of hope in North Minneapolis

The Northside Women's Space is a place for women and girls who are in prostitution to rest, think and find connections to services and support; a place where they are safe to gather and get the support which will ultimately help them to get from where they are right now to where they want to be in the future. This support will give them that chance to move away from a life of prostitution.

The statistics regarding prostitution/human trafficking in the world and in our communities are astounding. Did you know, for instance, that the average age of entry into prostitution in Minnesota is 14 years of age? In the world it is between the ages of 12 and 14 depending on the country. These are just a couple of many statistics that make this discussion so difficult. All women need to hear the message our speakers bring to help us all realize what impact this has on us, our community and our world.

In order to help out in a small way, the Presbyterian Women's Organization of North Church will be collecting women's 100% cotton panties for the Northside Women's Space. All teens and women's sizes are needed (Junior and women's sizes small, medium and large). Please bring your donations to church and put in the boxes marked "Kwanzaa Northside Women's Space".

If you have any questions, please contact Pat McKisson.



***The next Red Cross Blood Drives for North St Paul area churches are:
October 3 at St Mark's Lutheran Church
January 30, 2012 at North Presbyterian Church
April 2, 2012 at Christ Lutheran Church
(all dates are on a Monday and the time is 1 to 7 pm)***

Congregation News

Habitat for Humanity Summer Building Update

The Twin Cities Habitat is building in 13 different cities around the metro this summer. In all 54 homes will be under construction.

- ◆ **Woodbury** – Garden Gate Project – Habitat has built 49 homes in Woodbury over the past 8 years and is building 5 newly constructed townhomes units this summer.
- ◆ **Northeast Minneapolis** – Old Third Project – An 8 townhome complex will be the first of its kind in NE Minneapolis. The complex completes a long redevelopment process of previously vacant land.
- ◆ **Minneapolis and St Paul** – Foreclosure Remediation – Building new construction and rehabs on 11 foreclosed properties with continuation of efforts in neighborhoods from the 2010 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project.
- ◆ **Brooklyn Park** – Foreclosure Remediation – Construction starting on 5 single family foreclosure rehabs with another 4 rehabbed homes finished and dedicated.
- ◆ **Shakopee** – 4 new construction homes are a part of 10-home, multi-year build
- ◆ **Columbia Heights & Fridley** – 4 foreclosure remediated homes between the 2 cities and Anoka County partnered with TCHFH to tear down the existing homes so new construction could take place.
- ◆ **A Brush with Kindness** – ABWK volunteers will restore 115 homes in 28 Twin Cities communities.



September 11, 2011 Minnesota Capitol Steps (all day event) St. Paul, MN

September 11, 2011 marks the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. In observance of that day a coalition of faith organizations is presenting a community observance which will honor the ideals of freedom and democracy, lament loss, offer healing, and create hope and inspiration for greater cooperation in our diverse state and nation. The ceremony is coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches and will feature an unprecedented coalition of religious, civic and public officials, musicians and artists from across Minnesota. More at

<http://minnesotansstandingtogether.com/>

How many of you “Seniors” remember Judy Garland?? And even more to the point, do you remember her Comeback Concert in 1961 at Carnegie Hall?? If you do, this will be a great reminiscence. And if not, you won't want to miss it again!!! The History Theatre in St. Paul is doing that production with Jody Briskey as Judy. We are looking at Sunday, October 16th at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 (group rate for the best seats in the house). Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. Maybe we could do lunch before or supper afterwards.

INCIDENTALLY, ANY OF THE REST OF YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME TOO!!!!

Join a “Dinner Fellowship” Group by September 1

Dinner Fellowship participants enjoyed delicious dinners, great conversation and excellent fellowship. We are currently forming new groups. Please accept our invitation to join a group and build up your connection with your North family.

Those wishing to join a group will be matched with two other persons/families. You will receive an email (or paper mail if you prefer) listing the people in your group. Everyone in your group will host once so together you will enjoy three gatherings. When you host you coordinate the date and time of the dinner or lunch at a restaurant or at your home with your “Dinner Fellowship” group. The goal of “Dinner Fellowship” is to have fun and enjoy conversation so please do not feel obligated to host at your home, a restaurant is fine.

Sign up for dinner fellowship no later than September 1 by emailing Trudy at north@northchurch-mn.org (or place a letter in her office mailbox) listing your name and whether you want to join a “Dinner Fellowship” group yourself, as a couple, with a friend or as a family. Those who want to do “Dinner Fellowship” with their children will be matched with others with children. You will receive back an email (or letter) listing those in your group, contact information and the hosting order. It is up to your “Dinner Fellowship” group to get together 3 times sometime in September through November.

Sign up and enjoy!



“School Tools” Drive is Now through August 28

Please keep a look-out for good deals on school supplies! The “School Tool” drive is coordinated by the St. Paul Area Council of Churches, and is in support of children served by the North St. Paul Area Food Shelf. Backpacks, pens, pencils, color crayons, notebooks, Kleenex boxes, rulers, & more will be given to young learners in need.

~Cindy Carlson, Outreach Commission

Finance News

Summary of The Financial Statement for July 2011

Year-to-date activity compared to the annual budget

(Detailed report available in the church office)

	January 1 to July 31, 2011	2011 Annual Budget
<u>INCOME</u>		
Regular Offerings	\$192,019	\$286,000
Special Offerings	511	---
Other	<u>22,235</u>	<u>46,390</u>
Total	\$214,765	\$332,390
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Local Programs and Services	\$189,821	\$334,757
Mission Funding	<u>611</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$190,432	\$339,757
Overall Total Surplus (Deficit) including services and mission	\$24,333	\$(7,367)

Pledges to General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery have not been paid for 2011, as well as some receipts to be paid out for designated purposes. Therefore expenses are low compared to income, as of July 31. We continue to need every donation, large and small, through out the year. Thank you to all members who have donated. You enable North's excellent services and mission to continue.

Nancy Glasenapp and Randy Smith
Co-Treasurers

A REPORT FROM THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE.....

The Endowment Fund entered 2011 with a balance of \$205,648 and ended June with a balance of \$213,370, for a gain of \$7,722, or 3.75%. The performance of the funds for 6 months is given:

	Dec. 31	June 30	Gain
Vanguard FTSE Fund	\$136,662	\$142,628	4.4%
Vanguard Wellington Fund	\$29,368	\$30,869	5.1%
Vanguard Long Term Bond Index fund	\$30,037	\$30,186	0.5%
Presbyterian New Covenant Fund	\$9,581	\$9,687	1.1%
Cash	\$8,849	\$13,929	
S&P 500 Index for comparison:			5.9%

Money was paid out as follows:

Meisenheimer Hall sound system, curtains and cross: \$2,086

Dance group uniforms: \$500

The funds were affected by the recent market volatility, but we have enough cash for any reasonable near term requirement. We trust the markets will recover in the future.

Thanks to those who contributed, and please remember the Endowment Fund for your future giving.

From the Pastor

Legacy & Opportunity

God's wisdom declares,

"for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:"(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

On October 28 Trudy will complete her 15 year season of service as our Church Administrator to begin a season of retirement and enjoyment of family in Indianapolis.

Trudy is a wonderful, good and faithful servant of God and us. I hope you will thank Trudy and God for her service. Trudy inspires us and will leave an enduring legacy of compassion and love. Trudy is a great listener and is gifted in saying just the right words at the right time. Trudy sees and affirms beauty in everyone. Trudy loves God and God's church therefore she strives to honor God in all of her ministry tasks. How has Trudy inspired you?

Trudy's retirement presents opportunities for her and us. There has been tremendous change in the world and some change at North Presbyterian Church in the last 15 years. Jesus' three year ministry brought radical change. Our denomination celebrates change. One of our principles is "once reformed always reforming". Change is often hard yet also helps us grow more and more into the likeness of Jesus. Session and the Personnel Committee are prayerfully updating the Church Administrator Ministry Description. Please pray for them. They are analyzing the hours needed and considering Sunday hours. They are exploring ways to utilize technology to more effectively communicate and be more efficient. They are exploring what should be dropped or delegated and what should be added. Please contact any member of the Personnel Committee (Billie Novy, Joan Purrington, Beryle Zimanski, Don Schroeder) with your insights for this position. The Personnel Committee hopes to have the Church Administrator Ministry Description updated by August 22 and start our search in late August.

Please be patient in this upcoming time of transition. Inform the Personnel Committee if there are ministry tasks that are not being addressed. Our new Church Administrator will bring different gifts and abilities. God is giving us an opportunity to celebrate Trudy's legacy and an opportunity to grow as we welcome a new perspective. Together I hope we can seize this opportunity to continue the relevant tasks of the Church Administrator Position while also changing the position to address the new ways God is moving in our family of faith.

Pastor James

Children's Ministry

Sunday School Excitement!

Our Cokesbury Live B.I.G. curriculum is more than just a multimedia lesson. It's an innovative interactive format that engages children of all ages and brings role models from diverse backgrounds into your classroom. It also connects churches by taking your classroom on the road for B.I.G. adventures. Live B.I.G. is enhanced with short video segments that bring faith-filled, high energy excitement to your kids with:



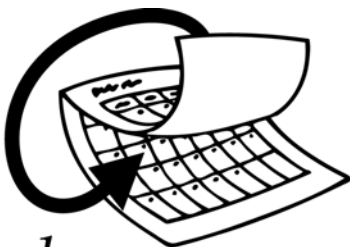
- ◆ Characters who model B.I.G. (Belief in God) behavior
- ◆ Travel segments featuring B.I.G. ministries by everyday B.I.G. people
- ◆ Contemporary music that kids can enjoy in class, at home, and more

Sunday school classes will begin at 9:30 and end at 10:25. At the end of class, teachers will promptly shepherd the children to the Hall where children can join their parents. We hope that parents and children will then join us for a time of "Celebration" in the Hall. The children will meet in the following rooms.

- ◆ Preschool – 1st Grade Room 23
- ◆ 2nd – 4th Grade Room 26
- ◆ 5th – 7th Grade Room 28

Teachers Needed

We are currently looking for excited Christians to teach our Sunday School Classes. We currently need two teachers for our Preschool – 1st Grade Sunday School class, one teacher for our 2nd – 4th Grades Class, and two teachers for our 5th – 7th Grades Class. We also need dedicated leaders for our Children's Wednesday Night Fellowship. We are hoping to have enough teachers, so you do not have to teach every week. If you are interested in teaching our children, you can sign-up on the bulletin board located in the entrance or contact Renee Kristensen at 651-777-4044 or renee@northchurch-mn.org.



*Mark
Your Calendar*

Commission Sunday is September 11th.

Sunday School Teachers and Wednesday Night Leaders will be commissioned during the "Celebration Time" on September 11. We encourage everyone working with our children to attend this blessing.

1st Grade Bibles presented September 25th.

Sunday September 25 is a very special Sunday for our first graders. They will be receiving their Bibles from our church family during the Celebration Time between services (approximately 10:25 AM). Please plan on joining us for this special day.

Wednesdays for Children and Youth Begins October 5th

On October 5, we will begin our Wednesday evening fellowship schedule. Everyone is invited, so bring your friends!

Children's Schedule:

- ◆ 6:00-6:15 Children in preschool through 5th Grade will gather in the Hall for an opening activity.
- ◆ 6:15-6:45 Children will then meet in room 23 for fellowship time. We will continue with the popular theme of *Science and the Bible*. Each Wednesday, we'll be performing science experiments while relating them to different Bible stories. This innovative approach to studying the Bible excites the children as they learned more about God.
- ◆ 6:45-7:00 Children in preschool through 5th Grade will gather in the sanctuary for Children's Choir.

Youth Schedule:

- ◆ 5:30-6:00 Youth in grades 6 through 12 will start with dinner.
- ◆ 6:00-7:00 Youth will meet for lesson and fellowship
- ◆ 7:00-7:30 The Youth Band will practice.

Christian Dance Classes for Children in Preschool through Grade 5 Begins October 5th

Once again, we will be offering our Christian Dance Class from children in preschool – Grade 5. Our mission is for children to have fun and learn to dance while praising the Lord. They won't be required to perform in a recital but may occasionally perform at a church service. Kathryn Hill will teach the children different dance movements in the genres of tap, ballet, and jazz while interpreting Christian music. Classes begin October 5 and will meet in room 24. Registration forms can be picked up in the Narthex.

- ◆ Preschool – Grade 5 Class Wednesdays 5:30-6:00

The cost is \$10/month for church members and \$15/month for non-members. Scholarships are available.



A VBS Thank You.....

Thirty-five children enjoyed a fun-filled week at our PandaMania VBS. We had tremendous support from the congregation with 35 members volunteering at least one night during the week. We also received cash donations and the majority of our supplies from our very generous church members. Thank you to everyone for your time and your support!

I would like to especially thank Kathryn Hill and Del Langer-Anderson who entertained us with music and skits each night of VBS. Their energy

and excitement lit up the hall!

A special thank to the Nurture Commission who served dinner to approximately 55 people each evening. These meals were greatly appreciated by busy families who needed a chance to relax and enjoy Christian fellowship. We are very blessed to have such a giving congregation.

Finally, thank you to Trudy, Brian, and Pastor James for all their assistance.

Renee Kristensen
Director of Children's Ministry