

NEWS

February 2012

KAREN REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

AWESOME is the word that comes to mind when I think of your generosity to this refugee family and to all of the missions that you help sponsor throughout the year.

I, for one, am not usually at a loss for words, but all I can say right now is "THANK YOU!!!" Your response to the requests for household items and monetary donations exceeded all expectations. Our congregation is truly moved by the Holy Spirit to do good deeds and help the less fortunate.

The Mae Kee family arrived in Minnesota on Thursday, Jan. 26. They were met by members of our Taking Root Team at the airport and transported to their new home in St. Paul. When they arrived at their home, not only did they get to experience your love and giving by seeing all the furniture, bedding, towels, dishes, etc., they also met their daughter's baby, their first grandchild, for the first time. I can't imagine a more joyful experience...freedom, a chance for a new beginning, and the celebration of a new life. God truly does work in mysterious ways.

Pat McKisson, Outreach Commission

WINE TASTING FEBRUARY 11, 2012 5:00pm-10:00pm

We have an opportunity to participate in a fun event at St. Peters Church in North St. Paul, and to enjoy the many festivities of the evening including;

Wine and Microbrew Tasting 5:30-8:30pm

Savory Foods from Around the World

Silent Auction 5:00-9:00pm with a Live Auction beginning at 9:00pm

Monte Carlo "Casino" Room 6:00-9:00pm

Music by Any Day Now 5:00-10:00pm

Admission is \$30.00 per person and tickets **MUST** be purchased ahead of time through us. A portion of this amount will be retained by us and donated to our Endowment Fund.

This is a great opportunity for us to unite with a North St. Paul sister church.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!
Contact the church at 651-777-4044

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

February 15, 11:30am

All are welcome to our Valentine's Luncheon! The cost is \$6.00. We will be enjoying Old Fashioned Love Songs performed by Lisa Sellie and Jane Wolfram. Feel free to bring a friend! You can sign up in the Gathering Space at the bulletin board.



LAY READERS NEEDED!

The Faith Commission is seeking anyone that would like to expand their horizons and help in our worship services by becoming a Lay Reader. Please Contact the church office if you would be interested in serving our congregation in this role.

Birthday Time for February!

*2/01 Isabella Glaser
2/03 Irene Callahan
2/05 Nicholas Olson
2/06 Patricia McKisson
2/06 Amy Helgeson
2/06 John Helgeson
2/08 John Flaherty
2/09 Kim Lewandowski
2/09 Clare Gillman
2/10 Margaret Verlautz
2/12 Joann Manz
2/15 Karen Hummel
2/17 Julie Bergmann
2/21 Bill Morrisette
2/22 Jenna Durst
2/25 Allyson Obernolte
2/26 Zachari Wetz*

BUSINESS MATTERS

Summary Financial Statement for December 2011

Year-to-date activity compared to the annual budget

(Detailed report available in the church office)

	January 1- December 31, 2011	2011 Annual Budget
<u>Income</u>		
Regular Offerings	\$ 296,681	\$ 286,000
Special Offerings	\$ 6,915	\$ -
Other	\$ 34,345	\$ 46,390
Total	\$ 337,941	\$ 332,390
<u>Expenses</u>		
Local Programs & Services	\$ 322,014	\$ 334,757
Mission Funding	\$ 12,015	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 334,029	\$ 339,757
Overall Total Surplus (Deficit),	\$ 3,912	\$ (7,367)

Including Services & Mission

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.



THANK YOU

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you for the lovely and warm shawl that was gifted for my foot surgery.

Mary Morrisette

Dear North Church Family,

Thank you for the many beautiful cards and expressions of sympathy for the death of our granddaughter, Sally. Our daughter, Carol, is so thankful for the beautiful prayer shawl. It is wonderful to be a part of such a caring church. God bless each and everyone.

Marty and Roy Ginn

Dear North Church,

Thanks to the North Church Family for your cards and condolences upon the death of my dad at age 94 on 12/2/11. Dad was a wonderful mentor and inspiration to us all. My mom is doing well and has moved to the Health Center at Friendship Village. We are blessed that we'll be in PA to celebrate her 90th birthday on 1/28/12, as we continue to break up their apartment and move forward. I'm always amazed by the connection of the Presbyterian Church to members at North who have ties to western PA. I won't name you...you know who you are...because I'm sure I'd miss someone. Cindy and I are blessed to be a part of this great congregation.

Tom Clark

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

During my recent illness, hospitalization and recovery, I received a wonderful surprise! I received a beautiful shawl from the Prayer Shawl Ministry Group. My shawl, hand knit with care by Marye Snyder, is absolutely beautiful! Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry group and especially Marye, for thinking of me during this time. I enjoy using it and love it!

Thanks again, Anna Wegwerth (daughter of Janet Schroeder)

Dear Reverend York,

On behalf of all the families who have a home tonight because of the work of MICA, I thank you for North Presbyterian Church's Membership contribution of \$250.00. We deeply appreciate your help to create the political will to build and create affordable housing. Without gifts from people like you, we could not do this work. Thank you.

Yours Truly, Jodi Nelson

Wednesday, February 1

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Dance Class
 5:45pm Youth Group Supper
 6:00pm Youth Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 6:45pm Children's Choir
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 2

10:30am Tai Chi
 6:30pm Faith Commission
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
 7:00pm Life, Outreach, Nurture
 Commissions
 7:00pm Praise Band Practice

Sunday, February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring
 9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Cafe Opens
 10:25am Celebration Time
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 3:00pm Pepin Piano Recital

Monday, February 6

9:00am P.W. Study Leader Meeting
 7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 7

9:00am Quilters/Crafters
 1:00pm Rachel Circle
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 7:00pm Northern Bells

Wednesday, February 8

10:00am Choral Bells
 5:30pm Dance Class
 5:45pm Youth Group Supper
 6:00pm Sarah Circle
 6:00pm Youth Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 6:45pm Children's Choir
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 9

10:30am Tai Chi
 6:30pm Cub Scouts
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
 7:00pm Praise Band Practice

Saturday, February 11

1:00pm Girl Scouts
 5:00pm Wine Tasting at St Peters

Sunday, February 12

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Cafe Opens
 10:25am Celebration Time
 10:45am Kerygma
 10:45am Praise Worship
 6:00pm Boy Scouts

Monday, February 13

8:00am ARM Breakfast
 9:30am Ruth Circle
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Personnel Com.

Tuesday, February 14

9:00am Quilters/Crafters
 1:00pm Staff Meeting
 6:30pm Girl Scouts
 7:00pm Northern Bells
 7:00pm WOW

Wednesday, February 15

10:00am Choral Bells
 11:30am Senior Valentine Luncheon
 5:30pm Dance Class
 5:45pm Youth Group Supper
 6:00pm Youth Fellowship
 6:00pm Children's Fellowship
 6:45pm Children's Choir
 7:00pm Youth Band
 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 16

10:30am Tai Chi
 6:30pm Music Sense Garage Band
 7:00pm Praise Band Practice
 7:00pm Session

Saturday, February 18

1:00pm Julie Wolfram Bridal Shower

Sunday, February 19

9:15am Sunday School
 9:15am Traditional Worship
 10:10am Cafe Opens
 10:25am Celebration Time
 10:45am Kerygma