

and bread
lunch

Youth Workcamp Fundraiser
Sunday, February 27 at noon

Enjoy over a dozen types of delicious homemade soup on Sunday February 27 at Noon in Meisenheimer Hall.

- ◆ Sample the soups, then enjoy your favorite or favorites with breadsticks.
- ◆ Afterwards, sit back and enjoy entertainment by our youth and Pastor James. Pastor James will share pictures and stories from his hikes through a lava tube, up Mount St. Helens and Mount Rainer.

All proceeds are used to enable our youth to repair homes for those in need through workcamp.

*Mark you calendars and be sure to attend
what will be the best lunch in the Twin Cities!!!*

Congregation News



Summer Camps At Presbyterian Clearwater Forest

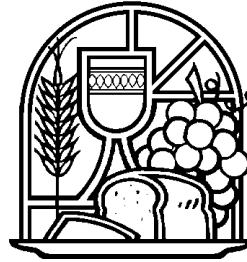
Clearwater offers exceptional camps year around for all ages, individuals and families, at great facilities, in the beauty of God's creation. Summer week long Discovery Camp (grades 3-6) and Adventure Camp (grades 7-9) have been favorites of several members of our congregation for years. This summer we will again have several children and youth attending a week long camp. The camps are offered throughout the summer. Information and registration can be found at www.clearwaterforest.org. Talk to Pastor James if you would like to carpool and attend with others from our church this summer.

Financial Assistance for Clearwater or Workcamp

The endowment committee and/or a few members of our congregation are eager to offer financial assistance to any member in need so they can attend camp. They are glad to invest in the blessings that abound from the camp experience. Talk to Pastor James or George Smith of the Endowment Committee if your child wants to attend camp but you are short on the funds for the camp.

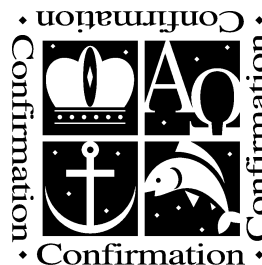


During the month of March, our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign. So remember to buy a few extra items each time you go the grocery store and put your items in the grocery cart in the narthex. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make your check out to North Presbyterian Church and mark it North St Paul Food Shelf.



Lord's Supper Instruction for First Communion

Pastor James will be teaching a class for children who feel they are ready to understand the meaning of the sacrament of Holy Communion and are eager to partake with reverence. The class will be Wednesday, March 23 at 6:00. It is for children who will soon be partaking of The Lord's Supper for the first time and for children who want a refresher on the meaning of the sacrament. Parents are welcome to attend as well. We will recognize our children who will celebrate their first communion at the March 30th Agape Meal. Please register for this class by calling the church office or e-mailing Pastor James pastorjames@northchurch-mn.org.



Confirmation Faith Banners Displayed in the Narthex

Every confirmand made a faith banner which is displayed on the wall by the entrance to Meisenheimer Hall. The banners express their faith and the unique gifts and interests God has given them. Currently the confirmands are writing their statements of faith which will be completed at a retreat lead by Pastor James at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest. Confirmation Sunday is April 10 at both services. Please keep the confirmands, Ryan Bearth, Ella Blair, Courtney Colton, Kendra Durst, Rachael Holle and Rachael Marah, in your prayers as they discern what it means to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior and how to live as a faithful disciple.

From Pastor James

Soul Renewal *Spiritual practices for your extreme makeover*

“God Restores My Soul” Psalm 23:3a

God is always lovingly working in our lives to restore our souls, to renew us, to transform and resurrection us. God is eager to give you an extreme makeover — forgiving, cleansing, healing and perfecting you. We are all created to shine with the glorious radiant light of God. A Rule of Life helps one yield their life to God’s soul renewal.

On February 13 we began a series focusing on Soul Renewal. We started by encouraging everyone to develop their own personal Rule of Life. Every week there will be a bulletin insert to help guide you in developing your Rule of Life. We began by identify and deciding how to nurture your passion. Each Sunday we will explore a different practice learning worship, service, generosity, fasting, simplicity, confess, meditate, celebrate and submit. You are invited to practice each practice for a week, then on holy week add the practices that helped you connect with God the most to your Rule of Life. On Easter hopefully you will have a passionate rule of life that will open you to God’s resurrection power everyday for the rest of your life.



AGAPE CELEBRATION
The Lord's Supper at the Table
of Christian Fellowship
Wednesday, March 30th 6:00 pm
Meisenheimer Hall



Bring: 1 tray of finger foods

During Lent we will celebrate a favorite yet ancient Christian custom. All are welcome to gather together for music, fellowship, worship, and a light supper. Hosted by Faith Commission, elders and deacons the evening promises to be a fun and inspiring gathering!

In the first years of Christianity Christians gathered to worship God, to praise Jesus Christ, to enjoy their fellowship, and share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They called their gatherings “Agape Meals” from the Greek word for supreme, perfect love.

Dress comfortably and bring a tray of “finger food” to share. Our elders and deacons will circulate around the room as they did long ago making sure everyone has enough to eat. Table service and beverage will be provided.

We will glorify God through our singing, listen to special music, read scripture, share prayers and the Lord's Supper at our dinner tables, just like the early Christians did long ago in Jerusalem. It'll be an evening to remember!

LENT 2011 BEGINS WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

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Sunday Worship During Lent at 9:15 am & 10:45 am

March 13	Fasting
March 20	Simplicity
March 27	Confess
April 3	Meditate
April 10 - Confirmation Sunday	Celebrate
April 17 - Palm Sunday	Submit
April 24 - Easter	Resurrection

Special Worships During Lent

March 9 — Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion (Supper - 6:00 pm and Worship - 6:45 pm)
March 3 — Agape Meal 6:00 meal and worship
April 21 — Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion, and Tenebrae Service (Supper - 6:00 pm and Worship - 6:45 pm)
April 22 — Good Friday Ecumenical (Worship – Noon Soup – 12:30)

HOLY WEEK

April 17 — Palm Sunday Worship

April 21 — Maundy Thursday
Tenebrae Service with Communion
(6:00 pm – supper and 6:45 pm – Worship)

April 22 — Good Friday
Ecumenical Worship at TBD
(noon – worship and 12:30 pm – Soup)

April 24 — EASTER
9:15 am Traditional Service
10:45 am Contemporary Service

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP

- Every Sunday morning 10:15-10:45
- Dinner, Ash Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 pm
- Agape Meal, March 30, at 6:00 pm
- Children's Easter Party, Saturday, April 16, 9:30-11

- Dinner, Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 pm
- Ecumenical Lunch, Good Friday, April 22, at 12:30 at TBD

LENTEN EDUCATION

- Sunday's 9:30 children, 9:20 Youth and 10:45 Adult
- Wednesday's 6:00-6:45 Children's Education & Choir (Except March 9 and March 30)
- Daily Lenten Devotionals (Available on a table in the Narthex)
For Adults..... Author Mark Neilsen sees Lent as an opportunity to contemplate Holy Scripture so we can better understand the gift of salvation and the meaning of our baptism. The daily devotions provide you with a chance to receive the "living water" Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well in the fourth chapter of John's Gospel. Each time we with Scripture, living water gushes up within us to refresh our drooping spirits.
For Children..... Wondering how to get the complex messages of Lent through to your children? It's as easy as ABC! Devotions in this book follow each letter of the alphabet and carry children through the story of salvation in Jesus from A (for Adam) to Z (for Easter's Zippity-Do-Dah). Help your children learn of Jesus while they learn their letters.
- Children's Lord's Supper Instruction, 6:00, March 23

LENTEN MISSIONS

- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Variety of local, national and international missions supported through the ministries of North Presbyterian Church
- North St. Paul Area Food Shelf
- "Remember Niger"