

# February 2024 Innovator



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

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

**Seasons Interactive Worship at 6pm in the Hall**

**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**

- 9:45am Child Care for children 5 years of age and younger
- 10:00am Sunday School for Children preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:00am Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:00am Refreshments and Fellowship in Room 24

## **Seasons Worship Service**

- 6:00pm *Seasons* Interactive Worship in the Hall
- 7:00pm Hands-On Mission, Games, Open Mic or Lord's Supper

*Office Hours are 9:00am – 1:00pm Monday thru Wednesday & Friday.*



## **HOTDISH COOK-OFF** February 4, 2024 ~ 10:45am

Are you ready to add some flavor to your Sunday routine? Look no further than our upcoming Hotdish Cook-Off, taking place on February 4, 2024, right after worship at 10:45am. This exciting event is a collaboration between New Life and North Church, and we're inviting everyone to come and join in the fun.

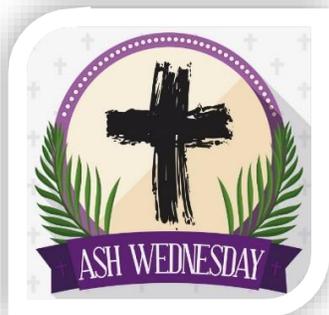
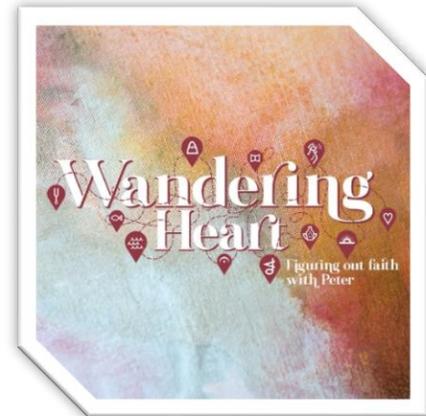
All you need to do is bring your best hotdish creation in a crockpot or warming pan, so it's ready to go at 10:45am. We can't wait to see what delicious dishes you'll come up with. Whether you're a seasoned chef or a beginner in the kitchen, this is the perfect opportunity to show off your skills and enjoy some friendly competition.

So mark your calendars and get ready to spice up your Sunday with our Hotdish Cook-Off. It's sure to be a sizzling good time!

## **WANDERING HEART** *Lenten Devotional Booklet*

Beginning with the First Sunday in Lent, this weekly devotional follows the scriptures of our *Wandering Heart* series through the Second Sunday of Easter. Each week offers commentary, poetry, visual art, hymns, and reflection prompts. We encourage you to walk through these weekly readings at your own pace throughout the season, following the rhythm that works best for you.

*These devotionals can be picked-up in the Gathering Space beginning February 4.*



## **ASH WEDNESDAY** February 14, 2024 7:00pm

Please join us for reflective evening service which invites us to examine our lives and prepare for Easter. We will be observing Ash Wednesday with members from Trinity Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian.

The service will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church ~  
2125 Tower Dr, Woodbury.

**AGAPE MEAL**  
**March 6 ~ 6pm**

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. We will be sharing the Agape Meal with members from Trinity Presbyterian, New Life Presbyterian and El Shadai.



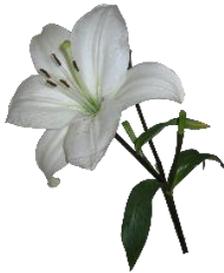
**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP**  
**March 28 ~ 7:00pm**

We gather to remember the last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. In this 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 Trinity Presbyterian and New Life Presbyterian.

The service will be held at New Life Presbyterian Church –  
965 Larpenteur Ave W, Roseville.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **February 4**, so please save your change to put in the jars on that Sunday.



## 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 **March 31**. Plant selections include Easter Lilies, Pink/Purple Mums, Hyacinths, and Blue Hydrangeas. Remaining flowers will be delivered to our homebound friends. Orders may be placed in the Gathering Space on **February 11, 18 & 25** or by calling Kathy Carlson (651-334-8031). **Orders are due by February 26**. Payment options include check (payable to North Church, marked for Easter flowers), cash, or electronic payment via the church website at [northchurch-mn.org](http://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.**



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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 1 ~ 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 2/28/24 or \$25 after that date.

## DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **February 12 & 26 and March 11 & 25**. 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.



We would greatly appreciate if you would make your Per Capita payment of **\$38.00** per person. Whether you pay it or not your church will make the payment for you.

## 2023 FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT January – December 2023 (Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$283,695
Total Expenses	<u>\$301,284</u>
Overall Total Deficit	<u><u>-\$17,589</u></u>



Bella Glaser  
DD Dumenya  
Mikey Gerhardson  
Rejoice Abanei  
Frida Uneidong  
Bill Morrisette  
Zachari Wetz  
Eli Rangel

February 1  
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calendar

## Thursday, February 1

8:00am FCHE  
 6:00pm El Shadai  
 6:00pm Life Commission  
 6:30pm Faith Commission  
 7:00pm Stewardship Commission  
 7:30pm Nurture Commission

## Friday, February 2

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

## Saturday, February 3

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, February 4

9:45am Childcare  
 10:00am Sunday School for Children  
 10:00am Worship with New Life  
 10:45am Lunch  
 1:00pm El Shadai  
 4:20pm Praise Band Practice  
 6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

## Tuesday, February 6

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm Deacons

## Wednesday, February 7

7:00pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, February 8

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

## Friday, February 9

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

## Saturday, February 10

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, February 11

9:45am Childcare  
 10:00am Sunday School for Children  
 10:00am Worship  
 11:00am Fellowship  
 1:00pm El Shadai  
 4:20pm Praise Band Practice  
 6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

## Monday, February 12

7:00pm Personnel

## Tuesday, February 13

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

## Wednesday, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service  
 @ Trinity Presbyterian

## Thursday, February 15

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm Session

## Friday, February 16

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

## Saturday, February 17

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, February 18

9:45am Childcare

10:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Worship

11:00am Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

4:20pm Praise Band Practice

6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

## Tuesday, February 20

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

## Wednesday, February 21

6:00pm Wednesday Women

7:00pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, February 22

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

## Friday, February 23

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

## Saturday, February 24

3:00pm El Shadai

## Sunday, February 25

9:45am Childcare

10:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Worship

11:00am Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

4:20pm Praise Band Practice

6:00pm Seasons Worship Service

## Monday, February 26

### Innovator Articles Due

## Tuesday, February 27

6:30pm Northern Bells

6:30pm CMA

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

## Wednesday, February 28

7:00pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, February 29

8:00am FCHE

6:00pm El Shadai

**CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Church Office Hours  
(Monday-Wednesday & Friday, 9am-1pm)  
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 [rlkristensen@gmail.com](mailto: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 February is Cassidy Rangel, 651-247-8385.

**Custodian**

Nelson Portillo

Nelson has limited English, therefore we contact him through his son at 651-278-1831 or Pastor Arcenio’s son, Christian, at 651-428-8107 from 3pm-9pm Monday-Friday.

**Emergency Building Contacts**

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