

# September 2024 Innovator



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

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

**Seasons Interactive Worship at 6pm in the Hall Starting  
Wednesday, September 11**

**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)

10:00am      Worship in the Sanctuary

**~ September 8: Festival of Cultures~**

10:00am      Worship in the Sanctuary, Streamed to Meisenheimer Hall

11:00pm      Lunch and Games

**~ Beginning September 11~**

**Seasons Worship Service**

6:00pm      Seasons Interactive Worship in the Hall

7:00pm      Hands-On Mission, Games, Open Mic for Poetry or Music, Art, Fellowship

**~ Beginning September 15~**

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



We invite you to join us for the Festival of Cultures on **September 8** at 10am at North Church. This unique service celebrates the diversity and unity of our community through worship in Spanish, Hausa, and English, and uses scripture to gain Latino, African, and Western insights on God's peace. The service will also feature music from Latino, African, and American Praise Bands and Choirs. In addition to the spiritually enriching worship, you will be treated to a feast of Latino, African, and American food followed by exciting games. This worship service is a joint ministry of El Shadai New Hope Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian, New Life Presbyterian, Kenyan Christian Outreach Church, Presbyterian Church of Cameron, Presbyterian Church of Ghana and North Presbyterian. We are expecting numerous guests. We hope you will join us in worship, fellowship, games and celebration of God's peace that transforms all of us and unites us.

Get ready for an uplifting worship experience as we kick off *Seasons Interactive Worship* on its new night ~ **Wednesday, September 11** at 6pm. Our talented praise band will get you in the spirit with 15 minutes of praise music, followed by 45 minutes of scripture-based discussion and prayer led by Pastors Riz and James. Then, we dive into a different rotation including Hands-On Mission, Art, Games, Fellowship or an Open Mic for music or poetry. Some Wednesdays, we will have a meal together at 5:30pm. Evenings with meals and *Seasons* recesses will be communicated via text updates and the church calendar at [northchurch-mn.org](http://northchurch-mn.org). Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship with members from New Life and North!



**Seasons**  
Interactive Worship

*The purpose of Seasons is to provide a safe, caring space where all are loved and accepted in the hope of having everyone experience God's grace and everyone growing in love of God and love of all people.*

Text "Seasons" to 888-487-3394 for updates.

Seasons is a ministry of New Life Presbyterian Church  
[www.newlifechurchroseville.org](http://www.newlifechurchroseville.org) and North Presbyterian Church  
[www.northchurch-mn.org](http://www.northchurch-mn.org).



### **CHURCH TOWN HALL MEETING**

Session will be hosting church town hall on Sunday, **September 22**, after 10am worship in the Sanctuary.



# Seasons

## Worship Schedule

### Weekly Rotations

Open Mic for Music or Poetry

Fellowship

Hands-On Mission

Games

Art

### Worship Times

6:00pm - 6:15pm: Live Music

6:15pm - 7:00pm: Conversation and Prayer

7:00pm: Rotation Activity

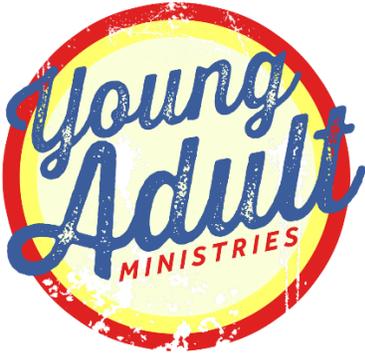
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Attend any component or all components.



### SEPTEMBER HANDS-ON MISSION

On September 15, we will be packing school supplies into backpacks for students at North Metro Flex Academy. The Faith Commission will provide the backpacks. We need your help with the school supplies. If you are able to donate supplies, please grab some Post-It notes from the board in the Narthex. There will be a bin in the church office for the collection of all supplies. All donations need to be in the bin no later than **September 1**.



Looking to connect with a welcoming community where you can grow spiritually and engage with others your age? North Church is excited to invite young adults in their 20s or 30s to our upcoming Pizza & Game Night on Friday, **September 20** at 6:30pm. Join us for a fun-filled evening of games, delicious pizza, and great conversations. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet new friends, deepen your spirituality, and feel right at home in our inclusive atmosphere. To secure your spot and join in the fun, please RSVP to [seanbearth@gmail.com](mailto:seanbearth@gmail.com) or call 651-276-4527 by September 18. We can't wait to see you there!

North Church is excited to announce our new Senior Ministry partnership with PCOTW and New Life! Our first event will be held on September 17 at 1:30pm at Presbyterian Church of the Way (3382 Lexington Ave, Shoreview, MN) and will take place every third Tuesday of the month. Join us for an afternoon of snacks, fellowship, laughs, and the opportunity to meet new friends while experiencing a different program each month that focuses on the five S's of senior ministry. We invite you to share your stories, meet with old friends, and make new ones in a welcoming and friendly environment.





We're excited to announce that starting September 15, North Church will be resuming childcare for children from birth to age 5! This means parents can enjoy our Sunday service without worrying about keeping their little ones entertained. And for children ages 6 to Grade 5, we offer a fun and engaging Sunday School program that combines religious education with interactive activities. We believe that spiritual growth is important at every age, and we're committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive community where families can come together and share their faith. We can't wait to see you!



***Do you have a student who will be attending college this year?***

The deacons like to stay in touch with all the college students throughout the coming year. If you have a new student or a returning student, please give their name and address to the Church Office so we can up-date our list.

**October 4 ~ 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 10/2/24 or \$25 after that date.



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **September 1**, so please save your extra change to bring on that Sunday to put in the jars.



The *Peace & Global Witness Offering* offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

Twenty-five percent of this Offering stays with local congregations, 25% to mid-councils for other congregations, and 50% to Presbyterians across the globe who support the work for peace and reconciliation.

The *Peace & Global Witness Offering* is received during the Season of Peace, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2024.

**STATEMENT 2024**  
**Year-to-Date Activity**  
 (Detailed report available in the church office)

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$147,800</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$171,013</u></b>
<b>Overall Total Deficit</b>	<b>-\$23,213</b>

**DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS**

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **September 9 & 23** and **October 14 & 28**.





Laura Yates	September 4	Dave Etter	September 18
Carol Havran	September 6	Becky Yust	September 19
Sheila Ferrazzo	September 9	Alex Hill	September 19
Ila Basch	September 12	Liram Lukong	September 19
Sandy Brogren	September 12	Rod Collins	September 23
Diane Albright	September 12	Kathy Carlson	September 23
Leslie Etter	September 15	Mike Marah	September 23
Rulen Lukong	September 15	Ed Richardson	September 27

### **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Church Office Hours  
 (Monday-Wednesday & Friday 9:00am-1:00pm)  
 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 September is Mike Etter, 651-249-9656.

### **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)



**Sunday, September 1**

10:00am Worship  
1:00pm El Shadai

**Tuesday, September 3**

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

**Wednesday, September 4**

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 5**

6:00pm El Shadai  
6:00pm Life Commission  
7:00pm Stewardship Commission  
7:00pm Nurture Commission

**Friday, September 6**

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, September 7**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, September 8 ~ Festival of Cultures**

10:00am Worship  
11:30am Lunch & Games

**Tuesday, September 10**

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

**Wednesday, September 11**

4:00pm Praise Band Practice  
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service  
7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 12**

6:00pm El Shadai

**Friday, September 13**

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, September 14**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, September 15**

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

**Tuesday, September 17**

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

**Wednesday, September 18**

4:00pm Praise Band Practice  
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service  
7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 19**

6:00pm El Shadai  
7:00pm Session

**Friday, September 20**

6:30pm YAG Pizza Party

**Saturday, September 21**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, September 22**

9:50am Childcare  
10:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship  
11:00am Church Town Hall Meeting  
11:00am Food & Fellowship  
1:00pm El Shadai

**Tuesday, September 24**

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

**Wednesday, September 25**

4:00pm Praise Band Practice  
6:00pm Seasons Worship Service  
7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, September 26**

6:00pm El Shadai

**Friday, September 27**

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

**Saturday, September 28**

3:00pm El Shadai

**Sunday, September 29**

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

**Monday, September 30**

**Innovator Articles Due**