

April 2026 Innovator



Sunday Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary

Fellowship & Food at 11am in Room 24

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:50am	Child Care for children 4 years of age and younger
10:00am	Sunday School for children 5 years of age to Grade 4
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00am	Refreshments and Fellowship in Room 24

Office Hours are 8:00am – 2:00pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday.



Seasons April Schedule

April 5: No Seasons – Happy Easter!

6pm ~ April 19: Join us for a discussion on *Sacred Imagination: Alexander John Scott* in the Fireside Room



Sunday, March 29th ~ Palm Sunday
10am ~ Traditional Service

Thursday, April 2nd ~ Maundy Thursday
7pm ~ Tenebrae Service at North

Sunday, April 5th ~ Easter Sunday
10am ~ Traditional Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP
April 2 ~ 7:00pm

Join us for Maundy Thursday worship on April 2 at 7:00 pm for our Tenebrae service—a quiet, reflective time of scripture, prayer, and gradually dimming light as we remember the final hours of Jesus' life. Together we will gather in the growing darkness, reflecting on Christ's love and sacrifice as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday and the hope of Easter.

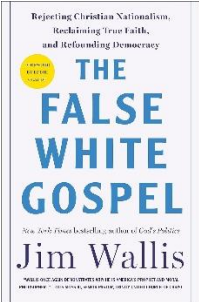


EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA
April 12 ~ 10:00am

The Nurture Commission invites children of all ages to join us for an Easter Extravaganza on April 12! During worship, kids will celebrate the joy of Easter with a festive egg hunt, crafts, and fun games. It's a wonderful way for children to experience the excitement and meaning of the season. All children are welcome—come join the fun! 🐣 🌸 🥚



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.



I encourage you to pick up *The False White Gospel*. In it, Jim Wallis, a Biblical scholar, theologian, and teacher, invites us into a thoughtful, heartfelt conversation about how scripture speaks to the world we're living in right now. What I value most is how Jim Wallis weaves biblical teaching into real-world events without insisting that readers adopt his views—his aim is to model a faithful, grounded way of seeking truth. And even if you don't agree with him on every point, his approach offers a meaningful path for anyone hoping to engage scripture with honesty, integrity, and courage in daily life. A critical and curious willingness to explore—and to wrestle with scripture—will likely bring greater clarity on how to live more like Jesus.

The Nominating Committee is seeking those willing to serve our family of faith. Please contact Kathy Carlson for more information and to volunteer at kmschakel-carlson1@mmm.com or 651-334-8031.



Do you like to sew, cook, bake, paint, knit, crochet, cross stitch? Session has given permission for a craft/bake sale on Sunday, **April 19**, after worship. All proceeds will be donated to the general income budget of the church. If you want to participate, please be in touch with Billie Novy, by text (651-398-3773) or email bpnovy@yahoo.com so she can provide adequate space for you to display and sell your items.

GERTENS SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

Help support our programs by purchasing your spring plants from us. You can choose between hanging baskets, patio containers, annuals, vines, and grasses as well as flats of sunny and shady plants. You can also purchase a plant card that will give us 15% on every plant card purchase at the Inver Grove Heights store. To access the site and place an order:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter our Store ID code: **216**



Please contact Nancy Gerhardson with questions at 651-808-0306. All orders and payments can be placed online thru **April 6**. *Plant pick-up will be from 9am-10am on May 17.*



DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **April 13 & 27**. 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.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2026

Activity Through February

(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	\$59,009
Total Expenses	<u>\$58,380</u>
Overall Total	<u><u>\$629</u></u>



Our next *Change for Haiti* Sunday is **April 5**, so please bring in your extra change on this Sunday.



Do you remember the campfires, skits, games, fun and adventures of camp? Why not share your love of camp with the campers of today by sending a child, grandchild, or neighbor to camp? For more information please visit www.clearwaterforest.org or call 218-678-2325.

Summer Campships Available for Clearwater Forest All Kids/Youth Ages 8-17
North Church through its Endowment Committee will pay all registration costs for campers. North Church believes every child should have the opportunity to experience God's Woods and Waters. If you have questions about Camp Programs and Registration, please contact Cindy Carlson at crowecarlson@gmail.com.

APRIL HANDS-ON MISSION

Meals From the Heart

5600 Memorial Ave North, Oak Park Heights

Saturday, April 18

Be there by 10am - plan to be done by 11am



We will be packing hundreds of meals to be delivered to local food shelves, working in two teams having fun, a little friendly competition, and helping to feed local communities!

Please sign up at church next Sunday or contact any member of the Faith Commission. Thanks for your participation!!



MAKE A CRAFT

Sunday, April 19 ~ 5-6 PM

Looking for a fun and creative way to welcome spring? Join us for an hour of crafting and community! Bring your family, a friend, or come on your own as we decorate tin cans and plant your favorite flowers or herbs to take home. No experience needed—just come ready to create and enjoy!
All are welcome!



April Duo	April 1	Donna Wickstrom	April 12
Walton Yates	April 2	Matthew Marah	April 15
Deanna Dick	April 3	Randy Smith	April 15
Daniel Oji	April 6	Leslie York	April 16
Kathie Johansen	April 6	Jasmine Kalle	April 22
Brandon Nelson	April 8	Samuel Lindenfelser	April 24
Casey Carlson	April 9	James Nowak	April 28
Ariana Hill	April 10	Jim Holle	April 29

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours
(Monday-Wednesday & Friday, 8am-2pm)
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 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.

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 April is Nancy Glasenapp, 651-414-1243.

Emergency Building Contacts

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



Wednesday, April 1

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 2 ~ Maundy Thursday

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, April 4

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 5 ~ Easter

9:50am Childcare

10:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Worship

1:00pm El Shadai

Tuesday, April 7

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm Deacons

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 9

6:00pm El Shadai

6:00pm Life Commission

7:00pm Nurture Commission

Friday, April 10

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, April 11

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 12

9:50am Childcare

10:00am Easter Extravaganza

10:00am Worship

11:00am Food & Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

Tuesday, April 14

6:00pm Wednesday Women

6:30pm CMA

6:30pm Northern Bells

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, April 15

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 16

6:00pm El Shadai

7:00pm Session

Friday, April 17

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, April 18

10:00am Hands-On Mission - Offsite

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 19

9:50am Childcare

10:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Worship

11:00am Food & Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

5:00pm Make a Craft

6:00pm Seasons

Tuesday, April 21

6:30pm Northern Bells

6:30pm CMA

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, April 22

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 23

6:00pm El Shadai

Friday, April 24

7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship

Saturday, April 25

3:00pm El Shadai

Sunday, April 26

9:50am Childcare

10:00am Sunday School for Children

10:00am Worship

11:00am Food & Fellowship

1:00pm El Shadai

Monday, April 27

Innovator Articles Due

Tuesday, April 28

6:30pm Northern Bells

6:30pm CMA

7:00pm 12-Step Meeting

Wednesday, April 29

8:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 30

6:00pm El Shadai

6:00pm Life Commission

