November 2026 Innovator



Sunday Worship Service at 10am in the Sanctuary

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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)
10:00am	Worship in the Sanctuary
11:00am	Refreshments and Fellowship in Room 24 (2nd & 4th Sundays)

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



Seasons November Schedule

6pm ~ November 1: We will meet in the Hall for live music from Brandon followed by exploring the gospel of John together.

6pm ~ November 15: We will meet in the Fireside Room where we will be exploring a book together to perceive God's invitation to us.



Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Commission would like to express our gratitude to all of you. Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and financial support over the past year! As we begin this new season of giving, may we consider how we can be wise stewards of the blessings God has entrusted to us individually and as family of faith. Pledge cards will be dedicated during worship on **Sunday, November 15**. However, we urge you to make both your pledge and contributions via the OnRealm portal: onrealm.org/northchurchmn. Pledge cards are also available in the gathering space and church office if you need one. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please join us on **November 15** to assemble bags that will be distributed to our local veterans through the North St. Paul American Legion.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Kick-off the Holiday Season with your church family at the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **November 29th!** Join us after worship to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas!





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



2026 CHRISTMAS FLOWER AND PLANT PROGRAM

All are invited to participate in the upcoming Christmas flower & plant program. The flowers and plants may be purchased in honor or memory of loved ones and will be used to decorate the sanctuary and Narthex on December 6 through Christmas Eve. Names of the sponsors and those to whom the plants are dedicated will be printed in the December 6 and Christmas Eve bulletins. The offerings include 8" poinsettias (red, white, or pink) for $21 each, and 6" cyclamen (red, white, pink/purple) for $13 each. The Faith Commission will take orders after the service on **November 1 & 8** in the Narthex. You can also place an order by contacting one of the Faith Commission members (Lisa Sellie, Kathy Carlson, Nancy Glasenapp, Billie Novy, or Glenn Wetz). Final orders are due **November 8**.

You are welcome to take your plant(s) home with you after the Christmas Eve service. Any plants left at church may be given to our homebound members by the deacons.



Are you looking for a way to make your preparation for Christmas more meaningful? The North Church Choir invites you to join them for a few services in Advent. We will sing one anthem on **November 29** and **December 20** and one or two on Christmas Eve. Our big day, the Choral Sunday Service, is on **December 13**. We will sing several anthems and would love to add many more voices to the choir for that event. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7 - 8:30 p.m. We've already started looking at music for Advent and Christmas, but it's not too late to join. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, contact Mary Livingston at mary.livingstonmusic@gmail.com or phone/text 651-331-1089.

Remember to turn your clocks back an hour on **November 1.**





November 29: First Sunday in Advent ~ Hope
10:00am – Traditional Worship
11:00am – Hanging of the Greens

December 6: Second Sunday in Advent ~ Peace
Celebration of Holy Communion
10:00am – Traditional worship with music from the Northern Bells
11:00am – Craft and Bake Sale
6:00pm – *Seasons*

December 13: Third Sunday in Advent ~ Joy
10:00am – Traditional worship with music from the Sanctuary Choir
10:00am – Sunday School for children
11:00am – Food and Fellowship
11:00am – Craft and Bake Sale

December 20: Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Love
10:00am – Traditional worship

December 24: Christmas Eve
Celebration of Holy Communion
5:00pm – Family Candlelight Worship Service

December 27: First Sunday of Christmas
10:00am – Traditional worship

January 3: Epiphany
Celebration of Holy Communion
10:00am – Traditional worship
11:00am – Un-greening of the Church



ADVENT CRAFT SALE ~ DECEMBER 6 & 13

The Session has again approved my request to have a craft sale during Advent, with all proceeds donated to the general budget of North Church. If you have any items that you have created, baked, painted, sewn, crocheted, knitted, etc. and would like to have included in the sale, please contact me at bpnovy@yahoo.com or 651-739-4476.

DONATIONS AND OFFERINGS

Our dedicated counters will be counting your donations and offerings on **November 9 & 23** and **December 14 & 31.**



SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2026

As of September 2026

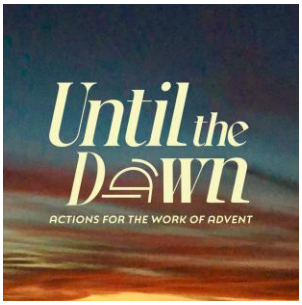
(Detailed report available in the church office)

Total Income	$207,584
Total Expenses	$218,793
Overall Total (Deficit)	(-$11,209)



HANDS-ON MISSION THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated monetary gifts and school supplies for the September Hands-On Mission project. Nine backpacks, filled with school supplies, were donated to North Metro Flex Academy, along with paper towels, Clorox wipes, tissues, extra school supplies, and office supplies. Everything was greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your generosity. ~ The Faith Commission



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

This series focuses on the actions we can take as we move through the night with hope for tomorrow. Night is a time when the way forward may seem unclear, when our senses are heightened and fear may creep in. And the darkness also brings gifts—rest, regeneration, dreams, intimacy with God. In our sacred stories, angels often arrive in the night, calling for courageous action and singing good news. In the night, Mary's labor pains crescendo and Christ is born. In the night, shepherds and Magi follow the stars to get closer to God. And so, in the metaphorical night, we will carry on with the work that is ours to do.

Just as surely as the sun rises, God's steadfast love and mercy are made new every morning. As we move toward the horizon, we will cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose joy. These actions will help us resist despair and put our prayers in motion. Until the day when God's love reigns and all the earth echoes shalom, let us keep moving, singing, resisting, and rejoicing—trusting that God joins us in the work of Advent.

Devotionals and Advent Calendars can be picked up in the Narthex beginning November 22.



Carole Javner	November 2	Kathy Richardson	November 18
Dick Zoya	November 6	LaVonne Holle	November 21
Bob Pleban	November 9	Elaine Collins	November 24
Pat Hurlbutt	November 10	Sherry Long	November 25
Inez Kalle	November 13	Joni Purrington	November 25
Mary Morrisette	November 15	Ryan Bearth	November 27
Jackson Miller	November 15		
Lilith Holten	November 15		



Sunday November 1 ~ All Saints Sunday
9:50am Childcare
10:00am Worship
1:00pm El Shadai
6:00pm *Seasons*
Tuesday, November 3 ~ General Election
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting
Wednesday, November 4
7:00pm Choir Practice
Thursday, November 5
6:00pm El Shadai
6:00pm Life Commission
6:30pm Faith Commission
7:00pm Nurture Commission
7:00pm Stewardship Commission
Friday, November 6
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship
Saturday, November 7
3:00pm El Shadai
Sunday, November 8
9:50am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Food & Fellowship
11:00am Craft & Bake Sale
1:00pm El Shadai
Tuesday, November 10
6:00pm Wednesday Women
6:30pm Northern Bells
Wednesday, November 11
7:00pm Choir Practice
Thursday, November 12
6:00pm El Shadai
Friday, November 13
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship
Saturday, November 14
3:00pm El Shadai
Sunday, November 15 ~ Dedication Sunday
9:50am Childcare
10:00am Worship
11:00am Hands-On Mission
11:00am Craft & Bake Sale
1:00pm El Shadai
6:00pm *Seasons*
Tuesday, November 17
6:30pm CMA
6:30pm Northern Bells
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting
Wednesday, November 18
7:00pm Choir Practice
Thursday, November 19
6:00pm El Shadai
7:00pm Session
Friday, November 20
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship
Saturday November 21
3:00pm El Shadai
Sunday, November 22
9:50am Childcare
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Food & Fellowship
1:00pm El Shadai
Monday, November 23
Innovator Articles Due
Tuesday, November 24
6:30pm CMA
6:30pm Northern Bells
7:00pm 12-Step Meeting
Wednesday, November 25
7:00pm Choir Practice
Thursday, November 26 ~ Thanksgiving Day
Office Closed
6:00pm El Shadai
Friday, November 27
7:00pm El Shadai Youth Fellowship
Saturday November 28
3:00pm El Shadai
Sunday, November 29 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent
9:50am Childcare
10:00am Worship
11:00am Hanging of the Greens
1:00pm El Shadai

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours
(Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00am-2:00pm)
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 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 November is Lisa Sellie, 651-770-5943.

Emergency Building Contacts

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



HAND-HELD CAN OPENERS NEEDED!

North's Women's Bible Study Group has been made aware of a special need at North St. Paul Food Shelf. We have learned that several patrons of the site ask for pop-top packaged soups and other canned items because they do not have a can opener...a simple tool that most of us have and do not think about.

To help the Food Shelf and be supportive of the needs of patrons, we are planning to have a collection bin in the Narthex every Sunday, November 1st through December 13th. Whatever is collected before Thanksgiving will be distributed before that day, and whatever is collected by December 13th will also be distributed before Christmas.

If donations of a physical item is not your style, and you are able, we would appreciate a financial donation through Sunday offering or mail marked "Can Opener Mission".

Thanks for any help - all will be deeply appreciated.
Blessings ~ Mary Morrisette