



Northminster News

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INTERIM PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear NPC Family,

Grace and peace to you! As we anticipate our Ash Wednesday Service (7:00pm on March 5th) and the season of Lent, I'd like to focus my comments on a couple of topics.

First, during the five Wednesdays of Lent that follow Ash Wednesday (beginning on March 12th,) I will be teaching a bible study on the Cross of Christ. We will look at a number of the key biblical passages that paint for us the portrait of this central reality of the Gospel, namely, that through the Cross of Christ God reconciled the world to himself and remedied the ravages of sin. This subject is profound and mysterious, yet spiritually deeply encouraging to those to contemplate it. I would love to have you be a part of our gathering. No prior bible study experience is assumed.

The class will start at 7pm following our Community Night meal at 6:00. The meal is a wonderful time of table fellowship and I encourage you to join us for it as well. And kids are welcome for the meal and the class time! In fact Trisha Wirta will be

providing a children's program during our bible study. (Please call Pam in the church office if your children will be attending.)

Second, just like Lent leads to Easter, and Advent leads to Christmas, so too NPC's current interim season will lead to the arrival of your new pastor. With one big difference: we know when Easter and Christmas are...we don't know when the new pastor will arrive! But lots of folks are doing high-quality behind the scenes work to make sure the whole interim process is done as well and as thoroughly as possible to ensure the very best outcome. The Interim Teams (Mission/Vision, Organization, 125th Anniversary, Pastoral Care) each have developed strategies to accomplish their tasks in a timely fashion. Please pray for them and actively participate as opportunities arise. You will be hearing more from these groups in the following couple of months.

Trusting God with you,

Tyler Easley, Interim Pastor

*Proclaiming God's Grace,
Creating Community,
Serving our Neighbors*

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SOUP SUPPER AND ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesday, March 5th at 6:00 for a soup supper before our Ash Wednesday Service to mark the beginning of Lent.

We will enjoy a soup supper and fellowship together and go upstairs for a brief service with the imposition of ashes.

If you will not be joining us for supper, please come to the sanctuary at 6:45 for the service. We hope to see you there!

FLOWERS



Flowers will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 9th in celebration of Georgia Kurtz's birthday. Georgia's daughters, Ann and Melinda will provide them that day. Because of our Lenten observance, we will see spare arrangements of branches until Easter.

MISSION/VISION CONVERSATIONS

As part of the interim work kicked off at the congregational meeting, a group of Elders and Deacons have been charged with reviewing Northminster's mission and vision. Part of that work involves evaluating the fit of the church's activities and asking whether the church's mission and vision are well reflected, and whether programmatic efforts are well coordinated.

With this in mind, we invite you to join an upcoming conversation, to share responses to the following questions:

What drew you to Northminster Presbyterian?

Why did you decide to continue attending/join?

What resources do you hope for to grow in your faith?

What opportunities for service would you like to see or continue at NPC?

Conversations will be held in February and March on 2/26 at Community night and immediately following worship on 3/16 and 3/23 in the fellowship hall. If you are not able to join one of these conversations, we'd still like your input – please contact the church office for a form you may use to submit written feedback.

- Beth Schmidt, Sheila Striegl, Liz Tennant, Rachel Van Noord, Trisha Wirta, Ben Woldseth

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS



Despite the chilly weather, Spring has officially begun in the Christian Education department, as we transition into our Spring Curriculum! In Elementary Sunday school, we will be learning all about Paul and the ways he was a faithful disciple of Christ! Friends are always welcome as we learn exciting things about the early Christian church!

Youth Group is continuing with subject-based curriculum, as we work through the doctrines of the Christian faith. This month we will be focusing on the Scriptures as well as the two natures of Jesus – thought provoking to be sure! We also, of course, are always finding new ways to have fun and build community; from telephone Pictionary to basketball in the gym! Feel free to bring

friends to come and try out our fun Youth Group, at our new day and time; Tuesdays from 4:15-5:45 in the Tower Room!

The Nursery and Preschool programs are getting revamped! We are looking to start a parent and volunteer rotation, mostly at an on-call basis. Our hope is to provide young families with a place for our littlest church members to learn about Jesus, and of course have a time for fun. If you are interested in joining the rotation, please contact me for more information! Our littlest church members would appreciate your support!

As always, thank you for supporting your CE department! We look forward to the fun – and hopefully warmth – in the month ahead!



- Elyse Fairweather, Director of Christian Education

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS



Norma Allison	Bobbi Jo Connell	er]	Lena Harms	Sylvia King]
[mother of Lisa Horowitz]	[friend of Wynona Morrison's daughter]	Tori Fairweather	Vicki Mears [sister of Gary Ingle]	Elsie Wassenaar
Elaine Boehmer	Kathy Davis [sister-in-law of Nancy Ingle]	Duane and Kay Glasscock	Anne Nilsen	Sid and Phoebe Wold
Terry Brancca [friend of Sandy Coyer]	Judy Dundon	Mary Gruenke [sister-in-law of Sylvia King]	Helen Pheasant	Ben Woldseth
Dick Brooking	[friend of Sandy Coyer]		Dennis Pickell	Dixie and Wayne Wynne
			Joan Stavig [friend of	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>2</u> Transfiguration of the Lord • 10:30 Worship • Coffee Fellowship • Membership Class	<u>3</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>4</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>5</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night soup supper • 6:45 Ash Wednesday Service	<u>6</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight • 7:30 Choir	<u>7</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> 1st Lent • 10:30 Worship • Coffee Fellowship • Mission/Vision Conversation	<u>10</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>11</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 7:00 Session and Deacons meeting	<u>12</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night soup supper • 6:00 Community night soup supper • Tyler teaches Lenten study • Reading group	<u>13</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight • 7:30 Choir	<u>14</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 2nd Lent • 10:30 Worship • Coffee Fellowship • Mission/Vision Conversation	<u>17</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>18</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>19</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night soup supper • Tyler teaches Lenten study	<u>20</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight • 7:30 Choir	<u>21</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight	<u>22</u> • 7:00 Game night!
<u>23</u> 3rd Lent • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship	<u>24</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>25</u> • 12:00 A.A. group	<u>26</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 6:00 Community night soup supper • Tyler teaches Lenten study	<u>27</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight • 7:30 Choir	<u>28</u> • 12:00 A.A. group • 5:00 Ballard Ecumenical Ministry and overnight	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> 4th Lent • 10:30 Worship Coffee Fellowship Memories for Dennis's book due today!	<u>31</u> • 12:00 A.A. group					

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAYS IN MARCH

March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Exodus 24:12-19	Genesis 2:15-17	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13
<i>Psalm 2</i>	<i>Psalm 32</i>	<i>Psalm 121</i>	<i>Psalm 95</i>	<i>Psalm 23</i>
2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14
Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41

GAME NIGHT ON MARCH 22ND!



Shake off your winter doldrums and come to Northminster on Saturday evening, March 22nd at 7PM for a night of fun and games for all ages. We'll have puzzles, cards, Pictionary and more – something for everyone. Bring your favor-

ite snack to share and come have some fun and fellowship. Sign up in the Reception room or RSVP to Bronwen Matthews.

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