

NORTHMINSTER NEWS

Proclaiming God's grace, creating community, serving our neighbors

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

BBQ @ Schmidts

August 11

Deacon's Meeting

August 14

Creative Camp

August 26-29

BBQ @ Signa's

August 28

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

BBQ @ Hammers

September 8

Sunday School Fall Launch

September 8

Weds Morning Bible Study

Starts September 11

Theology on Tap

September 18

Session Meeting

September 24

COMING UP

Stewardship Month

October

Community Night Returns

October 2

Friendship Luncheon

October 16

NOTE FROM THE PASTORS

by Revs. Jeny Carlson and Zac Calvo

Goggles, towels, whistles...that's been a part of my life since Erika was 6 years old and joined her first swim team. Now, at 15, Erika is embracing her commitment and talent to start training toward National-level swimming. This has meant an increase of time commitment and travel for her and her parents. This summer it became clear that serving 20 hrs/week as your associate pastor was more than our family could stretch. Thankfully, Zac was willing and able to step in and take on the communication and outreach portions of my call. So starting July 1st, my title changed to Associate Pastor for Formation and my weekly hours are down to 5. I will continue to lead the Community Dinners and Theology on Tap ministries as well as teach quarterly Adult Ed classes. Thank-you so much to Dani, Antonio, Zac, and all of the NPC Session for understanding the uniqueness of Erika's opportunities right now and our need to support her.



Ever since I interned at Northminster during seminary, I knew that it was a special place. It has helped me feel at home in myself, and allowed me to process my own vocation and call in an environment that has been both encouraging and supportive. As I have been a part of the staff team since September, I have continued to feel that Northminster is home. As things shift for Pastor Jeny, I feel ready, willing, and happy to take on more hours as we all work together for balance and equilibrium. I know that the whole staff is invested in the health and vitality of Northminster as we keep planning for our future together, and I'm excited as my work and investment in our community expands.

NEW CARPET IS A GO!

We are moving forward on replacing the carpet throughout the church (except the newer carpet in the Narthex and Sanctuary). The goal is to be finished by the end of August with work happening during the week. Keep your ears open for volunteer opportunities as this work gets done.

NEW IN LIBRARY

The magazine exchange has returned! See rack of magazines by the doors to the outside on the west side of room. Feel free to take and/or donate recent issues. The Book Exchange will also return soon - keep an eye on the new bookcase in the room. Many outstanding titles have already been donated and we welcome more of your best. This time the books will be free, but we will have a mini book sale this fall to raise money for the library.

SAVE THE DATE

Friendship Luncheon, Oct 16, 11:30am

Dani will dialogue with Gordon Cramer about the history of Northminster. Mr. Cramer is a former pastor at Northminster who started his service at NM in 1972!

COFFEE HOUR JUICE DRIVE

Remember the old adage that "many hands make for light work?" Please keep this in mind and help us build an inventory of juice for coffee hour. A bottle or two from many hands will greatly help the coffee hour team! They can be dropped off in the kitchen or with an usher. And we always need a supply of fresh cookies or cake. Fruit, cheese and crackers are also welcome. See or call Jan Olson with your questions.

INVITATION TO PRAY AND PRAISE

Let's thank God for the spiritual blessings given to us, God's people who are part of the Body of Christ.

One idea is to read and pray using Col. 1:9-12 or Eph. 1:3-4 (1:3-10) finding a word or phrase that catches your attention. While expressing our gratitude, let's ask God to continue to bless us with spiritual gifts so that we can bless others with grace, redemption, forgiveness, wisdom and more! Also, thank God for the physical body you have!

LECTIONARY

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Luke 12:13-21
Colossians 3:1-11

8/11

Luke 12:32-40
Colossians 3:12-17

8/18

Luke 12:49-56
Colossians 4:2-6

8/25

Luke 13:10-17
Hebrews 11:1-13, 8-12

9/1

Luke 14:1, 7-14
Hebrews 11:23-31

9/8

Luke 14:25-33
Hebrews 11:39-12:3

9/15

Luke 15:1-10
Psalm 27

9/22

Luke 16:1-13
Psalm 113

9/29

Luke 16:19-31
Psalm 90