



the *Encourager*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST
FEBRUARY 2020

LOVE FOR ALL

No offense to anyone with a birthday or anniversary in February; however, February's "claim to fame" is basically Valentine's Day. Stores and TV commercials promote it. A lot of people will buy greeting cards, chocolates, flowers, and/or jewelry in an effort to tell or remind that special someone that he or she is special to you or that you love them.

The great thing about being a Christian, is that love isn't limited to a day or a month. In fact, it really has no limits. God wants us to simply love others all the time. The really unique thing about that is we don't even really need to know a person to show our love to them.

Case in point . . . In Luke 10 we read about an encounter that Jesus had with "an expert in the law". The man was trying to test Jesus by asking him, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus turned that back on the man by asking, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" The expert answered correctly since he was an expert in the law, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbor as yourself."

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Church Events

2.1

Helping Hands Pantry
NPYG Spaghetti Dinner

2.3

ROMEO Club

2.9

LIFE Groups

2.11

Blanket Ministry Work Day

2.13-2.16

NPYG @ Winterfest

2.15

Helpings Hands Pantry

2.23

LIFE Groups

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Jesus acknowledged that the man had answered correctly but the man wasn't quite finished with Jesus and asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus response in Luke 10:30-37 gave us what is referred to as "The Parable of the Good Samaritan." The way I read and understand Jesus explanation contained in His parable in response to the question, "Who is my neighbor?" is that everyone is our neighbor, even if you do not know them.

No indication is given in Luke's writing that the Samaritan knew the man he found beaten and laying on the side of the road but that didn't matter. The Samaritan showed love to the injured man by taking pity on him, bandaging his wounds, taking him to an inn, caring for him, and then giving the innkeeper money to continue to care for the wounded man. In concluding his answer to the expert in the law, Jesus asked him which of the three men who had an opportunity to help the wounded man was a neighbor to him. The man replied, "The one who had mercy on him." To that, Jesus removed all doubt as to questions about loving our neighbor and just who our neighbor is when he told him, "Go and do likewise."

The easy thing in our society is to pick and choose who we love; to buy a card or some flowers in February and that covers us for the entire year. Don't get me wrong, loving everyone is not always easy because frankly some people can be a bit unlovable at times, we can be a bit unlovable at times. Yet isn't it awesome that we have the opportunity to show love to every person we meet all year long and that we even get to decide what that love looks like? We don't have to be limited to a day in the shortest month of the year . . . we have lots of days to demonstrate our love and lots of people to love.

John gave the instruction in I John 3:18 not to love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. No mention of a specific day, week or month. You can still buy a card or a give a gift on February 14th, but that still leaves us with over 300 days this year to be loving to everyone and to be grateful that God loves us unconditionally.

ATTENTION BROTHERS: If you are listed to serve (i.e. prayer, preside, communion, scripture, usher, etc.), please meet in the Youth Office (across from the men's restroom) at 10:20 am each week.

Those to Serve –February 2, 2020

Children's Church: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter

Communion Trays:

Audio/Video: Adam Zomok

Security: Tim Firm

Nursery: Deanna King, Julia Garcia

Greeters: N. Warkins S. Firms

Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth

Computer: Brenda Mohler

Worship Director: Sid Long

Prayer: Jordan Siracusa, Jerry Gibson

Scripture: Joe Nicosia

Ushers: Scott Siegrist, Justin Reese

Preside: Jeff Hagerman

1A John Parker

2A John Castree

1B Peter Gaddis

2B Jose Cervantes

3A Steve Adkins

4A Ken Lynch

3B Simon-Peter Broughton

4B Stan Gregory

Shut-Ins: Maupins

Kingdom Kids: Julie Cavallaro, Debbie Letsinger

Those to Serve –February 9, 2020

Children's Church: Brenda Mohler, Gloria Gregory

Communion Trays:

Audio/Video: Tyler Zomok

Security: LIFE Group

Nursery: Mignon & Elizabeth Soter

Greeters: N. Holly Bertram S. Nicosias

Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth

Computer: Pam Reese

Worship Director: Jordan Siracusa

Prayer: Ed Long, Steve Adkins

Scripture: Stan Gregory

Ushers: Ken Lynch, Jeff Hagerman

Preside: Ken Maupin

1A Ernie Stubblefield

2A Scott Siegrist

1B Larry Jones

2B Greg Peck

3A Mark Murray

4A. Jaye Lavern

3B Ron King

4B Jeremy Schulz

Shut-Ins: Adkins

Kingdom Kids: Deanna King & Taylor Siracusa

Those to Serve –February 16, 2020

Children's Church: Asha Price, Julia Garcia

Communion Trays:

Audio/Video: Scott Weir

Security: Jerry Gibson

Nursery: Pat Williams, Debbie Letsinger

Greeters: N. Joan Wadsworth S. Soters

Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth

Computer: Sara Maupin

Worship Director: Ken Maupin

Prayer: Tim Firm, Justin Reese

Scripture: John Castree

Ushers: Ron King, Jordan Siracusa

Preside: Wayne Morris

1A Joe Nicosia

2A Jeff Hagerman

1B Joey Nicosia

2B Bret Hagerman

3A Sid Long

4A Adam Zomok

3B Ed Long

4B Tyler Zomok

Shut-Ins: Kings

Kingdom Kids: Jeff & Kathy Hagerman

Those to Serve –February 23, 2020

Children's Church: Naomi Gibson, Pat Williams

Communion Trays:

Audio/Video: Mark Murray

Security: LIFE Group

Nursery: Lisa/Delores Warkins, Sandi Riffle

Greeters: N. Murrays S. Jeanne Wadsworth

Mailbox: Joan Schmidt, Joan Wadsworth

Computer: Mary Riley

Worship Director: Ed Long

Prayer: Jeremy Schulz, Wayne Morris

Scripture: Ken Lynch

Ushers: Greg Peck, Ernie Stubblefield

Preside: Steve Adkins

1A Russ Lyman

2A Ron Willis

1B Marcus Price

2B Justin Reese

3A Scott Weir

4A Doug Soter

3B Chris Youssi

4B Jerry Gibson

Shut-Ins: Lynch

Kingdom Kids: Bret & Jerrica Hagerman

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 KING OF THE JEWS
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 SON OF DAVID
 EMMANUEL
 LAMB OF GOD
 MASTER
 REDEEMER
 SON OF GOD
 JESUS
 LIGHT OF THE WORLD
 NAZARENE
 SAVIOR
 SON OF MAN

Pantry Sub List

Justin Reese	815-299-0762	Jaye Lavern	815-608-4465
Elizabeth Soter	815-721-0405	Jeremy Schulz	630-418-0371
Cameron Maupin	815-978-3362	Ken Maupin	815-262-1487
Mary Riley	815-988-7440	Sara Maupin	815-262-0303
Tammy Weir	815-751-0866	Naomi Gibson	815-742-2291
Katie Schulz	630-418-0372	Cathy Firm	815-298-6341
Maxine Byrne	815-494-2512	Liz Willis	815-494-0595
Joan Schmidt	815-708-3993	Brenda Mohler	815-505-7205
Pat Seifert	815-871-7236	Tim Firm	815-914-1782

Prayer List

- **Anneka Broughton**
- **Jason Willis**
- **Ken Maupin**
- **Lea Schorer** – no visitors at this time please
- **Jan Morris**
- **Pat McRill**
- **Dar Hinrichs**
- **Frances Hughes**
- **Larry Borrison**
- **John Parker**
- **Becky Zomok**
- **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
- **Kevin Eley** – Bolen’s neighbor who is battling cancer
- Sonya Puentes** – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
- Andrew-James Broughton**—suffering complications from cancer treatments
- Bolen’s nephew Tim** – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
- Donny Hoffman**- Chuck Mausehund’s nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments
- Pete Denby** – friend of the Lyman’s who is awaiting a liver transplant
- Sabrina Freter** – a friend of Katie Schulz who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous Leukemia
- Lisa Broege** – friend of Dar Hinrichs, diagnosed with MS
- Kate Marschang** – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
- Brandi Ostergard** – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
- Steve Burdge** – Sally Battha’s nephew; liver transplant
- Dave Bogenschutz** – friend of Dustin Arreguin who is dealing with a rare form of cancer
- Mary Enfield** – had surgery on her fractured vertebrae and is now at home recovering
- Charlene Govert** – friend of Gayle Bolen who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Frank Lott** – is now under hospice care
- Earline Nipps** – is back at home after having been hospitalized for a mini-stroke
- Lonny Fortin** – Lonny has been having some back pain
- Chris Isom** – in room 106 at Rock River Healthcare
- Myrtle Williams** – fell and broke bones in her leg/ankle
- Tony Nicosia** – recovering from infection after knee surgery
- Family of Nell Isom** – Nell passed away early this morning
- Ken Lynch** – his sister in law recently passed away
- Bill Morrow** – his sister recently passed away

**GREAT DAY
IN MAY**

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Party 10:00 am NPG Spaghetti Dinner
2 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship	3 ROMEO Club	4 Marsha Phillips' bday	5 7 pm Bible Study	6 4:30 pm Party	7	8 Jesse Garcia's bday
9 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups	10	11 Blanket Ministry Work Day Jeff & Kathy Hageman's bday	12 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery Rebecca Hageman's bday	13 Gwen Sullivan's bday	14	15 Party 10:00 am Cameron Maupin's bday
16 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship Pam Reese's bday WINTERFEST	17 Jordan Siracusa's bday	18 Dar Hinrich's bday	19 7 pm Bible Study	20 4:30 pm Party Jan Morris's bday WINTERFEST	21 Rich Hinrich's bday WINTERFEST	22 Melanie Lavern's bday WINTERFEST
23 9:30 am Bible Class 10:30 am Worship LIFE Groups	24	25	26 7 pm Bible Study HHP Food Delivery	27	28 Brittle McKimney's bday	29

NEWS & EVENTS

--The church email has officially converted to NorthParkCofC@gmail.com If you have not received any emails from the church this week, let Ashley know! (Ashley will continue to check the old address for a short period of time but please start using the new address as soon as possible—thanks!)

--Please remember that if you have donations for Essentials you can drop off on the first Thursday of every month from 5—6 pm.

--There will be a spaghetti dinner to help NYPG raise money for Winterfest on Saturday, February 1st starting at 5 pm. The sot will be \$5 for children and \$10 for adults

--Keep an eye out for a rescheduled date for the pancake breakfast!! (will most likely happen after the group gets back from Winterfest)

--Ashley is working on a project and would LOVE any old pictures you have with people from North Park in them. They could be pictures of events at North Park, at RCC, or just a group of friends fellowshiping with each other. If you have them in digital form, you can send them to npcc@sbcglobal.net but if you only have hard copies, you can bring them to church and she will scan them and get them back to you asap. Trying to get a good sampling from every decade so any help is greatly appreciated!!!

--Tim Firm will host a men's prayer breakfast at his house on January 25th from 8:30 – 10:30 am – 5160 Wil-Acre Drive, Loves Park

--Make sure to congratulate Marcus Cassady on his baptism last Sunday. Marcus's address is 321 Coronado Blvd. in Loves Park

--Are you looking for a way to encourage our church family? Join our note writers group! We try to send a little encouragement to our brothers and sisters, welcome visitors, express appreciation, and let people who haven't been able to get to church in a while know that they are missed. We could use some help! If you'd like to join the team or just want more information, please contact Brenda Mohler (bcmotgs@comcast.net or 815-505-7205).

--Jesse Garcia is helping to coordinate with his work a donation drives for items currently needed by The Red Cross. You can bring your donations and put them on the table in the coat room no later than Wednesday, January 29th:

Due to the sudden and immediate nature of the recent deployment of thousands of troops, the Red Cross is critically in need of personal items for the soldiers. ...Most soldiers left for this deployment with 12 to 24 hours notice, carrying only a single pack. The Red Cross is embedded directly with troops, and provide aid stations where soldiers can go to get items to meet their immediate needs. With the huge influx of soldiers, and donations for American troops waning in recent years, the Red Cross stations in many locations have literally nothing to offer to the soldiers. Immediate needs for soldiers include:

Non-perishable snacks

Wet Wipes or Baby Wipes

Travel size toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors)

Laundry pods

Foot powder

Ponytail holders (black/brown only)

Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)

Bobby pins

January 26, 2020

Thank You, Lord

Welcome

Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah

Prayer

Lord We Come Before Thee Now

The Old Rugged Cross

Lord's Supper

Giving

Unto Thee O Lord

(dismiss for Children's Church)

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Sermon: Making Prayer A Priority

Hark The Gentle Voice

Family Time

Prayer

Those to Serve - January 26, 2020

Children's Church: Sandy Youssi, Sara Maupin

Communion Trays: Jean Foster, Judi Rogers, Mary Spohnholz

Audio/Video: Justin Reese

Security: LIFE Groups

Nursery: Grace Sharp, Pam Reese

Greeters: N. Judi Rogers S. Gibsons

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The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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