

the Encourager

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER |
NORTH PARK CHURCH
OF CHRIST |
MARCH 2021

MARCH ON

Are you excited about March arriving? The official start of spring happens in March! Anything that might help signal the end of winter and the promise of warmer, more pleasant days is exciting to me. Some of you who have school-age children and/or are teachers will likely experience a “spring break” in March. There are also some people I know who have birthdays in March (Happy Birthday to me!).

However, here is something that I am hopeful all of us at North Park can get excited about and that is the moving to one Sunday morning worship service beginning March 7th at 10:30. It is a step in the right direction to re-unite our church family at North Park. The elders feel the time is right to be worshipping together once again. March 15, 2020 was the last time we had one indoor worship service at North Park and that was at the edge of COVID restrictions being levied so our attendance that Sunday was about 77; the Sunday before it was double that.

From July – September 2020 we held an outdoor service each Sunday and we were having about 100 in attendance each time but since then we have not held a single service aimed at having the entire body worshipping together once again. Our two service format that started on 12/7/20 has gone well but doesn't provide the opportunity for us to worship together nor does it offer the benefits of being united as a body of believers.

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Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:11-16, ***“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and the teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”***

In my simple way of thinking, being together enables us to be stronger as a body of believers. We are more easily able to rely on one another for support. As a church family, we will have the opportunity to be “held together by every supporting ligament” (we are those supporting ligaments) and we will have the ability to grow “as each part does its work.” (you and me)

In spite of the numerous precautions we have been taking and will continue to take at North Park to offer an environment that is clean and healthy, I realize that some of you are still concerned and cautious about being in a group setting because of pre-existing health conditions that may make you more susceptible to becoming infected with COVID. Understandable and wise.

For those who have not been attending for reasons other than health concerns, let me call your attention to Hebrews 10:24-25, ***“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*** It is so easy to get in the habit of simply no longer choosing to participate in activities of the church, including worship; either by sitting at home in our PJ’s and watching a video or TV program or by no longer expressing any interest in strengthening your relationship with God and with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

We all need to be encouraged by one another, we all need the strength and growth that comes from being together, and we all need the fellowship of the believers to motivate us toward greater service to God and others.

Let’s use the beginning of a new month as the opportunity to regroup, restart, and “March On” as a church family.

~Tim~

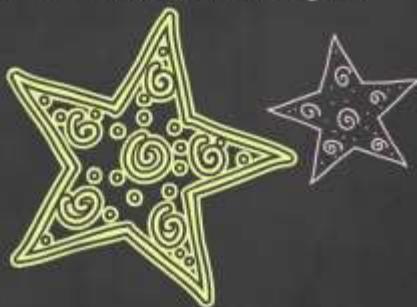
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THE PEACE OF GOD

Day 1 - 1 Peter 3:9-11
Day 2 - Proverbs 16:7
Day 3 - Isaiah 26:3
Day 4 - 1 Peter 5:6-7
Day 5 - Romans 12:18
Day 6 - John 16:33
Day 7 - Romans 15:13
Day 8 - Hebrews 12:14
Day 9 - Psalm 4:8
Day 10 - Isaiah 12:2
Day 11 - Joshua 1:9
Day 12 - Philippians 4:7-9
Day 13 - Colossians 3:15
Day 14 - Galatians 5:22-23
Day 15 - Romans 8:6
Day 16 - 2 Corinthians 13:11
Day 17 - Psalm 119:165
Day 18 - Isaiah 54:10

Day 19 - Romans 5:1
Day 20 - James 3:17-18
Day 21 - Matthew 11:28-30
Day 22 - Isaiah 32:17
Day 23 - Matthew 6:31-33
Day 24 - Psalm 29:10-11
Day 25 - Isaiah 41:10
Day 26 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
Day 27 - John 14:27
Day 28 - Proverbs 3:21-24
Day 29 - Jeremiah 29:11
Day 30 - Matthew 5:9
Day 31 - 2 Thessalonians 3:16



Meijer Simply Give

The Meijer on 173 will be running a Simply Give campaign through Saturday, April 10th.

Double Match Days will be Saturday, March 13th and Saturday, April 3rd.

If you would like a card (or a few cards) talk to a Pantry board member and they will make sure to get them to you. You can also pick up cards in the store at the location on 173 only

*** Directory Updates ***

- ◇ Jo Maupin's phone number is 815-633-3955
- ◇ Lea Schorer's new address at St. Anne's Place is:
4405 Highcrest Rd Rm # G66 Rockford, IL 61107

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
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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** **Cecil Isom** **Wendy Willians**

Lea Schorer – no visitors at this time please **Larry Borrison**

Dar Hinrichs **Ernie Stubblefield** **Gerald Harbach**

Bolen's nephew Tim – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis

Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer

Michelle Hutchison – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment

Donna Fincher— dealing with multiple health issues, shot for the pain in her leg is working

Ashley Raddenbach— The Bolen's granddaughter who was recently diagnosed with PoTS

Sara Cancagallo- friend of Louise Crouch who has cancer; has been moved to a nursing home

Chad Lane – Matt Lane's nephew who was in a bad accident and has a long recovery ahead of him

Myrtle Williams – ongoing health issues

Joyce Heckelmiller – ongoing health issues, has many tests coming up

David Bennett—the Parker's grandson, no longer in a coma but still recovering from a serious motorcycle accident

Sue Ann Diaz– ongoing health issues

Leda Phillips– ongoing health issues

Kevin Gillis– dealing with multiple serious health issues

Chuck and Ruth Mausehund– dealing with multiple health issues

Cherokee Thompson – Dean Aske's great granddaughter/Bill and Ida Thompson's granddaughter, suffering from cancerous spot on her brain causing seizures

Ken Lynch – will be having shoulder replacement surgery on March 10th

Jim & Carol McGowan – both recovering from recent shoulder surgeries

Tracy Meinert's Uncle Bruce – recently diagnosed with a very serious health condition

Chris Isom – at PA Peterson room 4

Bill Morrow – will be having eye surgery in March

Pete Gaddis – home from the hospital and feeling much better

Justin Reese – recovering from recent sinus and nasal reconstruction surgery

Reese Family – mourning the passing of Justin's Uncle and Aunt

Jim Fincher – Donna Fincher's son having hernia surgery Monday, March 1st

Family of Paula Dobbs – Ken Lynch's sister in law who recently passed away

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Jaye Lavern's bday	2 Dexter Schuitz & Ron King's bday	3 Bible Study 10 am Lea Schorer's bday	4	5	6 <i>Partry 10-noon</i> Cora Parker's bday
7 Worship @ 10:30 am	8	9	10 <i>HHP Food Delivery</i> Bible Study 10 am Brad Comstock's bday Sid & Rhonda Long's am.	11 <i>6-7:30 pm Partry</i>	12	13 Presley Reese's bday
14 Worship @ 10:30 am Cervantes' ann.	15 Tim Finn's bday	16	17 Bible Study 10 am Pat Seibert, Margaret Couch & Liam Riley's bday	18 Imagin Long's bday	19 Jeanne Wadsworth's bday	20 Partry 10-noon
 Daylight Savings Time Starts			24 <i>HHP Food Delivery</i> Bible Study 10 am	25 <i>6-7:30 pm Partry</i> Doug Soter's bday	26	27
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28 Worship @ 10:30 am	29	30 Mary Ann Sircounnb's bday	31 Bible Study 10 am Mary Spohnholz & Ernie Stubblefield's bday	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>REMINDER THAT ALL ACTIVITIES AT THE BUILDING REQUIRE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND FACE COVERINGS</p> </div>		

NEWS & EVENTS

- Starting March 7th, we will be moving to one in person worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am. Tim's sermon recording will continue to be available on Saturdays to watch online
- Everyone should have received a paper copy and a digital copy of the 2021 Directory. If you need additional paper copies, please let Ashley know and she will get them to you.
- The Meijer on 173 will be running a Simply give campaign through Saturday, April 10th. Double Match Days will be Saturday, March 13th and Saturday, April 3rd. Cards are available at the building, through a Pantry board member or you can get them in the store at the location on 173 only
- There will be a weekly Peak of the Week discussion group led by Tim Firm via Zoom every Thursday at 6:30 pm. The information you will need to join will be sent out every Thursday morning.
- There will be a weekly Wednesday morning Bible study at the building starting February 10th from 10-11am.
- Reminder: Masks and 6ft distancing are required at all times when you are around others in the building
- A reminder to everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized for any reason and you would like the church family to know, please contact the church office (or Tim or Ashley or the elders directly on the weekends) to let us know, the hospitals won't necessarily contact us for you.

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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.

Where Friends Learn to Live and Love Like Jesus

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