



Announcements

September 4, 2016



Sunday, September 11th

Fall Kick-Off in the Gym
10:00 All-Church Worship
11:30 All-Church Picnic

Sunday, September 18th

8:15 Blended Worship
9:45 Blended Worship
Christian Education
11:15 Contemporary Worship



Sunday, September 11th In the Gym

10:00 am Worship
11:30 am Church Picnic
(Fried chicken, sides & home-made ice cream!)

Join us as we learn to have Courage in our faith (Joshua 1:9)!



Classes begin this week!

Tuesdays, 9:15 am
Thursdays, 6:30 pm
In Room 123 (Conference Room)

Bible Study with Pastor Mike will resume in September. We will begin with an in-depth study of the Creation Story in Genesis 1. Please bring a Bible. Other optional resources include "The Lost World of Genesis One" and "Ancient Near Eastern Thought and the Old Testament," both by John H. Walton. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend so that adequate materials can be prepared.



Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
September 21st - November 16th
In Room 123

This class, led by Beverly Taylor and Paul Ring will teach you to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before! Sign up for the class online at www.daveramsey.com. Participants will need to purchase a Financial Peace Kit from www.daveramsey.com/store. Call the church office if you need babysitting and / or a scholarship.



50+ Lunch Bunch
Friday, September 16th
High Noon!
A Good Ol' Western Barbecue!
After lunch, (pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw & Texas sheet cake - \$7.00), our new Music Director, Steve Gokool, will speak and sing and then lead a Good Ol' Cowboy Sing-a-Long!

RSVP by Monday, September 12th:

- Laura & Fred Shane (309-369-3724, shanefour@comcast.net)
OR
- Cheryl & Bruce Borino (309-657-7875, Cborino1@yahoo.com)

Ye Haw! See you there!



Connect Groups are small groups designed to help people grow in their faith while connecting with others in the context of a caring community. Each group is facilitated by a trained leader. All study materials are provided. The curriculum is divided into eight-week segments composed of six studies, one social event, and one mission event. The initial focus is on individual and group prayer. If you are interested in learning more or joining a Connect Group, please contact Pastor Mike (mikes@northminster.us or 309-691-6322).

Celebration

We are so grateful for God's free gift of grace through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus! We praise him for all he has done for us!

Worship Zone

Children are invited to worship with their parents today as we share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Women's Bible Study

9:00-11:00 am, 2-3 Mondays/month
Starting September 12th

All women are invited to study the "I Am" sayings of Jesus from [A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23](#) (available in the office for \$5). Led by Kim Holdham and Pat Hegwood.

Memorial Service

For "Mike" & Joan Hunzeker

Mike and Joan joined Northminster in 1968 and were an important part of this congregation throughout their time here. Joan died on September 19, 2015 and Mike died August 11, 2016. They both requested private services. In consultation with the family, we are going to hold a memorial service for Mike and Joan at NPC on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Staff Highlight ~ Karen Ring



Karen grew up in Iowa. She graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Preschool Education. She moved to Illinois with her husband, Paul, in 1989 when he accepted a job at Caterpillar. They have two boys, Josh and Ben. Josh lives in Batavia, IL, and works as an organist and keyboardist at Batavia United Methodist Church. Ben lives in Crest Hill, IL, and works at Meyer Plumbing.

Karen taught preschool for 18 years in agencies and in her home. She helped start the children's programs at Northminster in 1996. In 2002 she began working in the church office. One of her greatest joys at Northminster is helping to start the Great Banquet in 2007 and working to keep it a vibrant ministry.

Fall Music Opportunities

- Blended Praise Team Practice: Wednesdays, 5:30 – 6:45 pm
- Adult Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 6:45 – 8:00 pm (starting September 14th)
- Contemporary Praise Team Practice: Thursdays, 8:00 – 9:30 pm
- Youth Ensemble Practice: Sundays, Time TBD (starting September 18th)
- Children's Choir Practice: Sundays, Time TBD (starting October 2nd)
- Christmas Cantata Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:45-8:15 pm (starting November 2nd)
- Choir Retreat: October 15th
- Christmas Cantata: December 18th

For more information, contact Steve Gokool, Director of Music Ministries (steveg@northminster.us or 309-691-6322).

Annual Craft Show

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Fall Craft Sale will not be held this year. Watch for details of the 2017 sale!

Mark Your Calendars:

(for a complete list of events go to www.northminster.us/calendar)

Upcoming Events

- NLC Preschool Begins September 6th
- Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 11th, 10:00 am
- 50+ Lunch Bunch Friday, September 16th, noon
- Kid Group Kick-off Sunday, September 18th
- Back-to-Kid Groups Family Event Sunday, September 25th
- Q&A with Pastor Bob Thursday, September 29th
- Kid Group Olympics Wednesday, October 12th
- Annual Craft Show Postponed until 2017
- Men's Great Banquet October 27th – 30th
- Women's Great Banquet November 3rd – 6th
- Christmas Market November 12th & 13th

On-Going Events

- Bridge Group Mondays, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Pickleball for Adults Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 5:00-7:00 pm and Saturdays, 3:00-5:00 pm
- Exercise Class Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am
- Crafty Ladies Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am

July Financials

Income	\$ 72,048
<u>Expense</u>	<u>\$ 76,246</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (4,198)