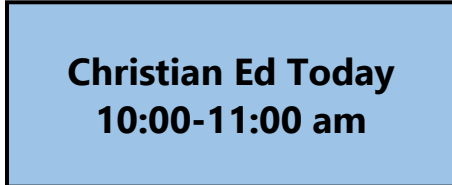




Announcements

September 24, 2017



Prayer Dare Small Groups

These discussion groups will respond to the previous week's devotionals from *The Prayer Dare*, follow up on the text from the sermon and share in prayer together.

- Sundays, 9:00-9:45 am or 10:00-10:45, at Northminster in the Trinity Room
- Sundays, 7:00-8:00 pm, at Northminster in Room 108
- Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm, at Steve & Kathie Rollins' (11110 N Quail Lane, Peoria)

Pre-K - 5th Graders

- 3 - 5 year-olds: Room 310
- K - 1st Grade: Room 403
- 2nd - 3rd Grade: Room 410
- 4th - 5th Grade: Room 314

Youth

- Middle School: Room 318
- High School: Room 123

Angel's Arms (Special Needs Class)

- Rooms 106 & 108

Prayer Dare Small Groups

- 9:00-9:45: Trinity Room
- 10:00-10:45: Trinity Room

New Member Class

Sunday, October 1st, 11:30 – 3:00

Interested in discovering more about Northminster – who we are, how we represent the love of Christ, what our denomination, ECO, is all about, and more? You're invited to Starting Point New Member class on October 1st. If you are interested in learning more about Northminster or in becoming a member, consider attending. Lunch will be provided. Childcare available upon request. To register, sign up on the [church website](#) or contact the office.



Wednesday, September 27th at Northminster, 6:00 am

SEE YOU AT THE POLE day is Wednesday, September 27th, at 7:00 am local time. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying. As part of the Prayer Dare, we will gather at Northminster for breakfast and fellowship and prayer. Breakfast will be served 6:15 to 7:30 so you can eat before or after we gather around our flagpole to pray at 7:00. People of all ages are invited—bring a friend!

Contemplative Prayer Night Wednesday, October 4th

Meal @ 6:30 pm, Worship @ 7:00 pm
For thousands of years, Christians have engaged in a practice of prayer that recognizes the presence of God, that uses Scripture to sink deep into the truth of Christ's love and sacrifice and that focuses more on the immediate presence of God than on the words we speak to Him. After worship, we will learn a bit about contemplative prayer and then spend time engaging in prayer practices that will help us rest and wait in the presence of God. [Signing up](#) is helpful, but not required. Childcare available.

Power in Your Prayer Life Wednesday, October 11th

Meal @ 6:30 pm, Class @ 7:00 pm
Desperate for God's hand upon situations in your life? Need God's strength and guidance? Need spiritual breakthrough? This class with 30 minutes teaching and 30 minutes open discussion will help you with these things. [Signing up](#) is helpful, but not required. Childcare available.

Celebration

Today we celebrate Allison Rattenborg and all that she has accomplished at Northminster as Director of Children's Ministries. We are so grateful for the team of people who are stepping up to make sure we are continuing to meet the spiritual needs of the children. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a reception in Allison's honor!

Prayer Room

A Prayer Room has set up in room 104. On Sunday mornings, a deacon will be stationed in there to pray with those who request it. The Prayer Room will be open all week.

Staffing Survey

Your input is desired during this time of staff transition. In order to gain targeted feedback, three short surveys have been created which include the ministries have been covered by Mike Shirey & Allison Rattenborg. You are welcome to complete one, two or all three of the surveys, based on your interests and experiences. To fill out the survey online, go to www.northminster.us/staffingsurvey. Hardcopies are also available in the lobby.

College Youth Card Shower

Cards are available in Fellowship Hall to write notes to our college youth as they head into mid-terms. Connecting with them during this time means a lot to them!

Shane Farm Party

Saturday, October 14th, 3:00 pm

Hotdogs, chips, s'mores, drinks and table service provided. Bring lawn chairs or blanket, a flashlight and a dish to share. Hayrack rides, ladder golf, volleyball, 4-wheeling, stargazing, fireworks, & fun! RSVP to Fred & Laura Shane (309-369-3724 or shanefour@comcast.net).

So You Sent Me To Israel

Sunday, October 1st, 3:00 pm
In the Trinity Room

You are invited to Pastor Mike's presentation on his trip to Israel. Hear the stories of his experiences of walking where Jesus walked.

Mission Peoria One Day

Saturday, September 30th

Northminster will be joining with the Dream Center Peoria and several other city-wide churches to serve for one day in the inner city. If you didn't sign up to participate, consider helping with our Prayer Vigil!
www.northminster.us/mission-peoria-one-day

Worship Zone

After the Children's Message, children are invited to return to their seats with their families. Worship bags are available from the ushers.

Thank You

We would like to thank our Northminster family for the thoughts, cards, calls and prayers during the recent death of my dad. The support of the church was greatly appreciated.
~ Bob and Connie Brandow

Financials

Offerings Budget Weekly	\$ 17,827
Offering Received 09/17/17	\$ 13,740
Let Our Light Shine	\$ 2,456
Offerings Budget YTD	\$ 677,422
Offerings Received YTD	\$ 568,487
All Offerings YTD below budget	17% (\$108,936)

Capital Campaign Update (8/31)

Commerce Loan Balance	\$259,293
LOLS Current Funds	<u>\$131,913</u>
NET Mortgage Balance	\$127,380

Mark Your Calendars:

(Online: northminster.us, NPC-Peoria Church App, FaceBook, or Instagram)

On-Going Classes & Events

- High School Youth Group
Sundays, 7:00-9:00 pm
- Bridge Group
Mondays, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Bible Study with Pastor Mike
Tuesdays, 9:15 am
- Prayer Dare Small Groups @NPC
Sundays, 9:00 & 10:00 am
Sundays, 7:00 pm
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm
- Middle School Youth Group
Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm
- Exercise Class
Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 am
- Craft Ministry
Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am

Music Opportunities

- Praise in Bronze (Bell Choir)
Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 pm
- Adult Choir
Wednesdays, 5:45-7:15 pm

Upcoming Events

- See You At the Pole Breakfast
September 27th, 6:00-7:30 am
- Mexico Mission Potluck
September 27th, 6:00 pm
- Mission Peoria One Day
September 30th, 7:30-12:30
- Starting Point (New Member Class) – October 1st, 11:30-3:00
- Pastor Mike's Israel Trip
Presentation - October 1st, 3:00
- Contemplative Prayer Night
October 4th @ 7:00 pm (light meal @ 6:30)
- Celebration for Pastor Mike
October 8th, 11:00 am
- Power in Your Prayer Life
October 11th, 7:00 pm (light meal @ 6:30)
- Prayer Walk / Church Picnic
Sunday, October 15th