

MUSIC NOTES: "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth was written (words and music) in 1985 when (as the author writes) "I seem to have been much involved in pondering the ideas of life, and death, spring and winter, Good Friday and Easter....One evening we entertained a friend for supper, and he, too, had been pondering such themes and shared a work by T.S. Eliot in which there was a phrase something like 'In our end is our beginning.' That was virtually the catalyst for the form of the text which I wrote the next day or two... (as I wrote) I even bought a tulip plant—though it was in bloom and bright yellow—to contemplate the idea of the 'bulb' leading to the flower even though the bulb itself seems 'dead.'"

"Hymn of Promise" was first performed in anthem form at the Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg FL in March 1985. Soon after writing "Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth's husband, Ronald, became ill with cancer. As the end neared, he asked her to use "Hymn of Promise" as one of the anthems at his funeral service which was done. Natalie writes, "a 'mysterious' set of circumstances, but—perhaps again—a sort of 'preparation.'" This hymn will appear in our new hymnal.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

*Doris & Pokey Smith
In Honor of
Our 56th Wedding Anniversary*



*Nancy Johnson
In Memory of
Kenneth Wells*



*Michael & Marilyn Cromwell
In Memory of
Dean Cromwell*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2013 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week in Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, August 25th:** Chasen Devincentis, Annie McElveen, Hayley Parker
- Monday, August 26th:** Caitlyn Dougherty, Jayla Davis, Steve Schultz
- Tuesday, August 27th:** Chris Hurst, Fred McQuown, Alyssa Sanders, Christine Wolf
- Wednesday, August 28th:** Gene Baker, Dorian Latorre, Melissa Long, Earle Lusk
- Thursday, August 29th:** Al Holden, Charry Walker
- Friday, August 30th:** Traci Charlton
- Saturday, August 31st:** George Cernansky, Sharon Johnson, Kathleen Meyer, Marilyn Wolf



FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Kylie Crossley

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Bill Bilka
- (11:00) Carol Rathmell



USHERS:

- (8:15) Ray & JoAnne Spigarelli
Loisanne Bilka & Janet George
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Nancy Johnson, Carol Rathmell
Sue Miskiewicz, & Steve Winder



Greeters & Ushers

VAN DRIVER: Joe Nelson

Rally Day Roundup

(Regular Sunday School Classes begin next week, September 1st, unless otherwise stated.)

Time to kick off the new Sunday School year, western-style! Round up your partners and head over to the NPC Corral for a rip roarin' good time! Remember to come back at noon for lunch and fellowship!

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the FLC: Rally Day RoundUp!
Come hear about church programs offered for people of ALL ages!

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall: Hot Dog & Hamburger Pot Luck BBQ at the Chuck Wagon, followed by some Good Olde Fashioned Fun & Games Under the Trees. Sign up on the Kitchen bulletin board for the Pot Luck BBQ!

A-I Salad J-R Side Dish S-Z Dessert

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 (Begins September 8th)

You're invited to look into the book of John, the first book many of us were introduced to in order to know more about the Lord. Our class has a comfortable atmosphere for learning by listening or participating. Class begins at 9:45 but come early for coffee and fellowship. Bibles are provided or bring your own. Our team welcomes you! -Doug Shierling, Jane Sutton, Jeanette Holloway

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

This week: What makes a happy marriage? Led by Ken Tobiassen. See you there!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD—Starts September 15—Rooms 13 & 15

"Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.

DEADLINES FOR ALL PUBLICATIONS

THE MONITOR—Usually the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month
This publication is emailed to those providing email addresses.

SUNDAY BULLETIN—Info due 8/30 for 9/8 bulletin

(Please limit articles/announcements to no more than 4 lines)

THE WINDOW—MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

Deadline: Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month

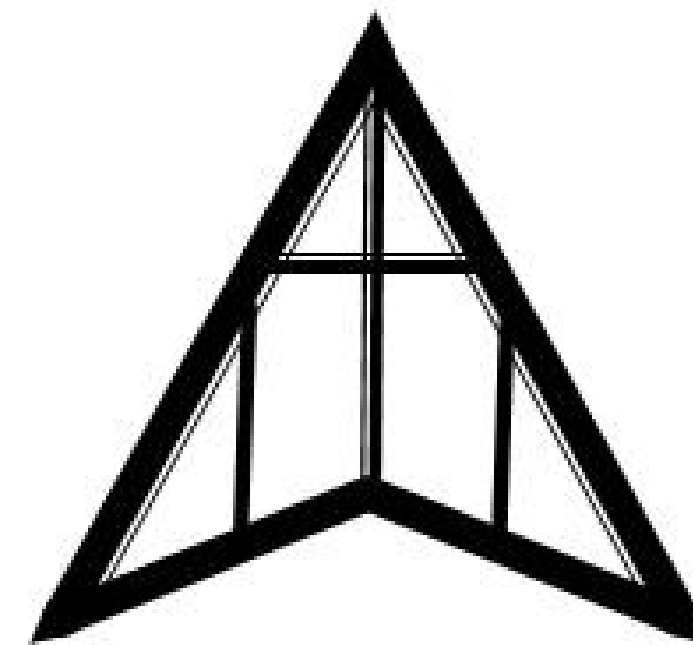
Mailing: 3rd Tuesday of the month

Please send articles to Katie Pacana at Katie@northwoodpc.org.

**Welcome To
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A Stephen Ministry Church

August 25, 2013



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**Order for the Public Worship of God
August 25, 2013
14th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please turn off cell phones.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY Olive Nelson Russell
“Prelude on an American Hymn”

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP—Cedarkirk All Church Retreat

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).

***HYMN #132 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** CORONATION

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, Ruler of all that is, visible and invisible, you know us by our names, even by our nicknames and you love us just as we are. But, in your grace, your love never leaves us as we are. Forgive us, dear Lord, for all too often we have subtly ignored and openly rejected your life-transforming grace because we prefer to remain as we are, prideful and self-absorbed. And where we have taken your name and yet lived for our own agenda, good Lord, convict us, redeem us and open us up to doing your will. In so doing, grant that our lives might count in bringing glory and honor to our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of this life and the life to come. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Together)**

“Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”

ANTHEM “The Wonder of It All” George Beverly Shea

*There’s the wonder of sunset at evening, the wonder as sunrise I see;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is the wonder that God loves me.
Oh, the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all, just to think that God loves me;*

*There’s the wonder of springtime and harvest, the sky, the stars, the sun;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is a wonder that’s only begun.
Oh, the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all, just to think that God loves me;*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children’s church is taking a break through August. Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Hymn of Promise” Natalie Sleeth
Ally Wolf and Kylie Torres arr. Lloyd Larson

***DOXOLOGY—#544** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 430-431) **Psalm 16:1-11** (NIV)

HYMN #144 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” TOULON
(Stanzas 1,2,3—Please remain seated.)

SCRIPTURE READING (page 877) **John 14:1-6** (NIV)

SERMON Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Glimpses of Jesus #4: “I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN** “We Come, O Christ, to You” DARWALL’S 148TH

We come, O Christ, to you, True Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the Way to God, Your blood our ransom paid;
In you we face our judge and maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand: Your love has met your law’s demand.

You are the living Truth, all wisdom dwells in you,
The source of ev’ry skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our ev’ry quest.

You only are true Life—to know you is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!
--text by Margaret Clarkson, 1957

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONG

“Made to Worship”

MEET & GREET

“Indescribable”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP:

Cedarkirk All Church Retreat

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Redeemed”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord, I Need You”

VIDEO— “One Way?”

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-6 (NIV)

MESSAGE

Glimpses of Jesus #4:

“I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“My Savior Lives”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

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