

Worship Service Schedule

September 12

Present and Future Church #1
A church that teaches the Bible
2 Timothy 2:13 - 17; 2 Peter 1:20 - 21

September 19

Present and Future Church #2
A church that believes in small groups
Acts 2:42 - 47; 20:20

September 26

Present and Future Church #3
A church that loves children
Matthew 18:1 - 6; Mark 10:13 - 16;
Luke 18:15 - 17

October 3

Present and Future Church #4
A church that loves teenagers
1 Timothy 4:12



Northwood Prayer Prompt

Lord help me live each day in the light of your soon return and to watchful for your coming.

Northwood Prayer Room Moves to Room 124

by Cyndi Deneson

Jesus promised, "Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). Northwooders have had a wonderful opportunity every Sunday morning for the past year to come together and pray for Northwood Church - all her ministries; her pastors and leaders; upcoming events; the weekly worship service and all who attend...even the people who are passing our doors on the way to the pool and the hockey rink. This Sunday corporate prayer centers on Northwooders seeking God's will and wisdom to meet the spiritual needs of those of us who call Northwood home and for those in our surrounding community who God wants to join us. This weekly prayer gathering is continuing this fall but in a new room, room 124, right in the heart of the children's ministry. Let's grow our hearts for Northwood together through praise and prayer: Every Sunday morning during first service we pray from the prayer sheet provided; you can stay the hour or stay a few minutes, pray aloud or silently...just come and pray!

Bible Reading Schedule available today

The current Bible Reading Schedule is included in the Northwood News today. This schedule coincides with the current sermon series "Our Great Questions for God" on September 5 and the new sermon series "Present & Future Church" beginning September 12 through 26.

Bible Reading Schedule

Present and
Future Church
September 5-26, 2010

Sept. 5: What has to happen before
Jesus returns?
Sun: 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12
Mon: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
Tue: Matthew 24:36-51
Wed: Hebrews 9:23-28
Thur: Zechariah 12:1-11; 14:1-20
Fri: 2 Peter 3:3-13
Sat: Luke 12:35-48
Memorize: John 14:1-3

PURPOSE

The purpose of Northwood Church is to help people believe in Jesus Christ and become more like him.

VALUES

Northwood Church aspires to be a ...

... **Loving Church** where love for God and others influences everything we do.

... **Learning Church** where people follow Jesus Christ and are becoming more like him.

... **Worshipping Church** where we bow our heads, hearts and lives to God and exalt the name of Jesus Christ.

... **Outreaching Church** where love for God is demonstrated in love for neighbors and people in need.

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NORTHWOOD news

Helping people believe in Jesus and become more like him

September 5, 2010

Our questions for God #11: What has to happen before Jesus returns? 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - 12; 1 John 2:18; Revelation 13:1, Zechariah 14:9

As Jesus left earth an angel appeared to the disciples and told them, "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Since that day believers have waited and anticipated the return of Jesus. Several books of the New Testament refer to Jesus' return and some even mention what must happen before that moment and day. Do you know the signs that point to the return of Jesus Christ? Would you like to know?



Worship Service Elements:

Music
Message
Communion

*Children's Ministry Maze
Craze Sunday is Today \$3.25*

Next Week: Present and Future Church #1, A church that teaches the Bible, 2 Timothy 2:13 - 17; 2 Peter 1:20 - 21



The Northwood Church Statement of Faith says, "We believe the Bible is God's Word to all humankind. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian belief and daily living." These statements

about the Bible are packed with meaning and significance and they communicate that Northwood Church is based on the Bible as her standard and source of truth. So, why is Northwood so committed to the Bible? What's so special about this one book? Why is the Bible the basis for the life, faith and future of Northwood?

What's Happening at Northwood?



New sermon series begins September 12 - Present and Future Church

For ten years God has blessed and guided the life of Northwood Church and used her to touch countless people with the love and message of Jesus Christ. But, what about the next ten years - and beyond? What is God calling us to do and be? Building on what God has already accomplished, what do we sense Him calling us to do and be in the future? This fall we'll talk about Northwood's present ministry and life, celebrate God's activity among us and dream some new dreams of what might be as we look into the future. What is God saying to you about Northwood's present and future?

Christian Communion celebrated today



Christian Communion is part of our service today and is a reminder of Jesus' death for us on the cross. Communion at Northwood Church is open to anyone who has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you would like information on beginning such a relationship you're invited to the Prayer Point following the service, or to talk with a Pastor.

What's a Northwood Small Group?

by Bret Deneson



Northwood small groups are launching Sunday, September 19. You will be hearing a lot about small groups at Northwood over the next couple of weeks and you might be wondering...*what is a Northwood small group?* A Northwood small group is a great place to belong in order to believe and become more like Jesus. Small groups consist of 3 to 12 people who gather on a regular basis in order to grow closer to God and to each other. Everyone is encouraged to join a small group and all are welcome. If you want to know more about Northwood small groups visit the website at www.northwoodcc.org and follow the small groups link under the ministry tab or contact Bret Deneson at b_deneson@hotmail.com.

Financial Peace University begins September 13

The adventure into "Gazelle Intensity" begins again! Have you wondered what a FICO score really is and is a "good" score really good for you? Join Financial Peace and you will find out what that a gazelle has to do with your finances.



Classes are offered starting Monday, September 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Northwood House. To sign up contact Steve Wilhelmy at 612-619-2638 or write FPU on the back of your information card.



Maple Grove Food Packing event is feeding Haiti!

by LaVonne Dyer

On Sunday, August 29, Northwooders didn't go to church - they "were" the church.

Northwood again partnered with Maple Grove Covenant Church and ImpactLives to sponsor the Maple Grove Food Packing event. Over 700 volunteers came together and packed 285,000 meals which will be shipped to Lifeline Christian Ministries in Grand Goave, Haiti. They will be distributed to people who have been devastated by the massive earthquake on January 12, 2010.

The event was a beautiful display of the church and community coming together to serve others in the name of Jesus. Thank you to all who participated! The cost to pack and ship the meals is \$54,100 and the meals cannot be shipped until that amount is raised. Approximately \$15,000 of that has been raised so far. Donations will continue to be accepted online at www.mgfoodpacking.com/donate or make checks payable to ImpactLives and drop them in the offering plate on Sundays or mail them to the church office. The address is on the back panel of the Northwood News.



Osseo Maple Grove Press article
September 1, 2010



NSL participants

Nominating Team Seeks Leadership Team Candidates

The Northwood Church Nominating Team is responsible to the congregation and tasked with obtaining and presenting names of qualified candidates to elective office in Northwood Church. The Leadership Team is looking to fill up to two positions to bring the total number of members to 12. Nominated individuals need to be a member of Northwood Church and have shown dedication in the life and ministry of Northwood Church.

The two positions became open when Kelly Clark and Al Schultz resigned from Northwood Leadership Team this summer. Kelly has had job schedule conflicts while Al felt it was time to step down. Kelly said, "It has been an honor to serve with such an incredibly talented group. They serve Northwood with character and integrity. Glory be to God." Al stated that "It has been a great experience, but it is time for someone else to step in and lead". We thank Kelly and Al for their faithful years of service as part of the Leadership Team. *The Nominating Team will accept nominee suggestions for consideration from the congregation through September 5.* Following that date the Nominating Team will meet in September to consider nominees before presenting a candidate to the Leadership Team for a congregational vote at the October 17 Annual Meeting.

Nominating team members are Robert Alexander, Sherwin Vischer, Don Bucher, Deanne Koppendrayner, Lori Wisnewski, Jeremy Mickelson, and Tonia Alexander. Alternates are Don Zietlow and Hillary Hicks.

Northwood runners help World Vision ministry in Africa

by Paul Wisnewski



Don Hanson

On August 22, Northwooders Paul Wisnewski, Nancy Vischer, Ben Just, and Don Hanson joined 500 others, as part of Team World Vision, to complete a half marathon run in Minneapolis. This effort was the high point of a summer of hard training, but more importantly was the culmination of an effort by Team World Vision members across the Twin Cities to raise money for African relief ministry. Pledges collected in support of the runners will be used to drill wells in Africa, so that our brothers and sisters there can enjoy clean drinking water. Team Northwood raised over \$1200 for the effort; overall, Team World Vision - Twin Cities raised \$135,000 to be directed toward Africa relief.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization that serves people in nearly 100 countries by working to meet daily needs such as nutritious food and clean drinking water. Team World Vision started in 2005 as an effort to raise awareness to global needs by providing World Vision with a visible presence at running events. Team World Vision members participate in events across the United States.

The team got a good laugh on race day. Each runner is required to wear a race number pinned to their clothing. Team member Don Hanson surprised the team when he showed up on race morning wearing the number assigned to him at registration: 666! (Puzzled? See Revelation 13:18).

Fall brings exciting changes in The Woods

Next week (9/12) is Promotion Sunday in *The Woods* - the Children's Ministry of Northwood Church. The teachers are excited to meet your children and are ready for a fun year of learning and growing! *Please make sure to fill out a new registration form for your child(ren) before or on this date.* Parents can bring their children to either Sunday School service to participate in an exciting hour of Bible teaching, games, activities and fun! For students wishing to attend Sunday School during both services, the programming and Bible study will be different to avoid repetition.

- Bunnies:** Birth through 2; both service hours in room 124
- Fireflies:** 2 and 3 year olds; both service hours in room 121
- Beavers:** 4 year olds and PreK; both service hours in room 125
- Squirrels:** K and grade 1; both service hours in room 133
- Bears:** Grades 2 and 3; both service hours in room 127
- Eagles:** Grades 4 and 5; both service hours in room 129
- JAM:** Grade 6 meets second hour only in room 110 (back half of the Senior Center).

We look forward to a great year of discovering how much God loves us!