

Worship Service Schedule

March 14 (DST)

Jesus and Generosity #3:
Jesus talks about investments and retirement accounts

March 28

Jesus and Generosity #5:
Jesus talks about two givers who got it right

March 21

Jesus and Generosity #4:
Jesus talks about how to give

April 4 (Easter)

Jesus and Generosity #6:
Jesus gives life to everyone who wants it

Northwood Prayer Prompt

Lord, all that we have and all that we are comes from you. May I love and trust you enough to use what you have given me in ways that glorify you.

Pray for friends in the armed services currently serving in Afghanistan.

Geno Mucciacciarro - Army, 82nd Airborne, family member of Frank and Jeannie DiCapo

Pray for the following Northwooders or family members who are hospitalized or under doctor's care.

Amara Weidinger - granddaughter of Tom and Susan Mickelson

www.caringbridge.org/visit/amaraweidinger

Scott Eibensteiner - son of Werner and Marilyn Eibensteiner

www.caringbridge.org/visit/scotteibensteiner



Prayer Point is available after the service for those who desire to join in prayer with others. Bring a praise or concern and meet by the Prayer Point Banner or visit the PrayerTeam in room 110 at 9:30 a.m.

Family Prayer Seminar Sunday, March 7



Prayer is an important part of everyday family life and it's never too early or too late to learn how. On Sunday, March 7, Northwood Church is offering a class for children (Kindergarten through grade 5, younger siblings are welcome) and parents on why we pray, what we pray about, how we pray and when we pray. The teaching is structured through a story and hands on activity. Families will also be provided with ideas for prayer activities to do at home. The class will take place at 9:30 a.m. in the Senior Center.

Sign up at the Welcome Table.

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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**Meeting Each Sunday at:
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**Service Times:
9:30 a.m.
10:50 a.m.**

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NORTHWOOD news

Helping people believe in Jesus and become more like him

February 28, 2010

Jesus and Generosity #1: Psalm 24:1; John 3:16; Matthew 7:11; James 1:17

The biggest giver of all



The Bible is clear that the first and most generous giver of all is God himself - that God delights in giving good gifts to those who love him and that he is committed to giving us what we need in life. The Bible's also clear that God owns everything and everything we have or ever will have belongs to him and comes from him. If we truly grasp these facts and truths it changes the way we live. We express thankfulness to God for all he has given us. We trust God for all our needs to be met. We seek God's direction in making financial decisions. And, we become like God in giving back to him and to help others. Today we begin a six week spiritual journey to learn how we can live a more generous life in becoming more like Jesus.

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Worship Service Elements:

Music
Welcome new members
Message
FaithStory - Paul Wisnewski

Next Week: Jesus and Generosity #2 - Jesus talks about stuff and things - Matthew 6:19 - 34

One of the most common and greatest fears people have is "I won't have enough." People fear not having enough money, food, love, security, health, . . . you name it. Jesus' antidote for our fear is simple: seek first the rule of God in life and God will take care of everything we need. Is that true? Did God mean what he said? Can we trust Him for what we need in every situation and circumstance? That's a HUGE question, isn't it? But, you know, our answer is even BIGGER. How we answer the question determines whether we live life gripped or paralyzed by fear or confident and hopeful about our future. Which way are you living right now?

What's Happening at Northwood?

Today's FaithStory presenter is Paul Wisniewski



Paul and his wife Lori have been attending Northwood since 2006 along with their children, Michael and Emily. Paul has facilitated a small group, serves on the Greeters/Ushers team and served on the Future Home Task Force. Paul works at Medtronic as an engineer, he's a avid runner and he's the founder of the Maple Grove Half Marathon. Paul and Lori live in Plymouth.

Annual Meeting Today after 10:50 a.m. service



The meeting will follow the 10:50 a.m. service today, from 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon for those attending the meeting. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Childcare is not provided and your children are welcome in the meeting.

Ratification of Leadership Team members at the Annual Meeting, February 28

The Northwood Church Constitution requires Leadership Team members be ratified every two years and can serve a maximum of five terms. The following Leadership Team members are due for ratification at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Dave Nardini Kelly Clark Todd Niklaus
Shelly Anderson Scott Fjellman Robert Alexander
Grant Case-Chairman

2010 Objective, Bible verse and Prayer Focus

2010 Bible verse

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:20 - 21

2010 Objective

Grow in generosity toward God and others.

2010 Prayer Focus

1. That God will provide meaningful jobs for those unemployed and underemployed.
2. That God will help us grow in generosity toward Him and others.

Leadership Team candidates being presented at the Annual Meeting, today



LaVonne Dyer pictured with husband Jason

LaVonne and her husband, Jason, have attended Northwood since 2005. LaVonne serves on the Worship Team, Outreach Team, H2O and One-to-One Discipleship. She and Jason were part of the 2007 and 2008 Mexico Mission teams and led the 2009 Team. Jason is a Business Analyst for Target and LaVonne works from home as a full-time mom to three children, Noah, Toria and Alden and they live in St. Michael.

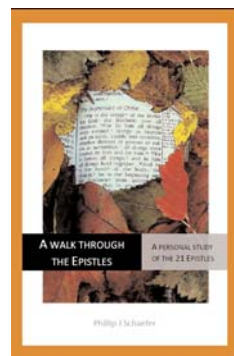
Sherwin and his wife Nancy have been attending Northwood Church since early 2001. Sherwin joined the Tech Team shortly thereafter, and became the current Tech Ministry Leader. Sherwin and Nancy have also participated in several small groups, and Sherwin has been a Sunday School Teacher for several years. Sherwin is the resident technical advisor to all Northwood VBS, Christmas pageants, and various other live programs. He was also appointed the Technical and Systems Advisor in charge of the church office computers and network.



Sherwin Vischer

Sherwin and Nancy also have a 6 year old son, Ethan, and they live in Maple Grove.

Northwooder Phil Schaefer authors a Bible study through the Epistles



The Word of God is living and active...it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Northwooder, Phil Schaefer, inspired with a passion to dig deeper into the Bible after a Northwood mission trip to Costa Rica, recently completed a Bible Study book entitled, "A Walk through the Epistles: A personal study of the 21 Epistles."

The study is intended to be used as a personal reading plan through the New Testament epistle (letters) from Romans to Jude. The study is designed to help the reader understand the context in which the letter was written and to help the reader dig deeper into God's word.

Specifically the New Testament Epistles address God's gospel of grace; how Jesus took our place on the cross and paid for our sin in full. The letters are full of instruction and encouragement to believers.

"A Walk Through the Epistles: A personal study of the 21 Epistles" is available for \$12. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to a ministry to be determined by the author.

NSL invited to Youth Megarally March 7



We've got a fun opportunity for you all. On the night of Sunday, March 7 we're heading over to Bethel University to attend a MegaRally! What's a MegaRally you say?

MegaRallies are big gatherings of students from all around the Twin Cities. It's a chance to hear some great speakers and enjoy some powerful worship. They are the perfect thing to invite your friends to, and a great time to hang out with one another.

We'll be enjoying the comedy message from *The Skit Guys*, a great duo with a great message. You might recognize them; we've seen some of their videos in youth group before. They're always a blast!

Leading worship will be *The Josiah Smith Band*. They led worship at Blitz a couple years ago and it'll be fun to have them rocking some Jesus music.

Here are the details:

Times: We'll meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Maple Grove Community Center on Sunday, March 7. We plan to be back at the community center between 8:45 & 9 p.m.

Cost: On or before February 28 – \$5, on or after March 1 – \$8
Non-Northwood friends are free!

Head on over to northwoodstudentlife.com/events to sign up!

VBS date set for June 21 - 24

Northwood Church will again be partnering with Maple Grove Covenant Church for Vacation Bible School. Please SAVE these dates on your summer calendar.

