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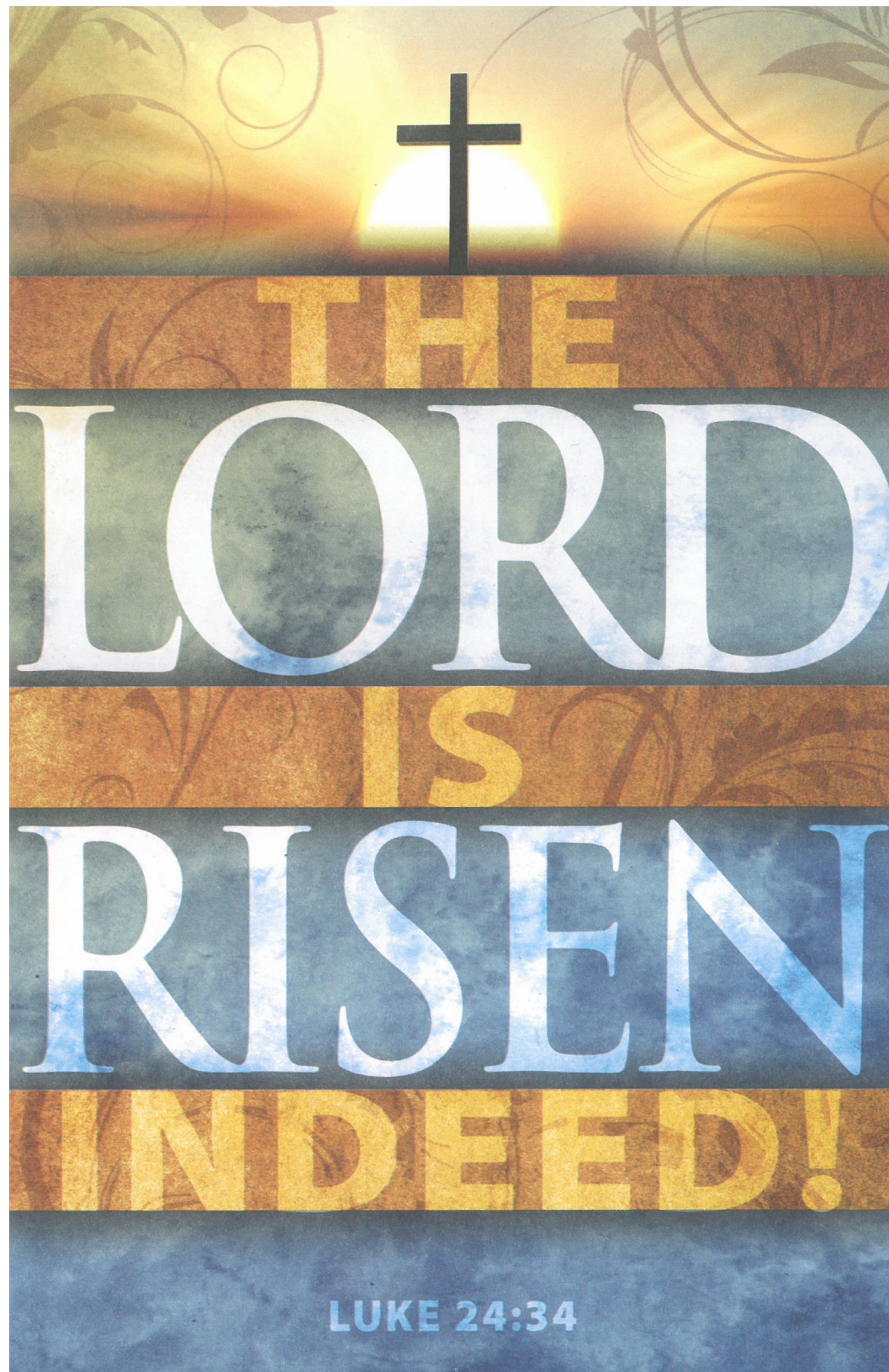
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LUKE 24:34



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Contemporary Service

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2015 ~ 9:30 A.M.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 27:57-66; 28:1-7 (The Message Bible)

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Terry D. Taylor

"Alleluia! Sing, Christ Is Risen!"

NPC Children's Choirs

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE & WORSHIP SONGS

"Happy Day"

The greatest day in history, death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.
The empty cross, the empty grave, life eternal, You have won the day.
Shout it out, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

Refrain: And oh, happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away.
Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same.

When I stand in that place free at last, meeting face to face
I am Yours, Jesus You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace, earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive! **Refrain** Woah...

"Let It Rise"

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us,
let the glory of the Lord, rise among us,
Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us,
Let the songs of the Lord rise among us.
Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.
Oh.....let it rise. Oh.....let it rise

MEET & GREET

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

I believe in the Son; I believe in the Risen One;
I believe I overcome by the power of His blood.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives.

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away!
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives every fear is gone.
I know – He holds –my life – my future in His hands.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.
Amen, Amen, I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives;
Amen, Amen, let my song join the one that never ends.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2015 CONFIRMATION CLASS

8:15

9:30

David Hamilton

Drew Hatch

Sarah Flaherty

Jarrett Mattson

Heather Wood

Lindsey Peterson

William Warren

"We Believe"

Refrain: We believe in God, the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe that he conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live love; our God will see "we believe, we believe."
And the gates of hell will not prevail for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe, we believe.

Refrain

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(3rd-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)

OFFERTORY

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. Oh...

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ. Oh...

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of Hell, no scheme of man can ever block me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I stand. Oh...

I find my strength, I find my home, I find my help in Christ alone.
When fear assails, when darkness falls, I find my peace in Christ alone.
I give my life, I give my all, I sing this song to Christ alone.
The King of Kings, the Lord of All, all heaven sings to Christ alone.
To Christ alone. In Christ alone.

‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand,
Here in the pow’r of Christ we stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-2 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

“The Unshakeable Truths of Easter”

“And suddenly there was a great earthquake...” v.2

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where O death is now thy sting, Alleluia!

Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

He is risen! Christ is risen! Al-le-lu-ia!
He is risen! Christ is risen! Al-le-lu-ia!
We will give Him all the glory! Al-le-lu-ia!
He is worthy! He is holy! Al-le-lu-ia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight the battle won. Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Matthew 27:57-28:7 (NRSV)

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, ‘He has been raised from the dead,’ and the last deception would be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

²⁸After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 5, 2015

A Happy and Joyous Easter to you! Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of the victory of Christ over sin and death. Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!

We invite you to register your attendance on the friendship sheets in your bulletin. If you are new to Northwood, we hope that you'll worship with us again and consider becoming a part of our friendly and caring church family. Please speak to one of the pastors for information. *If you are interested in exploring membership and/or have questions, please call Pastor Chris Curvin or Katie Pacana, Membership Coordinator, at 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is May 17th at 10:45 AM in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

We hope you will join us for fellowship, coffee, juice and cookies between services in the hallway outside the kitchen.

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN? Infants and toddlers are provided excellent care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service and during the Sunday School hour. Children ages 3 (by 9/14) and older may remain in worship with their parents.

Restrooms are located off the hallway across from the kitchen.

Anyone wishing to discuss a commitment/recommitment to Christ, or anyone who has a special prayer concern may speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before Noon on Fridays to reserve a seat.

THE EASTER LILIES IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are given to the glory of God by friends and members of Northwood Presbyterian Church in honor and in memory of their loved ones. (See insert).

We hope you will take time to look through this information and take note of all the events taking place in the life of Northwood. If you are visiting, we hope to see you again soon!

He is Risen!
Pastor Chris



Thank You for Participating by Bringing Flowers today for Northwood's Flower Cross!

One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries RCS and Isaiah's Inn, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Isaac Jeffre
(11:00) Ethan Crossley

GREETERS:

(8:15) Gwen & Gary Reefer
(11:00) Lauren & Bob Meier

USHERS:

(8:15) Dennis & Betty O'Shea
Dick & Connie Evans
(9:30) Sam & Barb Musgrave
Bill & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Mike & Linda O'Leary
Sue Miskiewicz, Roger Snay, Sr.

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

Easter Lilies

The flowers in the Sanctuary and around the church are given in honor of or memory of loved ones in the congregation. For a detailed list, please see the bulletin insert.



For those who purchased lilies, you may pick them up after the final Easter service has concluded.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

REMINDER: The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, April 6, 2015.** The office will re-open at 9 am Tuesday, April 7.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, April 6th: Mark Luther
Tuesday, April 7th: Wilai McNay, Dayshaun Roberts
Wednesday, April 8th: Jerry Cox, Jr., Greg Hatch
Thursday, April 9th: Julie Giese, Jennifer Johnson, Jackie Koski
Friday, April 10th: Pat Cheek, Lloyd Kimball
Saturday, April 11th: Babs Bailey, Chris Parker, Pamela Peters, Steve Sturdevant

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

Teacher: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year)

Room 3

Teachers: Jana Davis & Justine Ruisz

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

Teachers: Melissa Patel

3rd-5th Grades

Room 4

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 4.

Teacher: Bridgette & Roger Ulrich

11:00 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Youth Room

9:30 A.M. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 12 & 14

TODAY: Join us in Serendipity class as we look to Holy Week and the joy of Easter morning! Led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 8 & 10

TODAY: Matt. 8:20 says Jesus had "nowhere to lay His head". Come and join us today to discuss how His very human experiences affect us. Coffee and cookies are also available. Martha Tobiassen will lead this discussion.

11:00 A.M. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD: Our Class will not meet today. Join us next week as we continue our study of Nehemiah.

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Today we welcome our 7 Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes back in February to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Polity, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend out at Cedarkirk and attended the March Session Meeting. On Saturday, March 28 they attended a Breakfast in their honor where they shared their faith statements. And today we welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church!

Kid's Corner Preschool & Northwood Child Care

If you haven't already, be sure to take a look at our 10+ years, NAEYC Accredited Preschool! Enrollment has already begun for the 2015-2016 school year! Do you need a camp for your children during summer? Why not look into our Northwood Child Care Summer Camp! For more information about our Preschool, After School and Summer Camp programs, visit us online at www.northwoodpc.org/schools.

Children's Ministries

About our Children's Ministry:

Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church! Our mission is to join with parents to help kids develop a faith in Jesus Christ that lasts a lifetime! We invite you to take a look at our website, www.northwoodpc.org, for more information about what we offer and join us for some of our exciting upcoming events! If you have any questions, please contact Justine Ruisz.

King's Kids:

King's Kids, our midweek children's program for ages 3rd-5th grade, will resume April 8th, 4-6 p.m., and will continue Wednesdays through April 22nd. We will have an end of the year party on Wednesday, April 29th from 4-5:30 p.m. If you have questions about King's Kids, please contact Justine Ruisz.

Thank You:

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs for yesterday's Egg Hunt. We collected over 1000 eggs!

VBS Sports Camp:

Registration is open!!! Please go to www.northwoodpc.org and sign up for Sports Camp. June 15-19 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Northwood is grateful that Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor is going to host this amazing camp.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

Youth Events

About or Youth Ministry:

Our active youth ministry is open to all 6th-12th graders and offers something for everyone. There are weekly events (see below) as well as monthly and annual. We invite you to check out our website for more information and join us for one or more events!

- Sunday, April 5:** No Youth Group, Happy Easter!
Friday, April 10: Game Night 7-10 P.M.
Sunday, April 12: Youth Sunday, Lunch at Jason's Deli
No Youth Group
Friday, April 17: Game Night 7-10 P.M.
Sunday, April 19: Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.
Friday, April 24: Game Night 7-10 P.M.
Sunday, April 26: Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.

Sunday School: Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Save the Date: Youth Mission Week: Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12. Daily local mission work and fun with your friends from church.

Youth Sunday is April 12th! Mark your calendars! We'll need ushers, greeters, readers, and more! After the services, we'll meet at Jason's Deli for lunch with the youth and their families. See Troy for more details.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, May 10th: This is to support the Youth Mission Efforts. We will need cooks, servers, and many helpers. Please plan on helping with our fundraiser.

Attention Graduating Seniors: Please submit your pictures and post graduation plans to Katie Pacana by April 30th. Pictures can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to Katie@Northwoodpc.org.

Scholarship Application Time: NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Katie Pacana in the church office now or print one out online. Applications must be received by June 1, 2015. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. For more information about this scholarship, go to www.northwoodpc.org.

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
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Upcoming Events

Beth-El Open House

Join us April 19 for a trip to Beth El for a tour and bilingual church service. The church bus will be providing transportation. We will leave the church at 2 PM and return approximately 6:30 PM. Please bring rice and pinto beans for the food pantry. For reservations on the bus call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

Boy & Girl Scout Religious Badge Opportunity

Northwood will be sponsoring classes for Boy and Girl Scouts for religious badges (God and Me/God and Family) for scouts in grades 1-4. Classes will begin on Sunday, April 19th and run Sunday afternoons until May 24th. Please contact Cub Master, Matthew Ruley at 727-709-6139 for more information.

MUSIC WORKSHOP

The 59th Annual Church Music Workshop (Music Camp) will be Monday through Friday, June 15-19 at Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg (same place as last year). Northwood adults and youth that are involved in music and worship have been attending this for several years. This year costs are reduced and through some of the money earned at the annual garage sale the fees for Northwood folks to attend are even more affordable. The adult cost of \$434 is reduced to \$184; the youth cost of \$325 is reduced to \$165. Rising 6th graders may attend (we provide chaperones for middle schoolers). You are invited to join in singing, ringing handbells, playing organ and other instruments, worshipping, reading new music, laughing, praying, attending seminars, and making friends in a peaceful, picturesque atmosphere on the banks of Lake Griffin. Adult registration increases by \$50 after April 15, so if you are interested in going, speak with Tom Huffman or Stephanie Carson. Scholarships are available for first time attendees that we could apply for.

Renaissance Crew

We will meet on April 9 at 10:30 in rooms 9 and 11. Based on readings from his Continuing Education, Pastor Paul will discuss the topic of public faith and how followers of Christ might serve the common good in the midst of a culture where some seek to suppress religious thought and faith from the public square. Following the program we will enjoy having lunch at a local restaurant. Please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org with questions.

2016 Honduras Mission Trip, July 24 – July 31

On Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m. in room 5, the Honduras Team is excited to host an informational meeting to share about Northwood's mission trip to Honduras in 2016, and to get an idea of the number of people who are interested in going. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Summer Music Camp, August 17-21

Children rising into 3rd-6th grade are invited to take part in our Summer Music Camp August 17-21. This Monday-Friday camp will run 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with the performance being Friday, 8/21, at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 and is limited to the first 20 children who sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Carson (stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090).