

Hymn Notes:

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears” (815)

Three different authors are involved in this hymn based on Psalm 37:5 (“Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”) Paul Gerhardt’s (1607-1676) twelve stanza hymn was based on Martin Luther’s translation of the psalm, and John Wesley translated it into English. Wesley spent two years in Georgia where he associated with the German-speaking Moravians and he may have begun writing this hymn on the stormy voyage to America in 1736. The completed hymn was published in 1789 after he returned to England. Life was not kind to Paul Gerhardt. He lived much of his life during the Thirty Year’s War, four of his five children died, his wife died following a long illness, he was dismissed from his Lutheran pastorate for refusing to sign a Reformed edict. He remained a man of strong faith. Today in the church at Lubben there hangs a life sized portrait of Gerhardt with the inscription “A theologian sifted in Satan’s sieve”, a reference to his many trials and tribulations.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, September 23:** Carl Corrello, Phil Ventrella, Faye Mackie, Tanya Adkisson
- Monday, September 24:** Lou Weislogel, Doris Croasmun
- Tuesday, September 25:** Leah Dipolito, Cecelia Turner
- Thursday, September 27:** Peter Judd, Suzanne Alexander, Eric Kemerer, Meagan Decker
- Friday, September 28:** Loisanne Bilka, Joe Zeigler, Sharon Helms, Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson



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

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

Mary Kreuziger & Beth Linville
In Memory of Robert L. Miller on his 97th birthday
The Propst Family
In Loving Memory of Beatrice Matthew



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Patty Martin & Barbara Englehart
- (11:00) Sandy & Larry Ingram

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

- (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
Myrl & Dot Chronister
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Polly Brown & Dean Rabenstine
Cindy Whiteside & Ed Puschmann

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Cassandra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 11:00am for Sunday School where we are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
Nevertheless, She Persisted. Barbara Englehart will lead our discussion as we examine the role of women clergy in the Suffragist movement. Based on a seminar in July at Chautauqua and Beverly Zink-Sawyer’s book "From Preachers to Suffragists". Join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

9:30 A.M. “Defenders” Sunday School Room 10, led by Michael Jahosky, **beginning in October,** this Bible study will help you with tools to talk about your faith to non Christians.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger,
Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

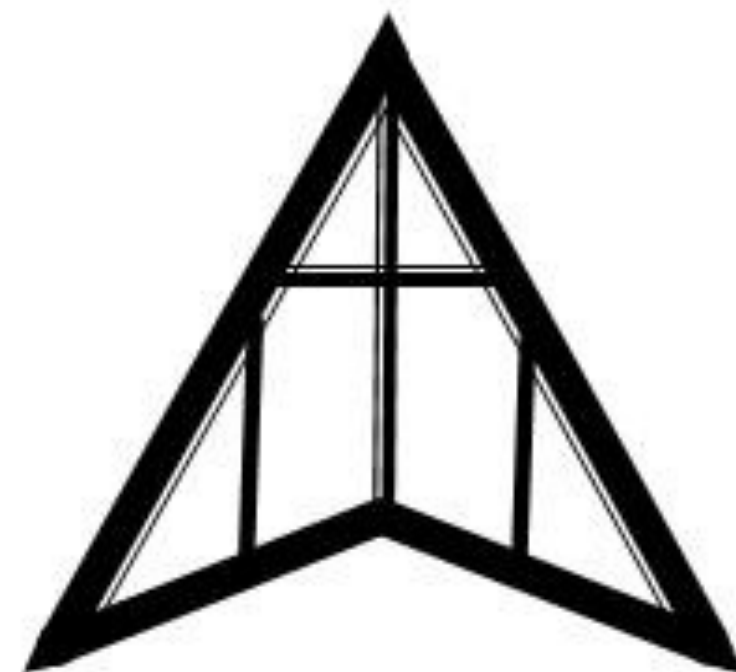
11:00 A.M. “Journey Through” Room 4, led by Vanessa Celotto.
Journey Through is an adult Sunday school class in room 4 from 11:00-11:45 that coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It is an awesome opportunity for you and your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together in a way that is relevant to each of your lives. Don’t have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That’s okay! The class is open to everyone and it’s the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood. If you are in need of childcare, please sign your child/children in at the nursery.

6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study
This Bible study will **NOT** meet this week but will resume on September 30th.

Welcome To
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Church

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Organized February 19, 1978

September 23, 2018



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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 23, 2018
18th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: This day is fresh with possibility to encounter the Living Christ.

People: With bright eyes, let us search. With engaged minds, let us ponder.

Leader: This day is fresh with possibility to be moved by the living Christ.

People: With compassionate hearts, let us feel.

Leader: This day is fresh with possibility to respond and serve the Living Christ.

People: With solid devotion, let us follow. With strong voices, let us sing praises to God for the gift of God's Son and the Holy Spirit.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Livestream, Allen Hurst

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #815** "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" FESTAL SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Almighty God, you have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. We are often like children testing boundaries, until fear finally makes us look back to You. Other times we are full of youthful rebellion, but most of all, we think we are adults who have figured it all out and know our own way without You. Help us to acknowledge that we need Your wisdom and guidance and help us to trust that you will provide if we walk with You. In the name of Christ, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** GLORIA PATRI

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 First Song of Isaiah" Jack Noble White

*Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord,
And call upon his Name.*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples,
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
And this is known in all the world.*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow" Gabriel/Fettke
Michele White, Stephanie Carson, Emily Cantin

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #817** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 22:11-14a NRSV *(page 16)*
Matthew 10:27-31 NRSV *(page 791)*

SERMON "Should Luck Be in Our Vocabulary?"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #816** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "May the Peace of God Be Your Peace" Neil McLaren
(please be seated) Gail Rothrock, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Festival Voluntary" Flor Peeters
(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

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

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

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

"Jesus"

"Glorious Day"

MEET AND GREET

"Unstoppable God"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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PRAISE SONG

"I Am Not Alone"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
CALL TO OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

"What a Beautiful Name"

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 22:11-14 NRSV
Matthew 10:27-31

MESSAGE

"Should Luck Be in Our Vocabulary?"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"My Feet Are on the Rock"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!