# **Email Scam Alert**

You may be aware that some of our members have received scam emails in the past month, and once over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails request financial support in the form of gift cards. Our pastor does NOT send these emails although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christlike hearts of our members.

## **Important Calendar Information**

Many meetings have gone to an online platform. However, if your team/committee wishes to meet in person (with physical distance and masks), please check the church calendar online at www.northwoodpc.org to be sure your event/meeting is still listed. Many meeting spaces have been expanded to meet physical distance requirements and a room previously reserved might have been reassigned to a group that has made a new request for in person meeting space.

# **NPC Youth and Families Thank You!!**

We are so grateful for all of the donations, letters of encouragement, and prayers for our 2020 Giving Wall Fundraiser of \$5,200.00 which was for our summer trips! Since our summer didn't play out as we hoped, with the COVID-19 virus limitations, these funds will be moved to next summer's trip expenses and scholarship fund. Our mission is to support and transform youth into lifelong disciples of Christ through the Fruits of the Spirit, relationships, theological education, and service. Thank you for your generous support!



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#### Announcements-August 16, 2020 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to worship through our livestreaming while we are not "Come, Grow, Go! gathering in public worship! We are all learning how to be a new church in this unprecedented time. Let us know of prayer requests through the church website, and seek to give online, by text and by mail. We are already offering ways to meet on the computer or smart phones through existing programs called Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Contact our church officecommunications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!

## **Beth-El Shoe Drive**

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic the annual August shoe drive for the Beth-El migrant farm workers is going to take place differently this year. The executive director at Beth-El has requested that in order to keep everyone safe, only monetary donations will be accepted. Beth El will order the shoes directly from Amazon and then distribute them

to the migrant farm workers. If you are giving online please follow the prompts and select Beth-El Mission. Checks should be sent to the church earmarked for the shoe drive as donations will be accepted through September 6<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Northwood for your continued generosity!!



# **Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study On Livestream and Facebook Live**

Thursday, August 20th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue a study on the thought-provoking Book of Job. This Old Testament book wrestles with the ongoing, unchanging human realities of deep suffering and sorrow and overwhelming pain and loss. "It is the story of one man who held on to his life in God with a faith that survived the torments of utter loss and expanded into new realms of wonder and delight." Join us as we seek, by God's grace, to grow in faith, hope and love in the midst of life's unpredictable and varied circumstances.

#### Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

• Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.

NPC Guest Wi-Fi Now live streaming our 9:30 & 11:00 services on northwoodpc.org.

## **Cedarkirk All Church Retreat—Registration is OPEN!**



Please save the date for the Cedarkirk All Church Retreat October 23-25, 2020. We're taking deposits to hold rooms, so register early to get best choice. Cedarkirk is being very lenient - any cancellations due to COVID-19 will be fully refunded. To register, either pick up a form

in the church office during business hours 9:00am-1:00pm Mon.-Thurs. or print a copy at <u>http://northwoodpc.org/fellowship/all-church-retreat/</u> Come enjoy the great outdoors! Questions, contact Jeanne Stephen at <u>Jeanneestephen@gmail.com</u>.

#### Virtual Online Attendance for 8/9/2020

Livestream from the church website: Contemporary Service—68 Traditional Service—80

**Facebook Live**: 224 views between both services. **Total Views**: 372 If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

## Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

Registration is currently open for the 2020-2021 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Justine Davis at 727-723-7679 or email at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

# **Your Giving Matters**

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

- 1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
- 2. Visit <u>www.northwoodpc.org</u> and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options



#### **Prayers, Joys and Concerns**

Each Sunday we will be worshiping online at both 9:30 & 11:00am. The Ignite contemporary service has a time of "prayers of joy and concerns" where people individually offer prayer requests. While worshiping via livestream we wanted to make that possible. If you have a "prayers, joys or concerns" request you would like lifted up at the 9:30am service, please go online to our homepage at www.northwoodpc.org and click on "Prayer Request" under the "Resources" tab. Just remember that these prayer requests may be shared via livestream. If anything is private, do not submit it for sharing this way. We will share as many as the time permits.

## **Hurricane Ministry**

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are in need of emergency housing during or after a storm – or if you are able to share your home with members-in-need – please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at <u>ecicerchi@gmail.com</u> or 607-382-1781. You may also contact Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.