

**Northern Lakes Community  
Church  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
5444 Herkner Road  
Traverse City, MI 49685**



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## **September 2011 Newsletter**

### **Our Mission Statement:**

*Growing and sharing our  
love for Jesus Christ.*

### **Our Biblical Theme (I Corinthians 3:7-9):**

“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes all things grow. All have one purpose...For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

**Our Purpose:** Northern Lakes Community Church exists to make disciples and send apostles. Disciples follow Jesus Christ; apostles witness to Him. We make disciples by **worshipping** Jesus with joy, **teaching** His Gospel, and gathering **small groups** for Bible study and prayer. We send apostles by **witnessing** to Christ in the community, employing **members’ gifts for ministry**, and working to **serve human needs** near and far.

We pray that all we do will reflect the love of Jesus Christ, and be scriptural, authentic, and of the highest possible quality.

**Deacons Ready to Serve!** Deacons perform ministries of service and compassion. If you have, know of, or see a spiritual or physical need...Please contact a Deacon!

<i>Joe Deater</i>	<i>275-2270</i>
<i>Diz Disbrow</i>	<i>668-6037</i>
<i>Amy Elliott</i>	<i>499-1722</i>
<i>Doug Gauthier</i>	<i>276-9673</i>
<i>Kathy Gauthier</i>	<i>392-4072</i>
<i>Shari Hanna</i>	<i>922-0304</i>
<i>Cindy Klinefelter</i>	<i>941-1337</i>
<i>Donna Miller</i>	<i>929-3484</i>
<i>Tammy Tarsa</i>	<i>276-7709</i>

♪♪♪ Praise the Lord! ♪♪♪



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## **Worship Schedule:**

### Northern Lakes Tuesday

Worship - 2:00 p.m. at The Village at Bay Ridge, 3950 Scenic Ridge (Silver Lake Rd., south of TC West Jr. High)

Lake Worship – 8:00 a.m. at Taylor Park on Long Lake – bring a chair! (June through August)  
Praise Worship, Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages,  
11:20 a.m.

Child Care Provided

**Pastor:** Mike Riggins

Music Director: Gretchen Palmer  
[gretchensings@gmail.com](mailto:gretchensings@gmail.com)

### **Office**

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### **Session Committee Chairs**

Julie Burton – Youth & Family  
632-0402

Jill Butryn – Personnel  
499-3055

Marge Doherty – Adult Ministries  
883-8282

Lee Gwyn – Clerk of Session  
276-6719

Matt Rosenberg – Worship  
392-4483

Doug Scherrer - Property  
631-3356

Eric Warren – Mission  
933-0143

Gloria Wilson – Finance  
276-7709

## **Discovering and using your spiritual gifts**

This fall NLCC will present an eight-week program that will help all our members and friends to discover how God has created them uniquely to serve.

We kick off the program with a **BRUNCH** Sunday, September 11, at 11:15 a.m. Bring a dish to share!

We believe that the Holy Spirit has given each of us specific abilities, passions, personality types and experiences. Taken together, these empower us to serve our Lord and his creation in ways that bring us joy and satisfaction.

Join us and learn how God has shaped you.

## **NLCC Community Arts and Crafts Fair**

The NLCC Community Arts and Crafts Fair is fast approaching. Please spread the word – lots of great crafters, a bake sale, silent auction, and café, all here on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 4! Gather some friends, come early, enjoy free coffee 'till 11am, while you shop, shop, shop!

Also.....

We will be looking for volunteers to help out during the day. Maybe you're interested in donating craft items you have made, or in donating food items for the bake sale or café. Watch for sign up sheet in September.

For more info contact the church office or Shari Hanna.

## **Munson Hospice and Palliative Care accepting applications for volunteers for the Fall Training Class**

Volunteers are needed for respite care in the patient's home, or friendly visits in an extended care facility, assisted living facility, or adult foster care residence.

Volunteer applicants must be at least 18 years of age, available for an interview prior to training, and willing to make a time commitment of a minimum of 8 hours per month on a regular basis at Hospice House, four hours a week in the patient's home, or one to two hours a week for a friendly visit.

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Please remember in prayer that they might be comforted:**

Mel Rotier, in the death of his wife, Jane  
Kathy Gauthier  
Tom Tatar  
The family of Chuck Hall in his death  
Larry and Marie Groombridge  
Amy Flanagan – Sharon Webster's daughter  
Cindi Mancuso—friend of Susanelou Adair, cancer  
Barb Cain-Kellman's Father  
Marlene and Rich Goldstrohm  
Breanne Kelderhouse, niece of Donna Nelson  
Sally Stauffer  
Father and mother of Kathy Gauthier  
Brittany Ruckles  
Chris, Donna, Jack and Benjamin Miller  
Rosemary Roberts  
Our college students, both home and away.  
Our service men and women, here and abroad.

*Medical privacy rules make it more difficult for pastors and deacons to learn who is hospitalized. Now, more than ever, it is extremely important for families of patients to notify the church when a person goes into the hospital. Please call the church office (935-4556) when you, or a loved one, go into the hospital!*

**Please call Pastor Riggins at church (935-4556) to activate the Prayer Chain. Or try Pastor Mike's cell phone number (342-1374).**

**Coming events for the Preacher's  
Creatures (youth group for grades 7-12)**

- 9/18 Make items for craft fair (10/1) and finish Prayer boxes
- 10/2 Psalms Jeopardy + cookout + games

**Internal food pantry added to our support  
of the Interlochen food pantry**

We have expanded our food pantry ministry. We have added an internal pick-up location for our own members and friends. We continue to ask you to donate non-perishable items – including toilet supplies – at the foot of the cross. We will bag up an assortment of items and place them in the brown box located under the coat racks as you enter the church. Individuals in need can simply take a bag as they need. If you feel moved to support this mission, please drop off your donations at your convenience.

**Check out our web page:  
northernlakescc.org**

We are updating our web site at least three times a week. We now bring you up-to-date information on the church calendar, sermons (in digital and print formats), and much more.

With our move away from printed bulletins and newsletters (see below) the web site has become an important communications tool.

**Pop Cans**

Friendly Reminder: The Deacon's continue to collect Pop Cans. The money is used for an emergency fund for people in need. Monthly, the Deacon's return the cans for their deposit refund. Please drop off your pop cans at the church and thank you for supporting this ministry.

**Northern Lakes Church Goes (More) Paperless**

We have gone paperless with our bulletins and newsletters. The worship order now appears on the screen. The rest of the bulletin and newsletter come to you weekly via email. That email contains a link to our website, where most of our information is always available. Please bear with us as we work to perfect this new method of communication. It will help us to save money and trees!

**If you wish to make your own announcement**, please call the church office (935-4556) by noon on the Wednesday before you would like to do so. We also permit representatives from programs of the church to make their own announcements just before worship begins. We ask only that you help us coordinate these announcements. Thank you!

**Statement of revenues and expenses through  
July 31, 2011**

**Operating Fund:**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues	\$123,285	\$133,883
Expenses	\$130,693	\$136,425
YTD Difference	(\$-7,418)	(\$-2,542)

YTD Positive or (Negative) Cash Flow: (\$-2,542)

**Reserve Fund:**

Previous balance:	\$	6,875.41
Income to reserve fund:	\$	2,040.00
Transfers to operating fund:	\$	-0-
Current balance:	\$	8,915.41

## ON-GOING EVENTS

- ❖ **Returnable Cans and Bottles (with MI 10¢ deposit)** may always be left at the church. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to help families who have emergency needs. If you would like to return the bottles and cans yourself and turn in the deposit, we would greatly appreciate your effort!
- ❖ **Bible Study:** Pastor Mike leads Bible Study at Cracker Barrel every **Tuesday at 7:00 a.m.**
- ❖ **Bible Study:** There is a women's Bible study at Kim Scherrer's house every **Wednesday at 7:00 pm.**
- ❖ **Jr-Sr. High Youth** meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays; **Elementary Youth** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. (Sept.- May)
- ❖ **NLCC is now collecting only Oleson's receipts and Spartan and Campbell's UPCs** Look for reminder symbols on products for what to save. The front panel products do not work. Clip the Campbell symbol next to the UPC. Deposit boxes are available at the church. Oleson's receipts and Spartan UPC's can be turned in at any time so we won't turn in receipts until we have at least the minimum.
- ❖ **NLCC also participates in a program at Gordon Food Services called Partnership in Savings.** If you present their card each time before you check out (Xeroxed cards are available on the table at NLCC. The UPC# on the card is 00200 9515), our church will get credit (a %) for your purchases! Carry it with you! Any dividend that we get from these ventures goes into the Operating Fund of our church. ***We all have to shop and eat – this is just an easy way to help out!*** Ask your friends and family to save their receipts for you! Every little bit helps! Questions? Suggestions? Call Church Office 935-4556.
- ❖ **Meijer's Community Rewards Program** is a simple way to augment our operating fund. **We receive a check every month!** All you have to do is present your card (this is not a credit card) to the clerk each time you check out! Applications for the Community Rewards Program are available at NLCC and at Meijer's stores. You may also register for this program online at [www.Meijer.com/rewards](http://www.Meijer.com/rewards). Our organization code number is **779560**.

### Upcoming Events

- September 5**  
Labor Day
- September 6**  
6:00 pm – Gardening in the Memorial Garden
- September 8**  
7:00 pm – Deacons Meeting
- September 12**  
6:00 pm – Session Meeting
- September 13**  
6:00 pm – Gardening in the Memorial Garden
- September 20**  
6:00 pm – Gardening in the Memorial Garden
- September 27**  
6:00 pm – Gardening in the Memorial Garden
- September 30**  
5:00-9:00 pm – Craft Fair setup
- October 1**  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Craft Fair



### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Bill & Liz Hemming - September 2
- Nathan Tarsa - September 2
- Rob & Jill Butryn - September 2
- Rick & Kate Dahlstrom - September 4
- Gene Adams - September 10
- Rett Graham - September 11
- Bill & Rene Scott - September 12
- Mark & Dawn Bondy - September 12
- Mike Grace - September 15
- Doug & Kim Scherrer - September 17
- Tonya Deater - September 18
- Kim Scherrer - September 20
- Alex Bondy - September 21
- Shari Hanna - September 21
- Doug & Kathy Gauthier - September 23
- Mark & Marge Doherty - September 23
- Gerard Mahoney - September 27
- Camy Hanna - September 28
- Jill Butryn - September 29
- Trent Graham - September 30

