

# Newsletter 2014 Holiday Edition

## Northern Lakes Community Church

### Join Us for Worship

**Sundays 10am at NLCC**

Childcare and/or Christian Education  
Provided for Toddlers-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Christmas Eve Services

5pm – Child Friendly

7pm – Carols, Candles, Communion

### Worship at the Village

**Tuesdays 2pm**

The Village at Bay Ridge  
3950 Scenic Ridge

### Coffee, Fellowship, & Bible Study

**After Worship Service at NLCC,** All are welcome to stay for coffee and fellowship! Bible Study classes available for adults and teens, plus activity programming for children of parents attending classes

### NLCC Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
11:30 am – 2:30 pm

5444 Herkner Road  
Traverse City, MI 49685  
(231) 935-4556  
[www.northernlakescc.org](http://www.northernlakescc.org)



## Prayer Concerns

*Please take a moment to lift up our friends and family in prayer.*

- For Bev Adams Sister
- For Ken, Sue Messner's Step-Father
- Doug Gauthier as he recovers from knee surgery
- Angela Carter
- Praises that Connie Frassetto, Shari Hanna's sister-in-law, is in remission
- Pray for Jan, Lee Gwyn's sister, fighting breast cancer
- Lynn Contois, Kim Scherrer's brother, in his battle with cancer
- Benjamin & Jack Miller and their family
- Teresa Caldwell, Bev and Gene Adam's daughter
- Penny Schmidt
- Breanne Kelderhouse, niece of Donna Nelson
- Rosemary Roberts
- That the Lord would bless our church, so we may fulfill our mission to grow and share our love for Jesus
- Our college students, both home and away
- Our service men and women, here and abroad

Prayer  
Changes  
Things

**For urgent prayer requests: Activate the NLCC Prayer Chain by calling [redacted] Pastor Mike Riggins at the church office: 935-4556, or cell: 342-1374.**

*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!*

## Sunday Morning Announcements

If you have information you would like shared with the church on Sunday mornings, please contact the office before 11am on Friday. We encourage representatives from various church ministries to make their own announcements. Please contact the church office by 11am on Friday to be put on the list.

**Did you know** that NLCC collects pop cans with MI deposit, and uses the funds to help families in emergency situations? Bring in your empty returnable cans and bottles with deposit, and turn them in to the canister in the kitchen.

## Get Connected ~ Keep in Touch

NLCC uses email and Facebook to keep members and friends up-to-date on events happening in our church community. If you are not receiving emails from the church, call the office to be added to our list, or email [office@northernlakescc.org](mailto:office@northernlakescc.org). To join our FB group, search and join "Northern Lakes Community Church" Group.

## Visit our web page, [www.northernlakescc.org](http://www.northernlakescc.org)

The website holds our church calendar, weekly bulletins and bible study questions, audio recordings of past sermons, weather cancellation updates, current and past newsletters, and much more. **Check it out!**

## NLCC EVENT FORMS:

If you plan and host an event at NLCC, would you please fill out an Event Report Form immediately following? With your help, future hosts won't be reinventing the wheel when planning their event and the Session can refer to the form when planning the church mission. We as a church will know which events are most successful, what worked well and what mistakes to avoid in the future. Thank you!

The forms are available in the church office. Return the form to the office or to the Clerk of Session.

## Financial Report as of October 31st

### Income

YTD budget	YTD Actual	Difference
\$149,733	\$152,474	\$2,741

### Expense

YTD budget	YTD Actual	Difference
\$149,733	\$131,576	(\$18,157)

**Cash Flow YTD = 20,898**



**The annual Hanging of the Greens will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at NLCC. For more details, see Shari Hanna.**

**A Walk Through Advent**  
 Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:00pm  
 Dessert and Beverages Served

Appropriate for children as well as adults, author and speaker Gwen Strunk will be teaching us about the nativity, it's history, and purpose. We would like to display nativity scenes of all sizes from our church members, contact Pat Thompson if we can borrow yours for this event.



*Dear NLCC Family,  
 Thank you so much for all the goodies! It means a lot to know I have all of your support. College has been going well and I am adjusting to the college schedule. Thanks again for the care package and I look forward to seeing you all in the future.  
 Love,  
 Sawyer Robinson*



Thanks to the Dog Lovers' Small Group – (Yes, NLCC has a dog lovers' small group. Is this a great church or what?) Last month this small group weeded and trimmed all the beds and berms in the front and parking lot areas of the church. What a gift to all who come to us! Thank you so much to each person who helped.  
 – Pastor Mike

**Blood Drive**  
 November 24<sup>th</sup>  
 3-7pm



**Snacks and Treats Provided**

## Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Help us decorate our worship space for Christmas by ordering a beautiful poinsettia!

Your plant can come home with you after the 7pm Christmas Eve Service, or on Sunday, December 28th.

Please make your selection(s) below and attach cash or a check to NLCC for \$12.00 NLCC with "Poinsettia" in the Memo.

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  • Red

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  • White

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  • Pink

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  Multi-color

Total number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

cash  check

Orders Due: **Sunday, November 23rd**  
**(After November 25th, add \$2.)**

## Preachers Creatures

Lock-in @ THE BARN  
December 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>  
5pm - 9:30am



Annual Christmas Caroling  
Extravaganza  
Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Following worship and lunch



*Buy a Christmas  
Wreath for your home  
& Help support  
Missions in Haiti*

\$20/each

Make checks payable to:  
**Traverse Bay United  
Methodist Church**

See Donna Miller for more details

# WHERE YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AT NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH

- # **NEW! NLCC Women's Book Club:** A study and discussion of Christian writings held at various women's homes once a month. Read the book ahead, bring a dish to pass, and get ready to grow in faith and fellowship! See Kim Scherrer for more details, or check the online church calendar at <http://northernlakescc.org/calendar.html>
- # **Diva Devotions:** A devotional and fellowship group of ladies meet on the **First Tuesday of every month at 1pm** at Cracker Barrel. See Pat Thompson for more information.
- # **Bible Study:** Pastor Mike leads a Bible Study at Cracker Barrel every **Tuesday morning at 7am.**
- # **Men's Bible Study:** Every other **Wednesday evening from 6:30 - 8pm** at the church, men will gather to study the Bible, pray and share in fellowship.
- # **Jr-Sr. High Youth:** meets **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 12:00pm – 2:00pm** (Sept.- May)
- # **Sunday School Classes:** (Sept. – May) After worship every Sunday, dedicated teachers bring studies for teens and adults. Groups are open to join at any time. Activity Program offered for children of adult class members.
- # **Children's Worship:** (Sept. – May) Elementary School-aged children are invited to a special service in the new building designed just for them. Available all Sundays except the first Sunday of the month, where children worship with the entire congregation in a kid-friendly service.
- # **Food Pantry:** We collect non-perishable food items left at the foot of the cross on the last Sunday of every month. We keep some of the donations at our church for families in need, and give the rest to Christ Redeemer Church in Interlochen.
- # **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! Simply label the offering "Deacons Fund", and drop it in the offering basket on a Sunday.

## December & November Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 1st – Bev Adams

December 6th – Jessie Hemming

November 4th – Sam Tatar

December 7th – Daniel Butryn

November 13th – Stan Sprague

December 7th – Gloria Wilson

November 16th – Laurie Taylor

December 8th – Zachary Woolcott

November 21st – Lee Gwyn

December 9th – Donald Elliott

November 22nd – Mike & Cindy Grace

December 12th – Clayton McPherson

November 25th – David Butryn

December 14th – Sofia Warren

November 26th – Landen Miller

December 23rd – Joe Deater

November 26th – Scott Miller

December 27th – Aaron Mahoney

November 27th – Kathy Hockin

December 27th – Ann Freckelton

November 27th – Taylor Burton

December 27th – Bobbie and Don Elliott

November 28th – Sami Rice

December 27<sup>th</sup> – Scott Johnson

December 28th – Doug Gauthier

*\* If you are not on this list and would like to be, please contact the church office with your family's birthday and anniversary information. Thank you!*





## Northern Lakes Community Church Staff

**Pastor Mike Riggins** | 231.342.1374 | mike@northernlakescc.org

### Music Leadership Team

**Jill Justin** | 231.590.1332 | jilljustinsstudio@gmail.com

**Sanjay Woolcott** | 231.649.5007 | woolcott.s.0811@hotmail.com

### Administrative Assistant

**Gretchen Palmer** | 231.935.4556 | office@northernlakescc.org

### Volunteer Youth Leadership Team

**Barb Cain** | 231.499.4980 | barb\_cain@charter.net

**Dan Tatar** | 231.640.0527 | dan.tatar.73@facebook.com



## ELDERS

The **session** sets our vision and has authority over our entire ministry. Please contact its' members with your questions, comments and/or ideas.

**Sue Fink** (Youth & Family '15) | 231.946.1119 | suefink@umich.edu

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**Marge School** (Finance '15) | 231.645.0228 | meschool@centurylink.net

**Rene Scott** (Adult Ministries '14) | 231.933.4867 | irene.scott@gmail.com

**Bob Thompson** (Personnel '16) | 231.645.1767 | patriciarobertt@chartermi.net

## DEACONS

The **deacons** perform ministries of service and compassion. If you have or see a spiritual and/or physical need, please call.

**Joe Deater** (Care Packages, Special Needs, Men's Ministry '14) | 231.275.2270 | jandtdeater@chartermi.net

**Kristen Cybak** (Blood Drive, Care Packages '16) | 231.276.0148 | kacybak@charter.net

**Doug Gauthier** (Prayer Chain '16) | 231.276.9673 | dkgauthier@yahoo.com

**Kathy Gauthier** (Moderator, Foodie Fellowship '15) | 231.392.4072 | dkgauthier@yahoo.com

**Jean Mahoney** (TLC Cards/Funerals, Overseas Mission '14) | 231.947.2921 | docnjean@charter.net

**Sue Messner** (Local Mission, Shepherding, Small Groups '14) | 231.276.6488 | rsmessner@yahoo.com

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**Mary Peterson** (Blood Drive '15) | 231.995.9534 | marypete61@gmail.com

**Our Mission Statement:** *Growing and sharing our love for Jesus Christ*

**Our Biblical Theme:** *1Corinthians 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 worshiping 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.*