

# March Newsletter 2015

## Northern Lakes Community Church

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[www.northernlakescc.org](http://www.northernlakescc.org)

### Join Us for Worship

**Sundays 10am at NLCC**  
Childcare and/or Christian Education  
Provided for Toddlers-4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### *Worship at the Village*

**Tuesdays 2pm**  
The Village at Bay Ridge  
3950 Scenic Ridge

#### *NLCC Office Hours:*

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



## Prayer Concerns

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

- For Donna Miller in the loss of her mother
- For the entire Miller family and Ben and Jack's medical challenges
- For successful recoveries for our several NLCC members and friends who had surgery this week
- For Bev Adam's sister
- For Ken, Sue Messner's step-father
- For Jan, Lee Gwyn's sister, in her fight with breast cancer
- For Teresa Caldwell, Bev and Gene Adam's daughter
- For Rosemary Roberts
- For our college students near and far
- For our service men and women

*Prayer  
Changes  
Things*

***For urgent prayer requests: Activate the NLCC Prayer Chain by calling 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 February 28, 2015

### Income

YTD budget	YTD Actual	Difference
\$29,956	\$18,429	-\$11,527)

### Expense

YTD budget	YTD Actual	Difference
\$29,887	\$29,403	\$484

**Cash Flow YTD** = -(\$10,974)

Year to date the elders have authorized the transfer of \$6,750 from the reserves to meet our operating expenses.

## Good Friday worship –April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm

NLCC will offer our traditional worship service at 7 pm on Good Friday. This Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness" and/or "sorrow") service will include the communal reading of the Passion of the Christ, accompanied by the extinguishing of candles. We will also have the opportunity to nail confessions of our sins to the foot of the cross. Please plan to join us for this popular and meaningful service.

The Lenten dinner series *Bread & Broth* continues Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. The series runs each Wednesday leading up to Easter during which we will study "40 Days of Hope" by author Rev. Cliff Bird. Dinner will be provided free of charge by the different small groups of Northern Lakes Community Church. See Pat Thompson for more information.

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> is Daylight Savings Time. SPRING ahead and set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed so you can worship with us on time.



(We will make the coffee.)

## Help Wanted:

The **Worship Committee** is looking for a few more volunteers to help them in their ministry. The tasks are not difficult, preparing the church for worship on Sunday morning. If you are looking for a place to serve the Lord at NLCC and have a heart for hospitality, please contact Sue Rice for more information.

## Men's Group

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
*Video Series, Dinner Provided*

## Preacher's Creatures

March 15<sup>th</sup> 12:15pm

*To prepare for IDT on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Lunch Provided*  
**(No meeting March 29<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break)**

# WHERE YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AT NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH

- ✚ **\*NEW\* Craft & Tea:** Ladies meet on the first Monday of each month at NLCC from 2-4pm. Fellowship and Craft project, knitting, sewing, crochet, whatever project you're working on. Contact Pat Thompson with Questions - patriciarobertt@gmail.com
- ✚ **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 **1st & 3rd 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 Redeemer Lutheran 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.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Dick Tooley	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – Alivia Benrowski (Wagner)
March 7 <sup>th</sup> – Laura (Riggins) Muse	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – Sharon Webster
March 10 <sup>th</sup> – Cindy Grace	March 21 <sup>st</sup> – Ronda Robinson
March 11 <sup>th</sup> – Liz Hemming	March 24 <sup>th</sup> – Mark Doherty
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Lynn Doherty	March 25 <sup>th</sup> – Dixie Doerr
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – Nancy Sprague	March 30 <sup>th</sup> – Jacob Perrin
March 14 <sup>th</sup> – Erin Larson	March 30 <sup>th</sup> – Jordan Warren
March 17 <sup>th</sup> – Harry Doerr	
March 18 <sup>th</sup> – Gina McPherson	
March 19 <sup>th</sup> – Harry & Dixie Doerr	

*\* 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

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

**Our Biblical Theme:** *1 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 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.*



## STAFF



**Pastor Mike Riggins** | 231.342.1374 | [mike@northernlakescc.org](mailto:mike@northernlakescc.org)

### Music Leadership Team

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## CALLED TO SERVE

### *Our Session of Elders and Board of Deacons*

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

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

## ELDERS

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