



NORTH ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

In this edition of the NAC eNews we will update you on the many events occurring at the church during the month of August. In addition, we share a bit about the congregational reports from the East Asia, Vineland, Ecuador, Taiwan, and Chicago missions trips. We will begin by highlighting the current sermon series and Sunday School classes which continue through August 27.



Current Sermon Series: On July 16 we began a new message series titled, "Trending now." This series is unique in that the congregation picked the eight topics that they would like addressed from the pulpit. This Sunday Pastor Rob will follow up with a message on the response of the church to homosexuality. Pastor Nate will return to the pulpit on July 30 with teaching on six more trending topics. Plan now to attend all eight messages in this series!



Summer Adult Sunday School Classes: The summer quarter of Sunday School continues through August. Ron Boesiger continues a study of Paul's letters to Timothy in room 203. Pastor Bruce continues the video series, "That the World May Know," by Ray Vander Laan. This class meets in room 124.



VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be held Monday July 31, through Thursday, August 3, 2017, from 9:00am - noon each day. Registration is now open via the church website, click on <https://www.nowthenalliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministries/> We also need 150 empty cereal boxes and 150 empty paper towel rolls for VBS. Contact Amanda for details.

VBS Family Night help needed! We need many volunteers to help run games, serve food, and help with other activities on Thursday, August 3rd from 6-8pm. If you can help, contact Amanda Wilder at wildera@nowthenalliance.org or sign up at the children's welcome desk. We are also looking for canopy tents to borrow for the event. If you have a 10x10 or 12x12 canopy tent that we could use, please call the church or email Amanda.



Great Commission Women: Each month the Great Commission Women meet to learn about international workers and missions, to pray for our international workers, and to orchestrate ministry on behalf of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19). The GCW will host a special guest from a sensitive central Asian country on August 10. You won't want to miss this presentation so plan now to attend August 10 at 9:30am! Contact Annie Julik for more information.



The Vineland C&MA Church Partnership

Vineland Partnership: Nowthen has formed a partnership with the Vineland church on the shores of Lake Mille Lacs. Although the Vineland church has ministered to the Ojibwe people for many years, they recently received approval to construct a new facility on their property - which happens to be within the Ojibwe reservation. While a contractor has been hired (and the contractor will provide the skilled labor), they still need many hands to assist. Feel free to commit to only one trip or only one type of work. At this point the cement work is done and they are looking for assistance with framing. Tim Frame is organizing week day or Saturday teams now. For more information email Tim Frame at tframe59@yahoo.com.



Chicago 17 (youth): Pastor Rob and the youth just returned from their missions trip to Chicago with Envision. The team will present their report to the congregation during both services on Sunday, July 30.



Taiwan 17: The Taiwan team is currently conducting an English Camp in south-west Taiwan and will head to Aroma soon (see photos above). Please keep the Taiwan team in your prayers as they prepare to return to Nowthen on Saturday. The Taiwan team will provide their congregational report during both services on Sunday, August 20.



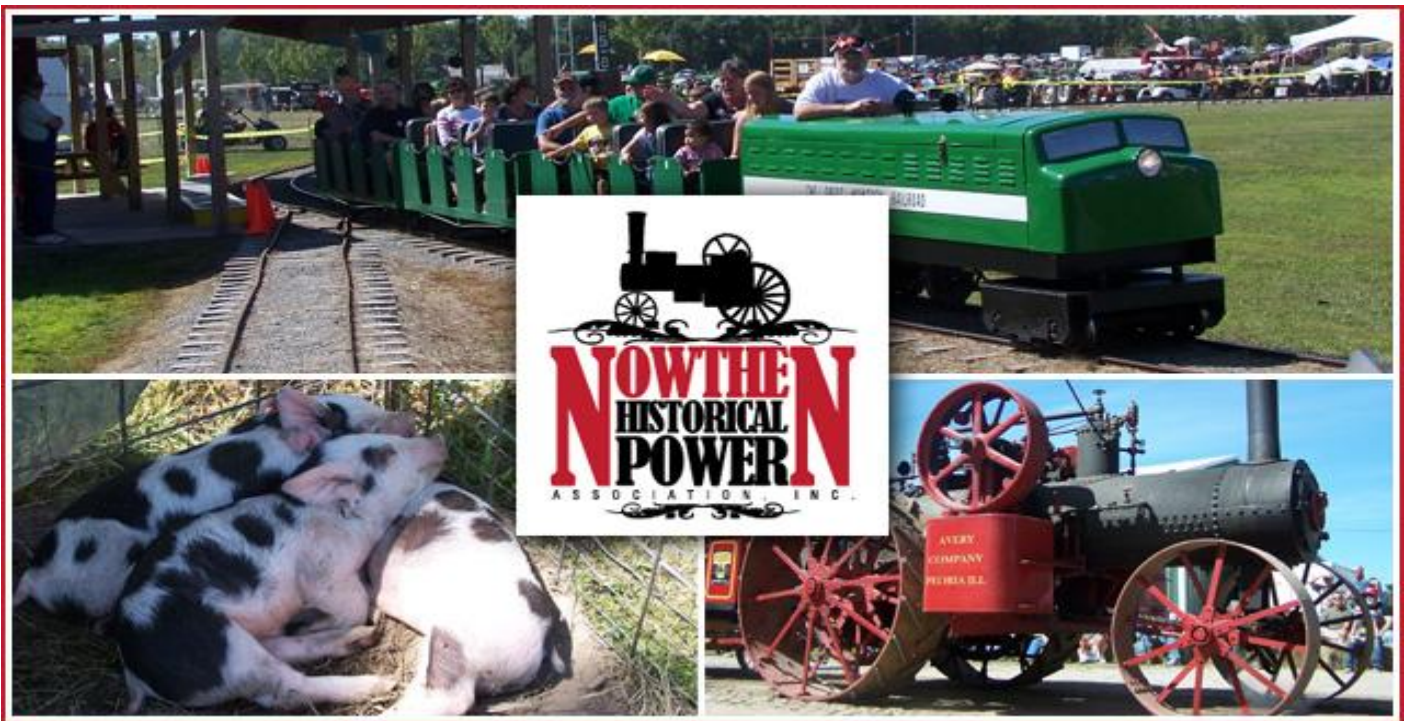
Ecuador 17: This team just returned from serving in Manta and they have much to share. The twelve people pictured above accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior during one of the teams services. The Ecuador team provided a report to the congregation on July 16. In addition, Pastor Bruce will present to the PrimeTimers on Thursday, July 20.

East Asia. David and Anna (Aspengren) Temple recently returned from their year-long commitment to East Asia with Cru. David and Anna have decided to continue to minister within Cru to students in Duluth. David and Anna can be contacted at david.temple@cru.org or by phone 218-393-7842.

PRIMETIME ANNUAL PICNIC



PrimeTimers Annual Picnic: Is scheduled for Thursday, July 20, beginning at 11:30am in the air conditioned Nowthen Café. Bring picnic type foods to share! Following lunch, Helen and Graydon will share photos and stories about their recent visit to Maple Knoll B&B. Pastor Bruce will present on the Missions Trip to Ecuador. No charge and everyone is welcome. Contact Helen Peterson for more information.



Nowthen Threshing Show: As in the past, Nowthen will be forming a choir to sing during the Sunday, August 20 church service at the Threshing show. Jerri Schulz will be leading this special choir. Contact Jerri or Don Damborg at the church if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.



Membership class: On Sunday, August 6, following second service at 12:15pm, join the pastoral staff for a pizza lunch and a class about our denomination (C&MA). This class is a requirement for membership at Nowthen, however you are welcome to simply come to learn about our church. For more information or to sign up contact the church office at 441-1600.



Church Picnic and Baptism celebration: On Sunday, August 13, following second service, you are invited to a congregation picnic at Twin Lakes Park. The church will take care of piping hot chicken and ice cold lemonade. Each family should bring a side or dessert to share. Please bring lawn chairs if you have them! Following lunch at 12:30pm, there will be a number of activities for all ages so plan to stay. The highlight of the afternoon will be a baptismal service at 2:00pm. If you wish to be baptized please contact a pastor or the church office.