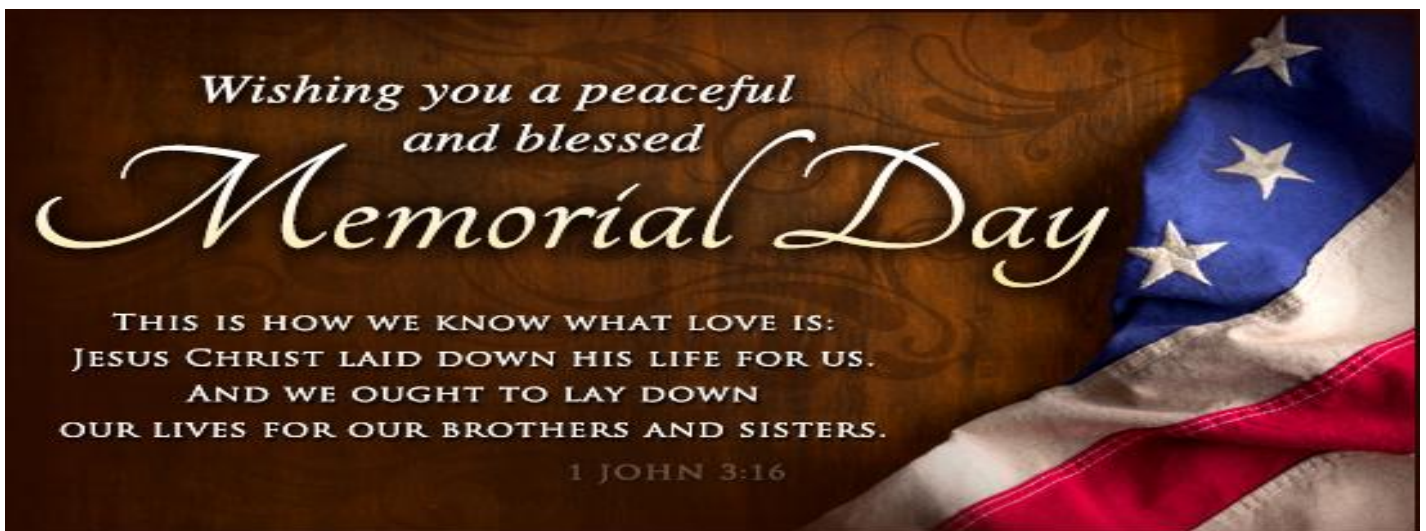


NORTHEN ALLIANCE CHURCH

Equipping people to find Life and Faith in Christ

This edition of the NAC eNews will focus on Memorial Day and the Volunteer Recognition Brunch on June 4. In addition, we will provide information on summer Adult Sunday School classes and the church website conversion. We will begin with a tribute to those who sacrificed so much for the freedom we enjoy in America.



Memorial Day. John recorded the words of Jesus in chapter 15 of his gospel. In verse 13 Jesus exclaims, "Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for another." Jesus was speaking of His love and His sacrifice to bring everlasting life to all who believe, yet the principle of this statement applies. Memorial Day exists to honor those who laid down their lives to keep our nation free. There are many ways that we can remember those who gave their all; perhaps you have a family or church tradition. Today, we will read a short tribute and recite a Memorial Day prayer. The following poem was written by a young gulf war veteran named Samuel Lombardo and is titled, "This is Memorial Day."

"This is Memorial Day in our land of the free. It's because of those who sacrificed, whose graves you're here to see. They fought on foreign lands, and across the open seas, and paid the ultimate price, to keep you and I free. So put all things aside and honor this important day, which we have dedicated as Memorial Day."

While simple and concise, it is free of political pomp, focusing on those deserving honor. Let us put all things aside and reflect on those who served and died. And as you do, read this simply Memorial Day Prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father,

With a sober heart we come before You this Memorial Day. We pause for a moment and call to mind all the men and women who have died in the service of our nation since 1776. Dear God, please look with mercy on our brave and selfless brothers and sisters, who did not shirk from their task but gave themselves completely to the cause of defending and protecting us all. Bless all who have given their lives for the sake of liberty, and grant them eternal rest with You. We remember also our brave men and women now serving in our Armed Forces, both at home and abroad. Dear God, send out Your angels to protect them. Help them discharge their duties honorably and well. Please bring them safely home to their families and loved ones. Please bring Your peace and mercy to our troubled world. We ask this, Father, in the name of Jesus. Amen."



Sunday June 4, 2017, from 9:30am - 10:45am in the Koinonia Kafe.

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. Join us on Sunday, June 4, from 9:30am until 10:45am in the cafe as we celebrate the many volunteers that make this church function. Enjoy Chef Denny's selection of pancakes, sausages, and fresh fruit. The staff have prepared a memorable program as a token of our appreciation - plan now to attend!



Summer Adult Sunday School Classes: The summer quarter of Sunday School begins on June 11 and two classes will be offered. Ron Boesiger will facilitate a study of Paul's letters to Timothy in room 206. The second class will be based upon the video series, "That the World May Know," by Ray Vander Laan. The class will view the sessions on the nation of Israel, the Promised Land. This class will meet in room 124.



Church Website Update: On Tuesday, June 6, the staff will be converting over to our new Elexio website. In addition to a significantly enhanced 'look and feel,' the new site will be directly tied to our church database and calendar. More information will be forthcoming but we do need to make you aware of a number of changes that may effect you. If you have information on the current website that you'd like archived, please contact Pastor Bruce immediately. Our ability to access the old website will be disabled in mid June.

If you currently enjoy the convenience of online giving, please be aware that the vendor for this service is changing as well. Your current online giving account will no longer be available after June 12. **Any gift scheduled to take place on June 12 or later will not be processed.** If you currently have recurring gifts set up, or would like to begin online giving, please log on to our new website, click on the GIVE tab on or after June 6, and follow the instructions to set up a new account.

As the DNS (domain name servers) are updated with our new website addresses, it is likely that users will experience errors in accessing the site. This should improve within a day or two of the cutover date. Likewise, church email addresses may not work as expected on June 6, however each staff member will retain the email addresses that we currently use. Use the following email addresses (or the phone) for important communications: nathan.kemper@gmail.com, bruce.powers@charter.net, jacobfamily@usfamily.net.



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. At this time we seek volunteers to provide labor - teams are scheduled on weekdays and Saturdays. Tim Frame and Pastor Bruce serve as NAC coordinators for the Vineland Ministry. To this point we have sent teams to clear brush and demolish the old building. Near the end of May they will need labor to tend blocks, later to assist in the construction phase. 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. For more information call or email Tim Frame at tframe59@yahoo.com.



Annual NAC Garage Sale: Mark your calendar, the annual NAC garage sale will be held June 22-24 in the cafe. Open Thursday and Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturday 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Please feel free to donate: gently used clothing and household items that are in good condition. No stains, rips, mattresses or baby equipment. Drop off donations on Wednesday, June 21 between 10:00am and 8:00pm. If it doesn't sell and you want it back, it must be picked up by 10:00am on Saturday. All remaining donations will be given to Good Samaritan. For larger donations and any questions, please call Carla Heino (763.439.8790) or Stacy Manske (763.360.3296). A tax deductible receipt from Nowthen Alliance church is available upon request. Financial donations are also welcome and appreciated. Make checks payable to "The Christian and Missionary Alliance," with Taiwan written in the memo line. All proceeds will go to support our International Partnerships in Taiwan.

Women's Ministry

The Revelation Wellness Fitness class continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 8:40am - 9:15am in the youth area. This class is led by Joy Chrest and will continue throughout the summer. Childcare provided, free will donation accepted. Love God, Get Healthy, Be Whole, and Love Others!



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). Actually, two separate groups of women meet each month: an evening group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm, and a day group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30am. For more information contact Anne Julik or the church office.



Mens Ministry: Join other Nowthen men each Saturday morning beginning with coffee and doughnuts at 8:00am. The study runs until 9:30am; contact Matt Barber or the church office for more information. The Tuesday morning mens group meets from 5:30am until 6:30am in the Board room. This group continues Max Lucado's study, "Ten Men of the Bible."



VBS (Vacation Bible School) will be held Monday July 31, through Thursday, August 3, 2017, from 9:00am - noon each day. Free registration for VBS opens in June.