



NORTHTOWN
CHURCH
Bringing people together and to God

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Carrots, Eggs & Coffee

A young woman went to her mother and told her how life was hard for her. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother went to the kitchen, filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let each of them boil for about twenty minutes.



Then, turning to her daughter, she asked, ' Tell me what you see.'

'Carrots, eggs, and coffee,' she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich flavor.

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were different, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

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Welcome to Northtown Church!

"Bringing people together and to God"

Come as you are. That's our request and welcome to you. You don't need to pretend anything while you are with us -- we accept you wherever you are on your spiritual journey. Open your heart and stay awhile and seek His truth together with us. We can have confidence that God is with us and He is in control. May you experience the joy and strength of Christian community as together we grow closer to God. Please be our guest, and come as you are.

The Quiet Room

If you desire to have an elder pray with you about any need in your life, you are invited to come to The Quiet Room in the southwest corner of the auditorium immediately after worship on any Sunday.

Talk With the Leadership

Open a conversation with the Leadership of Northtown Church! Perhaps you have a request, a suggestion or a question. If so, then contact us. Call any elder or minister – their names and phone numbers are on the back of this bulletin. We are always ready to talk with you, whether you're a guest here or a member.

VBS Thanks

Melinda Rhodebeck would like to give a big THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a success. Almost 100 different children attended VBS over the five nights, with an average crowd of about 55-60 kids each night.

Youth Group News

House Devo at the Anderson's - Food, fun, fellowship. Friday, July 10th from 6:30 to 9 pm. Pickup and drop off will be at the Anderson's.

Bowling at AMF Burleigh Lanes – Sunday, July 12th from 5:30 - 7pm. Pickup and drop off point will be at the bowling lanes. We'll play 3 games at \$1 each.

BBQ and V-ball - Event will be held at Travis' apartment, Saturday, July 25th from 3-6 pm. Kids will play volleyball, basketball, or ladderball, as well as fellowship and eat brats and/or burgers at the end.

WCYC Summer Sessions

Sessions for Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp in Black River Falls have begun for the summer. If you have children who are interested in attending, please pick up a brochure in the foyer, or see their website at www.wcyc.org.

Food Pantry Update



There is a higher demand on all food pantries during the summer because needy children are no longer receiving school lunches and breakfasts. Northtown Church distributes at least one box (and often more), of food each week to hungry families in our neighborhood. Please be generous in donating non-perishable goods to the church food pantry. Suggested items: **oatmeal, canned fruit, jelly, real fruit juice, canned meats and beans.** Personal care items are also needed such as bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. See Pat Steevens if you have any questions.

Theatre Outing

Brentwood is hosting an outing for its senior members to attend The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, WI on August 15th to see "The Witness." It is a Christian production about an adventure that begins in Jerusalem. It is an inspiring account of the rapid spread of Christianity throughout the world and the wonders of life in the first century. The cost to attend is \$61.95 per person, which includes gratuity. If you are interested in attending or have any additional questions, please contact Pearl Cannon at 414-438-0335.

Carrots, Eggs & Coffee - continued

Which are you? When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond?

Are you the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do you wilt and become soft and lose your strength?

Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did you have a fluid spirit, but after some trial, do you become hardened? Does your shell look the same, but on the inside are you bitter and tough?

Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

-Anon.

Servants for Service

This Week – June 21

Speaker: Keith Brumley
Announcer: Dave Spenner

Communion: Brian Crum
Prayer: Corwin Russell
Children's Church: Tim Anderson, Regina Anderson, Reina Anderson
Greeters: Ken & Peggy Koch
Ushers: Ken Zinkgraf, Bob Monroe

Next Week – July 5

Keith Brumley
Craig O'Leske

Darran Dunomes
Greg Davis
No Children's Church

Ken & Lindy Zinkgraf
Farshad Maltes, Greg Davis

Calendar of Events

6/21-7/4 WCYC Middle Camp
7/5-7/18 WCYC Intermediate Camp
7/19-8/1 WCYC Senior Camp
8/14-16 Youth retreat @ Beckers
8/29 Neighborhood Carnival

Birthdays / Anniversaries This Week

6/28 Leslie Klett
6/30 Margaret Brumley
7/2 Corwin & Renee Russell
7/3 Anneliese Vazquez

Our Giving

Offering Last Week: \$2,768
2009 Average: \$3,536
2008 Budget: \$3,590

•MAKING DISCIPLES•SAVING THE LOST•
•OBEYING OUR CHRIST•

Our Fellowship

Attendance Last Week: 142
2009 Average: 136

Mowing/Shoveling Schedule

6/28-7/4 Jim Skorik, Jeff Spenner,
Gregg Steevens
7/5-7/11 Farshad Maltes, J. McAdams,
Travis Murdock

Children's Memory Verse for June:

"Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."
- Romans 13:10

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Sunday Bible Class: 9 AM
Sunday Worship: 10 AM
Wednesday Class: 7 PM

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