

Northern Lights Newsletter

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The following devotional is from our District Secretary – Rev. Mark Hoult

Monumental Vision

Ezekiel, a priest, was among the first exiles taken from Judah to Chaldea. He was being called by God to serve as both prophet and priest. He would be an oracle for God in proclaiming the sin that brought judgment to Judah, and he would prophecy God's plan to free them from exile. He would also serve as the priest for the exiles to help them come to repentance and focus on following the Lord. God knew that, for Ezekiel to accept this monumental task, he must have a monumental understanding of who God is. In Ezekiel 1 God sends a graphic vision to Ezekiel showing His supremacy over the entire world. At the end of the vision Ezekiel proclaimed: **Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell on my face...**Ezekiel 1:28b

The task given the church is much the same: we are called to remind the world of God's impending judgment on all who live in sin. We live in a society that's saying God and church are irrelevant; in a culture that's saying most things that God calls sin are actually morally acceptable. Sins like sexual impurities, lying, manipulation, and deceit are embraced across our nation. The church must continuously affirm that there is only one Truth, and it is found in Jesus Christ alone.

We are also called to keep proclaiming the Gospel and the gift of salvation and eternal life God extends to all who repent in Jesus' name. As our society continues to change we find that message becoming ever less popular.

While it's easy to see that God has given us a monumental task, we are reminded in Ezekiel 1 that God will equip us for the work to be done. So the question is this: Is your vision of God monumental enough to motivate and sustain your efforts to fulfill His call? If not, ask Him for a fresh vision, and then prepare to see the likeness of His glory.

Camp 2019 Photo Album





Evangelist: Dr. Stephen Anthony



Northern Michigan District Leadership Training Day

Saturday, October 5, 2019

9:00am – 3:00pm

Cadillac Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene

8450 S. 29 Mile Road

Cadillac, MI 49601

TRAINING ITEMS:

- Nazarene Treasury System
- Church record keeping
- Clergy personal development & time management



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special training day. All pastors and leaders are encouraged to attend. Pastors will be able to receive Lifelong Learning credit for attending this event. In addition to the items listed above we plan to have training for establishing church security teams. Lunch will be provided - \$5.00 per person.

2019 Northern Michigan District Men's Retreat
Friday, September 20 - Saturday, September 21
Lost Valley Bible Camp – Gaylord, Michigan



Speaker: Dr. Ted Lee

*Location: Lost Valley Bible Camp
Located 7 miles west of Gaylord, MI on
M 32.*

*Time: Arrive any time Friday, check in
will begin at 3:00 pm. Start for home
Saturday approximately 4:00 pm*

*Meals Provided:
Friday dinner
Saturday breakfast & lunch*

Items to Bring with you:

*Pillow
Sleeping bag or blankets
Bible
Snacks
Sport equipment as desired*

Activities:

*Inspired preaching & small groups
Golf nearby at a cost
Trap Shooting
Pistol & Rifle Shooting
Basketball
Table Tennis
Fishing
Horseshoes
Deer rifle sight-in
Disc golf
Campfire*

Cost:

**\$60.00 if postmarked by
September 9, 2019
\$65.00 if postmarked after
September 4, 2019**

***Remove this section and return
with payment.***

Name _____

Church _____

Phone number _____

Emergency contact name & phone number

***Check should be made to:
Northern Michigan District***

***Complete registration form and mail
with payment to:***

***Rev. Catherine Greenhoe
PO Box 59
Alanson, MI 49706***

*Churches please send all registration forms
together with one check from the church,
if possible.*

Questions? Call Rev. Daryl Burt 989-254.3213

God's work done in God's way will never
lack God's supply. — Hudson Taylor



Ladies Retreat

Friday – Saturday, October 11-12, 2019
Evergreen Resort - Cadillac, MI

With Sue Duffield



Retreat Fee Options

- \$90.00 Friday – Saturday (4 per room)
- \$100.00 Friday – Saturday (3 per room)
- \$116.00 Friday – Saturday (2 per room)
- \$150.00 Friday – Saturday (1 per room)
- \$75.00 Friday – Saturday (no room)
- \$55.00 Saturday Only (includes 2 sessions & lunch buffet)
- \$30.00 Friday Only (includes session & hors d'oeuvre buffet)

Registration fees are non-refundable but transferable. All women 18 years of age and over are welcome.

Registration Deadline: postmarked Sept. 16th. Early Registration Special! – Enjoy a \$5.00 discount for room reservations postmarked by Sept. 3.

Questions? Contact Becky Ek 231-796-6036
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Retreat Schedule

Friday – October 11

3:00-6:45pm

Retreat Registration, Bookstore Open, Free Time, Dinner on your own.

3:00

Hotel Room Check-In

7:00pm

Welcome/General Session Keynote: Sue Duffield

8:00 – midnight

Hors D' Oeuvres, Bookstore, Pool, Sauna, Friends & Free Time, Personal reflection

9:30pm

Movie

Saturday – October 12

8:00am

Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:30am

General Session – Sue Duffield

10:30-11:00am

Break/Check Out

11:30am

Lunch Buffet

1:00pm

General Session – Sue Duffield

Evergreen Resort

7880 Mackinaw Trail – Cadillac, MI

- Check-In is 3 pm
- There is a pool and sauna, golf course, and fitness walk available on the property
- A complimentary continental breakfast is provided in the restaurant on Saturday

How to Register

Registration forms are available from the Women's Ministries Director at your local church or online at www.nmdnaz.org. Complete the registration form and make your check payable to Northern Michigan District Women's Ministries. Give your completed registration form and your check to your local Women's Ministry Director.

Questions/Need Help? Contact Becky Ek 231-796-6030 ekbecky@gmail.com



Sept. 5-7	ONU Theological Conference
Sept. 20-21	District Men's Retreat – Lost Valley Bible Camp
Oct. 5	Leadership Training Day – Cherry Grove
Oct. 11-12	District Women's Retreat – Evergreen Resort – Cadillac, MI
Oct. 23-27	ONU Homecoming
Nov. 1-3	Pastors and Spouses Retreat – Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn
Dec.7	District Ministry Team Christmas Gathering – Cherry Grove

District events, news, and prayer requests are updated regularly on the district website: www.nmdnaz.org

Little faith will bring your soul to
heaven, but great faith will bring heaven
to your soul. -Charles H. Spurgeon