

Northern Lights Newsletter

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A church plant update from Pastor Martin Hodge, Beaverton

At the 2015 Northern Michigan District Assembly, District Superintendent Dr. Jerry D. Porter asked, *"What if you had to choose between planting a church or going to hell?"* I think he phrased the question so it would be memorable. That question has me up at night thinking about what our church can do.

There are hundreds of reasons why I should not do this and many times I have been tempted to quit. We have had several setbacks in our journey. But that question remains fixed in my head because I know for someone, it is not hypothetical but reality.

We have decided to do something different. Over the years, I have learned that if you want a big Sunday, plan something that involves kids. Instead of planting a church with a children's program, we are planting a kid's church with an adult program.

Our plan is to be active in the local elementary school and create an exciting children's program where kids will want to come. We are already in the Beaverton Elementary School once a week and will start at the Gladwin Elementary School soon. We are doing high energy school assemblies that help us get to know the kids and the faculty. Our first school assembly will be at the Beaverton Elementary School on September 6. Please pray for us as we seek to build the Kingdom of God through planting churches.



Pastor Hodge with six of seven people that were baptized on September 1st.

Petoskey Church Plant Update



Petoskey Upper Room Church of the Nazarene held their first prelaunch service in April at the Petoskey High School. They have been meeting once a month since that time and are now going to begin regular Sunday Services on September 15, 2019, at 11:00am. They will meet at North Central Michigan College (rooms 1&2) 1515 Howard Street, Petoskey, Michigan. Keep Pastor Josh and Stefanie LaRoque and this new congregation in your prayers.

“The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.
– Martin Lloyd Jones



TRINIDAD and TOBAGO WORK & WITNESS TRIP 2020

Is God tugging at your heart-strings to go on a Work & Witness Trip?

There is still room for volunteers to sign up for the Work & Witness trip to Trinidad in February. Tentative dates (waiting on approval from Global) February 14-21, 2020. Plan to use your talents to make improvements on the Petit Church of the Nazarene and also to enjoy warm, tropical winds and ocean breezes in the middle of winter!

Please contact Jan Crockett at jan.crockett@cntrcs.org or 231-883-6354 if interested. You must have a passport for this trip. The first payment of \$500 is due upon signing up. Total cost of the trip is approximately \$1,800. Don't delay, time is passing very quickly!

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

Northern Michigan District Men's Retreat
Friday - Saturday, September 20 - 21, 2019



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 9, 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

Pastoral Ministry Team Retreat

Northern Michigan District Church of the Nazarene

Venue

Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

713 S. Main Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Friday - Sunday, November 1-3, 2019



Speaker

Dr. Ronald Blake
District Superintendent
Indianapolis District
Church of the Nazarene



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