

# Northern Lights Newsletter

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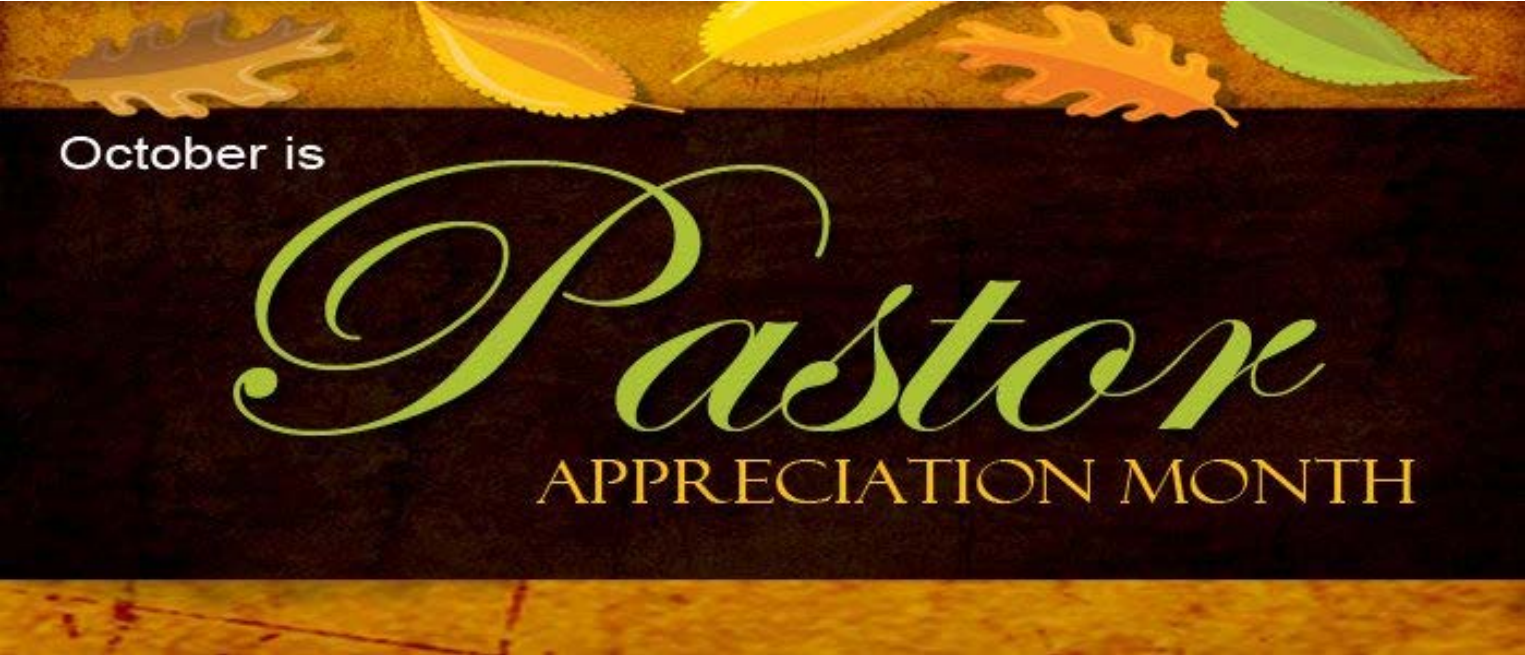
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Knowing we are aware that the month of October is set aside as Pastor Appreciation Month, I trust that you are purposing to show in tangible ways your love and support to your precious pastors. Undoubtedly throughout all the months of the year you express your appreciation for your shepherd, but please plan this month to make special effort to acknowledge your care for God's holy servants among us. The Scriptures give us this holy instruction: *We urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves (1 Thess 5:12-13).* We are instructed to *render... honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7).* May God help each of us show kindness to our shepherds in special and appreciable ways!

A beautiful description of the spiritual role of the pastor is given us in Hebrews. We are instructed to pray for and give heed to the shepherds among us *for they watch for [our] souls (Hebrews 13:17).* What a fearful and awesome responsibility. No one but a faithful pastor can tell of the prayerfulness in the watches of the night that comes from concern over a beloved parishioner. The Word instructs the shepherds: *Feed the flock of God that is among you, and watch out for them (1 Peter 5:2)!* This careful watching is both spiritually rewarding and taxing. And though I am certain that this spiritual labor is a labor of love, I also know that the burden is made lighter by the love and care which you give to your shepherd!

Bless your pastors with your prayers. Bless them with your strengthening words. Bless them with deeds of love. Bless them with gifts of appreciation.

Rev. Dan Gilmore  
District Superintendent



October is

# Pastor

## APPRECIATION MONTH

We love our Northern Michigan District pastors and staff!!! Be sure to let your pastor(s) know of your love and appreciation. And don't stop praying for them and their families.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy.

Philippians 1:3-4

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### 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.com](mailto:jan.crockett@cntrcs.com) 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 – 7:00pm

Cadillac Cherry Grove Church

8450 S. 29th Ave.

Cadillac, MI 49701

## TRAINING ITEMS:

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



## **POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2020**

Unfortunately this event has been postponed. Some of our presenters are having conflict with the date. We will keep our pastors informed and our website updated regarding this event.

Never run before God gives you His direction. If you have the slightest doubt, then He is not guiding. Whenever there is doubt – wait!

-Oswald Chambers



## 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](http://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



Oct. 8	District Advisory Board Meeting – Traverse City
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](http://www.nmdnaz.org)