February, 2023 e letter

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NORTHERN LIGHTS

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Greetings district family. As you look through this month's Northern Lights e-letter you will notice that there are many district events scheduled in the next few months. Please take time to look through the whole newsletter. You don't want to miss out on any of these great opportunities; couples events, youth events, women's events, and family events are all coming soon.

Our district fiscal year concludes at the end of February. Pastors and other church leaders are preparing for year end meetings and reports and we all are anticipating our 2023 District Conventions and Assembly coming in April. We will be holding all three auxiliary conventions (NDI, NMI, NYI) on Friday, April 14, and our assembly begins that Friday evening with a celebration worship service. Assembly continues with the business session that Saturday. Please know that these meetings are open to all and we look forward to this special time to gather as a district family to worship and celebrate God's goodness and grace. Dr. David Busic will be our presiding General Superintendent again this year.

Also now there is a new way to give to district ministries. On the last page of the newsletter there is a QR code that you may use to give financially to the Northern Michigan District. We appreciate your support in this way and most importantly remembering to pray for our great pastors and leaders across our district.

Blessings!

Dan Gilmore,
Superintendent

Psalm 150

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

MARRIAGE RETREAT

Cherry Grove and the Northern Michigan District will be hosting a marriage getaway at the beautiful Stafford Perry Hotel in Petoskey on February 10-11, 2023. This will be an intimate time to get away for rest and renewal.

The cost for this event is $75.00. (this does not include your hotel room) Registration information can be obtained at your local NMD Church of the Nazarene. Please contact Rev. Jeremy Gomez 231-775-8401 or revjgomez@icloud.com if you have any questions.

Whether newlyweds or marriage veterans, come to renew, restore and invest!

LADIES DAY

Saturday, April 22,2023
9am-3pm
Olivet Nazarene University
Centennial Chapel
Tickets: $30,
with lunch - $45.
Lunch tickets available through March 31, 2023.

Tickets available online at www.Shine.FM If you have any questions about this event, please call the Shine.FM studios at 815-939-5330

NYI EVENTS

Winter Whiteout

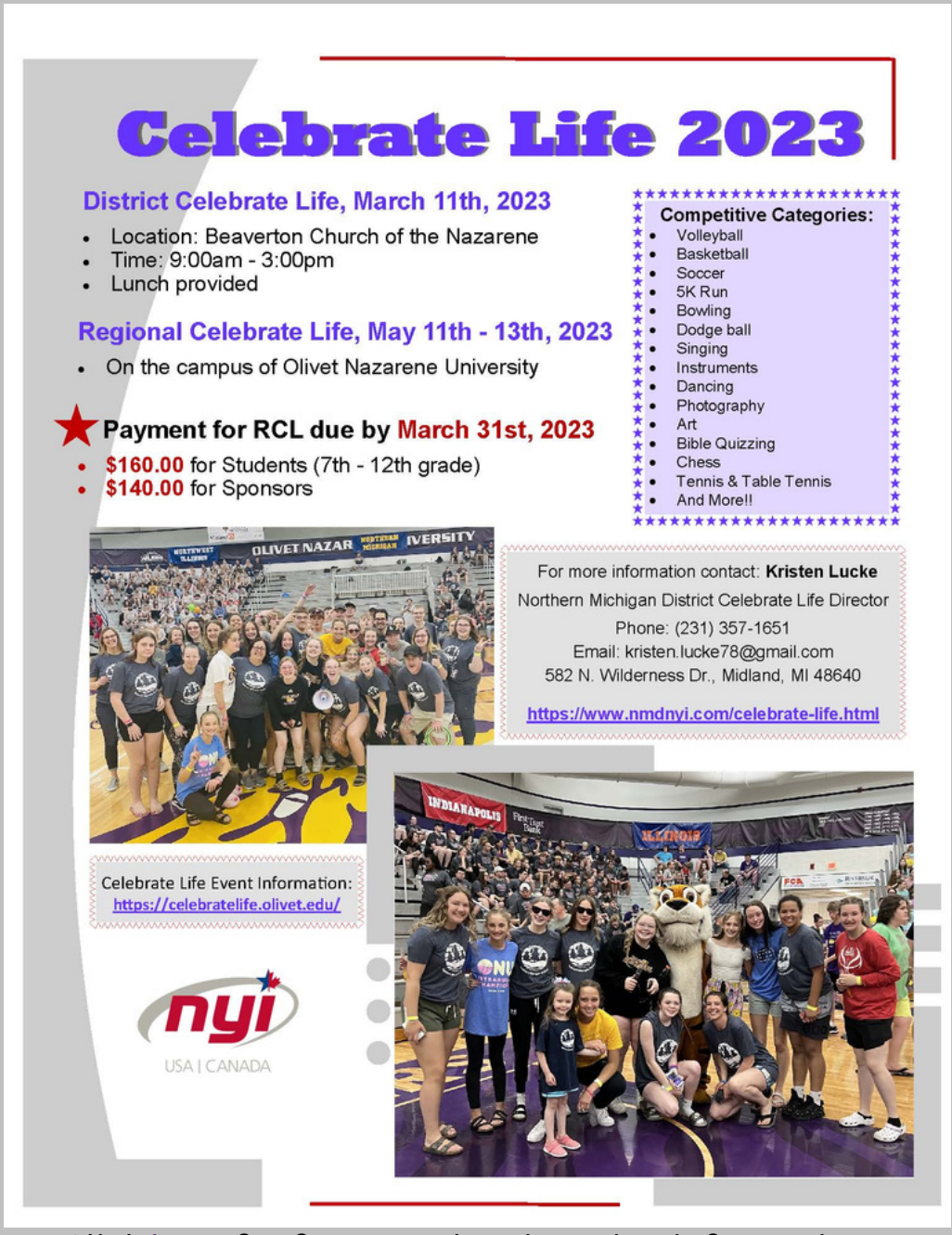
WHEN: February 10-12, 2023
WHERE: Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin, MI
WHO: youth grades 7-12
COST: $100 per person - payment can be made at the event.

SPEAKER: Michael Garza
MUSIC: *City on a Hill* - from Olivet Nazarene University

Please contact Rev. Gil Thibault at 989-264-4753 or gilfthibault@gmail.com or Rebecca Komlassan at rkomlassan@outlook.com if you have any questions.

Click here for information and forms.

CELEBRATE LIFE



Click here for forms and registration information.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Clare Church of the Nazarene
10160 S. Grant Ave, Clare, MI 48617

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NDI, NMI, & NYI Conventions will convene on **Friday, April 14, 2023**
Registration for all 3 conventions is from 9:00-9:30 am
Conventions begin at 10:00am

Lunch will be served. The cost is $10.00. Please RSVP if you will be having lunch by texting Jill Rice (231) 218-1134. There will be a reception for Local NMI Presidents at 4:00 p.m. Please RSVP for the reception by texting Jill Rice at (231) 218-1134. There is no charge for the reception.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

April 14- 15, 2023

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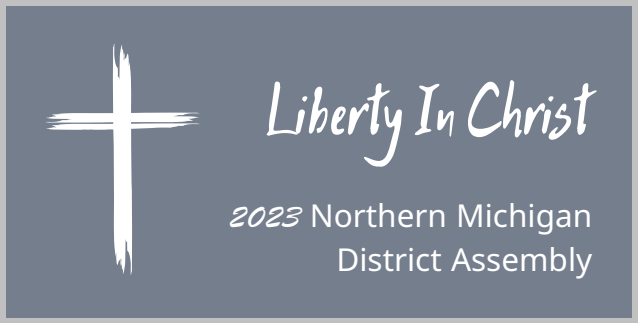

Friday Evening Celebration Service at 7:00 pm
Saturday registration begins 7:30am
Business session 8:30am to adjournment

Nazarene Missions International

NMI Convention Guest Speakers
Chad & Crystal Gibbons

Chad and Crystal Gibbons are serving as global missionaries to the Eurasia North Field. Chad is the Field Finance Coordinator serving the local churches, districts and leaders, allowing them to build the Kingdom while having the resources needed. Crystal is the Work & Witness Coordinator as well as the NCM Coordinator for the Eurasia North Field.

Chad served as senior pastor at Centerpointe Church of the Nazarene in Howell, Michigan for 7 years, while Crystal served as the Worship Director. They also founded the Livingston County Severe Weather Network. Starting as a cold weather shelter for those individuals experiencing homelessness in their neighborhood, it has grown into a fully funded, non-profit supported by dozens of local churches and national organizations.

Both being raised in Michigan, Chad and Crystal met and were married in 2001. They have 2 children and an adorable rescue dog named Moxie. Their daughter, Alaina is studying Music Education at Trevecca Nazarene University and their son, Carson is working for Coastwatch Europe in Dublin, Ireland.

NMI District Prayer Gathering
Sunday, February 26, 2023 4:00pm - 6:00pm

The NMI District Prayer Gathering for World Week of Prayer is Sunday, February 26 from 4-6 p.m. Join this time together (via zoom) as we gather with missionaries and guests from around the world to pray together. Joining our prayer time will be Chad and Crystal Gibbons - North Eurasia Field (Ukraine), Drs. Ben and Katherine Radcliffe - Papua New Guinea, Ashley Hoffner - Barranquilla, Columbia (South America), and Representatives from Nazarene Evangelical School - Beirut, Lebanon

To join this prayer gathering click this link

ONU+ at CLARE

ONU+ hosted at Clare Church of the Nazarene is a new opportunity for Christian higher education in our area. The "ONU+at Clare" program, accredited by ONU, is envisioned to provide higher education, build Christian maturity, and create a culture of community and purpose in our area. Target launch date is fall 2023.

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EQUIPPING LEADERS at Celebrate Life

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Regional Celebrate Life is an annual event on Olivet's campus for teens to attend and participate in a variety of competitions in sports, quizzing and fine arts. This year, we would like to offer opportunities for pastors and leaders to grow while they attend the event. We will be offering a variety of workshops for pastors and leaders to attend while they are on campus.

Participants who are already attending with their teens will be able to attend workshops in between the various competitions on campus. If you are not already planning to attend Celebrate Life, we'd love for you to join us! Mark your calendar for May 11-13 and watch your email for more information!.

Opportunities at ONU

PROTECT YOUNG EYES | DEFENDING KIDS FROM ONLINE DANGER

Sunday, March 19, 2023
5:00 - 6:30pm
Beaverton COTN
540 Lang Rd.
Beaverton, MI 48612

- Free event for parents
- Coffee & cookies provided
- Door prizes

Protect Young Eyes' mission is to show families, schools, and churches how to create safer digital spaces, This program will assist parents and caregivers in realizing the importance of creating digital trust in their homes. By presenting the awareness of hardware and software tools that will support safe digital goals, Protect Young Eyes will give practical solutions so that your family is prepared and protected online.

Please register here for this free event or scan the QR code ⟶

NYC23 Tampa Bay

NYC Mission Project

Travel size

- hand sanitizer
- deodorant
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- face wash or facial wipes
- shampoo
- body wash/soap
- pads/pantyliners - girls
- perfume/body spray - girls
- body spray (AXE) - boys

The youth that will be attending NYC in Tampa Bay in July will be handing out health kits as part of their mission project.
If you would like to help with this please collect the items on the list and bring them to District Assembly in April. If you have any questions please contact Rebecca Komlassan rkomlassan@outlook.com

CAMPS - 2023

CHILDREN'S CAMP - JULY 31-AUGUST 4
FAMILY CAMP - AUGUST 4-6

We have a lot of great things planned for camp - 2023. Mark the dates on your calendar and keep watching for announcements. Scan the QR code on the right

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to be added to our email list and to read more information regarding Family Camp.

Upcoming Events - 2023

Feb 10-11 - District Marriage Retreat- Stafford Perry Hotel, Petoskey, MI
Feb 10-12 - Winter Whiteout - Center Lake Bible Camp, Tustin, MI
Mar 2 - Year End District Advisory Board Meeting - Traverse City First Church
Mar 19 5:00 - 6:30pm - Protect Young Eyes - Beaverton COTN
April 14-15 - District Assembly - Clare COTN including NMI, NYI, NDI, conventions on Friday the 14th
June 9-16 - General Assembly - Indianapolis, Indiana
July 5-9 - Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC) Tampa Bay, Florida
July 31-Aug 4 - Children's Camp, Manton Christian Camp
Aug 4-6 - Family Camp Weekend, Manton Christian Camp
Oct 13-14 - Women's Retreat
Dec 2 - District Pastors Christmas Gathering - Traverse City

General Assembly & Conventions June 9-16, 2023 Indianapolis

General Assembly

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE

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Northern Michigan District Online Giving

We are excited to introduce a new online giving option for district ministries and events - District General Fund, PACE (Pastors and Churches Emergency) Fund, Benevolence Fund, Church Planting, District Camps, etc. Simply scan the QR code to access the online giving site.