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*Happy
New Year*

The North Iowa Presbyterian E-News is a bi-weekly joint newsletter for the Presbytery of North Central Iowa and the Presbytery of Prospect Hill. If you would like to contribute to the E-News, please contact Jeannie Stolee in the Presbytery office at 319-233-1747 or northiowapresby@gmail.com

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If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving this communication, please email or call Jeannie.

Please consider making copies of this E-News for your Session and also running several copies to make available to your congregation on your information table.

Normal Presbytery Office hours are Monday through Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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This is a very abbreviated edition of the E-News. Please watch for a full edition coming next week!



Presbytery of North Central Iowa Call to Presbytery Meeting

When: Monday, January 8, 2018

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: First Presbyterian Church
1300 4th Ave.
Ackley, Iowa

Purpose: To examine Erin Marth and Charlie Flick,
and to receive any other nominations



Annual Report packets have been provided to all churches in both Presbyteries.

Please return your annual reports to the Presbytery and to the General Assembly. Thank you!

Ordination of Erin Marth

When: Saturday, January 13
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Location: Eden Presbyterian Church
3105 Glass Ave.
Rudd, Iowa



Pending examination on January 8

North Central Iowa Mission Trip

We have a full slate of people participating in the Presbytery mission trip to Beaumont, Texas. We would like to have some money available to purchase and provide building materials and supplies. We will receive gift cards for Lowe's and Home Depot. Please mail them by January 26 to:

David Feltman
9206 Hess Rd.
Waterloo, IA 50701

New Elder Training

Saturday, January 20, 2018 / 9:30 AM—2:00 PM

**So you've been asked
to serve on Session?**

**We can help you feel equipped
to serve God and your local
church in this capacity!**

NCI Presbytery invites all ruling elders to this one-day training on what it means to be a Ruling Elder. By using the Book of Order, Scripture, and the constitutional questions asked at your ordination as elder, we will equip you to serve on your Session.

We will provide you a chance to get to know ruling elders from around the Presbytery, as well as deepen friendships with ruling elders currently serving in your own church.

This is a wonderful opportunity if you are new to serving on Session or are currently serving. We will meet in room 101 of the Reg Johnson building at Ellsworth Community College, Iowa Falls.

Lunch will be included.

The class will be led by three pastors who serve churches in our Presbytery.

**Please RSVP to Jeannie Stolee in the Presbytery
Office at
northiowapresby@gmail.com or 319-233-1747.**



A Day of Reflection on the Spiritual Disciplines

Led by: Rev. Dr. Thomas K. Tewell

Sponsored by: Presbytery of North Central Iowa

Date: February 15, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Cost: \$10.00

Location: Bethany Lutheran Church
2712 Washington Ave.
Iowa Falls, Iowa

This event is for all who want to deepen their faith.

Deep Roots in Turbulent Times A Study of the Spiritual Disciplines of the Christian Life

North Korea and the bomb...racism...a divided nation...issues of character...abuse...sexual exploitation of others...hurricanes...climate change...economic uncertainty...illness...loss...

Everywhere we turn, we face challenges and crises, as a nation and as individuals. **Where do we get the spiritual strength to face these vicissitudes of life with a strength based on faith?** How do we overcome the disillusionment and despair that characterizes so many in our world today? As we begin the sacred season of Lent, we will set aside a day to examine the spiritual disciplines of the Christian life, that when applied to our daily lives can give us a reservoir of strength to draw upon in turbulent times.

Specifically, **we will examine the five disciplines of worship, prayer, giving, study and service.** Join Tom Tewell for reflection on how we can put down deep spiritual roots, so that no matter what life brings our way, we will be able to stand and blossom rather than wither and fade. This seminar is designed for pastors, officers and lay leaders of congregations in Iowa. Don't miss this opportunity to put your roots down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love! If you do...you will experience the greatest Easter of your life!

Please register by contacting the Presbytery of North Central Iowa / 319-233-1747 / northiowapresby@gmail.com

February 16th—18th, 2018

Lakeshore Center's 2018 Men's Retreat—

VITAL SIGNS:

Have you had your annual *spiritual*?

Featuring Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell

For Men of all ages

Address 1864 Highway 86, Milford, IA 51351 Date Feb 16-18, 2018

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Each of us goes to see a doctor at least once a year for an annual physical exam, but what about our spiritual health? Are you overdue for a check-up?

Join us at Lakeshore Center on February 16—18 for a spiritual heart, eye, hearing, and lung exam with accomplished pastor and Executive Director of Macedonian Ministries, Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell. We'll get active with outdoor activities like ice fishing, hiking, and fire-building and come inside to worship together, learn about our spiritual health, and delve into what the Great Physician himself, Jesus Christ, has prescribed for us.

Check-in begins at 7pm, Friday the 16th and check-out time is 11am, Sunday the 18th. Snacks, Saturday meals, and Sunday breakfast will be provided. Pack comfortable clothes, outdoor winter gear, and your Bible.

*Register online by going to WWW.LakeshoreCenterAtOkoboji.ORG and clicking "Adults" under the "Retreats and Camps" tab. Then, click the "Register Now!" button and follow the directions from there. OR fill-in the form below then send it to Lakeshore Center (1864 Hwy 86, Milford, IA 51351). **REGISTRATION CLOSES FEBRUARY 2nd!***

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