

## Family Information

### VBS

There will be a post VBS meeting July 21st (TODAY) immediately after services. Lunch will be provided.

### Potluck

August 4th - Sunday Fellowship Potluck immediately following worship service in Room E41 & E42. This is a Great opportunity to spend family time together! Bring your favorite dish to share. Sign up Sheet on the bulletin board for your reference.

### School Supplies

We will offer school supplies again this year – to the neighbor children who come for Bible classes, to regular Clothing Closet shoppers who inquire, and to any members who have a need and let us know. We still have 20 backpacks from last year and so are not asking for those

#### The supplies needed this year are:

24 pack crayons  
#2 Pencils / pencil sharpeners  
Glue sticks (not bottles)  
Pink erasers  
Pocket folders  
Loose leaf wide ruled notebook paper  
Colored pencils  
Blunt tip scissors  
Pencil bags

\*\*These items are listed in relative order of need. We expect to serve possibly 30 children; and so asking for whatever you are able/willing to contribute. The collection tub will be set up in the foyer, or you may give directly to: Vicki Cowans or Robbie McVicker. Thank you Northland Family for your generosity in supporting our children!

### Family fun Night

Family Fun Night with the Daycare, Friday July 26th at the church from 6:30 to 7:30. See Josh Evans for further details.

### Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am  
Sunday Ghana Bible Study 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am  
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Sunday Spanish Worship 3:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm

**Minister:** Caleb Dillinger  
**Elders:** Roy Estep, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins  
**Deacons:** Lynn Champney, Perry Coate, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, Jack Evans, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva  
**Spanish Ministry:** Elmer Renderos

## Calendar

### July

21 Post VBS Meeting, After Services  
26 Family Fun Night With The Daycare  
31 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30 am

### August

2 TGIF At Building  
2 Teen Nerf War At Church  
7 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am  
16 TGIF At Building  
25 Canoeing at Trapper Johns After Church

### Baby Shower

Ladies of Northland, join us Sunday, August 11th for Micah Evans baby shower at 2:00 p.m. in room E41 & E42! She is registered at Target, Buy Buy Baby, and Amazon.

### For The Month of July

**Invitation/ Responses:** Jeff McVicker  
**Foyer Duty:** Jack Evans  
**Greeters:** Bobby and Emily Graham  
**Announcements:** Glenn Culler

### Communion Servers

**Frank Agyei**      **Patrick Boateng**  
**Lynn Champney**   **Isaac Kyeremateng**  
**James Milnor**     **Yaw Odoom**  
**Phil Stafa**         **Randy Yates**

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5816	\$5243
<b>Designated:</b>	\$85	\$172



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## In A Remote Place

### (Learning From The Cactus)

*As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food. Jesus replied, They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat. - Matthew 14:15-16*

We live in a remote place, where food for the soul is scarce. Yet we do not need to go away for nourishment, because the Lamb of God is near, and he nourishes us with the living water and living bread that comes from heaven. It is dark in this world, but we do not need to go someplace else for guidance, because Jesus is with us and he is our light.

This world has so few of its prizes and possessions, yet Jesus reminds us not to pursue them, because instead God has brought us far better things, blessings that will never fade, and even in this world's spiritual droughts and famines, God can satisfy our souls when we walk by faith - *We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish, they answered . . . Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. - Matthew 14:17-20*

Cactuses live in remote places, deserts where water is scarce. So when God brings them water from heaven, he has prepared them for these times of rain. The cactus does not grow long, thick roots, instead they grow many short, thin, delicate roots, so when it rains they may soak up every drop that falls near them.

When we are weary, we don't need to go someplace else to be renewed, for Jesus has brought the Word near us all. We don't long roots to get spiritual nourishment from a distant place, for God gives his Spirit to those who walk by faith in Jesus. Our Father in heaven simply calls us to keep our hearts soft, fix our eyes on Jesus, and absorb every word that God tells us.

Even in the world's remote places, God never runs out of grace or compassion or understanding, and he pours them out abundantly on those who open our hearts to him - *The disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. - Matthew 14:20-21*

Cactuses are also equipped with thick, waxy stems, to protect the precious water God gives them, so that it may sustain them in the desert. Likewise, God calls us to treasure his words, to meditate on them. When we ponder God and his words, he will show us blooms of grace in the desert and blossoms of truth in this remote place - just as the beautiful flowers of cactuses reassure us.

- Mark Garner

## Jesus' Patience

Jesus said to Thomas, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed." (John 20:29) These words were wonderfully pertinent, and they can be of very great help to us. They demonstrate once again how much he cares for our souls, for he is good, and as Scripture says, "He wants everyone to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4) Even so, this saying of his may surprise us.

As always, Christ had to be patient with Thomas when he said he would not believe, and with the other disciples too, when they thought they were seeing a ghost. Because of his desire to convince the whole world, he most willingly showed them the marks of the nails and the wound in his side. Because he wanted those who needed such signs as a support for their faith to have no possible reason for doubt, he even took food, although he had no need for it . . . But when anyone accepts what he has not seen, believing on the word of his teacher, the faith by which he honors the one his teacher proclaims to him is worthy of great praise.

Blessed, therefore, is everyone who believes the message of the holy apostles who, as Luke says, were eyewitnesses of Christ's actions and ministers of the word. If we desire eternal life and long for a dwelling place in heaven, we must listen to them.

- Cyril of Alexandria  
(AD 375-444)

## I Will Love Jesus

I will love Jesus and serve Him, for see  
How the dear Savior has watched over me!  
How He has guarded and guided my way!  
How He has kept me, by night and by day.

I will love Jesus and learn of His will,  
Trusting Him ever, through good and through ill;  
Seeking His blessing, where'er I may be,  
Knowing He cares for the sparrows and me.

I will love Jesus, and, sure of His love,  
I shall be safe as the blessed above.  
Oh! When He calls me to glory on high,  
How we will praise Him, the angels and I!

Him will I love, and His will I be,  
All because He has first loved me;  
Him will I love, and His will I be,  
All because He loves me.

- Sophia Taylor Griswold, 1877

## In God's Wisdom He Made Them All

*This summer, some of Northland's members are writing about things that God created, and what they tell us about our Heavenly Father and about our walk with him. This week, Vicki Cowans writes about rabbits and what they tell us about God.*

### God Created All Things Cottontail

*Praise the Lord from the earth . . . wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.  
- Psalm 148:7, 148:10*

If asked to name my favorite creature in God's creation, that's easy for me. It's Frank! But a close 2nd would be the bunny rabbit. From wild rabbits, to lop ears to Flemish Giants to Netherland Dwarfs, I have a strong affinity for all things cottontail. God gave the rabbit lots of interesting characteristics. The long ears for hearing, eyes which allow for almost 360 degree vision, and excellent sense of smell, they are keen to sense danger and also warn other rabbits of danger by thumping strongly with the hind legs. Highly curious as well, rabbits investigate their world using the teeth. Cute, unless you have a sofa or computer wire under investigation!

Domestic rabbits are affectionate and personable as well. They demonstrate feelings of happiness and contentment by: running around your feet in circles, demanding head rubs, flopping on their sides to relax, tooth-clicking, and what's termed as binkying – the act of leaping up in the air and twisting about. Seeing a happy rabbit makes me happy as well! Even better is knowing that God created bunnies for my particular enjoyment. He is Good – all the time – and in all ways, even to allowing us joy from His creation.

- Vicki Cowans

