

## Family Information

### Today's Sermon Title

*Heal Like Jesus*

### Theme Passage

*Matthew 4:23-24*

### Winter Sunday Morning Bible Class

**January** - The Lord Knows Those Who Are His:

A Study Of 2 Timothy.

**February** - God's Transcendence: Who Is God? (this will be a prelude to this Summer's study comparing John & other religions)

### Save the Date

May 3-4, 2019 Ladies Retreat at Heartland Conference Center.

### Children's Classes

We are looking for help on Wednesday nights with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade class. Any amount of time is fine. Please see Tara Bell or Patricia Stevens.

We are also looking for help with the young children's classes on Sunday during worship. Could you teach/play with the kids for one month out of the year? Materials are provided. Please see Hilary Johnson.

### Contribution Statements

The contribution statements for 2018 are available in the church office. Please see Pam Estep or Glenn Culler to pick up your statement.

### Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to Mark and Linda Garner over the passing of Mark's Father last Sunday, please keep them both in your prayers.

### 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

### January

30 Singing At Willow Brook Village 10:30am

### February

1 TGIF 6:30pm  
 3 Services At Willow Brook  
 6 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30am  
 9 Euchre Tournament 5-9pm  
 10 Single Sisters Lunch  
 15 TGIF 6:30pm

**For The Month of January**  
**Invitation/ Responses:** Jeff McVicker  
**Foyer Duty:** Josh Evans  
**Greeters:** Mike and Leisha Evans

### Communion Servers

Frank Akyei	Patrick Boateng
Lynn Champney	Bill Chavis
Isaac Kyeremetang	Phil Stafa
Yaw Teiki	Randy Yates

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$570	\$3558
<b>Designated:</b>	\$	\$103



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## It Is Written

### (With Some Yogi Berra Quotes)

*Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread. Jesus answered, It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. - Matthew 4:1-4*

God cares for us and he understands us; and he has written that we do not live on bread alone, for our souls have deeper needs that can be satisfied only with things that last. When our spirits hunger in this wilderness, God nourishes us with his words and with the living bread of Jesus.

Once, when Yogi Berra was at the peak of his baseball career, he had a few bad games. When a writer asked him if he was in a slump, Berra calmly answered, "I'm not in a slump. I'm just not hitting well." Yogi knew this happened to even the best players, so he wasn't going to panic. Likewise, we all will have bad days when God doesn't seem as near, or when we have a hard time praying or reading, or when we struggle with sin. God hasn't left us, his compassion for us is just the same, and he will strengthen us and will keep us close with him.

*Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. If you are the Son of God, he said, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you . . . so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Jesus answered him, It is also written: Do not put the Lord your God to the test. - Matthew 4:5-7*

The accuser's cruel snares and the world's loud voices try to provoke us to do unwise things, yet God's voice is full of grace and truth. God has written not to put him to the test, for our Father in heaven has shown us his care for us in so many ways. One of Yogi Berra's best-known quotes is, "You can observe a lot by just watching." Likewise, when we keep the eyes of our hearts open, we will observe a lot about God just by watching. We have seen God's compassion and understanding on the cross, in the things he created, in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. All this I will give you, he said, if you will bow down and worship me. Jesus said to him, Away from me, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. - Matthew 4:8-10*

This world's kingdoms and its wealth do not last; so God has written to worship him only, for his compassion and the purposes of his heart endure forever. And as Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up someplace else." Likewise, God gently calls us to walk by faith in Jesus, for his path leads us to eternal life with him.

- Mark Garner

## Thoughts From Russia

*These are some excerpts from Vlad Osinovskiy's latest letter from Barnaul, Russia. His complete report is on the bulletin board, with details of the ministry in Russia, along with pictures of some of our brothers and sisters in Jesus there.*

Peace, grace and mercy be with you, our dear Christian family!

"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

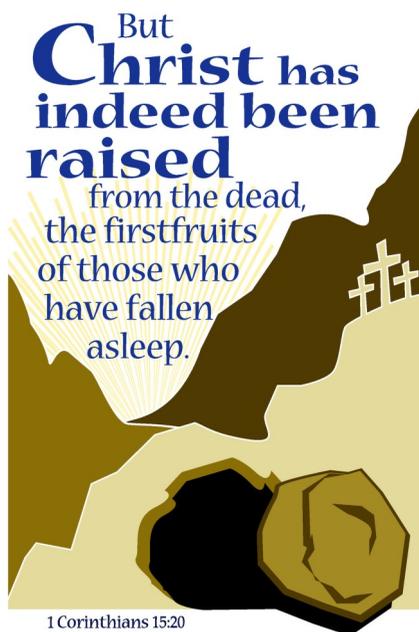
God is the giver of every good and perfect gift, but amongst all His gifts the one of greatest importance to us is the gift of His Son to be our Redeemer.

"This is the will of God, your sanctification" (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

Everything else, therefore . . . is subservient to this most important work within. For, as the apostle by inspiration declares, though we should preach the gospel eloquently to others, and though we should give all our goods to feed the poor, or become martyrs for a good cause, - without love, the Spirit of Christ and the Father, developed in us as the ruling principle of life, we would be nothing, from the divine standpoint . . .

At the end I want to remind us of the wonderful words of Paul: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor.15:58).

- Vlad Osinovskiy



## The Bread & The Cup Of The Lord

*Over the next few weeks, some of Northland's members are writing about what the Lord's Supper means to them, and about their thoughts as we take it together. This week, Tanya Milnor shares her thoughts.*

### Jesus Is Here

"Have you seen Jesus my Lord; He's here in plain view."

*"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes . . . Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, 11:28*

*"Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf." -1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

Take time to listen to God when He communicates with us. What does God communicate to us when we meditate on the Lord's Supper? Do we have the same seriousness of mindset or concerns that God meant for this topic to have; or do we allow the human concerns of the world to somehow filtrate their way into this topic?

Jesus being the indescribable gift and the concept of giving, often comes to mind when I think of the Lord's Supper. Consider allowing yourself the pleasure of pondering the following thoughts during the Lord's Supper:

- Jesus paid the price for my debt.
- Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving.
- Proclaiming the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Cor. 11:26)
- The power we have from God's forgiveness.
- Focusing on Jesus when thinking about the concept of giving. (Romans 8, James 1:17, 18)
- What He gave
- What we received

*"So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him." -Hebrews 9:28 NIV*

I pray that God will continue to help us understand, love and accept the blessings that are attached to eagerly awaiting through the Spirit by faith, the righteousness for which we hope. Faith expressing itself through love/ Christ, is the only thing that counts (Gal. 5:5-6).

-Tanya Milnor