

## Family Information

### Today's Sermon Title

*God in Our Past: The Message of Ruth*

### Theme Passage

*Ruth (yes, all of it!)*

### Intimacy With God Thru The Psalms

Come explore the closeness of our God in this Spring Sunday morning Ladies Bible Class starting **TODAY** at 9:30 a.m. in Room E31. All participants are welcome to share their favorite Psalm that assures us our God is near! Various women from the Body will facilitate the 13-week class. All are welcome to facilitate and join the class. See Karen Susenna or Robbie McVicker for further details.

### Spring Sunday AM Class

This Spring, the Sunday morning adult class will be "The One Who Calls Us Is Faithful", a study of 1 Thessalonians. The class is open to everyone, and it will be taught by several teachers. The Spring class begins **TODAY**, and it will meet in E41/42.

### 2nd Annual Ladies Renew & Refresh Retreat Friday May 3rd 6:00 pm - Sat. May 4th 3:00 pm

Heartland Retreat Center Marengo Ohio Cost is \$70 for the Retreat overnight stay and 3 meals. The first \$35 is due by March 24th. The final \$35 payment is due by April 14th. God makes us stronger and more beautiful in our broken places. Ladies are invited to join this 2 day retreat to grow closer to God and to each other. Please be praying that this retreat brings Glory to our Lord and Savior.

Please make checks payable to Northland Church of Christ. Please give your payments to Vicki Cowans or Robbie McVicker.

## Calendar

### March

- 6 Singing At Willow Brook Home 10:30 am
- 10 Single Sisters Lunch
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Movie Night
- 22 Teen Game Night
- 31 Area Wide Worship At Spring Road

**Thank You** - Sandy and I have been uplifted by the outpouring of love and concern we received while I was in the hospital for my illness and again for my surgery. We believe the prayers led to good results. We also appreciated the visits, texts, calls and food, plus the follow-up after each event. God has blessed us with a loving congregation.

Your Brother in Christ, Dan Loy

**For The Month of March**  
**Invitation/ Responses: Mike Evans**  
**Foyer Duty: Bobby Graham Jr.**  
**Greeters: Mike and Leisha Evans**

### Communion Servers

James Allison	John Allison
Glenn Culler	David Estep
Gary McMasters	Leon Norwood
Frank Rynearson	Art Silva

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3739	\$4897
<b>Designated:</b>	\$130	\$177



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## The Light Of The World

(Learning From Arctic Terns)

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. - John 8:12*

Light is a common image in scripture, for the difference between light and darkness represents so many things. Light guides us and helps us find the way, while darkness leaves us lost and stumbling around. Light gives us hope, while darkness leaves us confused. Jesus came to bring light for our souls, hope to our spirits, and to show our anxious hearts the path ahead.

Jesus came to be the light of the world, for he knows where he came from, and he knows where he is going. Jesus came from God, and wants to take us with him to God's heavenly dwelling - *The Pharisees challenged him, Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid. Jesus answered, Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. - John 8:13-14*

The arctic tern is a bird slightly larger than a robin. It spends the summers in the Arctic Circle, and like many birds it migrates south in the autumn. Yet unlike most birds, the arctic tern isn't seeking warmth, for it takes the long trip all the way to Antarctica, where it spends the next several months. So the arctic tern's seasonal migrations are longer, by far, than those of any other animal. Arctic terns do this because they seek the light; and as a result, they live in constant sunlight during the Arctic summer, then live in constant sunlight during the Antarctic summer. The light helps them find food even when it's scarce, helps them live healthy lives, and constantly warns these vulnerable creatures of danger.

Likewise, walking in the light of Jesus is good for our souls, it helps nourish our spirits, it alerts us of spiritual dangers, and most of all it helps us get to know even better our Father in heaven - *Then they asked him, Where is your father? You do not know me or my Father, Jesus replied. If you knew me, you would know my Father also. - John 8:19*

As a flock of arctic terns prepares to take flight, these friendly, talkative birds suddenly become silent, as they reflect on the journey ahead. We too have a journey ahead of us, so God reminds us to take some time to contemplate his understanding and his compassion and his splendor. The light of Jesus helps us see truths that set us free from the world's futile ways - *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:31-32*

So, as Isaiah wrote, *Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord (Isaiah 2:5)*, for Jesus is the Way, he tells us truths that give us an enduring hope, and he is our life.

- Mark Garner

### Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Ghana Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am
Sunday Ghana Worship Service	10:30 am
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

## Leaf From Leaf

Leaf from leaf Christ knows;  
Himself the lily and the rose:

Sheep from sheep Christ tells;  
Himself the Shepherd, no one else:

Star and star He names,  
Himself outblazing all their flames:

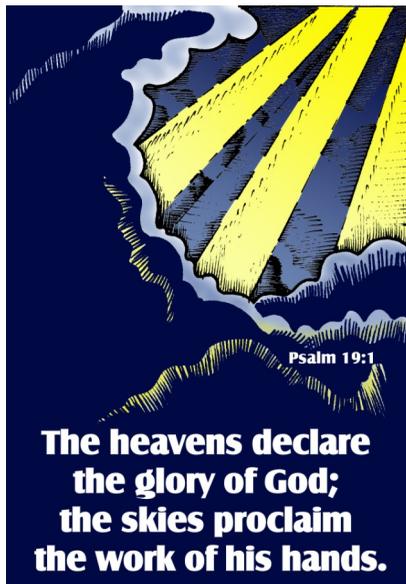
Dove by dove, He calls  
To set each on the golden walls:

Drop by drop, He counts  
the flood of ocean as it mounts:

Grain by green, His hand  
Numbers the innumerable sand.

Lord, I lift to Thee  
in peace what is and what shall be.

- Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)



## From The Northland Archives

*This article appeared in the Northland Church of Christ bulletin on October 9, 1988. It was written by Neal Milligan. Neal was a Youth Minister at Northland for several years in the late 1980s and the early 1990s.*

### The Living Stream

I slammed the door and stormed out of the house . . . this fight with my parents was a bad one. In fact, I considered running away from home. I walked into the woods behind our house and headed for the big tree by the side of the creek. I would go to this spot to meditate and think about "big problems". I sat down and leaned up against the trunk of the tree.

The shade was cool and felt good. The stream gurgled and bubbled past. Suddenly, a frog jumped into the pool of water in front of me. I leaned forward and looked down at the ripples left in the water. As I looked, I noticed a school of minnows swimming past. On the opposite side of the creek a waterbird was catching insects in the shallow area. As I focused on that stream and the life found in and around it, I suddenly found myself becoming calm and peaceful. The fight with my parents seemed far away. Within a few minutes, serenity and order were returned to my mind. Today, I cannot remember what that fight was about, but I do remember that stream.

I view Jesus as being like that stream. In John 7:37-38, Jesus says He is the source of "living water". He is the stream in which life can be found. Today, when I have trouble with family, friends, church, job, or myself, I go sit by that "stream of life". There I observe and enjoy the life which is in and around Jesus. He, like that creek back home, restores order and peace to my troubled mind. If you ever find yourself feeling scared, angry, confused or frustrated, and your mind is whirling with different thoughts and emotions, go sit by that stream of life. There Jesus will give you an inward peace and calmness for your soul.

- Neal Milligan,  
October 1988

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## God & Eternity

What are you, Lord, what are you,  
What shall my heart understand you to be?  
You are in very truth, life, wisdom and truth,  
You are goodness, blessedness, eternity and all true good.  
So many things you are; my narrow thought  
cannot behold them in a single glance  
In order to delight in all at once . . .  
Whole and everywhere at every time  
Yourself and your eternity exist as one.

- Anselm of Aosta (1033-1109)