

## Family Information

### Thoughts to Consider

- 1) How have I been representing Christ during this pandemic?
- 2) What Scriptures speak about peace?
- 3) How can I encourage another Northland Brother or Sister?

May Challenge: Each week of this month, find someone you've wronged and offer an apology.

### On-Line Bible Class

The Sunday afternoon on-line Bible will continue until we're able to resume assembling safely on Sundays. The current study is "God Is Not Far", based on Acts 17:16-33. The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Steve will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM.

### More On-Line Studies

**Sunday Evening 5:30-6:30 PM** - A Bible Study led by Jim Robbins. Contact him for details.

**Every Other Friday** at 7:00 PM, starting in May - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

**2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the Month at 7:00 PM - Devotional and Prayer with Jeff McVicker. Contact him for details.

### Mothers Day

Next Sunday is Mothers Day, please remember to honor all mothers next Sunday. A Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved.

### Prayers Requested

Bobbie Paden, Mike's mother passed into Glory April 30 at 9:20am Arizona time. A memorial service will be scheduled in a few months in Lubbock, once travel and confinement restrictions are lifted. Please pray for Mike and family .

### 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, Luis Valdez

## Calendar

### From The Elders & Minister

All assemblies on church property continue to be canceled for the time being.

We continue to prayerfully discern the right time to gather again and how exactly we will do that - things will not go back to "normal" on that first Sunday we gather back, but we want to be wise in the restrictions we place. So we are still waiting, praying, and discussing, and as soon as we figure out the best way and best date, we will let everyone know. As church leadership, we very much miss you, but your safety and the safety of those we minister to are of great concern to us.

Caleb's weekly sermons will continue to be uploaded on Sunday mornings to Northland's web site, Facebook, YouTube, and RightNow Media. This week we'll be adding an Instagram live devotional this Wednesday (time TBA).

We have some prepackaged communion supplies that we could distribute. If that's something you'd like mailed or brought to your doorstep, please let us know.

You can continue your weekly offerings and contributions. You can mail this in at any time to the church address or you can go to our website and click the "Donate Now" button.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3703	\$4744
<b>Designated:</b>	\$25	\$105



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## The Lord Alone Is God

(With More "Prayers From The Ark")

*You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long . . . I put my trust in you. You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you. - Psalm 86:2-5*

The Lord alone is God, and he lives in a high and holy place, yet he is near when we call on him from our hearts. Our Father in heaven is full of truth and mercy and compassion, he is our hope all day long. God answers us in times of peace and in times of distress; he answers us in times of thanksgiving and in times of fear - *Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. - Psalm 86:6-7*

The prayers in Carmen Bernos de Gasztold's book "Prayers From The Ark" reflect the different joys and fears and hopes and concerns of the various animals. Similarly, every day each of us also has our own things to thank God for and to ask God for and to talk about with God. In this world, we will have good days and bad days, while some days will hold both joys and fears.

In de Gasztold's book, a young horse's prayer reflects both sides of this; the foal has many things to thank God for, yet it has fears that only God could calm. The young horse thanks God for its legs and the grass and the breezes, while it also prays about its fears, "Dear God . . . let Yourself be moved by my plaintive whinny . . . watch over me and hush my fear." Likewise, God gives us many kindnesses every day, and he is always near when we need him to calm our anxious hearts.

*For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God . . . give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. - Psalm 86:10-11*

Another prayer in Carmen's book comes from a thankful cricket who is well aware of its smallness, and prays "thank you for having shed your warm sun and the quivering of your golden corn on my humble life. Then take . . . this little impulse of my love: this note of music You have set thrilling in my heart." We also are small, yet God is pleased to give us life and breath and everything else, and he rejoices in being with those who seek him and praise him with all our hearts - *I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. For great is your love toward me: you have delivered me from the depths. - Psalm 86:12-13*

"Prayers From The Ark" closes with a prayer from a humble dove who thanks God for getting the ark through everything and acknowledges its need for God and his guidance, "I am the dove, simple as the sweetness that comes from you", and it just asks God to let it find "a sprig of hope and joy." We too understand so little, yet our Heavenly Father gives us many sprigs of hope and joy, and he gives eternal life with him to those who walk in the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner

## The Qualities Of God's Mercy

*Trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. - Psalm 52:8*

Meditate a little on this mercy of the Lord. It is tender mercy. With gentle, loving touch, he heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.

He is as gracious in the manner of his mercy as in the matter of it. It is great mercy. There is nothing little in God; His mercy is like Himself - it is infinite.

You cannot measure it. His mercy is so great that it forgives great sins to great sinners, after great lengths of time - and then gives great favors and great privileges, and raises us up to great enjoyments in the great heaven of the great God.

It is undeserved mercy, as indeed all true mercy must be, for deserved mercy is only a misnomer for justice. There was no right on the sinner's part to the kind consideration of the Most High. If the rebel been doomed at once to eternal fire, he would have richly merited the doom, and if delivered from wrath, sovereign love is the only cause, for there was none in the sinner himself.

It is rich mercy . . . It is abounding mercy. Millions have received it, yet far from its being exhausted; it is as fresh, as full, and as free as ever.

*- Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)*



...HOW WIDE AND LONG  
AND HIGH AND DEEP  
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

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## The Lord Himself Is Our Rock Eternal

*This world is full of uncertainty, yet the Lord himself is our Rock eternal. This week, Becca Evans writes about what it means to her to know that God is always our Rock, and how this can help us.*

### God Is My Rock

The Lord Is The Rock Eternal. This is a Truth I have leaned on for many years (well, maybe not *many* years, but a good fraction of my life!!)

When I was little, it was so easy to have faith in God. I believe that is why Jesus calls us to be like children in Matthew 18. When we were little, we were full of so much love and faith, and we didn't see flaws in people (except for the people who told mom that we broke the plate when we really didn't). I loved how easy it was to trust in God and feel sure that He was there. I remember talking to Him like He was a friend, and even pouting at Him a few times when I didn't get my way.

When I got older, this went away. I have a note that I wrote to myself in my email when I was 15-it began with, "I will ALWAYS be secure. God is my Rock" and ended with "I will ALWAYS be secure". I remember the day I wrote that note, and let me tell you, I did not feel secure at all. I was super confused about life and was tired of not having the relationship with God that I used to have. I was beginning to have questions about God and His Word, and felt afraid to find out the answers. But, I wrote in that email that I was secure in Him - because even though I didn't feel it, I knew He was my Rock.

Since then, I have depended on that Truth to get me through tough times. I have at times been so down on myself, and have wondered where God is. But even in those times when I haven't been sure if God is really there, I have told mean ole satan that no matter what things he tries to tell me, I will always serve my God. I also tell him that even though I don't really feel God, I know He is there, so nice try satan.

Ok, so what "The Lord Is The Rock Eternal" means to me is that God is steady, and always there, even though it doesn't always feel like it. Tough times come but He is with us through all of it.

At Winterfest this year, we focused on the stories in Daniel. The story of the fiery furnace had a message that stuck with me. The speakers at Winterfest pointed out verses 17-18a in chapter 3, "If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not..." But if not! What a verse. God will take care of us, but if we face trials, He is still so faithful. He is steady and always our Rock.

Today, there is a lot of uncertainty. Humans don't know what's going on right now - even the experts aren't sure. But ya know who does know what's going on?! Our God. During all the uncertainty in the world, we can be certain that God is our Rock.

*- Becca Evans*