

## 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 Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

This week, the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class will begin a new series. The study will be "The Bread Of Life", based on John 6:25-69. The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Mark will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM.

### More On-Line Studies

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

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

Tuesday, May 19 - Devotional and Prayer with Jeff McVicker. Contact him for details.

Caleb's weekly sermons continue to be uploaded on Sunday mornings to Northland's web site, Facebook, YouTube, and RightNow Media.

## Calendar

### From The Elders & Minister

First, all assemblies on church property continue to be canceled for the time being. We've been in continuous talks with each other and with area churches of Christ, and decided the wisest course of action is to continue waiting. We are meeting again at the end of the month to see if God has made the path more clear.

Second, it has been decided that the church activities and practices will also be resumed in phases. For some undetermined period of time, the only activity at the church building will be Sunday morning worship and Wednesday evening Food pantry. Bible classes, clothing closet, fellowship meals, etc will not start up at the same time. This sadly means Vacation Bible School (VBS) which typically takes place in June will be postponed to another time. We'll continue to utilize Zoom through the month of June to provide space for classes and devotionals.

Third, whenever we return to collective worship, it will be with additional precautions and safety measures. There are numerous practical questions we are looking to answer, and when we decide to meet together we'll have a well informed guide for what we are doing and why. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek out wisdom from our Heavenly Father.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5154	\$4712
<b>Designated:</b>	\$25	\$97



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## Come, All You Who Are Thirsty

(With Thoughts From Franz Joseph Haydn & Christina Rossetti)

*Come, all you who are thirsty; come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. - Isaiah 55:1*

When our hearts are parched by the withering emptiness of this world, God gently calls us to come to him so that he may renew us with the water of life. When our spirits are discouraged by this world's futility and fears, our Heavenly Father patiently calls us to come to him so that he may fill us with the living bread of Jesus, the bread from heaven that satisfies the longing in our souls.

When we get distracted by the world's noise and confusion and its false promises, God quietly calls us to listen to him, for he knows our hearts and he knows our inmost being, and he will give us what calms our anxious spirits and that is good for our souls - *Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. - Isaiah 55:2*

In the 1700s and the early 1800s, classical composer Franz Joseph Haydn wrote over 100 symphonies and many other works. Yet he took special joy in writing music for hymns about God and Jesus, as he said, "When I think upon my God, my heart is full of joy that the notes dance and leap from my pen." Indeed, the more we think about God and the compassion and mercy and kindness he shows us, it gives us hope and meaning and comfort whatever we face in this world.

Haydn also wrote of God, "Whenever I think of God I can only conceive of Him as a Being infinitely great and infinitely good." For there is no one like our God, whose compassion and his faithful care are deeper and longer than earthly minds can fully understand, and who makes an everlasting covenant with those who turn our hearts to Jesus - *Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. - Isaiah 55:3*

Amongst the many poems that 19th century British poet Christina Rossetti wrote, she often wrote about her devotion to God, who comforted her and helped her endure many physical afflictions. She saw in the coming and ministry of Jesus the fulfillment of God's promises and the fullness of God's love and God's mercy, as she wrote in one of her poems, "Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine; Love was born at Christmas; stars and angels gave the sign."

God calls us to come to him, so that he may give us the grace and understanding we need; our Father in heaven calls us to come to him, so that he may give us the enduring peace of being with our Creator who gives us life and breath and everything else.

- Mark Garner

### 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

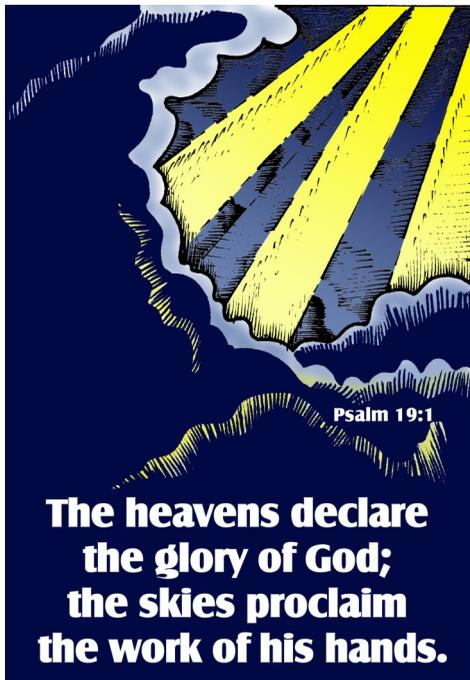
## God's Majesty

I look upon the budding tree;  
I watch its leaves expand;  
And through it all, O God, I see,  
The marvel of Thy hand.  
And all my soul in worship sings,  
O praise the Lord, the King of Kings!

I look upon the mighty sun,  
Upon the humble flower;  
In both, O great and heavenly One,  
I read Thy wondrous power;  
And in an ecstasy I raise  
A song of thankfulness and praise.

I look upon the lightnings flash;  
I see the rain drops fall;  
I listen to the thunders crash,  
And find Thee in it all;  
In earth and sky, and sea and air,  
Thou, O my God, art everywhere.

- Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850-1919)



## The Lord Himself Is Our Rock Eternal

*This world is full of uncertainty, yet the Lord himself is our Rock eternal. In recent weeks, some of Northland's members have been writing about what this means to them. This week, Franklin Agyei writes about God's reassurance that he is always near, so that when we seek him, we will find him.*

### Knowing God And Knowing Him Better

Our God is not a hidden God, He makes himself available to all those who seek Him. There are so many ways we can know God more deeply:

We can know God and know Him better through our Love for God and our fellow brethren (Proverbs 8:17, 1 John 4:7).

We can also know God by seeking God with our whole heart. This is when we submit everything to the will of God -

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. - Jeremiah 29:13*

We have to obey the word of God to know the ways of our God. His grace is so sufficient for us to live according to His word (2 Peter 3:18, Hebrew 4:12).

Faith is one of the most important ways to know God deeply. Having faith in God helps us to rely solely on Him and God comes closer to us when we rely on Him.

Therefore, we need to have a good relationship with Christ, and when we have spiritual encounters with Him, then we will know God and know Him better.

*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.*

- Ephesians 1:18

May the good Lord grant the Northland Church of Christ the knowledge of Him so we will know Him deeply (Ephesians 1:15-23) . . . Amen

- Franklin Agyei