

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.

From The Elders & Minister

Our indoor morning worship will resume next Sunday, June 7th. The worship service time will be 10:00 a.m. - note the difference from our usual time. Several other churches will also be resuming that day or the week before or the week after, so we feel comfortable joining in with our brothers and sisters at that time. We have spent a lot of time in prayer and conversation about this, and we have developed some guidelines and restrictions that will be creating as safe a worship environment as possible. **Please see page 2 for details.**

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current study is "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, Steve will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Northland Child Care Re-Opening

The Northland Child Care is planning on re-opening Monday, June 1. Please pray for the director, the teachers, the board, and the children.

Calendar

Sympathy & Prayers

Please pray for Karen Susenna and her family; her mother passed away peacefully at home May 24, with Karen and her father by her side. Karen's mother was 93, and Karen tells us how her life reflected her belief in Jesus. Her father had been taking care of her mother for the last 10 years, and Karen asks us to pray for him as he transitions to a new stage in life, and for him to come to know Jesus.

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.

Every other Tuesday, next meeting June 2 at 7:00 PM - Devotional and Prayer with Jeff McVicker. Contact him for details.

Besides the weekly sermons, Caleb is also having live devotionals on Sundays at 10:30 AM and on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Contact him for details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5015	\$4693
Designated:	\$25	\$90

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: 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



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In The Shelter Of The Most High

(With Thoughts From Elizabeth Barrett Browning)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. - Psalm 91:1-2

When the world's sorrows and fears seem overwhelming, the Most High will give our souls shelter, and he reassures us that he will be with us every moment. When this world's times of confusion and chaos seem beyond us to endure, God is our refuge; he renews us inwardly and he protects us from the accuser's snares and from the world's empty ways. Our Heavenly Father draws us close to himself the way a mother bird takes her young under her wings - *Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare . . . He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. - Psalm 91:3-4*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, one of the best-known and popular poets of the 19th century, often wrote about God and Jesus. She constantly read the scriptures, and she said about Jesus, "Christ's religion is poetry glorified", for she saw in Jesus' life many images and teachings that spoke to her spirit beyond words.

Elizabeth wrote about the priceless spiritual blessings God gives us as well as the things that Jesus endured for humanity's sake. As she faced the ills of her own times, she saw in Jesus how God can use humanity's troubles to draw us closer to him, how he can transform our fear into hope, and how he can renew our minds and hearts. She wrote that the message of Jesus could be "in answer to the ceaseless wail of the Sphinx of our humanity, expounding agony into renovation."

Jesus understands everything we face in this world, he comforts our fearful hearts and he protects us from the accuser's arrows, *You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day (Psalm 91:5)*. Moreover, God sustains us every step and Jesus brings blessings that will not spoil or fade; he gives us enduring hope, he cleanses us through and through, and he gives us the promise of eternal life. As Barrett Browning said, "God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame."

Because he loves me, says the Lord, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble . . . and show him my salvation. - Psalm 91:14-16

Elizabeth Barrett Browning also wrote about how God surrounds us with his care and his splendor, then patiently waits for us to open our hearts to him. As she wrote, "Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees takes off his shoes." For God rejoices in being with those who walk humbly in the light of Jesus. How deep God's love for us must be, how profound his understanding must be, how enduring his faithfulness must be.

- 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

From The Northland Elders & Minister

Sunday Morning Worship Will Resume June 7

As stated above, **our indoor** Morning worship will resume **Sunday, June 7th**. Several other churches will also be resuming that day or the week before or the week after, so we feel comfortable joining in with our brothers and sisters at that time. We have spent a lot of time in prayer and conversation about this, and we feel comfortable with the following guidelines and restrictions that will be creating as safe a worship environment as possible.

- **We will only be meeting for Sunday Morning worship.** Sunday Bible class and TGIF and Sunday Night Bible Study will all remain digital for the time being. There is no set date to return to those yet. **The worship service time will be 10:00 a.m.** - note the difference from our usual time!

- **Facemasks will be required.** If you do not bring your own, one will be provided for you. The face-masks are to be worn at all times during the service apart from taking the cup and bread during the Lord's Supper. We know this feels restricting, but this is our current best way to serve and protect others.

- **The service will be shortened in length** - about half the usual amount of songs, a shortened sermon, and modifications to Lord's Supper, Collection, and Invitation. Regarding the Lord's Supper: We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you. As you come into the foyer, a volunteer will wear gloves and a mask and drop them into your outstretched, cupped hands. There will not be a collection/contribution time. Instead, **we will have a basket or box immediately inside the auditorium near the doors where you can leave your contribution.** There will be no invitation song. The sermon will end with a prayer, then a final song, then announcements and closing prayer. In place of the invitation, an elder will be stationed at a table in the foyer for you to come to and submit any prayer requests.

- **Water fountains, hallways, and classrooms will be off limits for the time being.** Restrooms will remain open in the foyer, but we encourage you to refrain from using them if possible just for best safety practices.

- **Bulletins will not be printed at this time.** Continue to look for the digital edition of the bulletin on our website.

- **We will observe the 6 feet social distancing rule in our auditorium.** This means each family must sit together, and there has to be 6 feet or more distance from the next person or family. We are blessed with a large auditorium, so this shouldn't be an issue. We'll have ways to help shown next week. **Once service is finished, we will dismiss by rows,** starting from the back and working towards the front. You'll wait until the family exits the auditorium before you head out. As usual, follow CDC recommendations to wash hands regularly and avoid touching your face and to stay home if you're sick.

I know this seems like a lot, but hopefully these restrictions will keep us safe and allow us a time of worship together. If you do not feel comfortable returning under these conditions, we pass no judgment! Live Streaming will be available.

- Caleb Dillinger & The Northland Elders

The Blissful Sound Of The Savior's Name

Come, heav'nly love, inspire my song
With thy immortal flame,
And teach my heart, and teach my tongue
The Savior's lovely name.

The Savior! O what endless charms,
Dwell in the blissful sound!
Its influence every fear disarms,
And spreads sweet comforts round.

Wrapped in the gloom of dark despair,
We helpless, hopeless lay:
But sovereign mercy reached us there,
And smiled despair away.

The God in heav'nly strains they sung,
Arrayed in human clay:
Mysterious love! what angel tongue
Thy wonders can display?

- Anne Steele, 1760

