

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister:

Thank you for your continued patience as we seek the right times to resume certain church activities. At least for the time being, we'll continue to just meet for Sunday mornings and maintain the same precautions that are currently in place.

The worship service time will be 10:00 a.m. Facemasks will be required. If you do not bring your own, one will be provided for you. The facemasks are to be worn at all times during the service apart from taking the cup and bread during 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. Instead of a collection/contribution time, we will have a contribution plate where you can leave your contribution. Bulletins will not be printed. They will be on our website.

Each family must sit together, and there has to be 6 feet or more distance from the next person or family. Once service is finished, we will dismiss starting from the back and working towards the front, going section by sections. Please do not gather around in the foyer. Our Ghana brothers and sisters will be starting worship at 12:00 p.m., so please leave the parking lot by 11:40 a.m. to honor the space for their time of worship.

For further guidelines and details, please see previous bulletins.

Calendar

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is, "Whoever Has Ears, Let Them Hear" (based on Matthew 13). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Phil will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

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

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

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM - Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger. Contact him for details.

(Jim Robbins's Sunday evening Bible Study is temporarily postponed, while Jim recovers from knee replacement surgery.)

Special Help Contribution

The elders are aware of a special opportunity to help a young member of the congregation who is in need of financial assistance. Our goal is to raise \$1000 by the end of August. If you can help please mark the contribution as "Special Help" on the envelope. If you have any questions please see one of the elders.

Contribution

Last Week	Average YTD
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General:	\$4220
Designated:	\$25

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: 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 Gathers His Scattered Flock

(With One Of Ursula Le Guin's Short Stories)

Though I scatter them among the peoples, yet in distant lands they will remember me . . . I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria.

- Zechariah 10:9-10

We were scattered sheep, yet God is near with us all, and whenever one of his flock acknowledges our need for our Creator and comes to him with a soft and humble heart, he gathers us from distant lands. God has sent the signal of the cross of Jesus to everyone in every nation and in every era, and he redeems those walk in the light of his Son - *I will signal for them and gather them in. Surely I will redeem them.*

- Zechariah 10:8

In one of Ursula Le Guin's fantasy short stories, an American professor is staying in Paris to do research on French poets. Yet he comes to realize that there must be something more meaningful than his work and the things those around him value. His surroundings suddenly change; he is in the same room, yet now he is in the 1400s. He is now in the room of a medieval scientist who has been asking himself similar questions. Out of desperation he has resorted to some unusual experiments, and his tinkering has somehow made it possible for others to come to him across time. They become friends, and soon they are joined by a woman from Roman times, and then by another woman from 7,000 years in the future.

All four of them had been misfits in their own times, each looking for something more worthwhile than the things that this world pursues. There was nothing special about 1400s France, where they now found themselves; what mattered to them was that they now had friends who could understand and comfort and help one another. Similarly, when we remember our need for God and hold fast to him, he will be with us as we endure the seas of this world's fears and sorrows - *They will pass through the sea of trouble; the surging sea will be subdued . . . Assyria's pride will be brought down and Egypt's scepter will pass away.* - Zechariah 10:11

For God gathers those who seek him with our hearts from distant lands and across the centuries, Jesus has subdued the accuser's reproaches and has humbled the world's empty thinking, and our Father in heaven strengthens our hearts with his overflowing grace - *I will strengthen them in the Lord and in his name they will live securely.* - Zechariah 10:12

In Le Guin's story, the four friends wonder how the scientist's disorganized efforts could have brought them together, until the woman from the future realizes that it was something different. Each of them had been lonely and each of them recognized their need for something deeper, and this overcame the distance between them. In a much more profound way, God brings together those who realize that he alone can meet our deepest needs, and acknowledge that he alone can give our lives lasting meaning and purpose. Our Heavenly Father alone can keep our souls secure, and he alone gives us enduring peace and hope.

-- Mark Garner



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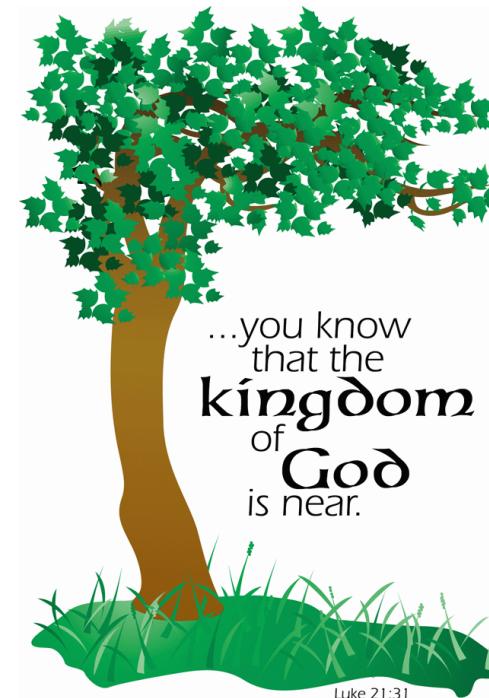
Anchored At Last

O so long was my bark
Tossed about on life's sea,
But I've anchored in Jesus at last;
And I heard a sweet voice
Gently calling to me,
And I've anchored in Jesus at last.

Safely moored to the Rock
Which no tempest can shake,
I have anchored in Jesus at last;
Tho' the billows in fury
Around me may break,
I have anchored in Jesus at last.

At last! at last!
All my doubtings are over,
My struggling is past,
And the load of my sin
At His feet I have cast,
I have anchored in Jesus at last.

- Lelia Morris, 1905



The Lord Will Be Our Guide

We never know what a new day or a new week may hold, yet the Lord our living God will always be with us, and he will be our guide. This summer, some of Northland's members are writing about what this means to them. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about her favorite Psalm, and the promises God makes in it.

The Lord Will Watch Over You

About 7 years ago, the organization I was working for decided to consolidate their operations and move most of their employees out of state. They gave me 5 months notice before my job was terminated. I had a few months to find another job. I didn't panic but started talking with other people and praying. Being a single parent with only one income would have made it very challenging to take care of my family if I had to go on unemployment. God delivered another job quickly. I was let go on a Friday and started a new job on the following Monday. Don't we just love it when God comes through for us very quickly! Isn't it great when he answers "YES" to our prayers and everything falls into place! With other struggles, we pray about them over & over & over. We go months without an answer, we go years without a reply. We stop praying. Then we hear a scripture or lesson about persistent prayer. We decide to start praying about those things again, hoping that God will answer with a big "YES". My favorite Psalm is Psalm 121. When you doubt that God is there for you, when you doubt that he is guiding and watching over you – this Psalm will give you reassurance.

Q. "Where does my help come from?" v.1

A. "My help comes from the Lord." v.2

Q. "Will God guide me?"

A. "He will not let your foot slip." v.3

Q. "Will he watch over me?"

A. "He who watches over you will not slumber" v.4

Q. "Are you sure?"

A. "Indeed he who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep." v. 4

Let me encourage you, if you are struggling to find answers, include God in your struggles. There is no promise of a quick "yes". However, there is a promise that God will always come to your help. He will protect and watch over you. "The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life, the Lord will watch over your coming and going." v.7

- Peggy Kaiser