

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Minister

Be on the lookout next week for a survey that we'll send asking some questions about how you are doing and how you can best be served during this interesting season of our lives. Be thinking of what you'd like to do to serve, or what you may be in need of.

Here again are the precautions we are currently taking:

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, we're starting a new series this week, "We Wait In Hope For The Lord" (based on Psalm 33). 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. Everyone is welcome to join.

### More On-Line Studies

**Every** other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session August 28 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

**Wednesday** evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. Contact him for details.

**NEW** - Mondays, beginning August 10 at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details.

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

### Thank You

Recently the elders were made aware of a special opportunity to help a young member of the congregation who was in need of financial assistance. Our goal was to raise \$1,000 by the end of August, and already over \$1,800 has been raised. Thank you to everyone who helped meet this need!

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$4721	\$4814
<b>Designated:</b>	\$30	\$72

### 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 Is Our Sanctuary

### (& The Hedgehog's 'One Big Trick')

*This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Although I sent them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone. - Ezekiel 11:16*

God's flock is scattered among the nations and in forgotten places, so he is a sanctuary for those who call on him, where we can find compassion and care and understanding. The Sovereign Lord has always been near with us all, and when we seek him with our hearts, he will be our sanctuary from the world's noise and harshness, our refuge from the world's confusion and chaos.

We are weak sheep who are easily frightened, yet the Lord knows our hearts and he hears us when we call on him in truth, and he gathers us back to his heavenly pasture - *This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered. - Ezekiel 11:17*

There is an old saying that goes back to antiquity, "The fox knows many tricks, yet the hedgehog knows one big trick." The hedgehog is too slow to run away from the fox, and it is too small and weak to fight, so God gave it unique muscles that enable it to curl up into a ball and make its spines stand upright, rendering the fox's tricks ineffective. Just as God is mindful of the hedgehog, when we trust in the Lord instead of relying on ourselves, he gives us sanctuary from the accuser's many tricks and schemes. When we walk humbly before him, our Heavenly Father gives us refuge from the world's many snares and false hopes.

To do its 'one big trick', a hedgehog needs to be properly nourished. If a hedgehog is dehydrated or hasn't eaten enough nutrients, it can't curl up completely, making it vulnerable to the fox's tricks. Similarly, God reminds us to walk by faith in Jesus, and to open our minds and hearts to him so he can renew them and nourish them with his living water and the bread of life - *I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. - Ezekiel 11:19*

In Carmen Bernos de Gasztold's book "The Creatures' Choir", a hedgehog prays to the Lord, "Life is not easy - but You know that", for our Creator indeed knows what we go through in this world, and he gives us what our spirits need. Often we may feel isolated or misunderstood, yet God always understands us, for as the hedgehog gratefully prays to God, "You . . . have understood me." For the Lord made us and he knows each of us; we are his flock, and he is our God - *Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. - Ezekiel 11:20*

God gives each of us life and breath and everything else, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner



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## My Soul Is Anchored Safely

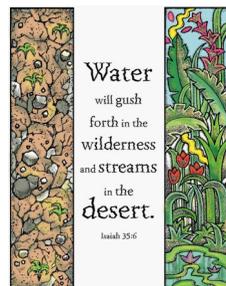
My soul is anchored safely, Lord,  
I trust in Thy unfailing word;  
No shadow falls across the page  
That lights the world from age to age.

My soul is anchored safe and sure  
In God's own word which shall endure,  
I cannot drift from Him away,  
My soul is anchored night and day.

My soul is anchored! ever sure  
Is Christ, the Rock which shall endure;  
My shelter from the noontide heat,  
In darkness my secure retreat.

- Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918)

*(Annie Sherwood Hawks began publishing poems at age 14,  
and she went on to write many hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour".)*



## Peace To My Soul

O Jesus, my Savior,  
All glory to Thee;  
Sweet peace in believing  
Thou givest to me.

Peace, peace to my soul  
Flows like a beautiful river;  
Peace, hallowed and pure,  
Constant abiding forever.

O loving Redeemer,  
Whatever Thy will,  
In tempests or sunshine,  
I'll follow Thee still.

- Frances Crosby, 1875

## 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, Caleb Dillinger writes about the many blessings of walking in God's paths.*

## Walking The Lord's Path

I grew up with a deep appreciation for the woods. My family took vacations to cabins in the woods rather than beaches. As a Boy Scout, I went camping about every other month. I liked nature: the sounds of birds and the wind, the smell of the wild, the feel of a path beneath my feet. What made this experience even better was when I knew I was following a path to a good destination.

In my third year of college, one of my best friends discovered a little trail in the woods down behind campus. I wouldn't have known where to go without the path and the guide. Both were important, as without the guide I doubt I would have discovered the path! Once we were familiar with the path, we made it comfortable and rolled logs for seating and spent hours basking in the joy of nature. None of that would have been possible for me without a path and a guide.

Psalm 16:11 says, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

This year has been a strange year, even downright depressing at times. And I think a good place for us to turn in all the confusion and hurt is to the proper path and proper guide. As Christians, we believe the proper guide is God, and the proper path is the teachings laid out in his Word, the Bible. The Psalmist reminds us that God makes known to us the path of life, and when we follow that path, we are filled with joy! I don't know about you, but I could use more moments of being filled with joy.

God's path ends at a far better destination than my little path in the woods. God's path ends in an eternal resting place with God by our side! But an incredible part of being a Christian is not just God at the end of the journey, but all the way through it! With his spirit by your side, his answers in prayer, his peace through Christ, God provides you his presence and guidance all along the path of life. And if we can follow his words, we will experience his joy. There is no doubt our God is ready to guide us down paths of righteousness and love. Keep your eyes open for his path this week.

- Caleb Dillinger