

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, the current series is, "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, 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, 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.

Mondays, beginning August 10 at 7:00 PM - Women's prayer group, hosted by Peggy Kaiser. Contact her for details. If you aren't able to join, you can e-mail prayer requests to Peggy.

(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
General:	\$5236	\$4827
Designated:	\$55	\$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

The Heavens Declare...

The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. - Psalm 19:1

The vastness of the skies and the countless stars in the heavens tell of God's splendor and his understanding; the depths of the seas and the innumerable creatures within them proclaim the glory and the care of our Heavenly Father. Day after day the fields and the valleys and the hills are full of the remarkable creatures that God has made; night after night they remind us of God's unfathomable knowledge and of his mindfulness of all that he created - *Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. - Psalm 19:2*

As 17th-century chemist and physicist Robert Boyle pursued his many scientific studies, he was frequently amazed by God's creations, as he wrote, "When I study the book of nature I find myself oftentimes reduced to exclaim with the Psalmist, How manifold are Thy works, O Lord. In wisdom hast Thou made them all." Similarly, Swiss astronomer and mathematician Leonhard Euler made numerous discoveries in various fields; as he did so, he was in constant awe at what God had made, as he said, "The fabric of the universe is most perfect and the work of a most wise Creator." For these scientists noticed not only the majesty and wisdom behind God's creation, they also noticed his care, as the Psalms often remind us - *In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun . . . It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. - Psalm 19:4, 19:6*

Despite the vastness of the universe that our God made, he is near with us all, waiting to give us hope and meaning and guidance and mercy and understanding whenever we open our minds and hearts to him - *The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. - Psalm 19:7*

Astrophysicist Jennifer Wiseman also spoke of how her scientific research and her faith in Jesus were intertwined. As a child, she was fascinated by the stars, and the more she studied them the more she also came to know the living God who made them. She realized that in this immense universe, each of us is still dear to God, as she wrote, "Our significance is given as a gift of love from God, who's responsible for the universe."

For indeed, God's presence and his words and his thoughts give joy and peace to our hearts - *The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. - Psalm 19:7-8*

The heavens and the stars and the living creatures on the earth and in the skies and seas declare God's glory, and they proclaim our Heavenly Father's compassion and kindness.

- Mark Garner



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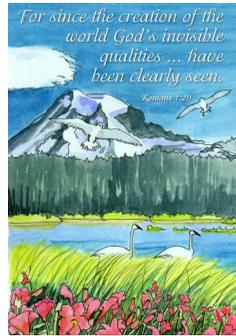
I Lift Up My Heart In Gratitude

Oh, Lord! I lift my heart,
In gratitude, to Thee,
For blessings, manifold,
Thou hast bestowed on me.

When conflicts raged within,
Too blinding to express,
Thou pitied my still tongue,
And soothed my heart to rest.

Keep me within thy care;
Compel me, to the right;
'Tis sweet to walk with Thee,
In darkness or in light.

- Priscilla Jane Thompson (1871-1942)



Sit Down Beneath His Shadow

Sit down beneath His shadow,
And rest with great delight;
The faith that now beholds Him
Is pledge of future sight.

Our Master's love remember,
Exceeding great and free;
Lift up thy heart in gladness,
For He remembers thee.

Bring every weary burden,
Thy sin, thy fear, thy grief;
He calls the heavy-laden,
And gives them kind relief.

- Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

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, Frank Cowans tells us about how God has helped and guided him and Vicki through some very difficult times, and how that has strengthened their faith in God.

A God Who Will Never Leave Us

*"... for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you."
- Deuteronomy 31:6*

We can't understand what "never" means. There is only One who can say never and mean it. We all fail, that's why we need God to always be with us. His promises are sure, and can be counted on, or else He is not God.

Vicki and I relied on God's promises during our Covid infection and my subsequent job loss. While we may have wondered what was next for our life, we never doubted God's plan, even if we don't know what it is yet!

We know we serve a God who will NEVER fail, NEVER leave us, NEVER forsake us, and I'm counting on it. We don't understand stand it, we can't reproduce it, we just live it. Living a life with God's promises is enough for us. We will NEVER give that up.

I don't know, yet, what is next for us. Perhaps it is to leave here and be with Him. Regardless, I know He goes with us!

- Frank Cowans