

## Family Information

### Elders' Statement

This past Sunday morning, the elders read a statement to the congregation about the current situation. It is also now on the Northland web site, and you can read it by clicking on the virus icon on the home page. Please read it if you haven't previously heard it or read it.

### From The Elders & Minister

Here again are the precautions we are currently taking with the building worship time:

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.

### 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

## 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, Steve 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** 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.)

### Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that our daughter, Rebecca, married Nick Strawser on Saturday August 8th in a small backyard ceremony. They are so happy, and we are thrilled to gain Nick as a son in law. Please pray that God watches over them as they start their new married life together. - Mike and Leisha Evans

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
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<b>General:</b>	\$5945	\$4861
<b>Designated:</b>	\$105	\$73



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## It Is Because The Lord Loves Us

(With Scenes From "Charlotte's Web")

*The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. - Deuteronomy 7:6*

The Lord has chosen us to be his own children, our Heavenly Father has made us his treasured possession, and our God rejoices in being with those who open our hearts to him. God did this simply because God delights in pouring out his care and mercy on those who walk by faith in Jesus, and God sustains us every step because he loves us - *It was because the Lord loved you. - Deuteronomy 7:8*

In E.B. White's classic story "Charlotte's Web", the young pig Wilbur is fed well, and most of the other farm animals are polite, yet Wilbur has no real friends; as White writes "Wilbur didn't want food, he wanted love." When a spider, Charlotte, gives him a friendly greeting, at first the pig doesn't realize that the voice comes from a small spider. It takes Wilbur some time to appreciate this unexpected friend. Yet he soon realizes that Charlotte is very patient, understanding, and wise. Similarly, it can take some time to realize how deep God's compassion is for us, and how well he understands us. All of us are weak and easily confused, yet our Father in heaven is faithful and his love endures forever - *The Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him. - Deuteronomy 7:9*

One day, Wilbur hears that he might soon be sent to the butcher; he understandably panics, so Charlotte reassures him that she will help save him. During the night, the spider writes 'Some Pig' on her web in large letters, and later follows it up with a series of similar messages. The resulting attention and awards that Wilbur gets convince the farmer to let Wilbur live a long life of care. With his future now secure, Wilbur asks Charlotte, "Why did you do all this for me? . . . I've never done anything for you." She answers him, "You have been my friend. That in itself is a tremendous thing." Likewise God simply calls us to love him and to walk humbly with him.

*If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you . . . He will love you and bless you. - Deuteronomy 7:12-13*

The irony in the story is that it is really Charlotte who is remarkable, yet few notice this. Once, when the farmer's wife suggests this, the farmer insists, "It's the pig that's unusual. It says so, right there in the middle of the web." Similarly, earthly minds focus on what is seen, yet the eyes of our hearts can see the signs of compassion and wonders of grace that God does for us every day - *You saw with your own eyes . . . the signs and wonders . . . with which the Lord your God brought you out. - Deuteronomy 7:19*

It is because God loves us that he has brought us out of the world's emptiness, and that he has given us the wonder of the cross of Jesus. - *Mark Garner*

## Jesus, Joy Of Our Desiring

Jesus, joy of our desiring,  
Holy wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
With the fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,  
Hark, what peaceful music rings;  
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,  
Drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;  
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead Thine own  
In the love of joys unknown.

- Martin Janus, 1661

(In 1723, Johann Sebastian Bach wrote new music for this hymn. Later, the words were translated into English.)



## 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 week, three of Northland's members tell us some of the scriptures that have been helpful and comforting to them during the uncertainty that all of us have been facing.*

I find comfort in this Scripture from 1 Peter:

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because He cares for you. - 1 Peter 5:6-7*

Turning to God is the first step I try to take when troubled or discouraged. Telling God everything gives me a great sense of release and relief. If I rely on God then others can rely on me.

- Renée Jackson

Various parts of the Word have been encouraging and anchoring when I'm tempted to give in to despair, discouragement, apathy, and complacency. During this time I've enjoyed Psalm 91 as a staple, and Psalm 34:4-5 (*I sought the Lord and he answered me . . .*) is encouraging. It's great to know that the Great God of all Gods cares and hears, and through His Son has made a way for me to have a relationship with Him.

Beside my laptop I have a card with John 14:27 inscribed on it (*My Peace I Give Unto You*). It is comforting, because like the disciples, I am sometimes tempted to fear. It's great to know God can be trusted.

- Donna Smith

This is one of many verses that reminds us that God has got the big picture under control, which is something I remind myself with when feeling anxious or worried:

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10*

This is another verse that reminds us that the solution to inward turmoil is to lean on God - *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest . . . you will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:28-29)*. Rest for the soul is at the heart of what we need and what God promises.

- Perry Coate