

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Covid Updates: As of last Sunday (April 4th), we will no longer do the closing dismissal process. Services will end with the closing prayer by the elder.

Our second safety measure to change will start today, Sunday, April 11th. We will resume printing bulletins this week. They will be set on the same table as masks and communion supplies, so it is completely up to the individual if they want one. No one will be passing them out.

Please continue to practice safety and caution. When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m. For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

We will continue with a minimum two week notice before making any changes. This will allow opportunities for church members to share any concerns, and it allows the elders time to reevaluate any decisions.

Bulletins Now Available In Print & On The Northland Website

Besides resuming printed bulletins and having them available at church, they will still be available to view or print from our Northland Website under the heading "Northland Bulletin". We have past bulletins available to view by week starting from January 2nd, 2005 to date (and by year starting from 1985).

On Line Bible Studies

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is, "We Have Come To Mount Zion" (based on Hebrews 12). 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, and everyone is welcome to join.

More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session April 16 - 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.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM - Women's Bible study, "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. Contact her for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5121	\$4931
Designated:	\$55	\$119
Scholarship Fund Current Balance	\$ 1415	

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

*Classes and devotionals are
Currently meeting on-line*

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

We Know That He, The Lord, ...

We Know That He, The Lord, Is Our Savior

*Then you will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. Instead of bronze I will bring you gold, and silver in place of iron.
- Isaiah 60:16-17*

We know that the Lord is our Savior and Redeemer, who pours out his grace on those who walk in the light of Jesus. Human nature asks God for this world's lofty positions and distinctions, yet instead our Heavenly Father gives the crown of eternal life to those who seek him with our hearts, and God gives us the peace that flows like a river, even in this world's deserts and wastelands - *Instead of wood I will bring you bronze, and iron in place of stones. I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler.* - Isaiah 60:17

In Lewis Carroll's classic stories "Alice In Wonderland" and "Through The Looking Glass", the young heroine faces an assortment of peculiar situations, unusual creatures, eccentric monarchs, and other amusing characters. Many of these are metaphors about human nature and daily life. When a queen tells Alice to run as fast as she can, Alice still finds herself where she started. The queen tells her, "Here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that." Likewise, when we live only for this world's things, we have to strive and run as hard as possible just not to fall behind; moreover, when we finally obtain what we desired, human nature quickly develops new desires.

Yet when we seek God, we need not compete or strain to obtain the spiritual blessings God desires to give us, for the message of Jesus calms the storms in our hearts, he brings salvation, and he pours out grace and compassion on everyone who humbly and reverently follows him - *No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.* - Isaiah 60:18

As Alice endures numerous absurd situations, she learns from them and she becomes increasingly at peace even in a bizarre land. When a king abruptly asks her who she is, she calmly answers, "I knew who I was this morning, but I've changed a few times since then," and as she thinks more deeply, she realizes, "The next question is Who in the world am I? Ah, that's the great puzzle!" Jesus has solved the puzzle; and God tells us who we are, for he is the Lord our Father in heaven, he has made us his own children, and he has become our light and our hope and much more - *Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.* - Isaiah 60:20

Each day God does many wonders of grace and compassion to show us his care and understanding, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner



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Resting In Jesus

Grant me, most dear and loving Jesus,

To rest in You above all created things, above health and beauty, above all glory and honor, above all power and dignity, above all knowledge and skill, above all fame and praise, above all sweetness and consolation, above all hope and promise, above all merit and desire;

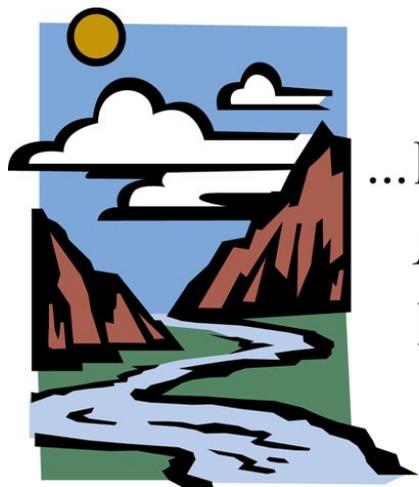
Above all gifts and favors that you can bestow and shower upon us, above all joy and jubilation that the mind can conceive and know, above Angels and Archangels and all the hosts of Heaven, above all things visible and invisible, and above everything that is not Yourself, O my God.

O Lord my God,

You transcend all things; You alone are most high, most mighty, most sufficient and complete, most sweet and comforting. You alone are most full of beauty and glory, in Whom all good things in their perfection exist, both now and ever have been, and ever will be . . .

For my heart cannot rest nor be wholly content until it rests in You, rising above all Your gifts and creatures.

*- Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471),
from "The Imitation Of Christ"*



...HOW WIDE AND LONG
AND HIGH AND DEEP
IS THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

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All Kinds Of Prayers On All Occasions

God always welcomes our prayers, whatever our circumstances may be and however we may be feeling. This week, Renée Jackson writes about how it can help us with our prayers to remember that God is always with us, and that he is always ready to listen to us.

A Continual Conversation With God

Consider this scenario: You spend the entire day walking from point A to point B with your friend. However, you speak to your friend only a little in the morning and mumble a few words at night, ignoring your friend the rest of the day. What would your friend's likely assessment be of your friendship?

Is there a better friend than God? *And the scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness, and he was called God's friend. (James 2:23).* We have a great deal to talk with Him about every day, for every day is filled with decisions. We have all been there. Our thoughts grow so muddled or our situation has gotten so complicated that we don't know how to pray. We know we should pray; we feel the need to pray - yet our minds turn blank.

Prayer is simply a conversation between you and God. *The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their cry. (Psalm 34:15).* You can bow your head or look to the heavens. You can pray as you drive, wash dishes, walk, or in your quiet corner. You can make your life a continual conversation with God. Prayer is a primary means that God has set up to communicate the blessing of His goodness to his people. Even though He has promised His blessings, He has also called us to seek him which is both a privilege and a duty. *But if you seek God earnestly and plead with the Almighty, if you are pure and upright, even now he will rouse himself on your behalf and restore your prosperous state. (Job 8:5-6).* He desires that His thoughts become our thoughts, because by this we reflect His image in our character and witness of Him before men. Much of the communication of His thoughts to ours takes place in prayer.

Prayer brings us into God's presence to honor, worship and glorify Him. Prayer should humble us by making us recognize His greatness. Prayer is also an effective way to draw near to and harmonize with the Holy Spirit. We must have access to God and his nature in order to live the way he wants us to live.

If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer. - Psalm 66:18-19.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. - Romans 12:12

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. - John 17:20-21

- Renée Jackson