

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Ministers

While we pray and hope for "normal" church service life to resume at some point in 2021, we do not know when that will be, so 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., and dismissal by sections, starting in the back.

For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

### Please Pray

All of us have been very saddened by the sudden passing away of Isaiah Silva on Thursday morning. Please pray for Art, Kythrie, Paul, Anna, and the rest of the Silva family, as they face a time of mourning. This Tuesday, February 23, there will be calling hours from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon, and the funeral service at 12:00 noon, both at the Northland church building.

### Northland Child Care Teachers Needed

Northland Child Care is in need of teachers. We have an excellent program and will help you to get your necessary training courses and CDA certificate as you work. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please have them call Jamie at (614) 410-5861.

### 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*

## Calendar

### On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is "Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart" (based on Proverbs 3). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Leon will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to join. Next Sunday, we'll start a new series, "Treasure In Jars Of Clay", based on 2 Corinthians 4.

### More On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session February 26 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details about the next session.

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: \$2959	\$4591
Designated: \$253	\$159
Scholarship Fund Current Balance	\$ 278

**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

## Peace Jesus Leaves With Us

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. - John 14:1*

As Jesus comforts his troubled disciples, he understands that often we too need to be reassured and consoled. Jesus understands all of our fears and hopes and disappointments; and the Lamb of God has not only promised that he will never leave us, for he has also prepared a place for us with him and with our Heavenly Father - *My Father's house has many rooms . . . And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me. - John 14:2-3*

Laura Bridgman (1829-1889) endured a childhood illness that left her unable to see or hear for the rest of her life, just as Helen Keller would face later. Bridgman's family lived not far from the Perkins School For The Blind, and there several of the teachers worked closely with Laura. As she slowly learned to communicate, the more eager she became to learn more.

When English author Charles Dickens met Bridgman on his travels, he said that the two things that had impressed him most were Niagara Falls and Laura Bridgman. As Laura had learned to see the unseen and to hear the unheard, Jesus tells us about unseen things, and he shows us the way to the place he has prepared for us - *You know the way to the place where I am going. - John 14:4*

Like Helen Keller, Laura Bridgman found lasting hope in the message of Jesus. She lived a private life of devotion and praise to God, and wrote devotional poems just for herself and close friends. Bridgman's friends encouraged her to have one of them, "Holy Home", published. In it, Laura writes, "Earthly home is wintery . . . Holy home is summery. Holy home shall endure forever."

She knew that God gave her a home with him even in this harsh, wintery world, and she realized that the joys he gives us here are a foretaste of the many eternal blessings God gives those who walk by faith in Jesus. *Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life . . . If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. - John 14:6-7*

Bridgman also writes, "Hard it is for us to appreciate the radiance of holy home because of the blindness of our minds. How glorious holy home is, and still more than a beam of sun!" It is indeed hard for earthly minds to fully appreciate the spiritual blessings God has given us, so he gives us his Spirit to help us understand the radiance of the message of Jesus, and Jesus says - *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. - John 14:27*

Jesus leaves us with a peace that transcends this world's circumstances and sorrows and fears, and his compassion and care endure forever.

- Mark Garner



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## We'll Understand It Better By & By

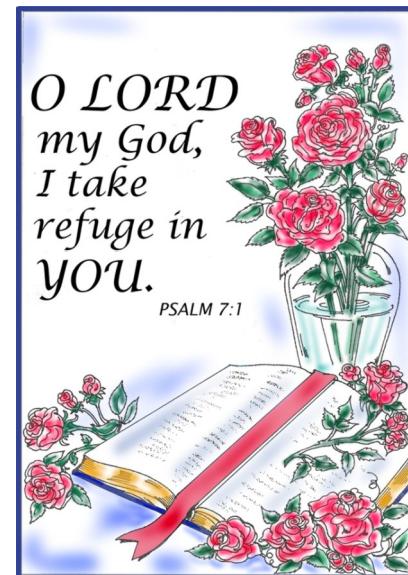
We are tossed and driv'n  
On the restless sea of time;  
Somber skies and howling tempests  
Oft succeed a bright sunshine;  
In that land of perfect day,  
When the mists have rolled away,  
We will understand it better by and by.

Trials dark on every hand,  
And we cannot understand  
All the ways that God could lead us  
To that blessed promised land;  
But He guides us with His eye,  
And we'll follow till we die,  
For we'll understand it better by and by.

By and by, when the morning comes,  
When the saints of God are gathered home,  
We'll tell the story how we've overcome,  
For we'll understand it better by and by.

- Charles Albert Tindley, 1851-1933

(When he was young, Charles A. Tindley never had the opportunity to attend school, so as a teenager he taught himself to read and write with the help of a couple friends. He began taking correspondence courses, including studies of the scriptures. He wrote several dozen hymns as well as becoming a well-known speaker.)



## Immanuel, God With Us

*Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God; he is also called Immanuel, God with us. This week, Becca Strawser writes about the consolation and hope that God gives us in our times of pain and fear.*

### God Is With Us

I had heard before that God hurts when we hurt, and that He feels the pain that we feel. This made sense to me because our God is more loving than I could ever wrap my head around, but I never really knew where to find evidence of this in Scripture. But recently, I was listening to a podcast and it helped me see the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead in a whole new light.

In the story of Lazarus' resurrection in John 11, it is said that when Jesus saw Mary and the Jews weeping, He "was deeply moved in spirit and troubled" (v. 33). In verse 38, He is deeply moved once again. And in verse 35, we see the famous verse, "Jesus wept".

Jesus was hurting deeply and He cried, even though He knew He was about to raise Lazarus. He knew that Lazarus' friends and family would feel joy again. He knew that better things were coming - yet, He cried. His heart hurt so much for Mary, Martha, and those who were with them. He felt the pain.

God is with us. When we experience immense pain, I know He just wants to hug us tight and tell us better things are coming - but He also hurts so much with us until then. We serve such a loving, compassionate God. Someday, we will be with Him again and that is the best thing ever. Until then, we will experience pain and suffering brought on by sin in this world. Even though God says that there is so much glory to come that will outweigh all suffering (Romans 8:18), He still knows how much it hurts. He weeps with us, feels the pain with us, and comforts us.

I am so grateful to serve a God Who is with us, especially in a time like this. Isaiah, we love your sweet and goofy self so much, and we will never forget you. We can't wait to see you again.

- Becca Strawser