

Family Information

Daylight Savings Time Begins This Weekend

Daylight savings time begins this weekend. The time change takes place at 2:00 AM this morning, Sunday, March 13, when clocks can be set ahead one hour.

New Schedule For Wednesday Service Meetings

Beginning in March, the first Wednesday of every month will be devoted to children's ministry, including Sunday ministry and our Child Care. Jeff McVicker will lead these discussions. The third Wednesday of every month will be focused on outreach opportunities, meaning anything to do with non-Northland members. Caleb will be leading these discussions. These meetings will take place between 6:30-7:30 on their respective dates, and will begin with a 10-15 minute devotional. Note: the next Wednesday meeting is this coming Wednesday, March 16th.

Child Care

If you know of families looking for child care for their children, please refer them to our child care. With our 2 newest teachers, we are now able to take more children.

Shower On March 27

Please join us to shower Kristin Sherman in celebration of the twins. We will be gathering on March 27th in the fellowship room immediately following services. Target and Walmart gift cards would be most helpful, along with diapers (size 2 and up) and wipes. See Micah Evans for further details.

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Spanish Worship 10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship 12:00 PM
Sunday Evening Worship 4:00 PM

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

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: Luis Valdez

On Line Bible Studies

Current On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details and the current schedule.

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. The current study is on Colossians. Contact Karen for more details.

Contact Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5065	\$4352
Designated:	\$5	\$24



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In The Beginning Was The Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. - John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and he was full of truth and understanding and compassion and grace. From the beginning, God intended to send his Son, the Word made flesh, to become like one of us, and to bring us redemption and forgiveness and guidance and hope amidst this world's confusion and harshness - *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. - John 1:4-5*

As a young woman, poet and schoolteacher Eliza Hewitt (1851-1920) graduated at the top of her class, and then began teaching school as well as writing. Then an apparently minor injury soon developed into a severe spinal problem that led to her being placed in a body cast for several months. While immobilized, Hewitt did lots of reading literature as well as the Scriptures, and soon the message of Jesus took on a much deeper meaning to her.

During her long convalescence, Eliza began writing poems about Jesus and the good news he brings us. A couple of music teachers ran across her poems, and asked her if they could set them to music, which began Hewitt's long career as a hymnwriter. In one of her hymns, Eliza writes, "More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show; More of his saving fullness see, More of his love who died for me."

As Eliza Hewitt learned, the more we learn about Jesus and the more we contemplate his words, the more we will understand his unfailing love for us, and the deeper his words will take root in our hearts, for Jesus is the true light who gives us lasting hope and peace -

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. - John 1:9

Though Hewitt never fully recovered from the injury, she regained enough strength to write over 1,500 hymns, as well as writing material for children's Bible classes. Eliza was moved by the timeless truths and comfort of Jesus words, as she writes in another hymn, "Beautiful words of Jesus, Spoken so long ago, Yet as we sing them over, Dearer to us they grow, Calling to the heavy laden, Calling the hearts oppressed, Come unto Me, ye weary; Come, I will give you rest."

To all who open our hearts to God and hold fast to the message of Jesus, our Heavenly Father calls us his own children, and he gives us eternal life with him - *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. - John 1:12*

God's grace overflows to those who walk humbly in the light of Jesus, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for Heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

- Civilla Durfee Martin, 1866-1948

Canadian-American writer Civilla Martin said that she wrote the words to this hymn after an encouraging conversation with a friend who had been an invalid for twenty years; her friend had said that she was always comforted by the scripture that reassures us that God's eye is on each sparrow. Martin sent the words to a friend who set them to music, and this song has since been recorded by numerous singers, including Ethel Waters and Mahalia Jackson.

Our Father in Heaven

Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread;
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!

- Sarah Josepha Hale, 1788-1879

Writer and poet Sarah Hale wrote this adaptation of Jesus' prayer to be set to music as a children's song. Hale was one of the most widely known Americans in the mid-1800s; she wrote on numerous topics for both adults and children, and her many poems include the children's poem "Mary Had A Little Lamb". She is particularly remembered in history for her efforts that led Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving Day an annual national holiday.

Renewed Inwardly Day By Day

This world's futile thinking may perplex us, and its empty ways may hard press us, so in our Heavenly Father's unfailing care he renews us inwardly day by day. This week, Franklin Agyei writes about the ways God's words and his wisdom can renew us.

The Wisdom of God Wisdom is the Principal Thing

The Unabridged Dictionary defines wisdom as "knowledge, and the capacity to make due use of it." Wisdom is not the same thing as knowledge. As a matter of fact, you can very easily be acquainted with facts, truths or principles, but if you don't apply this information to your life, you are actually the opposite of wise.

Wisdom is applying the knowledge you have in your everyday life. The Word of God tells us there are two types of wisdom - 1. Godly or Spiritual wisdom, and 2. Worldly wisdom (James 3:13-18).

When a Christian studies the Word of God and has faith in the Word, then allows the Word to work in him/her, this is spiritual wisdom, i.e. combining faith with works.

Get wisdom (Proverbs 4:7, 1:7, and 9:10) even if it will cost you everything you have to get it. *The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went out and sold all he had and bought that field (Matthew 13:44).*

Jesus Christ is our wisdom, so when the character of Jesus is seen in us, that's wisdom. But people look at it from different angle as foolishness. *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).*

Get spiritual wisdom and stay close to God.

- Franklin Agyei