

## Family Information

### Prayers

Former Northland member Beverley (Bev) Adams passed away last Sunday evening, after fighting stomach cancer for the last seven months. Please pray for her husband Ron, who was Northland's minister for about 10 years, for their daughter Kristen and their son Todd, and for the rest of their family. Many of us remember Bev for her gentleness and kindness. The funeral was held this past week in Wayne, Ohio, where they have lived for the last several years.

### Work Days Schedule

The next work/clean-up day will be this Saturday, April 23rd. If it rains, the following Saturday, April 30th, will be the backup date. The second work/clean-up date will be on August 20th. If it rains, the following Saturday, August 27th, will be the backup date. See Mike Evans for further information.

### Wednesday Service Meeting This Week

The next service meeting will be this Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 PM. The third Wednesday of every month will be focused on outreach opportunities, meaning anything to do with non-Northland members. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

### Camp Weeks

July 17th through July 23rd is Northland's camp week with Bill Hopkins at Fort Hill. Campers, sign up as soon as possible to receive a discount. July 24th through 30th is Northland's 2nd camp week with Nick Strawser at NWOCYC. Sign up as soon as possible to receive a discount. Both weeks are in need of staff. If you can help out in any way for either week, contact Josh Evans to sign up. If you have any questions, or for more details, also see Josh.

## On Line Bible Studies

### Child Care Staff Appreciation Dinner

You are invited to help encourage the teachers of our Child Care. On Friday evening, May 20, our Northland family will host a Teacher Appreciation Dinner for the Child Care staff. The dinner will be here in the building, and there are several ways you can participate or serve: (a) help provide food for the dinner, (b) help with setup and/or clean up, (c) attend the dinner - in order to meet some of the teachers. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or see Lynn Paden, Robbie McVicker, or Vicki Cowans to volunteer and for details.

### 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
<b>General:</b>	\$5767	\$4543
<b>Designated:</b>	\$115	\$39

**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

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

## The Gift Of God Is ...

### The Gift Of God Is Eternal Life In Jesus

*Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. - Romans 6:4*

Just as Jesus poured out his blood on the cross, God's grace overflows to those who walk humbly in the light of his Son. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, God promises eternal life to those who reverently open our hearts to him. The story of Jesus' crucifixion and his resurrection tells us of unseen, eternal things, and he transforms those who hold fast to him and his message - *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin. - Romans 6:5-6*

Human words cannot fully explain what it means to be united with our Heavenly Father, for God's words speak to our souls. Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) says about the resurrection - "Love is the Fellow of the Resurrection, Scooping up the Dust and chanting 'Live!'"

For indeed Jesus has swept away the dust of this world's thinking and the debris of this world's ways; he has replaced them with his love and truth and grace, and he renews us when we fix our minds and hearts on him - *Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him . . . since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. - Romans 6:8-9*

We cannot see Jesus with earthly eyes, yet God's Spirit lives within us, as Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) wrote, "He departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." For now Jesus lives in us and we are in him; God is in us and we are in him - *The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. - Romans 6:10-11*

Pursuing this world's surface glitter and chasing earthly ambitions cannot fulfill our deepest needs, yet Jesus brings us lasting hope and meaning; as Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) writes in one of her poems, "My life is like a frozen thing, No bud nor greenness can I see: Yet rise it shall—the sap of Spring; O Jesus, rise in me." This world is full of false hopes, yet God gives us the gift of eternal life - *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23*

Jesus came to be our good Shepherd, he is the Word made flesh, who came full of truth and grace.

- Mark Garner



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### Dawn Of Victory

The dawn of victory  
Breaks over Calv'ry's hill,  
Flooding the Cross with waves of gold,  
While yet the world is still.  
Dawn of a glorious morn,  
Shines where the Savior died,  
Changing darkness to the light of Heav'n,  
Thro' Jesus crucified.  
The dawn of victory  
Breaks o'er the world today,  
Cheering the hopeless, bright'ning all  
With each warm heav'nly ray.  
See how its rainbow beams  
Promise sweet days of peace,  
Gift of Him who rose to die no more,  
Whose kingdom ne'er shall cease.  
Praise be to Him, our conquering Savior,  
Tried and slain for the sins of man.  
Bright glows the love He offers free,  
Bright shines the hope of liberty.  
Bright gleams the dawn of victory,  
For Christ now lives again.

- Edna Randolph Worrell, 1873–1961

*Writer Edna Worrell wrote a wide variety of works for both adults and children, including poetry, plays, stories, and the words to several dozen hymns.*

### Morn Of Joy

Morn of joy and morn of praise!  
Brightest day of all the days,  
For the Lord is risen, is risen!  
Lo! they come at break of day,  
Find the great stone rolled away;  
Hark! and hear the angel say,  
The Lord, the Lord is risen, is risen.

O, what brightness from the Lord,  
Shines within His blessed Word,  
For the Lord is risen, is risen!  
Telling of the world of light,  
Where there is no death nor night,  
Where, on Easter morning bright,  
The Lord, the Lord is risen, is risen.

- Frank Sewall, 1837–1915

*Philosopher Frank Sewall translated numerous philosophical and theological works from German and Latin into English; he also wrote the words and/or music to about 20 hymns, as well as writing several children's books.*

### God Gives Us Hope & A Future

*In Jeremiah 29, God reassures the exiles in Babylon that he is near, that he cares for them, and that he will give them hope and a future. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about the new life that God gives to those who follow Jesus.*

### Christ Gives New Life

I have recently found HGTV (Home & Garden TV), and watch it while I use the elliptical exercise machine. HGTV has exciting home make over programs. The host of the show walks you through a home that is outdated in the decorating style, has mechanical issues and is not a desirable place to live. When I look at these homes, I have no vision of what they could become. The hosts walk into these problem homes and instantly have many brilliant ideas on how to transform the property. They remove walls to improve the overall flow of the home, use paint to freshen up each room and replace doors and windows giving the home a complete face lift. (They do all this in 15 minutes or less!)

The house becomes a completely different dwelling for the family. I am in awe of home improvement professionals; they have taken a structure with very little potential and have transformed it into a dream home. It has gone from a complete disaster to a triumph! It has gone from a house with no curb appeal to the most attractive home on the block.

We are like that house that was in bad shape. Jesus came to our rescue with love and vision. He looked past our external structure and straight into our hearts. Christ gives new life, the old is gone the new has come! WooHoo, this is good news.

Gone is the old, I am a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Gone is the outdated thinking, I am being renewed in knowledge in the image of my Creator (Colossians 3:10).

Gone is the outdated color scheme, I am washed clean by His blood (Isaiah 53:5).

Gone is the heart of stone, I now have new heart and a new spirit (Ezekiel 36:26).

Gone is the deceitful desires & Gone is the old attitude of my mind (Ephesians 4:22-24).

- Peggy Kaiser

