

## Family Information

### Events On May 21 & May 22

Several things will be going on over the weekend of May 21 and May 22. On Saturday May 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Caleb will be leading an Evangelism Training Course. On Sunday May 22nd we will have a guest speaker, as Nick Strawser will be speaking at the morning worship assembly. Then, also on Sunday May 22nd there will be our first Church Potluck since the Pandemic began. The potluck will be planned in the fellowship room (E41/42) immediately following services.

### Sunday Afternoon Worship Schedule

The Sunday afternoon (4:00) worship assembly is taking a break, and it will resume on May 15.

### Children's Classes

We now have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them will begin after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details.

### Next Wednesday Service Meeting

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18 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. Sign up as soon as possible to receive a discount. July 24th through 30th is Northland's 2nd camp week with Nick Strawser at NWO-CYC. 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.

#### 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.

### Child Care Staff Appreciation Dinner

On Friday evening, May 20, Northland is hosting a Teacher Appreciation Dinner for the Child Care staff. 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. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or see Lynn Paden, Robbie McVicker, or Vicki Cowans to volunteer and for details.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$5451	\$4520
<b>Designated:</b>	\$251	\$50



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## Reflections For Mother's Day

Anyone who really knows me know I really have a love of inspirational quotes, scriptures, sayings, signs, and the like. I have them on my bathroom mirror, refrigerator door, dresser, office wall and garage walls to name a few places. As you drive into my garage, you will see several displayed on the wall. However, my favorite is one that I have done in needlepoint. It reads: All I Have Seen Teaches Me To Trust The Creator For All That I Have Not Seen. I have these displayed to remind me of God's faithfulness and to always hold unwaveringly to the hope I profess as instructed in Hebrews 10:23.

Every year around Mother's Day, I enter a zone of reflection and contemplation. The result, most of which, is too deep for an article. However, during this time I am always brought full circle to focusing on the importance of the hope that does not disappoint and the love God has poured out in my heart by His Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:3-5) My family (siblings) and I sometimes refer cavalierly to statements made by Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Jackson. When I go through life's many challenges (parenting, sickness, loss etc. they may lightly say "keep hope alive or never lose infinite hope." No matter how lightly they say these phrases, they always remind me of what is written in Romans 15:13:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Also, around Mother's Day I am humbled by the care that Jesus had for his mother at the cross. I know, especially as a mother, it must have been extremely painful to watch your son go through such an awful experience. However, Jesus amid all his suffering cared about her. *When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:26-27)* Mary was later able to be there in Jerusalem to join in constant prayer with the women and Jesus's brothers after Jesus ascended. (Acts 1:14)

Praise be to God, now because of the death burial resurrection and ascension of Jesus, we now have a permanent high priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses. Mothers everywhere can approach the throne of grace with confidence for our families. There is no situation or need we can fear praying about. Also because of the gift of His Holy Spirit we have help in praying even about things we are unsure of. (Hebrews 4:14-16) We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure... (Hebrews 6:19) It is not just a quote on a cup, garage wall or tee-shirt. It is a certain promise of God.

- Donna Smith

## He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He can hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my love is often cold,  
He must hold me fast.

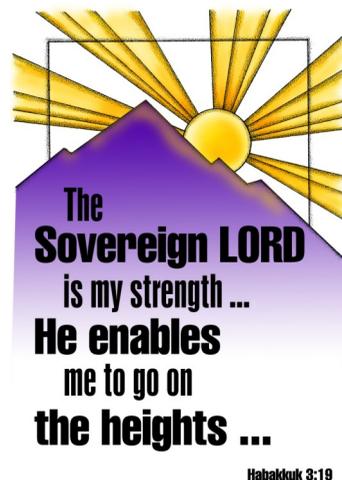
I am precious in His sight,  
He will hold me fast;  
Those He saves are His delight.  
He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.

- Ada Ruth Habershon, 1861-1918

*English poet and writer Ada Habershon wrote several books about the Old Testament, and during a long illness in 1901 she began writing poetry as well. This poem was originally written to reassure some young believers who felt overwhelmed; later it was set to music as a hymn and it was translated into numerous languages.*



## The Lord Watches Over Us

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? - Psalm 121:1*

In this world, we are often reminded of our need for help; yet truly we have needed God's help each moment. None of us is strong enough or skilled enough to face this world's distractions and false hopes and fears and sorrows on our own, so God reassures us that he knows what we need, and he is always near with those who walk humbly by faith in Jesus -

*My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. - Psalm 121:2*

Many animals are known for the care and kindness they show to their young; two examples are mother orangutans and mother cheetahs. Orangutans spend much of their lives in trees, and the mother carries a newborn for several weeks as the baby orangutan gets used to its new environment, as she also teaches it what to eat and what to do. Then, for several years, the mother makes a fresh, clean nest every evening for the young orangutan.

Similarly, each evening and each morning, our Heavenly Father is near, renewing us and comforting us, showing us his care day and night -

*He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. - Psalm 121:3-4*

Cheetahs give birth to litters of 2-6 cubs, and newborn cheetahs face many hazards where they live, so their mother shows them constant care, protects them from threats, teaches them what to eat, and guides them each step. Mother cheetahs are especially known for their care for each cub; whether a cub is weak or strong, timid or sociable, their mother gives them all the care they need, showing that she cares for each of them.

Likewise, God created each of us as we are, and he cares for each of us regardless of what this world thinks of us and how this world treats us -

*The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. - Psalm 121:5-6*

After they have gone out on their own, orangutans remember the care their mothers showed them, and they often return to see them. When it is time for cheetahs too to leave their mother, they also remember their mother's care and teaching, for the siblings stay together for months, caring for one another until they each begin to find mates. Similarly, God asks us simply to acknowledge him and his care for us and our need for him, and to care for one another.

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. - Psalm 121:7-8*

Jesus has saved us and redeemed us, and no one can snatch us out of his hand, for his love and understanding are the same both now and forevermore.

- Mark Garner