

Family Information

Parking Lot Closure This Week

It is time to add sealer to the church parking lot. It is important that you do not drive or walk on it for two days while it dries. The main parking lot (excluding the front drive for access to the childcare) will be coated Wednesday May 18 (weather permitting). Please do not drive or walk on it through Saturday May 21st while it dries. If you need access to the building during this time, please use the front drive or the Vineyard parking lot (south of the building) and use one of the side entrances.

Sunday Afternoon Worship Resumes Today

The Sunday afternoon (4:00) worship assembly is resuming today. A new series also begins today, with a series of videos by Ray Vander Laan based on the book of Exodus.

Wednesday Service Meeting This Week

There will be a service meeting this 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.

Child Care Staff Appreciation Dinner

This 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.

Events Next Weekend

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.

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

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.

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 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.

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 class will not meet this week, and will resume on May 24, when a new study of Philippians will begin. 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:	\$5784	\$4520
Designated:	\$	\$47



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The Lord Establishes Our Steps

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.
- Proverbs 16:3

We understand so little, and every day is full of opportunity and danger, hopes and fears, possibilities both good and bad. God patiently calls us simply to trust in him, to walk by faith in his Son, and let him establish our steps - *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.* - Proverbs 16:9

In the 1990s television series "Early Edition", Gary unexpectedly starts receiving each morning a copy of the next day's newspaper, full of accounts of things that haven't yet happened. He and two of his friends try to determine what to do with this. "Tomorrow's" paper usually has more tragedies and disasters than normal, so they realize that they could try to prevent some of them.

They can stop some of these with a phone call, or by being at the right place at the right time. Other times, they meet resistance, since the people they're trying to help don't realize they're in danger. Likewise, God protects us from many dangers we may not even notice, and he simply reminds us to walk humbly by faith in Jesus and his love, so that his grace may overflow to us - *Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for.* - Proverbs 16:6

Gary's friend Chuck is constantly tempted to peek at the sports results or the stock prices, hoping to make money (when he tries, it leads to problems), so Gary hides the newspaper from him, yet his friend still helps when he is needed. His other friend Marissa is blind; yet she finds many ways to help, and she continually encourages Gary and keeps reminding him just to do what he can.

Similarly, sometimes we may be easily distracted, while other times we may be hindered by our own burdens, yet our Heavenly Father has put each of us in one another's lives and he has put each of us in the body of Jesus; and he calls us to help and care for one another - *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.* - Proverbs 17:17

Sometimes, the next day's paper has too many things for them to take care of, so they follow their friend's advice to do what they can; and often by helping one person it indirectly helps someone else. Sometimes stopping one tragedy would start a chain of events that also prevented another; other times, someone they had helped earlier would later provide key help with a different problem.

Likewise, there are so many needs and fears and sorrows around us, so instead of being overwhelmed, God patiently calls us to hold fast to him and trust him to guide us - *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.* - Proverbs 16:20

Truly, the depths of God's knowledge and his compassion and his care and his faithfulness transcend human understanding.

- Mark Garner

Behold, A Stone In Zion Laid

Behold, a stone in Zion laid,
A tried, a sure foundation stone;
Thrice blest are they whose hopes are staid
Upon this base, and this alone.

Storms may arise, and tempests blow,
And beat with fury on this Rock,
Still it remains, though wave o'erflow,
Unmoved amid the fiercest shock.

Some build their hopes on the ever drifting sand,
Some on their fame, or their treasure, or their land;
Mine's on a Rock that forever will stand,
Jesus, the Rock of Ages.

- Tullius Clinton O'Kane, 1830-1912

*Ohio schoolteacher and writer Tullius O'Kane wrote the words and music to several dozen hymns.
He also helped in setting up children's Bible classes in several cities.*

Everyone That Is Thirsty In Spirit

Ho, everyone that is thirsty in spirit,
Ho, everyone that is weary and sad;
Come to the fountain, there's fullness in Jesus,
All that you're longing for: come and be glad!

I will pour water on him that is thirsty,
I will pour floods upon the dry ground;
Open your hearts for the gifts I am bringing;
While ye are seeking Me, I will be found.

- Lucy Jane Rider Meyer, 1849-1922

*Writer and chemistry teacher Lucy J. Meyer taught both in high school and college;
she also edited a collection of hymns.*

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, Dot Duncan writes about God's promise that he will always be with us, and what that means to us.

He Will Never Leave You, He Will Never Forsake You

Have you ever experienced a situation that left you emotionally and mentally bankrupt? Something you had no control over. I have! In 2008, when the economy took a downturn, I lost my job. Fear gripped me. How was I going to pay my bills? The creditors started calling. I hated answering the phone.

On one occasion, a creditor called, she started off with the usual threats that caused me to tremble inside. However, this day something was different, I realized they could only take my "stuff". Armed with this attitude, I was able to tell the lady, I could not make a payment and I realized she was only doing her job.

What made the difference? The Holy Spirit reminded me of [Psalm 37:25](#) - *I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken . . .* (Amplified Bible)

Today, I claim this promise in [Hebrews 13:5-6](#) - *Let your character be free from the love of money being content with what you have; for He has said, "I will never [under any circumstances] desert you [leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless], nor will I forsake or let you down or relax my hold on you [assuredly not]!" So, we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently say "The LORD is my helper [in time of need], I will not be afraid. what can man do to me?"* (Amplified Bible)

May I encourage you to take hold of His promise in Hebrews 13. It does not matter your circumstances - a job loss, death of a loved one, becoming a caregiver, past pain and hurts, illnesses or stresses from daily living, etc. There is always hope in God. I promise you, "He will never leave you nor forsake you" for I live to tell you of His daily care.

- Dot Duncan

