

Family Information

No Wednesday Outreach Meeting This Month

There will be no Wednesday Outreach meeting this month, as several of our members will be at camp. The next Wednesday service meeting will be on August 3, for children's ministry, including Sunday ministry and our Child Care. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

Prayers

Geneva Bundy is still in St. Ann's Hospital; please pray for her to have a quick recovery. She is currently in room 208, and visits are welcome.

Child Care & Church Staff Questionnaire

Last Sunday, the elders passed out a Child Care and Church Staff questionnaire. Please fill it out and return it to the box at the request table. Extra copies are available, and if you have any questions, see any of the elders.

2nd Camp Week Begins Next Week

Next week, July 24th through 30th, is Northland's 2nd camp week, with Nick Strawser at NWOCYC, and the cost is \$200. If you plan to go, sign up in advance to avoid possible registration delays. If you have any questions or if you can help out in any way for either week, see Mike Evans or Josh Evans.

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.

The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. The classes already have teachers, so this is a good opportunity for training. These positions are staggered so that no one needs to serve for extended periods. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

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 in Philippians. 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.

Work Day Next Month

There will be a work/clean-up day on Saturday, August 20th. If it rains, then the following Saturday, August 27th, will be the backup date. See Mike Evans for further information.

Family Fun Friday Re-Scheduled

Northland's Family Fun Friday has been re-scheduled to August 5th. If it rains that Friday, the activities will be held indoors. If you'd like to participate or have questions, see Caleb.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$5357	\$4538
Designated:	\$	\$43



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There Is No Other Rock

Listen, Jacob, my servant, Israel, whom I have chosen. This is what the Lord says - he who made you . . . I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground. - Isaiah 44:1-3

The Lord made each of us with unfailing compassion and understanding, and he knows each of us by name. The Lord our living God knows our thoughts and he knows our needs, and he pours out living water in this world's dry ground to nourish those who believe in the good news of Jesus. Our Heavenly Father is the first and the last, he is our Redeemer, and he alone is God - *This is what the Lord says - Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. - Isaiah 44:6*

English poet Anne Steele (1717-1778) began writing poetry and essays in her teens, with many of her writings about God and the message of Jesus. Anne had endured a serious injury as a youth that left her frail for the rest of her life, so she was always aware of her need for God's care and compassion. She was also aware of her flaws and her constant need for God's grace, and many of her poems show her deep appreciation of our Redeemer and what Jesus endured to redeem us.

As Steele writes in one of her poems, "Jesus, who left His throne on high, Left the bright realms of bliss, And came on earth to bleed and die - Was ever love like this?" Truly there is no other Rock besides God, who had foretold long ago the coming of our Savior - *Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one. - Isaiah 44:8*

For much of her life, Anne Steele wrote just for her friends and family, who often encouraged her to have them published. When she was about 40 a collection of her poems was published, and soon she began receiving requests to have them set to music as hymns, since many of them spoke about the ways God meets the needs of our spirits and calms our fears. (Later one hymnal of the time included over 50 of Steele's hymns.)

In one of her poems, Steele writes of our Redeemer, "While my Redeemer's near, My shepherd and my guide, I bid farewell to anxious fear, My wants are all supplied. Along the lovely scene, Cool waters gently roll, And kind refreshment smiles serene, To cheer my fainting soul." And as Anne also wrote, "He lives, the great Redeemer lives, What joy the blest assurance gives!" For our Heavenly Father sweeps away the sins of those who turn to his Son - *I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you. - Isaiah 44:22*

The Lord our living God is the Rock eternal, and there is no other like him.

- Mark Garner

The Lord Is My Light

The Lord is my light; then why should I fear?
By day and by night His presence is near;
He is my salvation from sorrow and sin;
This blessed persuasion the Spirit brings in.

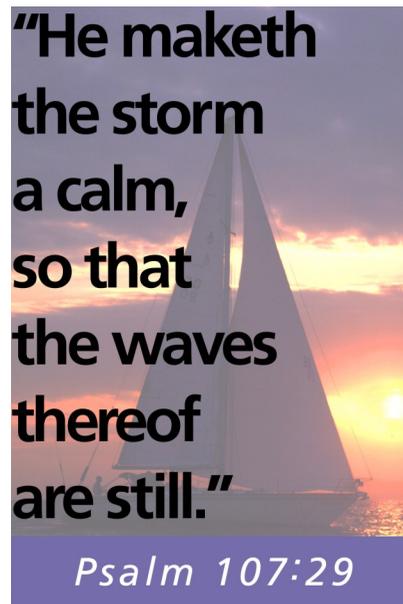
The Lord is my light, my joy, and my song;
By day and by night He leads me along;
The Lord is my light, my joy, and my song;
By day and by night He leads me along;

The Lord is my light; though clouds may arise;
Faith, stronger than sight, looks up to the skies
Where Jesus forever in glory doth reign:
Then how can I ever in darkness remain?

The Lord is my light, my all and in all;
There is in His sight no darkness at all;
He is my Redeemer, my Savior and king;
With saints and with angels His praises I sing.

- James L. Nicholson, 1828-1876

Writer James Nicholson was born in Ireland and emigrated to the U.S. in his twenties.
He worked for the U.S. Post Office for about 25 years while writing the words to over 50 hymns,
as well as writing several books, including a book about birds.



Jesus, Our Good Shepherd

Jesus is often described as our good Shepherd, for all of the ways he cares for us, guides us, and protects us. This week, Dot writes about the certainties and assurance we can have in knowing God, who is I AM.

I AM Exodus 3:1-15

Have you ever considered who **I AM** is to you? This is the covenant name God gave Himself in Exodus 3:14 - *God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM". This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'* (NIV)

Wow! God gave Himself the name I AM and rightly so. The name itself implies so much about God. He's eternal and unchanging. God is self-existent. He existed before time, and He will never cease to be. God was, he is, and He will always be.

Another implication of God's covenant name is He lives in the present. He's not just the God of ancient time, but the God of today. I AM has seen our daily struggles. He has heard our cry for help and is concerned about our suffering. So much so, that He came down and rescued us from the dominion of darkness - *He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* (Colossians 3:13-14, NIV)

Exodus 3:11-12 - *But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh . . . ?" And God said, "I will be with you . . . God has promised, He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) and he says "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)*

Lastly, I AM is His name forever and is to be remembered from generation to generation. Exodus 3:15 - *God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation."* (NIV)

I AM, God's covenant name has many implications, too numerous to list. May I challenge you to take what you know about I AM, put it into action daily, then set aside time daily to study the Scriptures to learn more about the promises and hope we have in Him.

- Dot Duncan