

Family Information

Fall Fest This Evening

Fall Fest will be this evening from 5:30-7:00 PM. It will take place rain or shine, and it will include games, food, and Trunk or Treat. If you're willing to help, please see Emily Graham, Josh Evans, or Vicki Cowans. There are also sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

Thank You

We want to say thank you to everyone for your prayers and kind words related to the loss of our cousin Warren Coate. Also, thank you for accepting and supporting Warren for so many years. Your patience and love mean more to us than you may know and glorify God. - Perry & Jenny Coate

New Church Staff

This past Friday, October 21, Pam and Darrell Estep retired after many years of working for the congregation. Ashley Dillinger is now the new church secretary, and Art Silva is now the custodian for the building and grounds. Each of these positions will be part-time. See one of the elders for further information.

Potluck For Pam & Darrell Estep

On Sunday November 6th, immediately following worship service, there will be a potluck in the fellowship room (rooms E41 & E42), to honor Pam and Darrell Estep for the many years they have served our congregation. Paper goods and drinks will be provided. Please bring food to share - there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Wednesday Service Meeting Schedule

The next service meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 PM. The first Wednesday of every month will be devoted to children's ministry. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

Update On New Web Site

Until the end of this year, both of Northland's web sites will be continually updated by Jack Evans and Becca Strawser. After January 1 the new site, ncocfamily.com, will replace the current site.

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

More November Events

In addition to the Potluck, two more events are planned for next month. On Sunday, November 13, there will be a meeting after the morning assembly to discuss putting up a new sign in front of the church building. Then, on Sunday, November 20, there will be an evening combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation. Details will be coming soon.

New Small Groups

If you would be interested in joining a new small group (either being part of one or hosting one) beginning either later this fall or this winter, please see Caleb or one of the elders.

Children's Classes

We currently have children's classes for ages 2-10 during worship (each of them begins after the Lord's Supper). See Mike Evans for further details. The children's education program needs helpers for all age groups. See Lynn Paden or Emily Graham if you can help.

Current On-Line Studies

Every other Friday at 7:00 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details, 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 Acts. Contact Karen for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$2840	\$4325
Designated:		\$44



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The Boundless Riches Of Christ

Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ. - Ephesians 3:8

In this life we see only the outer fringes of God's eternal nature, yet in our Heavenly Father's overflowing grace, he has made known to us the boundless riches of Jesus. In the Son of God are the treasures of God's understanding and care, and in him the deepest needs of our spirits can be satisfied - . . . *and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. - Ephesians 3:9*

Not only has God shown us the riches of his splendor from what he has made, he has also shown us the riches of his goodness and understanding through his creations. As German astronomer Johannes Kepler (1571-1630) says, "He himself has let us take part in the knowledge of these things . . . they are set before our eyes like a mirror so that by examining them we may observe to some extent the goodness and wisdom of the Creator."

Moreover, through the message of Jesus, God answers questions that we could barely put into words. Medieval English writer Anselm of Aosta (1033-1109) writes of the many aspects of God's nature and the many dimensions of his vastness, "What are you, Lord . . . so many things you are; my narrow thought cannot behold them in a single glance in order to delight in all at once . . . Whole and everywhere at every time Yourself and your eternity exist as one."

Jesus shows us God's multi-faceted wisdom and his desire to give everyone the chance to know him and to be with him forever - *His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known . . . according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Ephesians 3:10-11*

God and his unfailing love and the purposes of his heart will endure forever. French philosopher Simone Weil (1909-1943) often contemplated and wrote about the love of God and its transcendent nature. She writes, "God created through love and for love . . . and the means to love. He created love in all its forms. He created beings capable of love from all possible distances." Truly in his boundless compassion, Jesus has opened the way to God's presence -

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. - Ephesians 3:12

So we may approach God with a soft and humble heart, and may receive the boundless riches of his grace and peace and hope.

- Mark Garner

The Little Cares

The little cares which fretted me,
I lost them yesterday
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what may come,
I cast them all away
Among the clover scented grass,
Among the new mown hay;
Among the hushing of the corn,
Where drowsing poppies nod,
Ill thoughts can die, and good be born,
Out in the fields of God.

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 1806-1861

Love, Wonderful Love Of God

Love, wonderful love of God,
So boundless, so free;
To think that Christ His only Son
Should die on Calvary;
Oh love so great, so vast, so high,
That He should for the sinner die.

Love, wonderful love of God,
To me has been made known;
To me the Spirit freely gives
And claims me for His Own;
O love so wondrous, so divine,
That I am His and He is mine.

Love, wonderful love of God,
With joy I now proclaim
To sinners lost that they may have
Salvation thro' His name;
That they may now with others prove,
Christ's dying and undying love.

- Seth Sykes, 1892-1950

*For much of his life, Scottish hymnwriter Seth Sykes worked as a tramway conductor and motorman.
The music to most of his hymns, including this one, was written by his wife Bessie.*

An Anchor For The Soul

Jesus and his message of salvation and redemption give us an anchor for our souls as we endure this world's uncertainties and fears. This week, Dot Duncan writes about some of the ways that Jesus' words can anchor us.

The Words of Christ, Our Anchor to God

I am not a skipper on a ship, nor do I know much about anchors. However, I do know that an anchor is used to prevent a vessel/watercraft from drifting due to the wind or current in calm or stormy weather.

During my research I discovered a few more interesting facts. Firstly, there are two types of anchors-permanent and temporary. Secondly, an anchor gets its holding power by being embedded into the seabed, mass (usually a slab or block of concrete) or combination of the two. Thirdly, the anchor is attached to the vessel by a cable made of rope, chain or a combination of the two.

As I pondered the purpose of the of anchor, I thought about the words of Christ. We are the vessels, His words are the cable which anchor us to Him, and Christ anchors us to God.

John 15:7 & Colossians 3:16 (NIV).

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Let the words of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

The words of Christ are designed to remain in us; to indwell us for they are eternal (permanent). His words are to be lived and experienced every day. When and how? As we teach and admonish one another, sing to God, and talk with Christ and God. These are action words! Christ expects us live His words so that they might become embedded into our lives. Just like the anchor is embedded into the seabed to keep the vessel from drifting, so the words of Christ keep us from drifting away from God, steadfast and immovable in difficult and calm times. Surely, Christ is our permanent anchor to God for He lives in us through His Words and Holy Spirit.

- Dot Duncan