

## Family Information

### Sympathy & Prayers

Frank Rynearson passed away Friday, October 28, and we want to express our sympathy to Nancy Rynearson and her family. Frank was a member at Northland for many years, and many of us will miss him. Please keep Nancy and the family in your prayers.

### Potluck Today For Pam & Darrell Estep

Today, 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. Everyone is welcome to come!

### Wednesday Service Meeting This Week

There will be a service meeting this Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 PM. It has been re-scheduled from last week. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

### What's The Point Of 2 Chronicles?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available in the racks in the foyer. This month, Caleb Dillinger and Mark Garner have each written one page on "What's The Point Of 2 Chronicles?" The entire series is being posted to Northland's new web site (ncocfamily.com) - under "Resources" there is a link that will take you the series.

### More November Events

Next 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. See Jeff McVicker for details. Then, on Sunday, November 20, there will be an evening combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation. Details will be coming soon.

#### 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

### 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. Let us also know how often you would be interested in meeting or hosting (once per month, every other week, or every week). We're hoping to start one or two groups before the end of the year.

### 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 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 Acts. Contact Karen for more details.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3132	\$4333
<b>Designated:</b>		\$45



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## The Lord Gives Life

*And the Levites . . . said: Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. - Nehemiah 9:5*

The Lord alone is God, and it is good to praise and exalt him. Our Heavenly Father made the heavens and the earth and everything in them, and we are surrounded by reminders of his splendor and understanding and care. There is no one like God - *You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. - Nehemiah 9:6*

The African baobab is often called "the tree of life"; it is known for its longevity and its ability to thrive in unfavorable environments, and moreover it sustains life to plants, animals, and humans. The baobab (pronounced bah-oh-bahb or bay-oh-bab) has a trunk so large that can store as much as 35,000 gallons of water; this reservoir sustains it through the dry seasons, keeps the surrounding soil moist, and ends up nourishing everything around it in a variety of ways.

Scientists have shown (using carbon dating) that numerous baobab trees are well over 1,000 years old, and several are over 2,000 years old. As a single baobab tree nourishes living things around it for many generations, in an even deeper way our Heavenly Father gives life to every living creature and to every plant, year after year, generation after generation - *You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. - Nehemiah 9:6*

The baobab also provides shelter from heat and rain, its fruit contains high levels of vitamin C, calcium, and iron, providing nutrition for many animals as well as people, its leaves and seeds have several uses, and animals often eat its bark for its water content. The baobab provides all this to living things just by being there. Likewise, the Lord our God gives many blessings to us all, and he especially gives spiritual blessings to those who walk by faith in Jesus - *You are the Lord God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham. You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a covenant with him. - Nehemiah 9:7-8*

The baobab's branches grow from the top of the trunk, and in dry seasons when it sheds its leaves the branches resemble roots, so its curious appearance has led to it sometimes being called the "upside-down tree". Just as this unusual tree is a source of many blessings, God also brings us many unexpected blessings in ways we couldn't have imagined, and he shows us his care even in unusual circumstances. For God's promises are trustworthy - *You have kept your promise because you are righteous. - Nehemiah 9:8*

God delights in giving life to everything, and he gives eternal life to those who believe in the message of Jesus and hold fast to him.

- Mark Garner

## Prayers & Swans

Do you bow your head when you pray or do you look  
up into that blue space?  
Take your choice, prayers fly from all directions.  
And don't worry about what language you use,  
God no doubt understands them all.  
Even when swans are flying north and making  
such a ruckus of noise, God is surely listening  
and understanding.

- Mary Oliver, 1935-2019

## Jesus Lives

Jesus lives! From riven tomb  
He arose, triumphant, glorious.  
Now hath He indeed become  
By His death for aye victorious,  
Lightnings flash, the earth is heaving;  
Rent the grave, the Lord is living.

Christ arose! His victory's mine.  
He from death can sure deliver,  
Whom the grave could not confine,  
'Tis my peace and comfort ever.  
Open waits me heaven's portal;  
He arose with life immortal.

Jesus lives! No longer death  
With its terrors can appall me;  
I approach my tomb with faith,  
There to rest till He shall call me.  
On this truth my hope I anchor,  
Jesus lives, and he shall conquer.

- Hjalmar Sundquist, 1869-1949

*Hjalmar Sundquist was born in Sweden, and came to the U.S. to go to college.  
He was the editor for a Swedish-language newspaper, and he regularly taught Bible classes.*

## *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, Peggy Kaiser writes about the ways that Jesus teaches us about how God and his teachings can be an anchor for our lives and souls.*

## Jesus Will Show Us

When I think of an anchor, I think of something that creates stability and prevents a boat from drifting away. The anchor keeps the boat away from danger and being swept away. Hebrews 2:1 warns us, "We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

Hearing God and doing what He says is that anchor we all need to stay safe. My favorite parable is about a wise man and a foolish man. The wise man comes to Jesus and listens to what He says. The wise man not only hears Jesus' teachings but he also put them into practice. He does what he has seen and heard.

In contrast to the wise man, the foolish man looks to himself as the one who can create safety & stability. He does not come to Jesus. He does not listen to Jesus' teachings and does not put God's word into practice. When a storm comes, the foolish man is unable to withstand the damaging wind and rain.

*Luke 6:46-49 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."*

Let us be like the wise man. Jesus wants to show us how to not drift away. Jesus says, "I will show you" (verse 47). I will show you how to avoid being swept away by life's floods. I will show you a wise builder. I love the way Jesus shows us, he does not just give us a book and expect us to learn from a manual – he shows us by the way he lived his life. He shows us by the stories that he carefully weaves to illustrate very important spiritual principles.

Jesus shows us how to become wise, let us "pay the most careful attention, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away." Let us firmly attach our anchor to Jesus.

- Peggy Kaiser