

## Family Information

### Combined Worship Next Sunday Evening

Next Sunday evening, November 20, there will be a combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation and the Spanish congregation, beginning at 6:00 PM. See the elders or Caleb for more details.

### Meeting This Morning (For New Sign)

Today, right after the morning assembly there will be a meeting to discuss putting up a new sign in front of the church building. Anyone interested is welcome to come. See Jeff McVicker for details.

### Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next outreach (service) meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 PM. This will be the last Wednesday meeting of the year, due to holiday schedules. For the time being, the meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of every month will be focused on outreach opportunities, meaning anything to do with non-Northland members. See Jeff or Caleb for additional information.

### 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.

### 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, ncocfamily.org, and after that if you enter the old site address you will be automatically redirected to the new one.

#### 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 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>	\$4733	\$4342
<b>Designated:</b>	325	\$53



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## He Has Put His Dwelling Place...

### He Has Put His Dwelling Place Among Us

*If you follow my decrees . . . I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. - Leviticus 26:3-4*

God's words and his promises are trustworthy; and as we walk by faith in the message of Jesus, our Heavenly Father will nurture the seed in our hearts and will produce a crop of the fruit of the Spirit that only could have come from him. God calls us to follow Jesus humbly, so that he may give us a peace that transcends this world's circumstances and appearances - *I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. - Leviticus 26:6*

Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707-1783, his last name is pronounced like 'oiler') is remembered for his many discoveries in mathematics and physics. He was also known for his faith in Jesus; Leonhard was close with his family, and they regularly met to pray and read scriptures together. He wrote a number of essays about God and the Scriptures, and in his many personal letters to family, friends, and former students he often writes about his walk with God.

In one of Euler's essays, he writes "The Holy Scripture not only provides those who are seriously concerned with the improvement of their hearts with the most powerful means to that end, but that it also leads them in time to a greater knowledge of God." For indeed the Scriptures tell us both about the path God has in mind for us as well as about God's vastness and his unfailing compassion and the covenant of peace he makes with us and his desire to show us his favor - *I will look on you with favor . . . and I will keep my covenant with you. - Leviticus 26:9*

Leonhard said that sometimes when he was working on mathematical or scientific research, it would remind him of one of God's teachings; he said this would happen because "His power extends to the whole universe and to all the bodies which it contains . . . God is everywhere present." Truly God is all around us and he surrounds us with reminders of his care and understanding, and he dwells among those who seek him in truth - *I will put my dwelling place among you. - Leviticus 26:11*

Leonhard Euler also wrote of one of his studies, "Though we are very far short of a perfect knowledge of the subject, the little we do know of it is more than sufficient to convince us of the power and wisdom of the Creator." Likewise, just as nature gives us many indications of God's wisdom and care, and though we are far short of understanding the Scriptures completely, they give us many reasons to put our faith in our Heavenly Father - *I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt. - Leviticus 26:12-13*

The Lord has brought us out of this world's gloom and chaos, and into the light of Jesus.

- Mark Garner

### **Beneath The Cross Of Jesus**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus kneeling,  
Dawns on my soul the endless day;  
There, deeper than all tides of feeling,  
Doth God His boundless grace display;  
Thence flow the mystic waves of healing;  
There all my stains are washed away.

God wrought for man, mankind redeeming,  
When Christ was pierced by Roman spear,  
And, o'er the thirsty world down-streaming,  
Forth gushed a fountain, cool and clear,  
Till souls, beside those waters gleaming,  
Forgot in joy sin's desert drear.

Lord, let my heart, this gift receiving,  
Beat one glad anthem to Thy praise;  
And may the stream, Thy pierced heart leaving  
Refresh and heal me all my days:  
Thus by Thy blood my life retrieving,  
A psalm of endless thanks I'll raise.

- Hallgrímur Pétursson, 1614-1674

*Many of Icelandic poet Hallgrímur Pétursson's poems have also been set to music as hymns.  
The translation above was done by British writer Charles Venn Pilcher (1879-1961),  
as part of a collection of English translations of Icelandic Christian writings.*

### **Come Unto Me, Earth's Weary Ones**

Come unto me, earth's weary ones!  
The Saviour saith to-day;  
Come, ye that, heavy-laden, sigh,  
Your burdens cast away!  
Come, in the sultry heat of noon,  
And I will give you rest;  
Come, weary pilgrim, hither come,  
And be forever blest!

Rest, rest in thee! my spirit longs  
For calm and sweet repose;  
To have my soul a tranquil lake  
Whereon faith's lily grows.  
I claim thy promise, gracious Lord!  
Thy love to comfort me,  
Repenting, hoping, loving now,  
O Christ! I come to thee.

*- Phoebe Ann Hanaford, 1829-1921 Writer and teacher Phoebe (sometimes spelled Phebe) Hanaford began having her writings published in her teens, and she wrote in a wide variety of fields, including biography and poetry.*

### ***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, Micah Evans writes about some of the things she's learned about the benefits of being anchored in God.*

### **Time to Drop Anchor**

God has been speaking to me lately, through His scriptures, about faith. It seems that everyone these days struggles with some sort of anxiety/worrying problem. Myself included! I've always been a worrier, and these last few pandemic years have really done a number on everyone in that department.

We put our faith in modern medicine, in our jobs, in our friends, our families, and even in our church. And while all these things can be good in their own way and surely have their place, are we putting our faith in God? Are we willing to let go and let HIM? Am I truly anchored to He who designed the ship in the first place?

I know that God is working in me right now to learn that lesson. Recently reading James 2, what really stuck out to me was verse 14 through the end of the chapter. This passage mentions that if you say to someone who has no food or clothes, "be warm and eat well," but you do nothing to help them, then those words mean, quite literally, nothing. They're empty. Faith without works is like this, as the passage goes on to say. This really struck me, because for how long have I been saying I trust God or have faith in God, but still continue to attempt managing things myself? How long have I been trying to control every aspect of the foreseeable future, hoping that it will bring me some sort of assurance? Because it absolutely won't.

My husband is wonderful, and does his best, but when I put my faith in him and he doesn't do what I expected? I end up disappointed. When I put my faith in even the best of my friends? They're still human, and I end up exhausted and empty. When I put my faith in myself because I think I'm the one person I can count on? I end up feeling like a failure and searching for fulfillment. How easy it is to make idols of not only "things," but of other people, and even of ourselves.

So I'm dropping anchor. And I know exactly where I intend for it to land. And friends, the best news is that God is ready, and waiting for it! No matter how long we've been tossing and turning with the waves, foolishly counting on earthly things to guide us through the tumult, God is ready with open arms to embrace us and give us a peace that passes all understanding. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

- Micah Evans