

## Family Information

### Combined Worship This Evening

This evening, there will be a combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation and the Spanish congregation, beginning at 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come.

### Thank You

Dear Northland Church Family, Thank you for the retirement potluck you had for us and for the kind words that were said. We also want to thank everyone for the gift cards we received. It is a blessing to have such a wonderful church family. We will miss everyone for the next few months but will look forward to being back and seeing everyone in the spring. - Darrell & Pam Estep

### 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. 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. Sign-up sheets have been posted in the foyer. 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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## Vocal Thanksgiving

Most people are appreciative when they hear the words, "thank you." Unfortunately, it is quite often that we fail to offer thanks. It's not that we are ungrateful! We just don't think to verbalize the thanksgiving. Yet, there is remarkable power in vocal thanksgiving.

My father made it a practice every year around the Thanksgiving Day meal for each child (I have three siblings) along with the parents to share what they were thankful for. Verbally. Some of us were thankful for the food that day, or for sparkling grape juice, or for good grades, or good weather. But the practice was designed to get us eventually talking about our thanksgiving to God.

King David, upon returning the ark of the covenant and placing it in a tent, commanded that thanksgiving be offered through song. 1 Chronicles 16:8-9 says this, "8 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 9 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!"

Some people don't consider themselves talented or even acceptable singers. If you don't want to sing your thanksgiving, God will understand. But I think there's plenty of ways to "tell of all his wondrous works." Write a post on Facebook or Instagram telling of God's works. Write letters or postcards to friends or family telling of God's wondrous works. Talk to co-workers, neighbors, waiters and waitresses, and tell them of God's wondrous works.

This year, consider how you might vocalize your thanksgiving to God. The people need to know about God's deeds and wonder. And you may be surprised just how easy it is to talk about the good things God has done.

- Caleb Dillinger

## Give Thanks To God The Lord

Give thanks to God the Lord;  
Upon His name now call.  
Make known among the people on earth  
What He has done for all.  
Sing praise to Him, now sing;  
His wondrous acts proclaim.  
Rejoice, all you who seek the Lord;  
Come glory in His name.

Look to the Lord's great strength;  
Remember all His deeds.  
His judgments are in all the earth;  
He is the Lord indeed.  
His covenant e'er will stand;  
His oath He'll ne'er forget.  
A thousand generations pass;  
God's word continues yet.

Splendor and majesty  
Before the Lord are found.  
Both strength and joy with Him do dwell;  
Bring offerings, come bow down.  
Ascribe unto the Lord  
The glory due His name;  
The splendor of His holiness  
Now worship and proclaim.

- Susan Helen Peterson, 1950-2004

*Writer and editor Susan Peterson also regularly did volunteer work with the disabled, as well as helping with mission work. She also wrote the words to several dozen hymns.*

## I Thank Thee, Lord

I thank Thee, Lord, that in Thy blood,  
My guilt is washed away;  
I thank Thee that mine eyes behold  
A bright and glorious day;  
I thank Thee, Lord, for faith to see  
A world of endless joy in Thee.

I thank Thee for the hope of life  
That looks beyond the tomb;  
I thank Thee for the light that shines  
To cheer me thro' its gloom;  
And Lord, for all Thy gifts to me,  
My loudest praise I give to Thee.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

## By Day & By Night

*You saw the suffering of our ancestors in Egypt; you heard their cry at the Red Sea . . . You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day. You divided the sea before them, so that they passed through it on dry ground.*  
- Nehemiah 9:9-11

As God heard the cries of the ancient Israelites, he has heard the cries of our spirits as we bear this world's sadness and confusion. As our Heavenly Father made a path through the sea so the Israelites could pass through it as if on dry ground, his Son has come to be the Way that we couldn't have found. As the Lord guided the Israelites by day and by night, he also guides us every step - *By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire to give them light on the way they were to take.* - Nehemiah 9:12

Poet and college teacher Jill Peláez Baumgaertner (1948-present) has also been an editor for several religious periodicals, and many of her poems are about God and the good news of Jesus. Her poems often express gratitude for God's thorough understanding of us and his desire to satisfy our innermost needs.

Baumgaertner writes of God's Word, "This Word the gospel, the cornerstone, the king who shatters the darkness, who gives sight, who becomes the bright fleshprint of incarnation. This is the remote become immediate, the abstract made concrete, the dream become certain." For as God spoke his precepts and decrees to Moses and the Israelites, the Word became flesh and came to tell us truths that bring salvation and lasting peace and hope to those who hold fast to the message of Jesus - *You came down on Mount Sinai; you spoke to them from heaven. You gave them regulations and laws that are just and right, and decrees and commands that are good.*  
- Nehemiah 9:13

In one of her poems, Jill ponders the mysteries of Jesus' incarnation, how the Son of God lived as one of us: "Emmanuel, God with us, knows what our flesh knows . . . This is the mystery: King and carpenter's son, Shepherd and Lamb . . . With outstretched arms he redeems us . . . emblazoning the world's darkness." Indeed Jesus is our light in this world's haze and gloom, and he reaches out his arms to redeem us and to comfort us and to reassure us of God's nearness and care - *In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven and in their thirst you brought them water from the rock.* - Nehemiah 9:15

In another of her poems, Jill Baumgaertner also wrote of the release from sin that Jesus brings us, and what that means for us, "Shackled in the obscurity of our prison . . . we see only our own sin, unable to escape our insufficiencies. But the promise of release has been there all along . . . Come, Lord Jesus." Truly God pours out his grace on those who turn our hearts to him - *You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.* - Nehemiah 9:17

By day and by night God shows us his care in many ways, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner