

Family Information

New Small Groups - Sign-Up Sheets Available

Sign-up sheets have been posted in the foyer for anyone interested in joining a new small group sometime this winter. These will help in setting up the new group(s). There is one sheet for anyone interested in joining a group that would meet every 2 weeks, and there is another sheet for anyone interested in joining a group that would meet once per month. If you have any questions, please see Caleb or one of the elders.

Service Project With Young Adults

The young adults are helping with "My Very Own Blanket" on a Christmas service project that will make blankets for children in need. This will involve cutting and tying, and volunteers would be appreciated. They will be meeting next Sunday, December 4, at 12:30 PM in the fellowship room. See Emily Kruse or Megan Stover for more information.

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.

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, ncofamily.com, will replace the current site, ncofamily.org, and after that if you enter the old site address you will be automatically redirected to the new one.

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
General:	\$6027	\$4379
Designated:	\$	\$53



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Who Is The Rock Except Our God?

You, Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. - Psalm 18:28

The Lord gives each of us life and he sustains each of us every moment; he is our light in this world's gloom and darkness, and he gives enduring hope and eternal life to those who walk by faith in Jesus. Our Heavenly Father's ways are good for our souls and his words are trustworthy - *As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. - Psalm 18:30*

Snow leopards (approximately the same size as mountain lions or leopards; their thick fur is tan, tinted with gray and yellow, with dark rosettes) live in the extreme conditions of the Himalayas and other mountainous regions of Central Asia, places full of rocky and hazardous terrain, harsh weather, and high altitudes. Few animals can live there, so God has designed the snow leopard to live in this unusual environment.

Our Creator gives the snow leopard legs especially designed for coping with the sheer cliffs and sudden changes in height. Their hind legs are longer and have powerful muscles for generating leaps of up to 20 feet vertically and 50 feet horizontally, while their forelegs are shorter, strong and compact, designed for absorbing the impact of these jumps.

Similarly, God helps us to face us this world's constant changes and obstacles; our Father in heaven guides as we adjust to this world's chaos, and he gives us his Spirit who lives within us to be our Counselor and our Comforter. The Lord enables us to stand on the heights and he protects us as we face the accuser's snares and traps - *He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights. - Psalm 18:33*

Snow leopards' tails help them in numerous ways. Their tails are almost as long as the rest of their bodies, and they maneuver their tails as they climb and jump, enabling them to maintain balance as they accomplish acrobatic feats. Their tails are also coated with heavy fur, so when they rest they wrap their tails around themselves to stay warm.

Snow leopards also have thick padding on their paws, both for insulation and also for cushioning them as they walk on rock-strewn ground or on thick snowbanks, and their lungs are designed to enable them to breathe in plenty of oxygen in the rarified altitudes where they live. Who besides God could create and give life to these and many other remarkable animals; who besides our Heavenly Father would lavish such care and understanding on the living creatures he has made - *For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? - Psalm 18:31*

God is our Rock eternal, and it is good to give him thanks and praise and honor and glory.

- Mark Garner

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

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

For sessions that are currently meeting on-line, see the announcements above.

The Door Of God's Mercy Is Open

The door of God's mercy is open,
To all who are weary of sin.
And Jesus is patiently waiting,
Still waiting, to welcome you in.

Come, says the Savior,
come enter the gate;
I watch by the portals
both early and late,

The world is e'er wantonly wooing
Your soul from the ways of the blest;
But Jesus is tenderly bidding
You turn to His heavenly rest.

The door of God's mercy is open,
Invitingly open to all
Who list to the voice of the Master,
And hearing shall heed His sweet call.

- Ellen O. Van Fleet, 1842-1893

Writer Ellen Van Fleet had numerous poems and articles published in a variety of periodicals, and she also wrote the words to several hymns. She was married in her forties, so her writings sometimes appear under her birth name, Ellen Oliver.

Our Hope, Our Refuge, & Our Trust

Lord, thou hast been thy children's God,
All-powerful, wise, and good, and just,
In every age their safe abode,
Their hope, their refuge, and their trust.

Before thy word gave nature birth,
Or spread the starry heavens abroad,
Or formed the varied face of earth,
From everlasting thou art God.

Great Father of eternity,
How short are ages in thy sight,
A thousand years, how swift they fly,
Like one short, silent watch of night.

Soon let thy mercy cheer our hearts,
And tune our grateful songs of praise;
And let the joy thy smile imparts,
Enliven all our future days.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from one of British poet Anne Steele's poems based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 90.

From The Northland Archives

Last month, long-time Northland member Frank Rynearson passed away; Frank was known for quietly encouraging and helping others, and many of us have had Nancy and their family in our prayers. This article originally appeared in the Northland bulletin on June 3, 2018, as part of a series on the scriptures that Northland's members were reading.

Studying Scriptures With . . .

From time to time, we're talking with some of our brothers and sisters about the scriptures they've been reading. Today, we are talking with **Frank Rynearson**.

Q: Hello Frank, what have you been studying recently?

Frank R: Recently, I've been reading a couple of Proverbs each day, and am thinking about what they mean and the guidance they can give me and my family. The Proverbs are good guidance for young people, and I've been talking about them with my grandson. At the same time, they are good things for everyone to learn from.

Q: Very true, how no matter how old we are, we have much to learn from God. What are some of the Proverbs that have been especially helpful?

Frank R: I've learned a lot from this one - *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall (Proverbs 16:18)*. Young people often think they know everything and don't want to listen, yet older people can think that success allows them to become boastful or prideful. I was just watching a game when a star athlete spoke boastfully and acted disgracefully. Afterwards, his mother humbled him. Whether he understood or not, she did this because she cared about him.

Q: . . . We have time for another Proverb . . .

Frank R: This proverb tells us not to do things the ways that the world does things - *'It's no good, it's no good! says the buyer - then goes off and boasts about the purchase (Proverbs 20:14)* - taking advantage of one another, endless haggling, criticizing what someone else has, looking out only for oneself. Instead, when you deal with people honestly and fairly, they will remember you. I'd seen this at work too - kind of a long-term way of doing things. That of course gives us guidance also on a spiritual level.

Thank you, Frank!

- Frank Rynearson (with Mark G.)