

Family Information

From The Elders & Minister

Next Phase of Covid Adjustments: We still have a lot of adjustments to plan - Bible class, Wednesday activities, church events, communion supplies, etc. We are currently working on updating the E44 classroom (formerly a Wednesday Night classroom/Spanish classroom). More details to come as we work on it this month.

We are tentatively scheduling a church building "work day" on Saturday, September 11th. We'll be doing some cleaning, organizing, and various projects to improve the building. We'll keep you updated on time and a definitive plan later.

Here are the continued precautions we are taking: 1) Face coverings are now optional. 2) Regarding Lord's Supper: We will have individual cups with bread on top packed and ready for each of you. 3) We will have a contribution plate alongside the communion table as well as immediately inside the auditorium near the doors. 4) In place of the invitation song, an Elder will be at a table in the foyer for you to come to and submit any prayer requests.

On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, the current series is, "That Grace May Overflow" (based on Romans 5 & 6). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Steve will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome.

More On-Line Studies

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

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. Contact her for more details. **Contact** Caleb Dillinger if you would like to have free access to RightNow Media, a digital collection of faith-based videos.

Adjusted Service Times

10:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship
12:00 PM Sunday Ghana Worship
3:00 PM Sunday Spanish worship

*Classes and devotionals are
Currently meeting on-line*

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

Northland Child Care Update

Please pray for quality teachers. We are in critical need of teachers. If you have any suggestion, please let us know. You can help our current teachers by volunteering to read or teach lessons to the children. If you have questions of what this involves you can discuss with Mike and/or Lynn Paden as they are currently developing and teaching a curriculum based on stories in the Bible.

This ministry not only evolves the children but also their families and our staff. One of our teachers is off on maternity leave which is creating a financial hardship for her. We would like to help support her throughout this. We have some funds still in the scholarship fund that we can use for this. If you would like to help, please mark your contribution for Child Care needs.

There is an End of Summer picnic schedule for 8/20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm for our child Care families. If you would like to help, contact Tara Lynn Bell or Jeffrey McVicker. Come out and meet our child care staff and families. Additional needs include boxes of tissues.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3418	\$4548
Designated:	\$5	\$78



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From Him And Through Him...

From Him & Through Him & For Him Are All Things

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! - Romans 11:33

The depth of God's compassion is beyond human minds to fully fathom, and his wisdom and understanding are too profound for human words to describe. Our Heavenly Father formed each of us with unfailing care, and every one of us is dear to him; truly from him and through him and for him are all things - *For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. - Romans 11:36*

Late in his life, Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910) became disillusioned by this world's futility and its false hopes, and he found hope and peace in the message of Jesus. The more that Tolstoy pondered the nature of God, he was humbled and awed at God's splendor and vastness, as he wrote, "God is that infinite All of which we know ourselves to be a finite part. God alone exists truly."

As Leo continued to learn about Jesus and his life and his teachings, he also saw the care and compassion that God shows us through his Son. As Tolstoy writes, "Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love. Everything is, everything exists, only because of love. Everything is united by it alone. Love is God."

Indeed, God's incomparable love for us all is deeper than we can imagine, his paths are beyond human reasoning to trace out, our Heavenly Father tells us truths that human minds couldn't ever have thought of, and his words comfort our spirits - *How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? - Romans 11:33-34*

As Leo Tolstoy also came to realize the implications of our Father in heaven being the giver of life itself, he said, "Life is everything. Life is God. Everything shifts and moves, and this movement is God. And while there is life, there is delight in the self-awareness of the divinity. To love life is to love God." Truly God gives each of us life and breath and everything else, as the apostle says elsewhere -

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. - 1 Corinthians 8:6

The message of Jesus is full of truth and grace and understanding, in him all things hold together, and walking in his light brings lasting hope and peace and spiritual comfort.

- Mark Garner

In Boundless Mercy

In boundless mercy, gracious Lord, appear,
Darkness dispel, the humble mourner cheer;
Vain thoughts remove, melt down the flinty heart,
Draw every soul to choose the better part.

Thy presence fills the universal space,
Thy grace appears to all the human race,
Oh! visit us with light and life divine,
Fill every soul, for every soul is Thine.

Thou, blessèd Jesus, art my Lord, my Love:
Thou art my King: from Thee I would not move,
Hence earthly charms, far, far, from me depart,
Nor seek to draw from my dear Lord my heart.

That uncreated beauty, which has gained
My ravished heart, has all my glory stained:
Thy loveliness my soul has prepossessed,
And left no room for any other guest.

- Emanuel Swedenborg, 1688-1772

Swedish scientist Emanuel Swedenborg was known in his lifetime for his research in anatomy and other fields, yet today he is best known for his writings about Christianity.



As The Mountains Surround Jerusalem . . .

Psalm 125 uses this image of the ways our Heavenly Father surrounds us and protects us and guides us. This week, Linda Kyeremateng writes about the ways that the light of Jesus comforts us and gives us guidance.

Called Into God's Marvelous Light

Beginning this month, I have been reading through Matthew Chapter 5:1-12 (The Sermon on the Mount) where Jesus makes series of statements or character traits that collectively describe the person who will inherit the kingdom of Heaven. This character traits include humility, gentleness, repentance, purity, mercy, and righteousness. God has placed these traits in all believers to live it outwardly and consistently. With total dependency on God's grace and mercy, and also with our faith placed in God, He purposely develop these quality traits in our spiritual nature to act and think differently than the world does.

This is a big challenge because there are so many things going on in today's world. Today's world or society is trying to impose its opinions on us, making things to look normal. We believers or Christians are called to be a light among the people surrounding us. We are to follow in the footsteps or live an exemplary life of the one who has called us.

"However, you are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, people who belong to God. You were chosen to tell about the excellent qualities of God, who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." - 1 Peter 2:9

This world is not our home. We are just passing through. Let us have Christ like attitudes and character maintaining our eyes on eternity, and being a living billboard to bring glory to our Father in Heaven.

- Linda Kyeremateng