

## Family Information

### From The Elders & Minister

The Northland elders are constantly juggling safety, concern, and wisdom when it comes to handling Covid-19 and church practice. As the church seeks to find balance in our approach, we have to make adjustments along the way. Beginning next Sunday, March 7th, we'll begin our first adjustment: during the sermon masks can be removed. Masks will still be required for singing, as that has increased risks of spread, and masks will still be required for personal interaction and as you come in and out of the church building.

Please continue to practice safety and caution. When we meet in person, we will maintain all safety features until otherwise noted: mandatory face masks throughout the service, seating in every other pew, service approximately 1 hour, starting at 10:00 a.m., and dismissal by sections, starting in the back. For further guidelines and details, please check with the elders.

### Prayers

Please continue praying for Art, Kythrie, Paul, Anna, and the rest of the Silva family. If you would like to make a contribution to help the Silvas with the funeral expenses, you can give that to the elders or Pam Estep on Sunday, or you can make a note on your online contribution to indicate what amount you want to be directed toward the Silva family.

### Northland Child Care Teachers Needed

Northland Child Care is in need of teachers. We have an excellent program and will help you to get your necessary training courses and CDA certificate as you work. If you are interested or know of anyone interested please have them call Jamie at (614) 410-5861.

### 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:** Elmer Renderos, Luis Valdez

## On Line Bible Studies

### On-Line Sunday Afternoon Bible Class

In the Sunday afternoon on-line Bible class, today we're starting a new series, "Treasure In Jars Of Clay" (based on 2 Corinthians 4). The studies are being taught by Mark G., Phil S., Steve C., and Leon N. This week, Mark will teach the class, beginning at 2:00 PM, and everyone is welcome to join.

### More On-Line Studies

**Every** other Friday at 7:00 PM, next session March 12 - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him for details.

**Wednesday** evenings after 7:00 PM - Pre-recorded Instagram Devotional by Caleb Dillinger will be available. 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.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$6388	\$4815
<b>Designated:</b>	\$190	\$163
<b>Scholarship Fund Current Balance</b>	\$ 505	



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## A Chosen & Precious Cornerstone

*As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood. - 1 Peter 2:4-5*

We have come to Jesus, our living Stone, who cleanses us and builds us up and comforts us and guides us. We have turned to the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, who has made us sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father. We have put our faith and our trust and our hope in the Lamb of God, a chosen and precious cornerstone - *For in Scripture it says: See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame. - 1 Peter 2:6*

Architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886-1969), whose designs emphasized simplicity, clarity, and structural soundness, said "Architecture starts when you carefully put two bricks together. There it begins." In a much deeper way, our walk with God, our new life, begins when we let Jesus be our cornerstone, and let our Father in heaven build one brick at a time with his care.

Mies also said, "No design is possible until the materials with which you design are completely understood." Similarly, God calls us to understand the nature of his chosen and precious cornerstone Jesus, to acknowledge humbly that he alone is the Way and the truth and the life, and to put our trust in him instead of in human thinking and human abilities. Worldly minds reject the message of Jesus, yet to us he is our salvation and our hope all day long - *Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. - 1 Peter 2:7*

This world builds on faulty foundations, its logic is based on empty reasoning; yet in Jesus we have a sure foundation for all our times. As novelist Charlotte Brontë (best known for "Jane Eyre") writes of her walk with God, "My Maker and yours . . . I rely implicitly on His power, and confide wholly in His goodness: I count the hours till that eventful one arrives which shall restore me to Him, reveal him to me." For Jesus is a trustworthy cornerstone, our Alpha and our Omega.

As she faced this life's trials, Charlotte Brontë wrote of her trust in God, "I try to avoid looking forward or backward, and try to keep looking upward." God has called us out of this world's confusion and darkness and harshness - *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light . . . once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. - 1 Peter 2:9-10*

There is no one like our Heavenly Father, whose grace flows abundantly to those who walk in the light of Jesus, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

## A Grain Of Sand

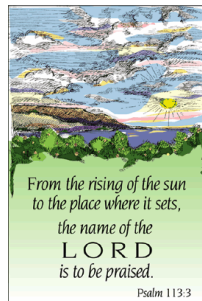
Do you see this grain of sand  
Lying loosely in my hand?  
Do you know to me it brought  
Just a simple loving thought?  
When one gazes night by night  
On the glorious stars of light,  
Oh how little seems the span  
Measured round the life of man.

Oh! how fleeting are his years  
With their smiles and their tears;  
Can it be that God does care  
For such atoms as we are?  
Then outspake this grain of sand  
'I was fashioned by His hand  
In the star lit realms of space  
I was made to have a place.

'Should the ocean flood the world,  
Were its mountains 'gainst me hurled  
All the force they could employ  
Wouldn't a single grain destroy;  
And if I, a thing so light,  
Have a place within His sight;  
You are linked unto his throne  
Cannot live nor die alone.

In the everlasting arms  
Mid life's dangers and alarms  
Let calm trust your spirit fill;  
Know He's God, and then be still.'  
Trustingly I raised my head  
Hearing what the atom said;  
Knowing man is greater far  
Than the brightest sun or star.

- Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, 1825-1911



## Immanuel, God With Us

*Jesus is the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, the Lamb of God; he is also called Immanuel, God with us. This week, Tanya Milnor writes about the light of Jesus and what this means to us.*

### Look Forward to The Kingdom of Heaven

Matthew chapter 5, in various sections, takes time to introduce the idea of heaven and prepares our mind to think about this wonderful place called, The Kingdom of Heaven, on a Jesus/spiritual level. While reading these scriptures, God can help us see our connection with the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus helps us to recognize our condition before and after seeing and receiving the light. He says:

*For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:20 NIV*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:3 NIV*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 5:10 NIV*

Therefore, once we receive Jesus, who is The Light, states:

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:16 NIV*

This is why and how we are able together with the Light, can accomplish this and the request of Matthew 5:48, which states:

*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. - Matthew 5:48 NIV*

Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus says we are also the light of the world, if we have recognized our need for Him and have accepted His Light of forgiveness and His Spirit.

Did God help you see your connection with any of the verses that referenced the kingdom of heaven?

- Tanya Milnor