

## Family Information

### Daylight Savings Time Begins Next Weekend

Daylight savings time begins next weekend. The time change takes place at 2:00 AM next Sunday, March 12, when clocks can be set ahead one hour.

### On-Line Training Session This Saturday

This Saturday March 11th at 7:00pm, Caleb will do a one hour Zoom training on how to study the Bible with anyone, anywhere. This is for anyone who missed the in person session last month. The Zoom information will be the same as the Sunday AM Bible class.

### What's The Point Of The Book Of Job?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available in the racks in the foyer. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of Job?" The entire series is being posted to Northland's web site (ncocfamily.com) under "Resources" there is a link that will take you to the series.

### Pantry Help Needed

We're looking for volunteers for the Northside Pantry to escort shoppers. The time needed is Wednesdays, starting at 3:30 for 2-3 hours. If you can help, please see Jeff McVicker.

### Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 PM. For now, the Outreach Team will be meeting once per month, on the first Wednesday of each month. See Jeff or Caleb if you have any questions.

### 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.

#### 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

### Open House In April

The Outreach Team is organizing a church "Open House" on April 29th (Saturday), inviting anyone interested to come and see the building and rooms and interact with members of the church. It is essentially a "meet and greet" for anyone looking for a new church home. More details to come in the following weeks.

### Current On-Line Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM (Note the new schedule and new time) - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him or Leisha for details and updates.

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>	\$4418	\$4835
<b>Designated:</b>	\$0	\$10



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## The Lamb Will Be Our Shepherd

*They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple . . .  
 - Revelation 7:15*

We are in the presence of God day and night; he always knows our thoughts and he gives us the spiritual care we need. Day and night our Heavenly Father watches over us and shelters us from spiritual dangers that we couldn't overcome on our own . . . and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. - Revelation 7:15

Otters are often remembered for their amusing behavior, yet they also show us God's care and understanding in other ways. There are two kinds of otters; some species live along rivers and others live in the seas. Each kind shows us God's splendor in the ways he has designed them. Otters find most of their food at the bottom of the bodies of water where they live, and their metabolism requires them to gather lots of food, so our Creator makes this easier for them.

Otters' lungs are considerably larger than animals of similar sizes, so sea otters can stay under water without breathing as long as 5 minutes as they search for food. River otters can stay submerged even longer, since they can go without breathing for up to 8 minutes. Just as God makes sure otters don't go hungry, he supplies us abundantly with spiritual nourishment through his words and through one another and through the things he has created—*Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst . . .* - Revelation 7:16

Most (about 90%) sea otters live in the cold waters of the North Pacific ocean. Many river otters also live in places where conditions become frigid during the winter months. So God protects them by giving them the thickest fur of any animal. In a single square inch, an otter has several times more hairs than all the hairs on a human head.

As God protects otters from the cold, our Heavenly Father protects us with his presence from the chill of this world's harshness and emptiness. Then too, God gives us shade from the scorching heat of this world's loudness and uproars . . . *The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat.* - Revelation 7:16

Sea otters usually spend the day by themselves, but at the end of the day they often come together to form what biologists call a "raft". Dozens or even hundreds of sea otters join themselves with seaweed or link paws with their neighbors, and they float together overnight in the open sea. Similarly, we spend time apart, yet we are still one flock under the care of our heavenly Shepherd; and from time-to-time we can be together to encourage one another with the message of Jesus - *For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd.* - Revelation 7:17

The Lamb of God is our good Shepherd, and he is the same yesterday and today and forever.

- Mark Garner

## Christ Is Thy Light

Christ is thy light,  
O wand'rer, tempest tossed.  
The beacon light is pointing to thy rest;  
Dark is the night,  
And rocky is the coast,  
But sure it shines above the billow's crest;  
Christ is thy light!

Christ is thy strength,  
O faint and weary soul.  
Thy strife is vain; embrace without delay  
The grace that pleads  
With thee To make thee whole;  
Who by His blood has washed thy sins away;  
Christ is thy strength!

Christ is thy guide,  
O pilgrim seeking rest.  
He gently bids thee open wide the door  
For Him to enter  
In and be thy guest;  
O trust and follow Him forevermore;  
Christ is thy guide!

Christ is thy hope.  
O cling to self no more,  
No more to hopes which flatter and decay,  
But to the Rock  
That stands the tempest's roar,  
On which thy trembling ark will find a stay;  
Christ is thy hope!

Christ is thy king.  
He wore the crown for thee,  
A crown of thorns, a diadem so meet;  
But bow before  
His love that made thee free,  
And humbly cast thy crown before His feet;  
Christ is thy king!

- Richard Barrow Cadbury, 1835-1889

*British philanthropist Richard Cadbury was the son of the founder of the Cadbury chocolate company. He founded a children's hospital as well as supporting a number of other hospitals. His daughter Beatrice was known for her efforts in rescuing refugee children during the second world war, and his brother George instituted numerous workplace reforms.*

## A New Heart & A New Spirit

*In Ezekiel 36, God tells us that he will give us a new heart and a new spirit when we realize our need for him and turn to him humbly. This week, Tara Neiswonger writes about the renewal and inner change that God gives us when we turn to him.*

## A Change Of Wholeness

Sitting at the kitchen table this early morning, I catch the sound of birds chattering over ownership of the bird boxes outside the window. Each year after the long grey of Ohio winters, one bright February morning when the sun hints at warm weather but the air still holds to winters chill, these bird families I share space with return with chirps and trills, announcing the return of spring is close. On first the read of Ezekiel 36, I imagine the thought of returning to Jerusalem was like the arrival of spring after a long cold winter.

Ezekiel had been taken into Babylonian captivity, an exile far from Jerusalem and far from the life he may have imagined. His was a time of political upheaval and uncertainty. He writes on the fall of Jerusalem and the promise from God to restore his people to the holy city. Chapter 36 paints a picture of the renewal of the land in preparation of the homecoming. One verse held my attention a bit longer than the others.

Ezekiel writes of the Sovereign Lord saying "I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you, I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh" v 26.

I found in a quick internet search to several sites the word 'heart' in the Jewish language is more than the muscle that pumps blood or the wellspring of emotion. The heart is one's personality, a place where your sense of the world and how you choose to interact in it lives. It is one's very essence - the seat of where one's attitudes and priorities are birthed. A new heart in this view is a renewed way of interacting with one's world, a renewed way of seeing and understanding and acting out of one's faith. This isn't a change of heart as we phrase it, but a change in the wholeness of oneself through reconciliation to God.

- Tara Neiswonger