

## Family Information

### Work Day This Saturday

There will be a work day this Saturday April 8th, from 9:30-12:30. We will be addressing some of the inside needs of the church building, and weather permitting, we can also work on some of the outdoor needs. All are welcome to help take care of our building! If you have questions please talk with Mike Evans, Art Silva, or Robbie McVicker.

### Sunday Morning Auditorium Class Schedule

The Sunday morning auditorium Bible class is taking a break for a couple weeks, and the class will resume meeting on April 16.

### Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

The Sunday afternoon Bible class is taking a break for a couple weeks, and it will resume meeting on April 16.

### What's The Point Of Psalms?

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 Psalms?" 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.

### Puzzle Pieces

On the bulletin board next to Caleb's office you will find a collection of puzzle pieces. Please write your name on one of the pieces. This symbolizes the connection of our spiritual family.

### Room Reservations

While Ashley is on Maternity Leave, if you have any need to reserve a room in the church building while she is out, please fill out one of the reservation forms in the hallway (or e-mail Caleb for the form) and give it to an elder, and they will update the reservation list.

### 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

### Ladies Devotional & Brunch

Ladies, you are invited to a Ladies Devotional and Brunch on Saturday April 15th, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon in the church fellowship room. This will be a casual time to have some great fellowship for the women. Please sign up on the church bulletin board to confirm your attendance.

### Open House On April 29

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.

### Wednesday Outreach Meeting Schedule

The next Outreach Team Meeting will be on May 3rd. The team will coordinate in the meantime through emails and phone calls while Caleb and Ashley have their baby.

### 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.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$3138	\$4508
<b>Designated:</b>	\$0	\$10



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## A Letter From Jesus On Our Hearts

*You are a letter from Christ . . . written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. - 1 Corinthians 3:3*

We have a letter from Jesus written on our hearts, a letter written with the Spirit of God, a letter that tells us of the new life and redemption he gave us when we turned to him. We are weak, yet God strengthens our hearts and souls with his care and his grace and his words - *Such confidence we have through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. - 1 Corinthians 3:4-5*

Hummingbirds can hover in place and can move quickly in any direction, including backwards. The average species of hummingbird beats their wings about 50 times per second, making the "humming" sound that gives them their name; and their hearts can beat over 1,000 times per minute. As these small birds can generate all of this energy, God gives his Spirit, a constant source of life and hope and renewal, to those who believe in Jesus and walk closely with him - *He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. - 1 Corinthians 3:6*

Hummingbirds visit hundreds of flowers each day as they get the nectar that nourishes them. Our Creator gives them the ability to remember each flower they've visited, as well as the time a flower needs to refill its nectar supply. Hummingbirds also have amazing endurance; they can remain in flight for hours at a time, and in their winter migrations they can fly up to 500 miles non-stop.

Similarly, God's Spirit helps us understand and remember God's words and the things our Heavenly Father has done for us, and he helps us endure this world's sorrows and fears. This world is full of false hopes, yet the message of Jesus is true and glorious - *Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory . . . will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? - 1 Corinthians 3:7-8*

God also enables hummingbirds to rest well. When they sleep after a busy day, their metabolic rate drops as much as 95%. Likewise, when we take some time to think about God, his Spirit helps us set aside all of this world's chaos and loudness, so that we may find rest for our souls - *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

Our Heavenly Father is full of truth and grace and glory, and it is good to praise him.

- Mark Garner

## The Lord, My Savior, Is My Light

The Lord, my Saviour, is my light;  
What terrors can my soul affright?  
While God is my strength, my life is near,  
What potent arm shall make me fear?

. . . This only boon my heart desires,  
For this my ardent wish aspires,  
This will I seek with restless care,  
Till God shall attend my humble prayer:

In his own house to spend my days,  
My life devoted to his praise,  
There would my soul his beauties trace,  
And learn the wonders of his grace.

When troubles arise, my guardian God  
Will hide me safe in his abode  
Firm as a rock my hope shall stand,  
Sustained by his almighty hand.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

*This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 27.*

## Walk In The Light

Listen to the voice that is speaking in love,  
Calling to those that are straying;  
Message of mercy that comes from above,  
Hear what the Savior is saying.

Walk in the light; it is Jesus who pleads,  
Earnestly seeking to guide you,  
Wandering blindly in night's gloom and shades,  
Heedless of dangers beside you.

Walk in the light; 'tis the Savior's command,  
These are the words he has given,  
Leading us on to the long-promised land,  
Leading from earth up to heaven.

- Wilbur Amos Christy, 1845-1928

*Ohio singer and songwriter Wilbur Christy originally pursued an operatic career. When he turned to Jesus, he began writing hymns and spiritual songs.*

## Rebuilding The Ruins

*In the Old Testament, Scriptures like Isaiah 58, Isaiah 61, and Amos 9 tell us of God's promises to rebuild the Israelites' ruins. Likewise, God can rebuild the ruins in our hearts and souls when we humbly turn to him and trust in the message of Jesus. This week, Peggy Kaiser writes about how caringly and compassionately God renews and repairs us inwardly.*

### Golden Repair



We all have imperfections. We're human. Some of our imperfections are superficial like these fine lines forming on my face. Other imperfections are deeper cracks, the scars of surviving life. Instead of gluing the pieces back together and pretending the imperfections never happened, we have an opportunity to be repaired with something more beautiful and intricate than the original.

Kintsugi is a Japanese art form that literally means "to repair with gold". Kintsugi is a potter's art. When a delicate but valuable item falls to the ground and breaks, the potter gathers the pieces and skillfully reassembles it using gold lacquer. The hands of the potter must be skillful as they lay out the broken pieces and plan the repair. The broken vessel could be repaired with a clear lacquer and allowed to dry. The repair would be nearly perfect. The potter understands and sees that this broken vase is more beautiful and valuable if the brokenness is repaired with gold. This increases the beauty and value of the vase. The result, a more lovely piece and of greater monetary value.

Our potter is the Lord of Heaven, who skillfully puts us back together. We are the broken vase who trusts the potter to transform us.

*Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. - Isaiah 64:8*

How much more valuable are we than this broken vase?

We are not a flawless vase that sets on a shelf or in a locked china cabinet. We are not like fine china plates that only get taken out once a year and on special occasions. We are these beautiful pieces of dinnerware that get used at every meal. These plates that get chipped and cracked and broken when they are being used. We are these beautiful people that God wants to use our beauty and value to reflect his glory. The glorious image of the one who designed and created us.

- Peggy Kaiser