

Family Information

Open House On April 29

Northland is holding an Open House on April 29th (Saturday), from 2:00-4:00 PM, and is inviting anyone who is looking for a new church home to come and see the building and meet some of the members of the church.

Group Trip On May 6

The TGIF group, along with anyone who wants to join us, is going to go to the Ark Encounter on Saturday May 6. We will leave the church at 8:30 in the morning. If you are coming, you can either meet us then and follow us, or you can meet us at the Ark at 11:00. Price per adult is \$59.95, and there are discounts for youths and seniors. See Mike or Leisha Evans for more details.

Meeting For Lifewise Academy

Next Sunday April 23, a representative from Lifewise Academy, a Bible education program for students, will be giving a presentation about the program at 11:30 in the fellowship room (E41-42). Pizza will be provided, so if you are interested in learning about the program, please sign up today on the bulletin board so that we know how much to order. See Bobby or Emily Graham for further details.

Spring Picnic Next Month

The next church picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at Blendon Woods Metro Park, from 4:30-9:00 PM. The location will be the Sycamore Picnic Area (our usual spot).

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.

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.

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

Current On-Line Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - 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.

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.

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.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$3475	\$4616
Designated:	\$0	\$10



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This Is What Is Written

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, Peace be with you. They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! - Luke 24:36-39

Jesus is among us today and each day, for he died for our sins and then God raised him from the grave. Jesus lives among us, and he has fulfilled what was written and foretold about him in the Scriptures long beforehand - *He said to them, This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms. - Luke 24:44*

British physicist Thomas McLeish (1962-2023, he passed away in February) frequently sought connections between physics and other scientific fields. McLeish was also a believer in Jesus; he often spoke and wrote about how the message of Jesus can be seen throughout the Bible.

Thomas once said, "That great story of the Exodus, and the desert wanderings in hope of a new home . . . was always itself a picture of a larger story still: the story of creation, fall, incarnation, resurrection itself . . . to make a world that too often seems like a desert without love or compassion . . . bloom in little oases into places of welcome and forgiveness and healing."

When we put our faith in the message of Jesus instead of human reasoning and human ability, he can open our minds and he helps us understand God's boundless wisdom and care and grace - *Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. - Luke 24:45-47*

Tom McLeish often wrote about God's desire to redeem us and to reconcile us with him, as he writes, "The 'ministry of reconciliation' is a stunningly brief encapsulation of the biblical story . . . relationships on all scales are damaged . . . even the vital self-worth that describes people's relationship with themselves is often damaged." For God brings healing and forgiveness and reconciliation to those who believe the good news of Jesus and humbly walk by faith in him.

Of God's desire to give us renewal, McLeish wrote, "A tiny 'bubble' of the new created . . . nucleates at the first Easter . . . there is an implicit invitation to participate in the coming into being of renewed creation." Truly Jesus' message brings lasting peace and joy and hope to our souls - *They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. - Luke 24:51-53*

Jesus came from heaven, full of overflowing grace, and he is the way and the truth and the life.

- Mark Garner

For Sunrise Hope And Sunset Calm

For sunrise hope and sunset calm, and all that lies between,
For all the sweetness and the balm that is and that has been,
For comradeship for peace in strife, and light on darkened days;
For work to do and strength for life we sing our hymn of praise.

But O, we press far, far above these gifts of pure delight,
And in Thee, and in Thy love contentment infinite.
O Lord, beloved, in whom are found all joys of time and place,
What will it be when joy is crowned by vision of Thy face?

- Amy Beatrice Carmichael, 1867-1951

Irish writer Amy Carmichael spent much of her life doing mission work, particularly in India. She wrote over 30 books, including writings about the message of Jesus and about her travels.

Living Where The Healing Waters Flow

I've cast my heavy burdens down
On Canaan's happy shore,
I'm living where the healing waters flow;
I'll wander in the wilderness
Of doubt and sin no more;
I'm living where the healing waters flow.

My hungering soul is satisfied
With manna from above,
I'm living where the healing waters flow;
No more I thirst, the rock I've found,
That fount of endless love;
I'm living where the healing waters flow.

Living on the shore,
I'm living on the shore,
I'm living where the healing waters flow;
Living on the shore,
I'm living on the shore,
I'm living where the healing waters flow.

- Ina Mae Duley Ogdon, 1872-1964

This is an excerpt from one of the hymns by Ohio writer and schoolteacher Ina Mae Ogdon. She wrote the words to well over 100 hymns, as well as numerous articles and short stories.

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, Steve Carver writes about God's compassion for us as he continually calls us to turn to him, so that he can heal us and renew us.

God's Loving Call

The story of the relationship between God and his people Israel, is a long and difficult one. The constant in that relationship was God and his nature. The Old Testament is replete with examples of God, as a loving parent, reaching out to his people, calling them to himself, and warning them of the consequences of waywardness.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you. - Psalm 89:14.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. - 2 Chronicles 7:14

The inconstant in the relationship was God's people Israel. Far too often they ungraciously accepted his loving bestowed gifts, as if they were a birthright, and then went their own way in open defiance of God. Are we, individually or collectively, any smarter today — we who have the object lessons of Israel to draw on, who have seen how seeking their own way resulted in their ruination both as people and as a people? All we need to do is look around us to see the depth of spiritual and physical brokenness and depravity to which our society has sunk. Looking into our own lives, even the best of us makes a hash of things so many times, sinning and falling short of what the Lord wants for us. Only when we humbly seek and trust God rather than ourselves, or anything else in this world will God heal and rebuild the ruins of our lives and remove the decay we too often allow to reoccur.

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! - Romans 7:24-25

If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. ... Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. ... I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me. ... For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. ... You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy. - Psalm 130:3-4, 7; Psalm 30:1-2, 5, 11

- Steve Carver