

## Family Information

### Men's Lunch Today

There is a Northland brothers' lunch today after morning worship. See Jeff for more information.

### Crafts & Story Time This Saturday (August 26)

The Outreach Team is planning a Crafts and Story Time at the church this Saturday, August 26th, from 2:00-3:30 PM. See Caleb for more information.

### Wednesday Outreach Meeting On September 6

The next Outreach Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 6, at 6:30 PM. The Outreach Team is currently meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

### Combined Worship On September 10

There will be a combined time of worship with the Ghana congregation (and possibly also with the Spanish congregation) on Sunday evening, September 10, at 6:00 PM. More details will be coming soon.

### Willow Brook Schedule

The next two times that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at 2:00 PM at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) are September 17 and October 29.

### More Autumn Events

Two more events are planned for this Autumn. Our Fall Picnic with the Ghana congregation will be Saturday, September 30 at Blendon Woods Park. Also, Fall Fest will be on Sunday, October 22. More details about each of these will be coming soon.

#### 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 Mid-Week Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans. Contact him or Leisha for locations, details, and updates.

Mondays at 6:30 PM (On-Line) - 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 (On-Line) - Women's Bible study "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. The current study is in Titus. On September 5, the class will begin a study of 1 Peter, using the workbook "Living Stones" by Casandra Martin. 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.

### Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
<b>General:</b>	\$2857	\$4332
<b>Designated:</b>	\$	\$573



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## God Will Be Our Guide...

### God Will Be Our Guide To The End

*As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of the Lord Almighty . . .  
God makes her secure forever. - Psalm 48:8*

The Scriptures tells us of the care God gave in the past for those who put their faith in him; and in our lives we see the ways he takes care of each of us, helps us through the rough times, rejoices with us when we rejoice, and consoles us through sad times. God's love and care endure forever - *Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love. - Psalm 48:9*

Swedish poet Lina Sandell (1832-1903, full name Karolina Wilhelmina Sandell Berg; she married when she was 35) suffered from illnesses that left her partially paralyzed in her childhood, forcing her to remain in bed most of the time. She spent most of her time reading and learning, much of it reading Scriptures and learning about the message of Jesus.

Though physicians had lost hope for her recovery, at 12 Sandell began improving dramatically. As Lina's condition improved, she began writing poetry, and she had her first collection of poems published when she was 16. As she later wrote, "Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment." Like Sandell, we too can trust God to sustain us as we face both the good and the bad in this world - *Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with righteousness. - Psalm 48:10*

Sandell was close with her parents; when she was 26, her father passed away unexpectedly. She prayed often about her sorrow, drew even closer with God, and continued writing. Her poems became very popular in her late twenties, which also led to many of them being set to music as hymns. Lina writes in one of her poems that became a hymn, "He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best . . . mingling toil with peace and rest."

Truly our Heavenly Father is a tower of truth and understanding, a citadel of grace and compassion and mercy - *Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers. . . view her citadels. - Psalm 48:12-13*

Lina Sandell writes, "Help me in every tribulation so to trust Thy promises, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet consolation offered me within Thy holy Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, ever to take, as from a father's hand, one by one, the days, the moments fleeting, till I reach the promised land." For God will always be our caring guide - *For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end. - Psalm 48:14*

Our Heavenly Father will be our guide even to the end, and his paths are good for our souls.

- Mark Garner

## A Wondrous Word

As midnight hush so calm and still  
Was brooding o'er the vale and hill,  
The shepherds 'neath the starry night  
Were watching o'er their flocks by night.  
But a wondrous word,  
Thro' the silence heard,  
It was Glory be to God, to God on high!

Glory to God, be to God on high,  
Peace unto earth, unto earth is nigh;  
Glory, to God, list the reply!  
It is glory to God, unto God on high!

Bright star beams crowned the dreaming plain,  
The night wind breathed a soft refrain;  
O'er David's town dark shadows crept,  
As shepherds still their vigil kept.  
But a wondrous word,  
Thro' the silence heard,  
It was Glory be to God, to God on high!

O holy night! O night divine!  
What tender joy, what peace is thine!  
For 'mid thy silence seraphs come  
To herald One from heav'nly home.  
But a wondrous word,  
Thro' the silence heard,  
It was Glory be to God, to God on high!

- Elsie Duncan Yale, 1873-1956

*Writer Elsie D. Yale wrote the words to several hundred hymns,  
as well as writing numerous plays and several children's stories.*

## Light Of Light

O Christ our Light, Whom even in darkness we  
(So we look up) discern and gaze upon,  
O Christ, Thou loveliest Light that ever shone,  
Thou Light of Light, Fount of all lights that be,  
Grant us clear vision of Thy Light to see.

- Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

## Treasures In Heaven

*In Matthew 6, Jesus tells us of treasures in heaven, and he calls us to set our hearts on these things. This week, Caleb Dillinger writes about the treasure of being together in eternity with the many others who have walked by faith in the message of Jesus.*

### The Treasure of Faithful Brothers and Sisters

This summer the auditorium Sunday Morning Bible class finished studying 1 Thessalonians. Of the many themes in that small letter, one prominent theme is the significance of spiritual relationships among the church. But Paul doesn't just speak the value of faith-based relationships on earth - he attests to the resurrection of all the saints during the second coming of Christ!

*For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*

Paul encourages the church to encourage one another with the teaching that the dead in Christ will rise and we who are left will meet them and always be with the Lord! When we talk about treasures in heaven, we know it's not about money or materialism. But the Bible does point to the treasure of relationships!

Think of the faithful people in your life, including those who have passed before you. Parents, siblings, cousins, neighbors, church members, close friends - all who are faithful will be part of that "treasure stored up in heaven".

We sing a hymn called "When We All Get Together". It says, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!" It's not just rejoicing in salvation and eternal life (though that's certainly worthy of rejoicing!), it includes rejoicing in those relationships with all the saints. Keep the faith, brothers and sisters, and whether Jesus comes back in your life on earth, or later, rest assured the return of Jesus will signal the joining of spiritual treasures in heaven: God's faithful people.

- Caleb Dillinger