

Family Information

Outreach Meeting Next Sunday

The next Outreach Meeting is next Sunday, April 7, after the morning worship assembly. Outreach Meetings are currently taking place on the first Sunday of each month. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Spring Needs For The Clothing Closet

As you begin your spring cleaning, please remember the Clothing Closet and those in need. We can use these clean, gently used items: children's, men's, and women's clothes; small household items; toys and books. There is a Donation Box located in the church foyer. Thank you for anything you can donate.

Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet will next be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday April 17 from 6:30-8:00 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki know if you are available to help.

Willow Brook Schedule

The next time that Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) will be on Sunday May 12 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. See Caleb or one of the elders if you have any questions.



Service Times

Sunday English Bible Study	9:00 AM
Sunday English Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Spanish Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Ghana Worship	12:00 PM
Sunday Evening Class	4:00 PM

Midweek Bible Studies

Monday Women's Prayer Group Schedule

Next Monday, April 8, the Monday women's prayer group will take a short break, and it will resume meeting on April 15.

Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

The Sunday afternoon class is currently taking a break, and it will resume meeting sometime this spring. See Mike Paden if you have any questions.

Current Mid-Week Studies

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41. Contact Mike or Leisha for details and updates.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker is currently meeting in the meeting room just off the foyer.

Tuesdays at 7:00 PM (On-Line) - Women's Bible study "Abide In Christ", led by Karen Susenna. The current study is on 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
General:	\$3,008	\$3,891
Designated:	\$0	\$115

Minister: Caleb Dillinger

Elders: Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins

Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva

Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez



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The Light Of Life

Who has believed our message? - Isaiah 53:1

Jesus came to bring us the message of our Heavenly Father's unfailing compassion and his abundant grace to those who open our hearts to him and believe the good news of his Son. Jesus came to live among us, a tender shoot in this world's spiritual wasteland -

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. - Isaiah 53:2

One of the best-known works of Czech-Austrian classical music composer Gustav Mahler (1860-1911) is his 2nd symphony, which is known as "The Resurrection Symphony". He wrote it to parallel the life, death, and resurrection of "a well-loved person"; it can be taken to refer to a faithful believer who lived in the hope of eternal life, or it can be seen as a parallel to Jesus himself.

The first movement of Mahler's 2nd symphony looks at the life of the believer. It has no words; the music is sometimes peaceful, other times tense or sorrowful, as life in this world can be. Then, Gustav calls for a time of silence to consider what this person's life might have meant. Likewise, God asks us to reflect on what the life and death and resurrection of Jesus mean to us. For the sinless Lamb of God died for us, to atone for our sins, and to heal our souls and spirits -

He was pierced for our transgressions . . . by his wounds we are healed. - Isaiah 53:5

After the symphony then explores similar themes, Mahler next answers some of the most important questions of life in a song he titles "Urlicht" ("original light"); a soloist sings about the soul's deep desire to be united with God forever. The song concludes, "I am from God and will return to God. The dear God will give me a light, he will light me to eternal blessed life." Though we were all sheep who had gone astray, Jesus has taken away our iniquity by pouring out his lifeblood on the cross, so that those who believe his message may have eternal life -

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. - Isaiah 53:6

In the final movement of Gustav's 2nd symphony, the resurrection takes place. A chorus sings about the joy and peace of being with God, "Rise again, yes, you will rise again . . . Immortal life he who called you will grant you" and later, "I shall soar upwards to the light to which no eye has soared." For Jesus has risen, and he brings eternal life to those who follow him humbly -

Though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin . . . After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied . . . For he bore the sin of many. - Isaiah 53:10-12

Truly Jesus is the light of life, the tomb could not hold him, and his message is trustworthy.

- Mark Garner, March 2024

The Winter Is Past

Nature from her sleep is waking,
From her icy bondage breaking,
Vernal life and beauty taking,
Birds their carols sweet are singing
Trees and flowers their fragrance bringing,
Lo, the winter is past.

In our hearts new joy is dawning,
On this happy Easter morning,
Every life with hope adorning,
Gone are Lenten gloom and sadness,
Bright our path with Easter gladness,
Lo, the winter is past.

Christ with powers of Death hath striven,
To the world new life hath given,
Opening wide the gates of Heaven,
Sing we to our Lord most glorious,
Rising over Death victorious,
Lo, the winter is past!

- Arthur Frederick Musgrave Custance, 1867-1926

After finishing college, Arthur Custance left England and came to the U.S., where he taught Latin and music for the rest of his career.

Easter Lilies

Christ hath risen from the tomb,
Clothed in Heaven's immortal bloom;
Bring the Easter lilies fair
To the house of praise and prayer.

Bring the Easter lilies white,
Bending softly in the light;
Meet for Him whose tender care
Watcheth over them everywhere.

Bring the Easter lilies now,
While our hearts to Him we bow;
While our songs of gladness rise,
Borne by angels to the skies.

- Frances Jane Crosby, 1820-1915

Bread That Comes From Heaven

The Old Testament tells us how God fed the Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven, and the New Testament teaches us that Jesus came down from heaven to bring us the bread of life. This week, Karen Susenna writes about knowing and loving God. She adds an excerpt from a poem by Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997).

Loving God

"Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46:10). In this day and age, in this world that rewards activity and accomplishment, how do we be still? The directive still stands, today as it did in King David's time. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness after he was baptized (Luke 4) spending time in silence before God. I'm not certain what happened in that time, but I do know he had an encounter with God. The fruit of his encounter was evident upon his return to everyday life. During his ministry, he often took time in solitude away from the crowds, away from his closest friends, to hear from God - to really know God, not just know about him. God is calling us to do the same - to come to know him. And, that can be a scary proposition! How do we know the God of the universe? It can be terrifying to come face to face with the living God. But know this: this infinite, all powerful God wants to know us. Now that's amazing.

And, what does all this have to do with loving God? Well, to love someone we have to know them, to spend time with them, to understand them and to receive that love in return. As we are still before God, we are humbled in his presence (see Ezekiel 2, Daniel 10, Jeremiah 1, Isaiah 6) and come to align our wants and desires and all our humanness with the God of the universe. Now that's love.

Who is Jesus to Me?
(excerpt from a poem by Mother Teresa)

Jesus is the Word made Flesh.
Jesus is the Bread of Life.
Jesus is the Sacrifice for the sins of the world and mine.
Jesus is the Word – to be spoken.
Jesus is the Truth – to be told.
Jesus is the Way – to be walked.
Jesus is the Light – to be lit.
Jesus is the Life – to be loved.
Jesus is the Joy – to be shared.
Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten.
Jesus is the Hungry – to be fed.
Jesus is the Sick – to be healed.
Jesus is the Lonely – to be loved.
Jesus is my Life,
Jesus is my Everything. Amen.

- Karen Susenna (this article originally appeared in the Northland bulletin of February 23, 2014)