

## Family Information

### Men's Lunch Next Sunday, January 21

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be on Sunday January 21, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at Smokey Bones, 3939 Morse Crossing. See Jeff if you have any questions.

### Worship At Willow Brook Next Sunday, January 21

Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time on January 21 at 2:00 PM at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road). Everyone is welcome to come.

### Women's Winter Fellowship Times

Northland's sisters will meet at the church building for "Just A Little Walk With Jesus" fellowship times on Saturdays January 27, February 24, and March 23 from 10 AM to Noon, for a short devotional, prayer, breakfast snacks, fellowship, and the chance to walk laps together around the building. See Robbie for more information.

### Next Outreach Meeting On Sunday February 4

The next Outreach Meeting will be Sunday February 4, after the morning worship assembly. See Caleb if you have any questions.

### Updated Clothing Closet Schedule

The Clothing Closet be open, by appointment only, on Wednesday January 17, Wednesday February 28, and Wednesday March 20, from 6:30-8:00 PM. For appointments, please call 614-918-7925. Please let Robbie, Pam, or Vicki if you are available to help.

### Clothing Closet - Current Needs

The closet clothing now needs winter coats (of all sizes), gloves, winter hats, and scarves. There is a Donation Box located in the church foyer. Thank you for anything you can donate.

### Sunday Afternoon Class Schedule

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

### 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

## Midweek 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 (Virtual) - 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.

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 (Virtual) - 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
<b>General:</b>	\$3,410	\$3,410
<b>Designated:</b>	\$0	\$0

**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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## Mutual Care

Don't forget in doing something for others that you have what you have because of others. Don't forget that. We are tied together in life and in the world.

And you may think you got all you got by yourself. But you know, before you got out here to church this morning, you were dependent on more than half of the world. You get up in the morning and you reach over for a bar of soap, and that's handed to you by a Frenchman. You reach over for a sponge, and that's given to you by a Turk. You reach over for a towel, and that comes to your hand from the hands of a Pacific Islander.

And then you go on to the kitchen to get your breakfast. You reach on over to get a little coffee, and that's poured in your cup by a South American. Or maybe you decide that you want a little tea this morning, only to discover that it's poured in your cup by a Chinese. Or maybe you want a little cocoa; that's poured in your cup by a West African. Then you want a little bread and you reach over to get it, and that's given to you by the hands of an English-speaking farmer, not to mention the baker.

Before you get through eating breakfast in the morning, you're dependent on more than half the world. That's the way God structured it; that's the way God structured this world. So let us be concerned about others because we are dependent on others.

- Martin Luther King, Jr., from a sermon, April 1967

## Declaring God's Splendor All Day Long

*In you, Lord, I have taken refuge. - Psalm 71:1*

The Lord is our refuge from this world's harshness and loudness, a refuge we can always count on. Our Heavenly Father is our Rock of truth amidst this world's loud voices and confusion; he is a fortress of grace and compassion -

*Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go . . .  
for you are my rock and my fortress. - Psalm 71:3*

German mathematician and philosopher Georg Cantor (1845-1918) is remembered for establishing two of the key concepts in modern mathematics; he developed the idea and theory of sets, and he also laid the groundwork for understanding infinity (sometimes called transfinite numbers). Cantor was also a faithful follower of Jesus, and he often said that his desire to know God even more closely motivated much of his mathematical research.

Georg referred to God as "the first infallible cause of all created things"; and as he saw God's splendor displayed in nature, it encouraged him to learn even more about God. In this universe we see reminders of God's vastness, and Cantor says of infinity, "Nature makes frequent use of it everywhere, in order to show more effectively the perfections of its Author." Truly, we could declare God's splendor and understanding all day long -

*My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long. - Psalm 71:8*

As Georg Cantor pondered God's eternal nature, he became convinced that God was far greater than anything human minds could fully grasp, as he writes, "What surpasses all that is finite and transfinite . . . is the single, completely individual unity in which everything is included, which includes the Absolute, incomprehensible to the human understanding . . . is called God."

Georg's studies led to considerable progress in mathematics, and they also helped him realize that God is much more glorious and compassionate than we can imagine. Mere human words alone couldn't tell of all God's righteous acts and his miracles of grace and the salvation he gives us through Jesus -

*My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long—  
though I know not how to relate them all. - Psalm 71:15*

Cantor also describes our Heavenly Father as the Absolute, far above everything else, as he wrote, "The actual infinite arises . . . first when it is realized in the most complete form, in a fully independent otherworldly being, in Deo (God), where I call it the Absolute Infinite or simply Absolute." Indeed, there is no one like God -

*Your righteousness, God, reaches to the heavens, you who have done great things. Who is like you, God? - Psalm 71:19*

God has done truly great things to show us his care and understanding, and it is good to praise him.

*- Mark Garner, January 2024*

## 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, Dot Duncan writes about the joy we can have with being with Jesus, and the joy it gives Jesus to be with us.*

### Jesus, The Bread of Life

As I pondered how to approach this month's theme "Bread That Comes Heaven", a childhood memory popped into my mind. On Friday evenings after working all day, granddaddy would come to our home to rest and eat. On some occasions we would ask granddaddy if we could go over to his house to spend the night. More often than not, he said yes.

We knew that Granddaddy was going to cook us some skillet cornbread. Not only was he going to cook cornbread for us, but he was going to give us a show. You see, my grandfather would lift the skillet off of the eye of the stove, flip the bread in the air in such a way that the brown side landed upright in the pan. As children we stood watching in amazement, wanting to know how he had done it. He would flip the bread again.

Granddaddy performed this same trick throughout my childhood. He never became bored with showing us, nor were we with watching him. I believe it gave him as much pleasure as it did us. I never mastered the art of flipping skillet cornbread!

*John 1:35-39 - John was with two of his followers, when he saw Jesus walking by he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" John's two followers heard him say this, and so they followed Jesus. Then Jesus saw them following him and asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi where are you staying?" He answered, "Come and see." So, the two men went with Jesus and stayed there with him that day.*

Those two men were able to spend all day with Christ because they asked Him, "Where are you staying?" It gave Jesus pleasure that they wanted to spend time with Him, and they were richly blessed by the presence of Jesus.

*In John 6:35 - Then Jesus said, "I Am the Bread that gives life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

Just as bread and water are essential for us to survive, moreover, is Christ, the Bread of Life essential for eternal life.

Unfortunately for me, the memories of my granddaddy are fading. However, may our faith in Jesus Christ never fade and may we never become bored with Him. For it gives Him pleasure when He sees our faithfulness.

*- Dot Duncan, January 2024*