

Family Information

Outreach Meeting Today

There is an Outreach Meeting today, after the morning worship assembly. See Caleb if you have any questions.

Men's Lunch Next Sunday

The next Northland brothers' lunch will be next Sunday, March 10, a half hour after morning worship. It will be at the Bob Evans at Huber Village. See Jeff if you have any questions.

Worship At Willow Brook Next Sunday

Northland will be organizing the Sunday worship time at Willow Brook Christian Home (55 Lazelle Road) next Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come. Northland will next be at Willow Brook on May 12.

What's The Point Of Amos?

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 Amos?"

Children's Teachers Appreciation Lunch - March 17

On Sunday March 17, the congregation will be hosting a lunch shortly after morning worship to show our appreciation for the teachers of the children's classes. It will be in room E41/42, and the main dish and dessert will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come; please sign the list on the bulletin board by next Sunday (March 10) if you plan to attend, so we can order the main dish. Non-teachers are requested to bring side dishes. For more information, contact Vicki Cowans or Tara Lynn Bell.

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 March 20 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.

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

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

Midweek Bible Studies

Women's Fellowship On March 23

The last winter women's fellowship time, "Just A Little Walk With Jesus", will be on Saturday March 23, from 10:00 AM to Noon. See Robbie for more information.

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.

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.

* Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - 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 (Online) - 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:	\$4,431	\$4,013
Designated:	\$100	\$160



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Father, Forgive Them

The message of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection is full of God's compassion and understanding, and it shows us how different God's ways are from ours. The Son of God endured death for us -

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals. - Luke 23:32-33

In the 1920's, Russian classical musical composer Maximilian Steinberg (1883-1946) was acclaimed in Russia for his music and teaching. Yet he lived in sorrow and fear, since many of his friends and family members had been imprisoned for displeasing the nation's authoritarian government. Steinberg found consolation and hope in the message of Jesus, and soon he began composing a choral concerto called "Passion Week" about the crucifixion and resurrection.

He took some medieval chants and expanded on them, and spent three years writing music for them, intending for his composition to be sung a cappella by a choir. It opens with the desire to know God, "From nightfall my spirit is awake for Thee, O God." Yet while Maximilian worked, the government banned performing and writing religious music. He decided to take the risk of continuing, for he was amazed by Jesus' spirit of mercy even as he underwent extreme suffering -

Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. - Luke 23:34

Aware of his need for God's grace, Steinberg wrote, "Thy bridal chamber I see adorned, O my Savior, and I have no wedding garment that I may enter it. Enlighten the garment of my soul, O Giver of Light, and save me." For Jesus alone can cleanse us and redeem us, and the text continues, "Like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me . . . By the wood of Thy cross illumine me as well, and save me." He took heart in Jesus' forgiveness for those who follow him humbly -

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him . . . the other criminal rebuked him . . . we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Then he said, Jesus, remember me . . . Jesus answered . . . today you will be with me in paradise. - Luke 23:39-43

Maximilian then adds this summary, "Christ is the new Passover, a living sacrifice, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Arise, O God . . . Be of good courage and cry out joyfully, for the Lord is risen." For Jesus has indeed risen -

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen. - Luke 24:5-6

Steinberg's "Passion Week" was known to only a few people for many years, and it was not until 2014 that it was finally performed; it is now considered one of the best works of its kind. Similarly, Jesus' good news of salvation was proclaimed long ago, yet still today it brings hope and peace to those who hear it and accept it humbly, and it brings eternal life to those who remain in him.

- Mark Garner, March 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, three of Northland's members write about what the Bread of Heaven means to them.

Bread From Heaven

In today's world, the term "bread" may bring up concerns about gluten and carbs. But in biblical times, bread was identified as the main source of nourishment. One needed bread every day to survive and thrive.

The Bread from Heaven, our very connection to the Father, is just as vital to us for living day-to-day and for our eternal walk with him as well.

God is so good to provide for our every need. HE is our need and our nourishment. Don't allow yourself to become spiritually "hungry". Use every means and opportunity to be filled with Him.

- Vicki Cowans, March 2024

The Bread Of Life

What does Jesus mean when he says that he is the bread of life? This idea tells me who he is, what he provides, and what our response should be.

He is the source of life, a complete nurturer, one who fully strengthens, our provider of all we need now and forever. He and what he provides come from the Father, and he is at the heart of God's plan in creating us.

In seeing and believing this truth, we will naturally want to come to him, to fully embrace who he is, and to allow him to fill our souls with God's intended blessings. This is mainly from a spiritual perspective, both now and forever.

- Perry Coate, March 2024

The Bread Of Heaven

There is a song that we sing: "Guide me O thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak but thou are Mighty. Feed me till I want no more. (Chorus) Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven feed me till I want no more. Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven feed me till I want no more.

Bread was used in many ways in the Old and New Testament. It has so much importance to our physical and spiritual aspects of lives. When we read the Old Testament, God gave bread to his people as a provision for their physical nourishment. He fed the Israelites manna, which is bread, in the wilderness when they left Egypt to go to Canaan when they complained that they have nothing to fill their belly.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day." (Exodus 16:4)

He also provided for Elijah and the widow at Zarephath when there was drought in the land (1 Kings 17:15).

When we come to the New Testament, God provided for people's physical needs as well as spiritual needs. He miraculously fed the crowd with five loaves of bread and two fish. (Matthew 14:13-21)

And He sent His one and only begotten son to die on the cross to redeem mankind from our iniquities, that through Him we will have salvation eternally.

Jesus replied, "The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent." (John 6:29) . . . Jesus answered, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst." (John 6:35)

The true bread, the bread of life, is not the manna God provided for the Israelites on the wilderness, neither is it a bread or food to sustain our physical body and needs only. The Bread of life is Jesus Christ. He gives life to anyone who believes in him, and it lasts through eternity because He is eternal. Christians rejoice that in Jesus, who is our bread of heaven, our physical lives are nourished and spiritual lives, our souls are kept safe as we journey toward the fullness of eternal life.

Come, let's feast on Him daily! We will have life-sustaining fellowship in prayers and reading His word as we abide in Him. He alone gives us grace and strength for each day.

- Linda Kyeremateng, March 2024