

Announcements

Prayer Time Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 3, there will a prayer time shortly after the worship assembly concludes. Everyone is welcome to come.

Work Day Re-Scheduled - Now On Saturday May 9

The workday that had been scheduled for May 2 has now been changed. The workday will now take place at the church building on **Saturday May 9** from 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon. See Mike Evans for more information.

More Events In May

May 10 (Sunday) - Combined morning class, the topic is "Why do I attend church?"

May 16 (Saturday) - Area-wide worship at Northland (see announcement below)

May 17 (Sunday) - Lord's Supper training, after the worship assembly

Area-Wide Worship Evening On May 16

On **Saturday** May 16, Northland will be hosting an area-wide worship evening. It will be from 6:30-8:30 PM, and afterwards there will be light refreshments and cookies.

Ministry In Ghana * Update *

Northland and the Ghanaian congregation continue to support the Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ (along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, as well as a prison ministry). The pictures below are of the students and teachers of the school, and of them receiving the computers that our contributions helped them to obtain. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.



Sunday Service Times

English Bible Study	9:00 AM
English Worship	10:00 AM
Spanish Worship (Annex)	10:00 AM
Twi Bible Study	12:00 PM
Twi Worship	1:00 PM

Minister: Caleb Dillinger
Elders: Franklin Agyei, Mike Evans, Jeff McVicker, Jim Robbins
Deacons: Lynn Champney, Glenn Culler, Darrell Estep, John Lindsay, Don Milnor, Art Silva
Spanish Ministry: Luis Valdez

Mission Trip To Ghana

The Ghanaian congregation is organizing a mission trip to Ghana, scheduled to take place in June. If you are interested in joining the group, please tell Franklin or one of the other elders. The congregation will be able to help with the expenses. See Franklin for further information.

Summer Church Camps

Registration has now opened for both summer church camps. Nick Strawser's week at NWOCYC will be from June 7-13, and the cost is \$250. Camp week at Fort Hill will be from July 12-18, and the cost is \$260. Potential scholarships are available. See Josh Evans or Meagan Stover if you have any questions.

Volume 21 By Northland Members

Copies of a new collection of bulletin articles written by Northland's members are available on the table in the foyer. This is the 21st volume in the series, and its theme is "Treasures In Heaven". See Mark if you would like a copy of any of the previous booklets.

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

We currently have three children's classes (ages 2-3, ages 4-8, and ages 9-10) that begin right after the Lord's Supper. During the 9:00 morning Bible classes, there is a combined class for ages 2-10. **Please see Vicki Cowans or Lynn Paden if you can help with these classes.**

Current Mid-Week Studies

Mondays at 6:30 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's prayer group, organized by Peggy Kaiser.

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM (Via Zoom) - Women's Bible study. The current topic is "Grace & Gratitude". See Karen Susenna for more information.

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - A Bible study organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meeting in the Fellowship Room. Currently the class is studying John.

First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 PM - TGIF Bible Study led by Mike Evans, currently meeting in room E41-42. See Mike or Leisha for more details.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$7,605	\$4,588
Designated:	\$1,405	\$532



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Who Will Roll The Stone Away?

What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews? Pilate asked them. Crucify him! they shouted. - Mark 15:12-13

Jesus' message speaks to our souls, yet this world's authorities have either thoroughly distorted his teachings, or they have rejected his message altogether:

He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. - Mark 15:15

Writer Jennie Evelyn Hussey (1874-1958) enjoyed reading and writing as a child, and she had her first poem published when she was thirteen. She then had numerous poems, stories, articles, hymns, and even some crochet designs, published in various magazines. Yet all this time she was battling a severe form of rheumatism that made it difficult and painful for her to move, especially her hands. Through all this, she found comfort and reassurance from knowing and following Jesus.

In her best-known hymn, "Lead Me To Calvary", Hussey writes "King of my life, I crown Thee now, Thine shall the glory be; lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary." Truly, Jesus endured the cross and its awful sufferings for our sakes. As Jennie writes in the chorus, "Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget Thine agony; lest I forget Thy love for me, lead me to Calvary." The Lamb of God endured all this to pay the price for our sins:

They . . . then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him . . . Again and again they struck him . . . they led him out to crucify him. - Mark 15:17-20

As Hussey continued writing while enduring increasing pain, her sister became completely incapacitated. Though nearly an invalid herself, Jennie gave her sister constant care, and continued praising God. Her hymn continues, "Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid, tenderly mourned and wept; angels in robes of light arrayed guarded Thee whilst Thou slept." Indeed, when some of Jesus' faithful followers approached his tomb, they did not anticipate what awaited them:

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices . . . they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb? - Mark 16:1-3

Jennie Hussey's hymn continues, "Let me like Mary, through the gloom, come with a gift to Thee; show to me now the empty tomb, lead me to Calvary." Similarly, Jesus asks us to come to him with a soft and reverent heart, to let him roll away the stumbling stones of this world's empty philosophies and its false hopes, that he may give us redemption and salvation:

The stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. . . they saw a young man dressed in a white robe . . . He said, You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene . . . He has risen. - Mark 16:4-6

Jesus has risen from the tomb, and he is the same yesterday and today and forever.

- Mark Garner, April 2026

A Morning Hymn

*In the morning I will direct my prayer unto Thee,
And will look up. - Psalm 3:5*

How should the morning of my days
Be spent in humble prayer and praise,
To Him who gave me life and breath,
And still preserves my soul from death.

God has from sleep restored my sight,
I'll praise Him for the morning light;
For His protecting grace I'll pray,
To guard and keep me all the day.

I'll still resolve to seek His face,
And praise Him for redeeming grace;
I love His name, I love His word,
I love to commune with the Lord.

*- Susanna Harrison, 1752-1784
(from her poetry collection "Songs In The Night")*

Can You Count The Stars?

Can you count the stars in the midnight sky,
As they shine with wondrous light?
Can you count those candles that burn on high,
Through the watches of the night?
Countless as the stars, are the gifts of God above;
Countless as the stars, are the Father's gifts of love.

Can you count the leaves in the forest deep,
As they flutter in the breeze?
Can you count them all as the sunbeams creep
Through those stately groves of trees?
Countless as the leaves, are the gift of God above;
Countless as the leaves, are the Father's gifts of love.

- Edith Josephine Sanford Tillotson, 1876-1968

Writer and poet Edith Tillotson wrote poetry for both children and adults. She also wrote a number of operatic librettos, and she wrote the words to over 500 hymns.

Let There Be Light

In the beginning, God brought first of all light into this world. And now Jesus has become the light of the world. This week, Mike and Lynn Paden write about Jesus as both the light and the Word.

The Light & The Word

Let there be light. - Genesis 1:2

Do you find it interesting that the first thing that God spoke into being was light? By His speaking, His Word became Light. The Apostle John affirms that *"in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God."* John further asserts that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God, come in the flesh and He is the light of the world.

There are some who have a distorted view of the Godhead, thinking that the Son is a created second tier God. They do not realize that the names, Father, Son and Spirit are relationship terms to help humans understand the Infiniteness of God.

At the point of creation *"darkness was over the surface of the deep,"* so we would say that "darkness" is the absence of Light, for when light appeared, darkness vanished. This Light preceded our sun, for it was not created until Day 4 (Gen 1:16) along with the moon and other stars. Our sun is not the source of light, it contains light, in the same way that a pitcher contains water which was filled from the spring. Prophecies in the scriptures foretell of the sun and stars ceasing to exist (2 Peter 3:7, 10), but the Light is eternal, for HE, Jesus, is the Light, the divine Word of God.

In Psalm 119:105 the psalmist affirms that, *"Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light for my path."* Is the term "word", God's written scriptures or the Word that was with God at the beginning? Is it the message or the person? In the previous section of Psalm, 119:105 he is speaking of the "law, commandments and statutes". But when a fuller understanding of Jesus Christ is presented in the New Testament, it makes more sense to interpret that the word is talking about Jesus, the risen Son of God.

In John 1:1-4 Jesus is identified as the Word and as Light, being present and instrumental in the creation of all things. John sets up his gospel narrative as a conflict between Light and Darkness. Jesus appeared but forces of darkness did not receive him. Likewise, if one does not accept Jesus, that person cannot walk in His light.

Think back on Matt 5:14-16. *"You are the light of the world."* It is a light coming from some other source, in the same way that the sun is not the source of light, but the container. We only become light when Christ's light is in us and shines out of us.

Consider, 1 John 1:5-7, God is light and if we walk in His light, He illuminates our path and we receive the benefit of the forgiveness of sins. One of the ways we can demonstrate that we are walking in the light is by letting Jesus' love and light shine through us as containers of His light. Let us be containers of Jesus' light of love.

- Mike & Lynn Paden, April 2026