

Announcements

Prayers & Sympathy

Please pray for Tanya Milnor and for her family. Tanya's mother, Mary Hutcherson, passed away on June 30. Tanya and Don have been a big part of the Northland church family for many years.

Also, former Northland member Phyllis (Harp) Lee passed away on July 1. Many of us have good memories of Phyllis during her time here. Please pray for her family and for her husband Steve.

Lord's Supper Resources Discussion

On Sunday July 26, there will be a group discussion regarding resources for the Lord's Supper. It will begin at 8:15 AM. See Caleb or Mike Paden for more information.

Book Presentation On August 1

On Saturday, August 1 from 3:00-4:00 PM, Caleb will be presenting some thoughts from the book "Grace" by Max Lucado. The session will meet in the Bible Study classroom (E44).

Events Next Month

- August 1 (Saturday) - Book presentation (see announcement above)
- August 9 (Sunday) - Worship at Willow Brook
- August 29 (Saturday) - Outdoor worship at Caleb and Ashley Dillinger's home

Fort Hill Church Camp This Week

Church camp week at Fort Hill is starting today, and it will run through Saturday, July 18. See Josh Evans if you'd still like to attend. Whether or not you're going, please pray for those at camp this week.

Work Day Being Re-Scheduled

The work day that had been scheduled for June 27 is being re-scheduled. "Stay tuned" for an announcement soon. See Mike Evans for more information.

Sunday Service Times

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

Ministry In Ghana (& The Village Of Hope)

The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. The construction of a larger place to meet continues making progress, and the recent mission trip was quite successful. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information. See Franklin also if you'd like to contribute to the Village Of Hope orphanage, or if you would like more information about it.

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 room E41-42. *New Topic* Over the summer, the class will be studying a variety of topics.
- 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.

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.* There are regular teachers for these classes, so we just need volunteers to help with the class activities and lessons.

Contribution

	Last Week	Average YTD
General:	\$4,852	\$4,727
Designated:	\$55	\$451

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



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Remember Our Journey

I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you . . . - Micah 6:4

As the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt, Jesus has brought us out of this world's futility and emptiness. As God sent Moses to guide the Israelites, Jesus has become our faithful Shepherd:

I sent Moses to lead you. - Micah 6:4

British nurse and stewardess Violet Jessop (1887-1971) was a survivor from the *Titanic*, and her quiet faith helped her through this ordeal. As a child, Violet had tuberculosis, and she never forgot a nurse's kindness during her long hospital stay. She was the firstborn of 9, and when her siblings had similar diseases, she constantly looked after them. As Jessop prepared for a promising career, she did her studies in a convent, giving her fond memories. Yet her plans were changed; her father passed away, so her mother took a job on an ocean liner, and then her mother became bedridden.

Violet took on her mother's job as a stewardess to support her family, patiently facing long hours, and dealing with the worst of human nature. Jessop was also on the liner *Olympic* when it collided with the British warship *Hawke*, almost causing both ships to sink. Yet she focused on the good times with kind people she met, and a reunion with the nurse from her youth. We too on life's journey have faced times like Shittim, pressed by this world's empty ways, as well as times like Gilgal, when only God could help. God graciously asks us to remember them and learn from them:

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal . . . - Micah 6:5

Amidst the chaos on the *Titanic*, an officer asked Violet to get into a lifeboat and care for a baby he had found. She writes, "After the horrors we had experienced, a child's death seemed disproportionate", yet then, "a weak cry from the baby in my numbed arms helped me regain control of myself." Jessop continually warmed the baby with her garments. On the rescue ship, the baby's mother found her baby, and in her relief she never gave her name or even thanked Violet. We all have also had times when God poured out his care on us without us even realizing it, and the Lord simply asks us to take the time to acknowledge our need for him:

. . . that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord. - Micah 6:5

In the first world war, Jessop was a nurse on the hospital ship *Brittanic*. This ship also sank when it struck an underwater mine, with dozens of people passing away. She faced the situation calmly, picking up her prayer book and a small travel clock a close friend had given her, then looked after others. Throughout the turmoil in her life, she walked humbly by faith and quietly helped others:

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8

- Mark Garner, July 2026

Be Not Afraid

God will take care of you, be not afraid;
He is your safeguard through sunshine and shade;
Tenderly watching and keeping His own,
He will not leave you to wander alone.

God will take care of you, through all the day,
Shielding your footsteps, directing your way;
He is your Shepherd, Protector and Guide,
Leading His children where still waters glide.

God will take care of you, long as you live,
Granting you blessings no other can give;
He will take care of you when time is past,
Safe to His kingdom will bring you at last.

God will take care of you still to the end;
Oh, what a Father, Redeemer and Friend!
Jesus will answer whenever you call,
He will take care of you, trust Him for all.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

O Promise Sweet

O promise sweet! He leadeth me
O'er waters wild and deep;
I will not fear the raging sea
If He my soul doth keep.

Sometimes He leads over mountain height,
Or valleys dark and drear.
Yet worn and weary in the night,
His blessed voice I hear.

Sometimes He leads by waters still,
Where all is peace and love,
And quiet joys my bosom fill
Like that sweet rest above.

It matters not if shadows lie
Upon my pathway here,
A golden light illumines my sky,
If only God is near.

- Louisa Winifred Rogers, 1838-1931

Schoolteacher and poet Louisa Rogers was known as Loula to her friends and family. Besides publishing several volumes of her poems, she also wrote the words to several dozen hymns.

Whoever Has Ears, Let Them Hear

Jesus often asks, "Whoever has ears, let them hear", in the hope that we will listen carefully to what God says, instead of this world's loudness and chatter. This week, Caleb Dillinger writes about the importance of listening to God when he speaks quietly to us.

Hearing God in the Low Whisper

There is no denying I have a loud voice. Since I was a teenager, I could project my voice across a room louder than most. I love high energy, fast paced, busy life. People who speak softly, whispering, are hard for me to hear. Sometimes, I can carry that into my relationship with God. I want God's Spirit to declare something loudly, with as many exclamation points as you can imagine. Yet, just like the Lord speaking to Elijah, the voice that our ears need to hear will sometimes come in a low whisper.

In 1 Kings 19, Elijah has just experienced God revealing himself with all the exclamation points: fire from heaven consuming a soaking altar that led to the defeat of hundreds of false prophets. Yet, Queen Jezebel seeks to kill Elijah, and he flees and hides in a cave. The Lord sends a great strong wind, "but the Lord was not in the wind." Then the Lord sends an earthquake, "but the Lord was not in the earthquake." And then the next two verses:

And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" - 1 Kings 19:12-13

God is fully capable of speaking loudly and miraculously. Yet, sometimes the Lord speaks most poignantly in a low whisper. When Jesus says, "whoever has ears, let them hear," we should ask if we are willing to listen to the low whisper or just the fire, quakes and storms. Can the Lord speak to you softly over a cup of coffee in the quiet of the morning? Or through the rays of sunlight on a morning walk? Or in the smell of the morning dew as you sit on your porch? Or in the quiet sound of your child sleeping? Can you hear the Lord in the low whispers?

Take some extra time this week to be silent. Listen to the low whispers in your life and see what the Lord has to say. Whoever has an ear, let them hear.

- Caleb Dillinger, July 2026