Announcements

Events Coming Soon
*** See Announcements Below For Each Of These ***
November 1 (Sunday) - Daylight Savings Time ends
November 1 (Sunday) - Prayer session
November 7 (Saturday) - Women's Devotional & Brunch
November 7 (Saturday) - *New* Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes opens
November 15 (Sunday) - *New* Combined Bible class and worship with the Ghanaian congregation

Prayer Time Next Sunday
Next Sunday, November 1, there will a prayer time shortly after the worship assembly concludes. The theme will be "Set your minds on things above" (see Colossians 3:1-4). Everyone is welcome to come.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend
Daylight savings time will end next weekend. The time change takes place at 2:00 AM on Sunday November 1, so remember to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed this Saturday, October 31.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
All ladies of Northland are invited to an Open House tour of the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing area, today right after the worship assembly. Come to Room E16 (on the back hallway, across from the former offices for the Day Care). See what can fit in a shoebox, and how God uses those shoeboxes to spread the Good News. Then, on November 7 after the Women's Brunch, the room will be open to pack shoeboxes and pray. Thank you to those who have donated items, money, and your time and prayers. Please see Vicki Cowans with any questions.

Women's Devotional & Brunch On November 7
On Saturday November 7, there will be a women's devotional and brunch in the Sunshine Room (E31) from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to either Karen Susenna or Vickie Cage.

Combined Worship On November 15
On Sunday morning, November 15, there will be a combined, bilingual time of worship with the Ghanaian congregation. There will a combined class in the auditorium, followed by a worship assembly. * Please stay tuned for times * Songs, speaking, and prayers will be done in English and Twi.

Needs For The Clothing Closet
With cooler weather coming soon, the Clothing Closet would appreciate donations of clean, gently used Autumn and Winter clothing. We have a particular need for children's and men's items. We currently do not need Spring or Summer items. Thank you for your continued support.

Ministry In Ghana
The Seikwa, Ghana Church Of Christ, along with the congregation that now meets at Nkoranman Senior High School, appreciate your continuing prayers and support. 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. In September and October, they will study 2 John, 3 John, and Jude.
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:	$3,326	$4,976
Designated:	$60	$414

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

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The Lord Alone Will Be Exalted

Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord. - Isaiah 2:5

The Lord gives us so many blessings, and he patiently calls us to walk in his light. God alone is worthy of honor and glory:

The eyes of the arrogant will be humbled and human pride brought low;
the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. - Isaiah 2:11

William Shakespeare's 1610 stage play "The Tempest" begins after some scoundrels have driven into exile Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan, and his daughter Miranda. They have taken refuge on an enchanted island, where Prospero has learned to produce powerful illusions, hoping that he can use this ability to get revenge on those who plotted against him. When he learns that the conspirators are on a ship nearby, he creates a tempest that drives the ship to the island. Yet in Prospero's bitterness, he hadn't thought about the rest of the shipwrecked passengers.

Prospero recognizes an old and faithful friend, while a kind young man meets Miranda and sympathizes with her and her father. This causes Prospero to re-think his plans for revenge, and he says to them, "The cloud-capped towers, the gorgeous palaces . . . the great globe itself . . . shall dissolve . . . We are such stuff as dreams are made of; and our little life is rounded with a sleep." Truly, all of this world's circumstances and appearances will pass away. We will all be humbled before the Lord, who alone deserves to be exalted:

The arrogance of man will be brought low and human pride humbled;
the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, and the idols will totally disappear. - Isaiah 2:17-18

Prospero considers the temptation of continuing to rely on his "magical" abilities, so he decides to give them up as he prepares to return to his dukedom. Likewise, our Heavenly Father calls us to stop putting our faith in this world's idols, both tangible and intangible. The prophet has an amusing image of people tossing their idols to animals, who know better than to worship them:

In that day people will throw away to the moles and bats
their idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made to worship. - Isaiah 2:20

As the play ends, Prospero asks for forgiveness for himself, "Now my charms are all overthrown, and what strength I have is my own, which is most faint . . . I have my dukedom got and pardoned the deceiver . . . as you from crimes would pardoned be, let your indulgence set me free." Indeed, all of us have so little strength and so little understanding, and we have all gone astray numerous times, yet God graciously calls us to trust in him and walk reverently in the light of Jesus:

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. - Isaiah 2:5

- Mark Garner, October 2026

Every Little Flower

Every little flower that grows,
Every little grassy blade,
Every little dewdrop knows,
Jesus cares for all He made.
Jesus loves and Jesus knows,
So we need not be afraid.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

He Who Hath Led Will Lead

He who hath led will lead
All through the wilderness;
He who hath fed will surely feed;
He who hath blessed will bless;
He who hath heard thy cry
Will never close His ear;
He who hath marked thy faintest sigh
Will not forget thy tear.
He loveth always, faileth never,
So rest on Him today, for ever.

- Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

Who Is This Of Whom You Tell?

Who is this of whom you tell?
Come and see.
Where among us does he dwell?
Come and see.
He is Jesus Christ the Lord;
Son of God, by saints adored;
Dwells with those who keep His Word:
Come and see.

Has he power to pardon sin?
Come and see.
Power to make me pure within?
Come and see.
On the cross He bled and died,
On the throne is glorified,
Hearts to cleanse and sins to hide:
Come and see.

- William Griffiths, 1777-1825

Welsh teacher, writer, and translator William Griffiths frequently spoke publicly both in English and Welsh. Besides writing the words to hymns, he frequently translated hymns from English to Welsh and vice versa.

The Eternal God Is Our Refuge

In this world, we may often find temporary refuge from its storms and other physical perils. But God alone can give us lasting refuge and shelter for our souls. This week, Paula Robbins writes about the certainty of the spiritual refuge God can give us at any time and in any place.

Immanuel, Our Refuge

They had been steeped in generational carelessness and defiance toward God, but the Jewish exiles in Babylon still understood that Jerusalem, and particularly the temple, was God's chosen dwelling place. His presence created both a place of worship and a place of refuge. Imagine their horror as they listened to their fellow exile, the prophet Ezekiel, describe his miraculous vision of Jerusalem. During the course of the vision, God leaves the Holy Place (Ezekiel 9:3), then the temple court (Ezekiel. 10:1, 18-19), and finally Jerusalem (Ezekiel 11:22-23). Their place of refuge would be lost to them.

We can hope that some of Ezekiel's audience noticed the promise amid this nightmarish account. God had never planned to limit the refuge he offers to his people to a geographic location. His ultimate plan to provide refuge has always been to eliminate our greatest source of danger, violence, and corruption: our own hard hearts (Ezekiel 11:19-20).

As followers of Jesus Messiah, we are the recipients of this promise. We don't need to travel to a special location to enjoy the God's presence and the refuge it provides. We, individually and collectively, are God's temple and are constantly in his presence and under his protection (1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Peter 2:3-6). The Beloved Apostle declares that he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Jesus promises that as we abide in him, we will never be alone and will have access to all the blessings of God's presence (John 14:16-18, 15:1-9; Matthew 28: 20). He assures us that though we will be troubled by "skirmishes" during our lives, he has won the war (John 16:33). We have every reason to take heart. There is no more safe or certain refuge than being united with Jesus, constantly in God's presence, and guided and comforted by his Spirit.

- Paula Robbins, October 2026