Announcements

Daylight Savings Time Has Ended

Daylight savings time has ended this weekend. The time change took place at 2:00 AM early today, Sunday November 1, so set your clocks back an hour if you haven't already done so.

Memory Scripture For November

As part of this month's worship assemblies, the elders will encourage each of us to try to memorize a short Scripture for November. This month the Scripture will be Romans 8:1-2.

Prayer Time Today

Today, 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.

Events Coming Soon
* New Events Added *

November 7 (Saturday) - Women's Devotional & Brunch (see announcement below)
November 7 (Saturday) - Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes opens (see also below)
November 15 (Sunday) - Combined Bible class and worship with the Ghanaian congregation (see announcement below)
November 29 (Sunday) - ***New*** Worship at Willow Brook
December 13 (Sunday) - ***New*** Christmas Potluck

Women's Devotional & Brunch This Saturday & Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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. Afterwards, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will begin in room E16.

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.

What's The Point Of 1 John?

The next installment of the monthly series on the books of Scripture is now available on the table in the foyer, as well as on the racks. This month, Caleb and Mark have each written one page on "What's The Point Of 1 John?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under "Resources".

Auditorium Update

The elders have begun making some renovations to the auditorium that will benefit both the English-language worship and the Ghanaian congregation. A new projector and a new sound board have recently been installed. They hope to proceed next with improved lighting and speakers. Thank you to everyone who helped, and see Jeff or one of the other elders if you have any questions.

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 on the fruit of the spirit organized by Jeff McVicker and Caleb Dillinger, meeting in room E41-42.
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:	$3,649	$4,975
Designated:	$305	$411

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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At Home & Along The Road

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. – Deuteronomy 6:4

The Lord is the only living God; he gives each of us life and breath and everything else. Our Heavenly Father shows us constant care, and he patiently calls us to love and honor him with our hearts, our souls, and our minds. God also calls us to learn his words, to ponder them, and to let him write them on our hearts. For his words alone are always trustworthy:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. – Deuteronomy 6:5-6

Pikas are small mammals (species range from 6-9 inches long; they are related to rabbits) that live in cold, high altitude mountainsides where they live in burrows and crevices. In winters, these cute animals face frigid temperatures; yet instead of hibernating, they gather stockpiles of food during the short, sunny summers (usually about 10 weeks), often making 20 trips per hour. Pikas then spread out the collected leaves and flowers in sunlight to dry out, so that they won't rot or get moldy during the long winters.

Then each pika makes a "haypile", with as much as 60 pounds of food. Likewise, God asks us to make good use of our opportunities to learn his truths, and then to ponder them and to think about them more deeply. God's words are true when we're worshiping with other believers, and they're true when we go about our daily activities. So the Lord reminds us to think about them and live by them when we're at home and when we're on the road:

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. – Deuteronomy 6:7

As they build their "haypiles" for winter, pikas often include certain toxic plants that would have been harmful if eaten at once. When these plants dry and are then left long enough before eating them, the toxins degrade and lose their toxic effect, leaving just the plants' nutrients.

Similarly, as we gather knowledge and wisdom about God, we might absorb human interpretations and human opinions that turn out to be misleading or even completely false. By carefully meditating on what we have read and heard, and by comparing everything with God's words alone, we can recognize and neutralize this world's misguided teachings. Today our Heavenly Father asks us to live as if his truths were visible on our foreheads, and to let him write his words on the doorframes of our hearts and minds:

Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. – Deuteronomy 6:8-9

- Mark Garner, November 2026

The Savior Calls

The Savior calls; let every ear
Attend the heavenly sound;
You doubting souls, dismiss your fear,
Hope smiles reviving round.

For every thirsty, longing heart,
Here streams of bounty flow,
And life, and health, and bliss impart
To banish mortal woe.

Here springs of sacred pleasures rise,
To east your every pain,
Immortal fountain, full supplies,
Nor shall you thirst in vain.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

When Shadows Darkly Gather

Come unto me,
When shadows darkly gather,
When the sad heart is weary and distressed;
Seeking for comfort from your Heavenly Father,
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.

There, like an Eden
Blossoming in gladness
Bloom the fair flowers the earth too rudely pressed;
Come unto Me, all you who droop in sadness,
Come unto Me, and I will give you rest.

- Catharine H. Waterman Esling, 1812-1897

Several of writer Catharine (sometimes spelled Catherine) Waterman Esling's works were published before her marriage, so the author of them is usually listed as Catharine Waterman. Besides her poetry collections, she wrote a book about flowers, and she also edited several books, including one about games and other pastimes.

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's article is by former Northland member Phyllis Harp Lee. Phyllis (then Harp) was baptized at Northland in 1984, and during her time here she was a constant source of encouragement for all of us. At the same time, she endured numerous health ailments and personal sorrows, and constantly found refuge in God. Phyllis passed away earlier this year. She posted this on-line for Mother's Day 10 years ago, as she writes about the things her mother's example showed her about Jesus.

A Glimpse Of God's Care

I feel compelled this Mother's Day to share about the most selfless mom I have never known, nor she never knowing me. My birth mother . . . My parents were told in 1963 that my mother had multiple sclerosis and that being pregnant helped the disease's symptoms. So it was decided to have another baby (me). During her pregnancy with me, my mom was told she had brain tumors and not MS. My parents were given 2 agonizing options. Option 1: Have the brain tumors removed and the baby (me) would die. Option 2: Not have the tumors removed and she would die and the baby (me) would live. My mom chose to die so I could live. I have wondered, before she went into a coma, what her thoughts were. Did she have dreams for my life? How she felt about leaving my dad and Laurie (one year older than me) to die for me?

My mom died a week after I was born leaving my dad a widower, with a one-year old, and a newborn. Have I cried over my mother I never knew? Absolutely and many times. I often think if I am worthy of the sacrifice she made for my life. Many times I don't feel worthy of her giving up her life for me. But one night that changed. I have had dreams of her before but she was just a presence and didn't have a face. That night in the dream she had a face, held me, told me how much she loved me, and that everything was going to be OK. My mom was showing me total love, acceptance, and that I was worthy of her life's sacrifice. A mother's total selfless love for her child.

Didn't Jesus do the exact same thing but on an eternal level? Don't believe you are not worthy. You are. The cross shows very clearly you are. You may feel beaten down, discouraged, depressed, or without hope. Jesus is holding you telling you that you ARE worthy because of His sacrifice. He is telling you He loves you and everything will be "OK" if you follow me. No promises of easy street but He has you covered.

God allowed me a glimpse into the love He feels for us by providing me a real life example. Mom, I will always love you despite never knowing you. The impact of your life has allowed me to love and encourage others with NF2. Your courage, selflessness and love has made a difference. With tears, how can I ever thank you. I really can't - but can show by my life. What an extraordinary mother!

- Phyllis Harp Lee, May 2016