

Announcements

Prayer Time Today

Today, right after the morning worship assembly, there will be a time of prayer for anyone interested. See Caleb or one of the elders for further details.

Potluck Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 8, there will be a potluck right after the worship assembly ends. (This has been re-scheduled from the snow day in January.) See Robbie or Jeff for more information.

Women's Bible Study & Brunch On March 14

The final women's "Walking In Awe Of God" session will be on Saturday, March 14. This is an opportunity for women to meet in the Fellowship Room (E41-42) from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, for a Bible Study, brunch, and walking together.

What's The Point Of 1 Timothy?

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 Timothy?" The entire series is viewable on the Northland website, under "Resources."

2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2025 can now be picked up in the church office for those who used envelopes or gave online. If you would like your statement mailed to you, see Ashley Dillinger or email office@ncocfamily.org.

Additional Events This Month

March 15 (Sunday) - Worship time at Willow Brook, 2:00 PM

March 21 (Saturday) - Group reading of 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy

March 29 (Sunday) - * Joint worship postponed *

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

Support For The Ministry In Ghana

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). They've asked us to pray for one of their members, who has sickle cell anemia, and needs regular treatments. They're also raising funds for these treatments, as well as for a mission group to go there next summer. You can support the ministry in Ghana either with your contribution envelope, or by giving online. See Franklin Agyei for more information.

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.

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, coordinated by Tara Lynn Bell. The class topic is now "Grace & Gratitude".

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:	\$3,397	\$4,105
Designated:	\$55	\$807



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Our Light Has Come

Arise, shine, for your light has come . . . - Isaiah 60:1

Our light has come; Jesus has come to be the light of the world, and he calls us to follow him humbly by faith. Jesus is our light in this world's confusion and gloom, and he is the radiance of God's glory in this world's spiritual wastelands:

. . . and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. - Isaiah 60:1

British philosopher and natural scientist Francis Bacon (1561-1626) is remembered for his many essays on a wide range of topics, as well as his efforts in pioneering the scientific method. Bacon saw his scientific studies and his belief in Jesus as working together, as he wrote, "There are two books laid before us to study, to prevent our falling into error; first, the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the will of God; then the volume of the Creatures, which express His power."

Genesis tells us that God brought light into this empty and formless world. Francis saw this as a parallel to the light that Jesus has brought, as he says, "In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present." Bacon also writes about the connection between physical light and the spiritual light of Jesus, "God's first creature (creation) was light . . . The first creation of God . . . was the light of the sense (senses) . . . His work ever since is the illumination of the spirit." Truly our light has come through Jesus, and the Lord is near those who seek him with their hearts:

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you . . . - Isaiah 60:2

As he looked at the care and salvation that God gives us when we follow Jesus, Francis writes, "He chose, according to his good pleasure, humankind to be that creature, to whose nature the person of the Son of the eternal God should be united." Truly, by God's overflowing grace we have countless blessings, both spiritual and physical, through the Son of God.

Francis Bacon was also humbled by what Jesus endured to open the way to God's presence, as he said, "Christ having man's flesh, and man having Christ's spirit, there is an open passage . . . whereby sin is conveyed to Christ from man, and merit and life is conveyed to man from Christ." There are so many of God's profound truths that are far beyond human minds to grasp fully, yet God opens the eyes of our hearts so that we can begin to appreciate the depths of what Jesus did for us. For we can see God's glory in the good news of Jesus:

. . . and his glory appears over you. - Isaiah 60:2

Who are we, wandering sheep who need a shepherd, that God pours out the bounty of his heavenly pasture on us.

- Mark Garner, March 2026

Ever Gracious Is The Lord

For ever gracious is the Lord,
For ever faithful to his word;
By sweet experience now I prove,
His mercy, his unchanging love.

The Lord preserves, with tender care,
The weak, the humble, and sincere;
Low in the dust my hopes were laid,
But God appeared with timely aid.

Return my soul, and sweetly rest
On thy almighty Father's breast;
The bounties of his grace adore,
And count his wonderous mercies o'er.

Thy mercy, Lord, preserved my breath,
And snatched my fainting soul from death,
Removed my sorrows, dried my tears,
And saved me from surrounding snares.

- Anne Steele, 1717-1778

This is an excerpt from a series of poems by British poet Anne Steele based on the Psalms. This one is based on Psalm 116.

For All Thy Care, God

For all Thy care we bless Thee,
O Father, God of might.
For golden hours of morning,
And quiet hours of night.
Thine is the arm that shields us
When danger threatens nigh,
And Thine the hand that yields us
Rich gifts of earth and sky.

For all Thy love we bless Thee;
No mortal lips can speak
Thy comfort to the weary,
Thy pity for the weak;
By Thee life's path is brightened,
With sunshine and with song,
And heavy loads are lightened,
The feeble hearts made strong.

- Sarah Doudney, 1841-1926

British poet and fiction writer Sarah Doudney had her first poem published when she was 15, and her poetry became popular in Britain as well in the U.S. and Canada. Many of her poems were set to music as hymns. She also wrote at least 35 novels, some for young girls and others for adults.

A Spring Of Living Water

In John 4, Jesus talks about the living water that can satisfy our souls' thirst for God. This and other Scriptures tell us about the spring of living water that Jesus promises us. This week, Micah Evans writes from her own experience about our need to be spiritually "hydrated".

Spiritually Dehydrated

Have you been drinking enough water? If you haven't, you may start to notice some of the telltale signs of dehydration. These symptoms would of course include extreme thirst, dizziness, headaches, muscle cramps, fatigue, and more. Additionally, the more severe the case of dehydration, the more severe the symptoms. Extreme cases can lead to high blood pressure, rapid breathing or heartbeat, loss of consciousness, or an inability to sweat.

I realize this is all pretty common knowledge, but even so it is still estimated that around 75% of people living in the United States are chronically dehydrated. The reason? We simply don't drink enough water! We have access to free flowing, fresh, drinkable water just about everywhere we go in our daily lives, and most of us even carry around a full reusable water bottle everywhere we go. But we still manage to drink far less of this life-giving liquid than we should to remain sufficiently hydrated.

I can't help but draw a parallel here to the imagery Jesus uses in John 4 with the "woman at the well." He supplies the living water; He is the only One who can sufficiently sustain us so that we may never spiritually thirst again. In today's world, in this country, we can carry Jesus with us wherever we go, and we have His words at our fingertips (and likely in our pockets) all day long.

But if you're like me, you sometimes take that for granted. I get so busy chasing after everything else, completing all the tasks, and pouring everything I have into other things (even "good" things!) that I forget to replenish and rehydrate on that sweet, life-giving, Living Water. Symptoms of this type of chronic dehydration may include emotional fatigue, short fuse and irritability, lack of joy, lack of peace, loss of purpose or direction, and more. The more severe the dehydration, the more severe the symptoms will become.

Let's not take this precious gift for granted, and allow Jesus to sustain our souls each day with the well that never runs dry.

- Micah Evans, March 2026