

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

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From the Pastor's Desk



"3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.² Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.³ For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.⁵ Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.⁶ For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:⁷ In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.⁸ But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.⁹ Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds,¹⁰ And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.¹² Put on therefore, as the elect of

God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;¹³ Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.¹⁴ And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." - Colossians 3:1-17

This portion of Paul's letter to the Colossians begins with these words: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above". These words are not an instruction to climb our way to heaven, nor are they a call to abandon our earthly responsibilities. Rather, Paul is reminding us of who we are in Christ and whose we are. It's about the condition of our hearts. It's about our goals, hopes, and dreams. Jesus said *"33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* -Matthew 6:33

In baptism, God buried the old Adam and raised us with Christ. The gospel doesn't tell us what we might become if we try

hard enough. It tells us what God has already done. He chose you. He clothed you. He forgives you.

With the resurrection of the new man comes the daily death of the old. "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth Paul writes. Put them to death. These things are remnants of death, the old rags of the old man who has no part in Christ. The Christian life is one of daily repentance, a daily drowning of the old self so that the new might rise as Luther writes in his Small Catechism.

As new creatures in Christ he calls us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Notice also how he describes our lives. Not in solitude. Not cloistered in a monastery, but in community. *"16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"*. We are members of his body and are nourished by the true vine. Christ is present in all our vocations to serve his people. Husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, workers and neighbors, teachers, carpenters, farmers and students. Whatever our station in life we live out this new identity together and are served by Jesus in our ordinary lives.

God's Peace,
Nicholas Kandoll

Read from Genesis through Revelation

6th Annual New York Mills BIBLE READING MARATHON July 13-19, 2025

Sunday, July 13
3:30p.m. Open with Worship
4-8p.m. Bible Reading
Monday – Saturday, July 14-19, 8a.m. – 8p.m.

12 West Gilman Street, NYM
(Mike Malone's front yard)

SIGN UP

On FACEBOOK find our page:
New York Mills Bible Reading Marathon.
Follow the link or use the QR Code.

ALL AGES WELCOME | 30 MINUTE TIME SLOTS
May use your Bible or the Bibles provided at the site.
May sign up for multiple time slots.



OR Contact Sandi at 218-686-9680 for assistance.

**Membership dues for church
are due July 31st.**

Singles \$60 .

Couples \$120.

**Pastor Caleb Maunu w/ his wife
and beautiful family along w/ Pastor
Blair Holmgren
were here in June to hold our spring ser-
vices.**

Visiting the lonely and shut-ins.

There are several members in our congregation that are no longer able to make it to our services.

What about taking on a challenge and visiting these people 1 time a month or so. Perhaps a phone call first to make sure they are up to having visitors.



St. James the Great Day

St. James the Great Day is a holiday observed on July 25th in the Western Church and on April 30th in the Eastern Church. Also known as the Feast of Saint James the Apostle, this day commemorates the patron saint of Spain on the day his body was miraculously discovered in Compostela, Spain.

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The History of St. James The Great Day

While spreading the gospel of Jesus, St. James was arrested in Grenada. However, he wasn't held for long and was soon released.

He then headed to Galicia. In January of 40 AD, the mother of Jesus, Mary, appeared to James while he was preaching on the bank of the Ebro River.

Mary advised him to return to Jerusalem, which he did in 44 AD. Upon his arrival, he was taken prisoner, and King Herod Agrippa I put James to death. This made him a martyr, and his devotees took his body to St. James the Great Day is a holiday observed on July 25th in the Western Church and on April 30th in the Eastern Church. Also known as the Feast of Saint James the Apostle, this day commemorates the patron saint of Spain on the day his body was miraculously discovered in Compostela, Spain.

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Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, a song based on the Prayer of Saint Francis, tells a story of seeking inner peace and becoming an instrument of God's love and peace in the world. The song reflects on themes of forgiveness, love, hope, and joy, urging individuals to embody these virtues and spread them to others. The song's roots lie in a prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, though it wasn't found in his writings. It gained popularity during and after both World Wars, often used to promote peace. The song was set to music by Sebastian Temple.

Seeking Humility and Divine Guidance: The song begins with a plea to be made a channel of God's peace, indicating a desire to be used by a higher power for good.

Focus on Positive Transformation: The lyrics highlight a shift from negativity to positivity. The singer asked to bring hope where there is despair, light where there is darkness, and joy where there is sadness.

The Power of Giving and Forgiveness: The song emphasizes the reciprocal nature of giving and receiving, as well as the importance of forgiveness in finding peace.

Eternal Life and Purpose: The closing lines connect the earthly journey with a greater, eternal purpose, suggesting that through acts of service and love, individuals are born into eternal life.

*Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your healing power;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.*

*2. Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.*

*3. O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*4. Make me a channel of your peace;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.*

Care to Share

Did you know we have a Care to Share program? It is made up of volunteers who bring meals to someone who has been in the hospital, had surgery, had a baby or lost a loved one.

It was started in December of 2015 and in that time we have brought 259 meals, several meals from Sr. Center and several frozen meals, which fed almost 400 people. I am so grateful for all the volunteers who have been so faithful and willing to help in this endeavor. If we have missed anyone, I am so sorry. If you know someone we could help, please let me know. We are also looking for a few more volunteers if anyone is interested.

Submitted by Sheila Keskitalo, organizer of the program.

Local Food Shelf

We will keep a food shelf box at the church so people may continue to drop off food items whenever they have something extra they would like to share.

Church Information

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If you want to be added or removed from our mailing list please contact me. All newsletter items to be considered can be emailed to me at the above address by the 20th of each month.

Echoes of Mercy
Radio Broadcast
920 AM KWAD

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
Lutheran Churches*

Sunday Schedule

Worship @ 10:30
Holy Communion
1st Sunday of month.

If you choose to watch the services online and would like to donate to the church please send checks to:

Louise Amberg-Jokela
206 South Broadway #107

New York Mills, MN 56567
Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to send contributions.
It is greatly appreciated!

Meals/potluck
will be served **monthly**.
Group 8 for July
Group 9 for August

The serving group will make the main dishes for **potlucks** (unless announced otherwise) and others are asked to bring salads or desserts.

There is a sign up sheet for Sunday coffee in the dining room.



Looking for volunteers to help with cleanup after coffee.
Thank you!

NYM Emergency Food Shelf

FOR EMERGENCY HELP
CALL NYM CULTURAL CENTER
218-385-3339

CONNIE WARNER
218-385-2853 (work Mon–Thurs)
218-385-3669 (home)

TERESA MUCKALA
763-843-3269

KAY TOUGAS
218-298-0272

ALL INFORMATION
IS CONFIDENTIAL

LOCATION
400 S WALKER AVE
NEW YORK MILLS, MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

9:00-NOON and 4:30-6:30

June 30, 2025

July 28, 2025

August 25, 2025

September 29, 2025

October 27, 2025

Usage limit 1 time per month

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

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