

## Stay Connected

We encourage you to stay connected with Nordland through our Facebook page and our Youtube channel, our website (you will see a new website in the next few weeks!), or via phone. Worship and messages will continue to be found online, and if you prefer to receive a DVD of those please let us know and we will have one delivered to you every week.

Also, we are creating an avenue for sharing email updates, news, and additional messages with the Nordland community. We have many of your email addresses already, however, if we do not and you would like to be a part that growing list, please call the church office.

And in regards to worship, if you would like to participate in our online worship through readings, litanies, sharing your musical gifts, etc., please let Pastor Mark know. We would love for you to add your voice!

## NLCW News

Many have been inquiring about Nordland's annual Mission Fest in June. Because of the uncertainty and for safety of all, the Mission Fest has been cancelled. Also, July's Garden Party will also not take place. And the NLCW will not meet until September.

## Grocery Help

We know this is a difficult time for many. If you need help with groceries or supplies, please don't hesitate to call the church office. We will find ways to help get what you need! In order to help keep you and others safe, we will take precautions and drop your food/supplies at your doorstep.



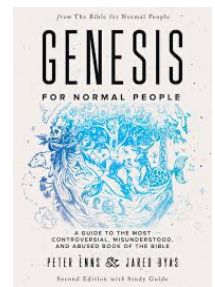
## Resources for information on Covid19 in Minnesota

If you are looking for resources on Covid19 in Minnesota, including how to protect yourself, when to seek medical attention, the latest data, the latest on 'stay at home' order, etc., go to the state's information portal using the following link for the most current information.

<https://mn.gov/covid19/>

## Book Study

On Tuesday evenings, beginning May 19 at 7:00 p.m., we will be studying the book entitled, *Genesis for Normal People: A Guide to the Most Controversial, Misunderstood, and Abused Book of the Bible*. This study will be done via the online Zoom platform. Yes, there will be coaching on Zoom ahead of time, if you need it. If you want the book to read on your own, you are welcome to get one as well. It's a relatively easy and short read.



What is this book about? From the book description: "Given the fever-pitched controversies about evolution, Adam and Eve, and scientific evidence for the Flood, the average person might feel intimidated by the book of Genesis. But behind the heady debates is a terrific story - one that anyone can understand, and one that has gripped people for ages. If you are not a Bible scholar but want to be able to read Genesis and understand its big picture, this brief, witty book is the guide you've been waiting for." You can find out more about the book online.

If you are interested in participating in this book study, please sign up by calling the church office. We have a few books available for purchase for \$10. Let us know, and we will get one out to you in the mail. Otherwise, you can order online from Amazon, etc.

## Giving

Your contribution continues to matter! In this time, we encourage you, if you are able, to continue your regular giving through the following ways. You can mail in your contributions to the church, or use Simply Giving or the Give Plus app. These two will both allow you to set up your giving to take place automatically.

Give Plus app - on this app you can designate to the General Fund or Benevolence Fund.

Simply Giving - a number of you have signed up in last few weeks. The form can be found on our website, or can be mailed to you if you prefer.

On a related note, at the last council meeting, the council approved applying for the PPP loan (Paycheck Protection Program). It is a forgivable loan if at least 75% is used for payroll. We worked with our bank which helped secure the funds. This money will help us get 'down the road' a few more weeks with payroll and utility costs.

Thank you for your continued support of Nordland and the ministry we share!

## Sunday school

For families of young children, here are a couple of online resources we would like you to check out to continue faith conversations at home. In addition, there will be also be other resources available on Nordland's Facebook page in weeks ahead for you to check out!

On Youtube, check out *Morning Watch* and *Family Sunday School by Sparkhouse*. These are two resources that share weekly family-friendly messages, ideas for crafts, sing-a-longs, etc!

## Wall Renovation

Check out this picture of the hallway next to the elevator on the main level. New 'siding' and stonework around the churches cornerstone! Thanks to Tim Wendlandt, Al Gilbertson, Steve Wright and Larry Powers for their 'distancing work' a few weeks ago! It looks beautiful!



## Day Camp and Youth Mission Trip Update

The youth mission trip to West Virginia this July has been cancelled. The organization we go through for our trips has decided to cancel their whole summer of mission experiences. Though this is sad news, and we know this was a difficult decision for them, it was the right move for them and for us.

There is much that we don't know yet about summer programming, worship, etc. Green Lake Camp will be making decisions about their summer, including our Day Camp program, in the next couple weeks. Watch for more info on that coming soon.



## Scholarships for Higher Education

Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2020-2021 school year are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Contact the church office for an application form. Please return by mail, deadline has been extended to June 1, 2020.