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FEBRUARY-MARCH 2024

HELLO

ALL IN GOD'S TIME

by Senior Pastor Darrin Vick

Kairos is a Greek word for *time* that we find in the Bible. It is different from the kind of time you keep on your watch or your calendar. Kairos time is God's time. It's a key moment when God initiates something that disrupts our current plans and transforms our future possibilities.

In June, I invited Jeff Kjellberg of Kairos and Associates to consult with our congregation to help us listen and learn what God has been doing in our past and present so we can discern where God is leading our future.

I have worked with Jeff before, and I trust him. More than that, I trust the way the Holy Spirit uses people like Jeff to nudge me out of my comfort zone.

Change is often uncomfortable, but I am convinced that we must lean into that discomfort in 2024. There are risks involved. There will be sacrifices. But God is IN this!

What can you expect from me on this journey? I am committed to keeping you informed through the *Current* and our other communication channels during



the year.

I commit to upholding the non-negotiables of our congregational values and mission and to keep listening to you and the Holy Spirit as we navigate this journey together.

And I commit to leading in the spirit of Micah 6:8 to "act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly" with Jesus.

2024 will be a year of Kairos moments. It is God's time, and Community of Grace is His church. I look forward to sharing more with you in the months ahead.

By Grace Alone,

The Deadline for the April/May Edition of the *Current* is March 10.

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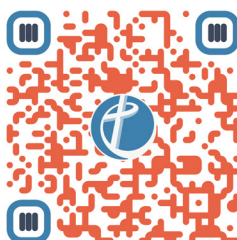
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WORSHIP

TWO STYLES

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here.

We invite you to slow down, breathe deeply, and open your heart to God. Contemporary Services are modern, informal, and band-led. Our Traditional Services include time-honored hymns and rich liturgical texts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

9 & 10:30 a.m.* | Fellowship Hall

(Communion is served on the First Sunday of each month)

TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

9 a.m. | Sanctuary*

STREAM LIVE OR LATER

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PRAYER FOCUS

The prayer focus for February is once again Healing. This month, opportunities to receive anointing and prayer are offered in services and the Prayer Chapel. Our February Prayer Champion is Pastor Mary Ellen Steinkraus. The February fruit of the Spirit is Kindness.

In March, the Fruit of the Spirit we are praying to receive is Goodness. You may find materials in the Prayer Chapel. We will not offer an additional prayer focus in March, as several Lenten worship opportunities are already available for further growth and prayer.

Prayer ministers are stationed in the Chapel following worship

ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14

11:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship

6:30 p.m. | Family-style Worship*
(Nursery Available)

We observe the first day of the season of Lent with the mark of ashes. It is a season of intentional focus on Christ's time of fasting, temptation, and ultimately, his sacrifice.

LENTEN WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 20

4:30 p.m. | Traditional Worship*

5-6 p.m. | Dinner in the Commons
Cost: \$5; \$20 Family Cap

6:15 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
(Nursery Available)

Please see page 6 for Dinner in the Commons Menus.

SENIOR SERVICES

FIRST WEDNESDAYS:

10 a.m. White Pine
Ecumenical Service of the Word

THIRD WEDNESDAYS:

2 p.m. Boulders
Communion Service

THIRD SATURDAYS:

11 a.m. Shoreview Senior
Bible Study

FOURTH THURSDAYS:

10 a.m. Waters of White Bear Lake
Ecumenical Service of the Word

1:30 p.m. Cerenity

Ecumenical Service of the Word

TWO SUNDAYS PER QUARTER:

4 p.m. Waverly Gardens
Ecumenical Service of the Word

Contact: Pastor Mary Ellen
maryellen@gracepeople.church

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 24

9 a.m. Contemporary &
Traditional Worship*
(Nursery Available)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship*

Join us as we honor Jesus' triumphant journey into Jerusalem to begin this Holy Week. Services begin with a processional of our HISKids children.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
MARCH 28

11:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship

6:30 p.m. | "At the Table"
Experiential Worship Service
(Nursery Available)

First Communicants will receive Holy Communion at this service.

GOOD FRIDAY | MARCH 29

11:30 a.m. | Traditional Worship*
(Nursery Available)

7 p.m. | Tenebrae Worship*

This somber service honors the Savior's crucifixion and death.

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY | MARCH 31

7:30 a.m. | Sunrise Worship

9 a.m. Contemporary &
Traditional Worship*
(Nursery Available)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary* &
Traditional Worship
(Nursery Available)

Time to celebrate fruition of the prophecy. *He is Risen Indeed!*

** These services are streamed online at gracepeople.live*

KIDS

HISKIDS

HISKids is the umbrella for our Children's Ministry where children will grow in faith and learn the heart of God.

HISKids serves infants through fifth grade. **HISKids Sundays** are the main event and drop-ins are always welcome.

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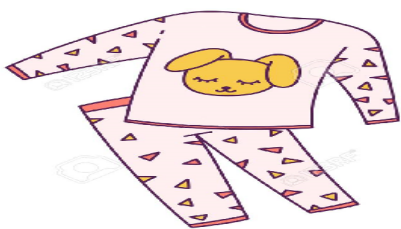
HISKIDS SUNDAYS BEGIN IN WORSHIP

SUNDAYS | FEBRUARY 11, 18, & 25
SUNDAYS | MARCH 10, 17, & 24
SUNDAY | APRIL 7

9 a.m. | Sundays

Children grades one through five will join us for the first part of worship before they are released to their HISKids Sunday School teachers. Children in preschool and kindergarten go directly to their classrooms.

Contact: Britta Maly
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HISKIDS PAJAMA DAY

9 A.M., SUNDAY | MARCH 10

Remember to "Spring Ahead" for Daylight Saving Time! While you can't sleep in, you CAN wear your jammies to KISKids!

EASTER EGGSPEERIENCE

SATURDAY | MARCH 23

9 a.m. Noon | Inside CGLC

Join us for a unique Easter eggsperience. We will have fun, games, face painting, and an indoor egg hunt. Plus, we tell the Resurrection Story with live actors. Bring friends and family!

EGG FILLING

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 18

9 a.m. | Commons

Bags of eggs to fill will be available in the Commons under the skylight. Our target is 8000 filled eggs! Remember, we are a peanut and nut free facility. **The volunteer sign-up will open on Thursday, February 15.**

COMMUNION TRAINING CLASS

THURSDAY | MARCH 7

5:30-7:30 p.m. | LL9

All who are taking First Communion need to attend this class. The evening will include a meal, and registration is required.

HISKIDS NURSERY

Nursery is available for infants through three year olds during 9 a.m. services. Check in at the north end of the Commons. You'll find additional nursery opportunities during Lent & Holy Week on page 3.

Contact: Victoria Mathisen
victoria@gracepeople.church

KIDS IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 4
SUNDAY | MARCH 3 & 31

9 & 10:30 a.m.

On HISKids in Worship Sundays, service elements focus on families worshipping together in both venues. Find activity bags at worship venue entryways.

LENTEN SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

WEDNESDAYS | FEBRUARY 21 & 28
WEDNESDAYS | MARCH 6, 13, & 20

6:15-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Interactive worship for the whole family. Includes breakout groups for kids and students. The theme for Lent this year is "Parables."

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britta@gracepeople.church



PASTA BAR DINNER

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 6

5 p.m. | CGLC Commons

HISKids families are putting on this Dinner in the Commons. It's a pasta bar with items to satisfy all ages. And, all proceeds go toward Vacation Bible School. Scan the code for the volunteer sign-up.



STUDENTS

REFUGE & CONFIRMATION

**WEDNESDAYS
SEPTEMBER–MAY**

6:30–8 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Refuge is the umbrella for activities for students in grades 6–12. It is a safe place for teens to connect and learn how to apply biblical principles to their lives.

Confirmation-Faith Formation is a pathway within Refuge. When you choose to be confirmed, you demonstrate you are a follower of Christ!

Contact Student Ministries Associate Andrew Kelly at andrew@gracepeople.church to inquire about Refuge and Confirmation.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 29

Join us for a multi-generational Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. Students, there are a variety of ways you can help lead the service this year, including creating art!

Contact Melinda or Andrew to get more details and to participate.



MISSION TRIP 2024 AUGUST 11–16, 2024

We're partnering with BRNC for a Mission Trip in our own backyard this summer! It will be an unforgettable week that you won't want to miss. This event is for current 9th–12th grade students. **Registration is limited, so sign up now to secure your spot!**



REFUGE RISE & SHINE SUNDAYS | 10 AM

10 a.m. | Large Choir Room

This is an awesome Student Ministry gathering on Sunday mornings from 10–10:30 a.m. Each week we will have breakfast treats (like donuts, a cereal station, bagels, etc.) and time for a short activity.

TACO BAR FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 21

5 p.m. | CGLC Commons

Calling all Refuge students and parents to volunteer for the Taco Bar dinner. Sign up to help out, then support Student Ministries by eating tacos!



YOUTH SERVE DAY MONDAY | FEBRUARY 19

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran in Fridley

Pour out love at this multi-church service day for 6–12th grade students.

Sign up online by February 14.

FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY | MARCH 3

11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m. | LL9

This is one of the classes required for students to be confirmed. Pastor Angie Way teaches this class on *The Lord's Prayer*. A light lunch is provided. Please sign up online.



SPRING BREAK BOWLING & LASER TAG WEDNESDAY | MARCH 13

We are planning a fun night out for middle and high school students during Spring Break!

Please check the student page on the church website for more information and to register by the end of the day Wednesday March 6. Friends are welcome to join us.

ADULTS

TECH TRAINING

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 3

8:30-11:30 a.m. | Commons

Join us to learn about how worship technology makes our Sundays run smoothly. It is your opportunity to join our team and help make worship services happen.

Contact: Andrew Kelly
andrew@gracepeople.church

J.U.L.I.E.T.

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 5

11:30 a.m. | Carbone's Pizza

MONDAY | MARCH 4

11:30 a.m. | Washington Square

Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together gathers the first Monday of the month. **Please sign up at the Information Desk.**

Contact: Pastor Angie Way
angie@gracepeople.church

R.O.M.E.O.

THURSDAYS

FEBRUARY 1 & MARCH 7

9 a.m. | Perkins on County Rd E

Retired Old Men Eating Out meets every first Thursday.

Contact: Curt Schneider
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FARE FOR ALL (FFA)

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 9

FRIDAY | MARCH 15

1-3 p.m. | CGLC Commons

Stretch your grocery dollars right here on the CGLC campus. FFA is able to offer groceries at a 30 to 40 percent discount. **This program has no income restrictions.**

VALENTINE BANQUET

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 8

11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Come celebrate God's love for us all at this Valentine Banquet event! Kathy

Schneider will carry on the tradition of serving Ritz Chicken, and Berries on a Cloud for our meal!

Crooner Jordan Michael will be our entertainment, sharing songs of love both from the Big Band Era and songs of faith. Please sign up at the Information Desk.

Cost: \$10 per person at the door

BIBLE STUDY W/ANGIE

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7

4 p.m. | Prayer Chapel

This is the final study of the year. During Lent we offer a 4:30 p.m. service. After that, Pastor Angie is on Sabbatical until summer.

EASTER EGGSPEERIENCE

SATURDAY | MARCH 23

9 a.m. Noon | Inside CGLC

We tell the Resurrection Story with live actors and need your help pulling it together. **Volunteer sign-up begins February 15 and Egg-Filling Begins February 18**

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DINNER IN THE COMMONS MENUS

Join us as we gather at the table to share Lenten Wednesday meals during this most important season.



Jesus broke bread often with his disciples during his ministry. We imitate his approach to creating connection and intimacy.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 21

Taco Bar
(Student Ministries Fundraiser)

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 28

Ham/Potato Soup, Mexican Veggie Soup, and Chicken Nuggets

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 6

Pasta Bar
(Children's Ministry Fundraiser)

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 13

Cheeseburger Soup, Gnocchi Soup, Mac & Cheese

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 20

Chicken Noodle Soup
(Magnuson Christian School Fundraiser)



Sign up on to help in the kitchen.

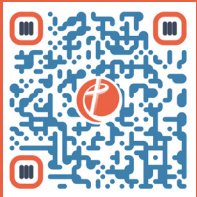
ADULTS

INTRODUCING CHURCH CENTER

Communication is a vital tool to help us stay connected!

That's why we are transitioning to a new database system that allows us to connect and communicate better than ever. Church Center will enable you to view and register for Events, join a Group, Give digitally, and more.

You can find Church Center on our website; click the **CHURCH CTR** button at the top of the home page to access it through your computer. Or, **scan this QR Code**



to download the app version.

Log in with your phone or email, and Church Center will send you a secure

code. If we have your phone or email on file, it should match you to your profile.

We are sending active members and attendees invitations to Church Center this week. And we are offering help in the Commons on Sundays. Let's get better connected using the power of this technology.

CHURCH CENTER HELP

SUNDAYS
FEBRUARY 4, 11, & 18

10-10:30 a.m.
Commons



For General Questions
Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

For Financial Questions
Contact: Mike Mathisen
mike@gracepeople.church

GIFTS FOR GROWTH

SATURDAY
MAY 4

Tickets on
Sale March 1

Our ministry partners are looking for some help with their upcoming banquet. You can donate new, handcrafted items, and gift cards. They are also excited to receive experiences (e.g. car wash or a gourmet meal prepared by you).

magnusonschool.org/support-mcs

Contact: Nicole Hamernick
giftsforgrowth@magnusonschool.org



MAGNUSON SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 13

9-11 a.m. or 4-6:30 p.m.

Learn more about this opportunity for K-8 Christian education.

PICKUP CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY | MARCH 10
9 A.M. | SANCTUARY

The anthem is "And Can It Be" by Dan Forrest. Rehearsal is at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 9.

EASTER SUNDAY | MARCH 31
7:30, 9, & 10:30 A.M.
SANCTUARY

The anthem is "Hallelujah Chorus" by G.F. Handel. Rehearsal is at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 27.

Please join us for these low commitment choir opportunities.

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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

We met our Quorum and held the **CGLC Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28**, with 147 voting members. The Ministry Funding Plan was set, the Church Center migration was announced, and yes the rumors are true—Pastor Angie Way is going on sabbatical.

2023 President Mark Schuneman and Secretary Michelle Sherman ended their service on Council. Craig Pearson and Tim Meier join the 2024 Council.

Find copies of the presentation and report at gracepeople.church/give.



MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

NOVEMBER 9-16, 2024

We are heading to the Dominican Republic (DR) with Mission of Hope next year! The DR is a neighbor country of Haiti, and a new home for many Haitians that have fled their embattled homeland. Let us know if you are interested in joining the trip!

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPANT:

\$845 plus airfare

NON-MEDICAL TRIP PARTICIPANT:

\$595 plus airfare

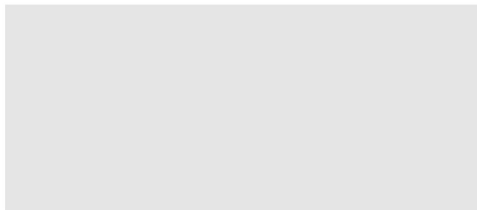
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PASTOR ANGIE TAKES A SABBATICAL

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

from Associate Pastor Angie Way

In 2016, I was blessed with the opportunity to take a Sabbatical in May, June, and July. Seven years have passed since that opportunity, and the Church Council has again extended a new Sabbatical opportunity for me in 2024.

My Sabbatical dates are from April 1, the day after Easter, to to June 14 the day before the Community Garage Sale.

This time away allows me to spend time with family around my niece's graduation from High School in Fargo in May and to take a 50th anniversary (4 years belated) trip with my parents to Hawaii.

My Sabbatical project is to compile the various histories of Community of Grace that exist, and adding to them what I've experienced in the past 15 years. I hope to create one consistent account of the history of this faith community for future generations to know.

I will return in time for the Garage Sale and Vacation Bible School, both taking place in June.

I appreciate your prayers for this time of Sabbatical rest and restoration, and I look forward to sharing with you what the Lord will show me through it.



In gratitude for the incredible generosity of CGLC,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angie".

Pastor Angie