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To Be and Make Disciples

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2024

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ALL IN GOD'S TIME

by Senior Pastor Darrin Vick

God's mission has a Church! But does His mission have our church? How is His mission reflected in our actions and the relationships with our ministry partners—Magnuson Christian School, Lake Area Discovery Center, and the Master's Institute Seminary?

We have been working diligently to answer these questions as leaders over the past two months, and we are beginning to see what Jesus has in mind for our partnership. We are convicted that God desires to see us align our actions and decisions around four missional values:

We will see people the way Jesus sees people.

We will love people the way Jesus loves people.

We will serve people the way Jesus serves people.

We will teach people the way Jesus teaches people.

These values hold us accountable to one another and to Jesus as we fulfill His mission in our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and broader communities. Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we can practice a bold humility that



invites others to experience God's unmerited favor in their lives just as we have experienced it.

Next comes a real challenge: We must develop a combined ministry plan that reflects these missional values. You can expect to hear more about these vital steps this coming fall, but in the meantime, I invite you to pray, reflect, and talk with one another about these values. How do they challenge your current way of engaging people who don't know Jesus? Where do you see yourself already practicing these values?

I look forward to continuing this journey with you!

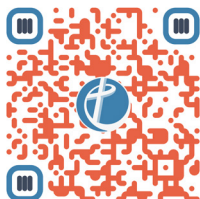
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WORSHIP

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 during worship.

Our 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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SENIOR SERVICES

FIRST WEDNESDAYS:

10 a.m. White Pine

Ecumenical Service of the Word

THIRD WEDNESDAYS:

2 p.m. Boulders

Communion Service

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

If you know someone who would like a visit from our care team, please contact Pastor Mary Ellen Steinkraus at maryellen@gracepeople.church.



PETER, JAMES, & JOHN

SERMON SERIES

Join us as we learn about discipleship from the short New Testament letters of Peter, James, and John. Their writing gives us a glimpse into their personalities as they grew as followers and shows us the wisdom they gained.

The letter of James, however, is not believed to have been written by either of the original disciples named James (John's brother who was martyred and the one called "the younger"). Instead, the writer is widely considered James, the brother of Jesus, who only came to faith in the Messiah following his resurrection. He then became a pillar of the early church.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, & 25

6:30 p.m. | Large Choir Room

Join the choir! We're always looking for additional members who love music and desire to serve the Lord in our Traditional Worship services. We sing three Sundays each month and rehearse each Wednesday. Rehearsals are fun and include devotions, rehearsal, and fellowship time with homemade shared treats.

Contact: Mark Hanson

mark@gracepeople.church

FALL KICKOFF

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 8

10 a.m.-Noon | CGLC Commons

Enjoy plenty of pancakes and bacon at Kickoff Sunday, made lovingly by our Council members! Get to know some of our church leadership as we kick off the new ministry season for kids, youth, and adult learners!

FAMILY WORSHIP & MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

10 a.m.-Noon | Fellowship Hall

We received such wonderful feedback from last year's ministry fair that we are bringing it back! We'll worship together in the Sanctuary at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Then, check out the display tables and learn about how you can use your gifts in service and connect to the wider community! Be sure to get your passport stamped.

NEXT CATALYST

SUNDAYS | OCT 20-NOV 10

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. | LL9

Our four-week Catalyst Discussion Group is an opportunity to grow as a follower of Jesus and learn more about getting connected to our Community of Grace. A light lunch and child care are provided.

Contact: Hannah Collins

hannah@gracepeople.church

GREET & EAT!

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 29

Noon | Joe & Lisa Ehrman Home

Can't wait to get connected? Plan to attend a pre-Catalyst gathering.

Contact: Lisa Ehrman

Text: 651.230.4350 or

Email: leehrman@yahoo.com

KIDS

HISKIDS

HISKids is a dedicated time for kids in Preschool through 5th grade to learn about Jesus and grow in their faith while building relationships with friends and leaders in our CGLC family.

We incorporate various large and small group activities for kids to get to know Jesus, His word, and each other on a deeper level.

CGLC offers Sunday School during our 9 a.m. services in September through May. **HISKids Sundays** are the main event and drop-ins are always welcome.

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

HISKIDS SUNDAYS SEPTEMBER KICKOFF

SUNDAYS
SEPTEMBER 8, 15, 22, & 29

9 a.m. | Begins in Worship

Check-in first at the north end of the Commons.

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

Registration is open on Church Center for Sunday School & Nursery for the 2024-25 season.

**REGISTER
ON
CHURCH
CENTER**



KIDS IN WORSHIP

SUNDAYS | AUGUST 4, 11, 18, & 25
SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

9 & 10:30 a.m.

HISKids are in Worship throughout the summer and on the first Sundays of the month throughout the school year.



REDEMPTION CAMP

MON-THURS | AUGUST 5-8

6-8:30 p.m. | CGLC Campus

Redemption is a Bible-based, collectible strategy card game. This camp teaches students how to play the game and encourages them to dive deeper into God's word through the fun of deck-building. Campers receive a starter deck, booster packs, and card sleeves. Parents are encouraged to join their students at camp for half price. **The cost is \$40.**

HISKIDS NURSERY

Nursery is available for infants through three-year-olds during 9 & 10:30 a.m. services in the summer. During the ministry season nursery is available at 9 a.m. when HISKids are in session. Check in is at the north end of the Commons.

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**WE ARE LOOKING
FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS, ASSISTANTS,
AND NURSERY HOSTS FOR
2024-25. EMAIL BRITTA@
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FALL FAMILY FUN

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

5:30-7 p.m. | CGLC

There will be hot dogs and brats for dinner, yard games, and inflatables. This is a partnership event with Lake Area Discovery Center and Magnuson Christian School. This is an all-church event.

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THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 6

9 & 10:30 a.m. | Worship Venues

Mark your calendar for this important day. Bibles are handed out at all worship services.

4th & 5th graders who haven't received a Bible from their CGLC family are also welcome to register.

**Registration on Church Center
opens on August 1.**

STUDENTS

REFUGE & CONFIRMATION

WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 11 THROUGH MAY

6–8 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. Students gather for worship, learning, and building community and then break into smaller groups for discussion, prayer, and fun until 8 p.m.

Confirmation is a faith formation pathway within Refuge. When you choose to be confirmed, you demonstrate that you are a follower of Christ and want to publicly proclaim your love and faith in him! Students can begin the two-year confirmation process in 9th grade.

Please complete the confirmation registration for more details on confirmation at CGLC and to see the required steps to fulfill.

Along with Refuge, there are year-round events and opportunities for students. Friends are always welcome!

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

LEADER TRAINING

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 28

6-7:30 p.m. | Dinner Included

We'll discuss important details and reconnect for the season.



BEACH DAY

SUNDAY | AUGUST 18

Worship at 10:30 a.m. | Leave to Memorial Beach Park at 11:30 a.m.

Let's enjoy God's amazing creation and grow in community with one another. Students should wear the appropriate swim attire and bring sunscreen, towel and a water-bottle. We'll return around 3 p.m.

For students that have completed 5-12th grade. Cost: \$5 (includes transportation & picnic supplies).



REFUGE KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 11

6-8 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Our new ministry season begins. Join us for "Refuge Hang Out" at 6 p.m., followed by Refuge Large Group at 6:30 p.m. with worship and time connecting. Please bring your parents for this exciting kickoff event.

Refuge is for all students in 6-12th grade, please fill out a registration form online.



REFUGE RISE & SHINE

SUNDAYS | SEPTEMBER 15, 22, & 29

10-10:30 a.m. | CGLC Lg Choir Rm

Students in 6-12th grade gather on Sunday mornings each week to have breakfast treats and enjoy a short activity. No RSVP is required; just stop in.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

All Day | YMCA Camp in Hudson

It's a favorite event for second-year confirmation students. It is required for confirmation, so don't miss it.



THE MIDNIGHTER

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 p.m.-Midnight

What's The Midnighter? A night of crazy games, an inflatable obstacle course, pizza, treats, and more! It is open to all students in 6-8th grade (invite your friends). High school students can participate as volunteers for the night by filling out the same registration form. **The cost is \$10 per person.**

ADULTS

SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE WRAPS UP

SUNDAY | AUGUST 4

Drop Off in the CGLC Commons

We are collecting school tools for distribution to White Bear Lake area schools and through Lutheran World Relief. You'll find a display in the Commons where you can pick up lists of needed items.

Contact: Hannah Collins
hannah@gracepeople.church

GET-ACQUAINTED POTLUCK LUNCH

THURSDAY | AUGUST 15

11:30 a.m. | CGLC Commons

We're starting out our ministry year by asking all women of CGLC (not just seniors) to bring a favorite salad or dessert with their recipe to share!

Contact: Mary Nell Clemens
idasbaby159@gmail.com

ADULT BIBLE CAMP

MONDAY-FRIDAY | AUGUST 12-16

Mt. Carmel in Alexandria

Join us on beautiful Lake Carlos for a week of worship, recreation, and learning. Dr. Dan van Voorhis teaches on events and figures who have impacted Christian history in the mornings.

Contact: Pastor Angie Way
angie@gracepeople.church or
[go to mountcarmelministries.com](http://go.mountcarmelministries.com).

CIRCLE LEADERS STUDY

THURSDAY | AUGUST 22

3 p.m. | Fireside Room

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 19

3 p.m. | Community Room

ROMEO

THURSDAYS

AUGUST 1 & SEPTEMBER 5

9 a.m. | Perkins on County Rd E

Retired Old Men Eating Out meets every first Thursday of the month.

Contact: Curt Schneider
curtisschneider@comcast.net

JULIET

MONDAY | AUGUST 5

11:30 a.m. | Mac's Diner, N. St. Paul

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 2

11:30 a.m. | Saks Sports Bar, Cty Rd E

All women are welcome to join this monthly event. Connect with old friends and maybe meet some new.

Sign up at the Information Desk.

FARE FOR ALL (FFA)

FRIDAY | AUGUST 16

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 13

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.

No income restrictions.

PASTOR ANGIE'S BIBLE STUDY IS BACK

WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 11, 18, & 25

4 p.m. | CGLC Prayer Chapel

All are welcome to join this sermon-based Bible study. We use the weekly study guide you can find online. Note: there is no study on Wednesday, October 2, due to the LCMC Annual Gathering in Iowa.

Contact: Pastor Angie Way
angie@gracepeople.church

WHO'S NEXT? LEADER TRAINING

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 7

9-11 a.m. | CGLC Commons

Connection is one of our main discipleship strategies, so we prioritize honing healthy group leadership. Built around Pastor Darrin's "Who's Next?" challenge, this engaging workshop will equip current and future group leaders for impactful ministry.

Contact: Sharon Clinch
sclinch12@gmail.com

CONTEMPORARY ALL-TEAM NIGHT

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

We look forward to seeing all Contemporary Worship band and tech team members as we set a course for the new year! Interested in joining a team? Let us know!

Contact: Andrew Kelly
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FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

5:30-7p.m. | CGLC East Lawn

Let's get to know our partners in the building. There will be hot dogs and brats for dinner, plus yard games and inflatables for after-supper fun. This is an all-church event in partnership with Lake Area Discovery Center and Magnuson Christian School.

ADULTS



MINISTRY FUNDING UPDATE

Results as of 6/30/2024

YTD RECEIPTS: \$749,950

Receipts are lower than our plan by \$90,400.

YTD EXPENSES: \$803,773

Year over year timing has us \$36,157 below plan.

NUMBERS THROUGH JUNE 30

CGLC giving is up \$77,626 in 2024 compared to 2023 but is still behind our YTD Ministry Funding Plan (MFP) of \$840,340. We continue to manage our expenses and are currently \$36,157 below our YTD MFP expenses of \$839,930. This is great news, but history suggests our expenses will catch up to plan in the last half of the year. Thank you for your continued support of CGLC and funding our ministry.



LET'S CELEBRATE SOUND AMP UP CAMPAIGN IS A SUCCESS

Thank you for your generous support of our campaign to fund the new sound system in the Sanctuary. We surpassed our goal reaching \$71,016. The final installation work gets underway in mid August.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOODPACKING

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 12

Shifts at 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Contact: Hannah Collins
hannah@gracepeople.church

MEN'S RETREAT

**FRIDAY-SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25-27**

Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls

Contact: Mark Hanson
mark@gracepeople.church



NEXT CLASS: NOVEMBER

Faith Mentoring is one way to be a disciple-maker for Jesus. If you think this might be the next step to take in your faith walk, you are invited to a 3-week class in November.

Contact: Gary & Debbie Schulz
gdschulz7@gmail.com

FREE PRODUCE MARKETS CONTINUE

**THURSDAYS
AUGUST-SEPTEMBER**

10 a.m. to Noon | Locations Below

Our missions partner White Bear Area Food Shelf is helping you eat healthy this summer. Free produce markets are popping up across the area through September. Bring your own bag and fill it to the brim with fresh garden goodies.

August 1-Willow Lane Elementary

August 8-St. Andrews Lutheran Ch.

August 15-Community of Grace

August 22-Podvin Park
(w/Shoe Bus)

September 12-St. Andrews
Lutheran Ch.

September 19-Community of Grace

September 26-Podvin Park

Find more information at:
whitebearfoodshelf.org or
goodinthehood.org

ENJOY SEWING?

ANYTIME

Thank you to all who have helped sew bags for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

The need continues. The LWR school bags are used for our school supply collection and go to children overseas. Pick up precut kits at the Information Desk.

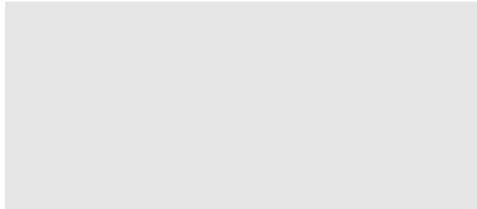
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TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

WE ARE KICKING OFF A NEW MINISTRY SEASON!

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 8

Pancakes and bacon will be served lovingly by our Church Council from 10 to Noon

Join us for the new programming season. This is an exciting time when your child moves up to the next class or an entirely new program all together.

But that's not all. Many Growth Groups and Bible Studies rev back up. And new Connection Groups are formed.

How will you celebrate this new season? Well, first, with pancakes and bacon, then opportunities abound.

Is this your year to lead a new Connection Group or join the Sanctuary Choir? How about lending your love of children to our HISKids

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

MATTHEW 18:20

Sunday School? Did you know our amazing Children's Ministry Team has everything figured out and prepared for you? Just add kids, love, and prayer.

Our tech and worship teams are always looking for new people. Plus, you could join the Monday Morning Quilters or join a Women's Circle.

There is information inside about all of these opportunities to serve and connect. Take a look!

GROUPS NEWS

FALL PLANNING

The Groups Core Team is looking ahead to fall. What groups would you like to join? Share your ideas with us.

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