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To Be and Make Disciples

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2025

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PRACTICING THE WAY IN COMMUNITY

by Director of Discipleship Dan Lugo

Ready to deepen your walk with Jesus? This fall, we're launching an exciting new initiative to help us all live out the values we embraced almost a year ago.

Our **Missional Values** challenge us to see, love, serve, and teach people the way Jesus does. We are a community of disciples on a mission of grace! Our **Formational Values**—know, trust, imitate, and speak Jesus—lay the foundation for our lives with Him. Both sets of values are essential; without them, we can't complete the mission Jesus calls us to.

The challenge is this: How do we become the kind of people who can live into these values? We all desire to grow in our discipleship, but how can we be intentional about it? We need tools. That's why we're so excited about what's coming!

Our sermon series, "**The Way of Jesus**," will challenge us to follow Christ actively. We won't just learn about Jesus; we'll come to know Jesus more deeply as we explore His spiritual practices together. As Jesus says, "Anyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24).



To truly live out our values, we're inviting everyone to participate in The Practicing the Way Course. This eight-week small group video curriculum will help you:

- Deepen your connection with Jesus.
- Integrate spiritual practices into your daily life.
- Grow alongside others in a grace-filled community.

We want everyone to experience this transformative journey! We have dedicated leaders ready to facilitate groups, but we need you to register via Church Center as soon as possible.

Finally, while our efforts are important, it is the Holy Spirit who truly transforms us. Would you join us in praying that our congregation would become more like Jesus with His help?

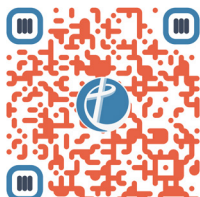
Let's walk the way of Jesus

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

The Deadline for the October/November Current is September 10.

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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

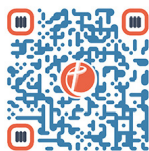
TRADITIONAL SERVICE

9 a.m. | Sanctuary

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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

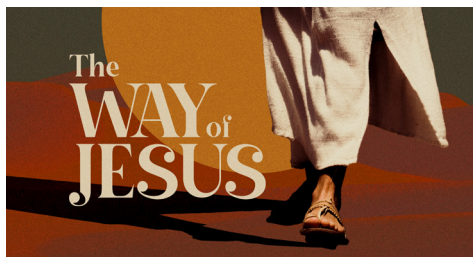
Ecumenical Service of the Word

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.



THE WAY OF JESUS

FALL SERMON SERIES

Get ready for our Fall sermon series, "The Way of Jesus," starting September 7!

Beginning with a revisit of our values, this pivotal series will reorient us as apprentices to Jesus, guiding us to deeply know, trust, imitate, and speak Jesus.

We believe these teachings, focused on scripture and drawing on concepts from Practicing the Way materials, will empower us to see, love, serve, and teach people the way Jesus did.

We are praying that the Holy Spirit continues to grow a community of disciples on a mission of grace!

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

WEDNESDAYS

SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, & 24

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 7

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!

THE PRACTICING THE WAY COURSE BEGINS

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

Be sure to sign up to be included in specific The Practicing the Way Course correspondence.

We are launching the eight-week course on this day, and many of our existing small groups will plan to be in concert with our timeline at their regularly scheduled meetings.



NEXT CATALYST

SUNDAYS | OCT 12-NOV 2

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

GRACE KIDS

Grace Kids 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. **Grace Kids Sundays** are the main event and drop-ins are always welcome.

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

GRACE KIDS SUNDAYS

SUNDAYS

SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, & 28

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 Grace Kids Sunday School teachers.

Registration is open on Church Center for Sunday School & Nursery for the 2025-26 season.

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KIDS IN WORSHIP

**SUNDAYS | AUGUST 4, 11, 18, & 25
SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5**

9 & 10:30 a.m.

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



CUP & CONE MEETUP

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 6

6-8 p.m. | Cup and Cone Patio

Grace Kids staffers—Victoria and Britta—plan to hang out on the patio for the evening. We are encouraging families to stop by, grab some ice cream, just hang out and chat for a bit, and hopefully see some Grace Kids friends!

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

GRACE KIDS 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 Grace Kids are in session. Check in is at the north end of the Commons.

Contact: Victoria Mathisen
victoria@gracepeople.church

**We are Looking for
Nursery Hosts and
Check-in & Security Liaisons
for 2025-26. Email:
britta@gracepeople.church**



FALL FAMILY FUN

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

5:30-7 p.m. | CGLC

There will be hot dogs and brats for dinner—yard games, and inflatables for fun. This is a Grace Together event with our partner schools. All are encouraged to join us for this celebration of community.



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5

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 10 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.

Confirmation is a faith formation pathway within Refuge and Student Ministries at Community of Grace. Confirming one's faith is an important and personal decision. When someone chooses to be confirmed they want to demonstrate they are a follower of, and publicly proclaim their love and faith in, Jesus!

Students can begin the two-year confirmation process in 9th grade. The process will help them develop a relationship with Jesus, participate in church community, and explore questions or doubts they have had about being a Christian. Learn more and register on Church Center.

**Contact Student Ministries
Director Melinda Kern at
melinda@gracepeople.church
to inquire about Refuge.**

LEADER TRAINING

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 27

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

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



REFUGE: BUNKER BEACH

SUNDAY | AUGUST 17

**Worship at 10:30 a.m. | Leave to
Bunker Beach (Coon Rapids) at Noon**

Students entering 6-12th grades can cool off with waterslides, lazy rivers, wave pool, and concessions!

Cost: \$25. Register by August 10.



REFUGE KICKOFF

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 10

6-8 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join us as we celebrate the new ministry season. Refuge Hang Out begins at 6 p.m., followed by Refuge Large Group at 6:30 p.m. **Bring your parents for this kickoff event.**

REFUGE RISE & SHINE

SUNDAYS | SEPT 14, 21, & 28

10-10:30 a.m. | Large Choir Room

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.



VALLEYFAIR FUN

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 20

**9:30 a.m. | Leave CGLC for
Valleyfair (5:30 p.m. return)**

Students entering 6-12th grades can enjoy rollercoasters, rides, a waterpark, a wave pool, and more.

Cost: \$40. Register by August 13.

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THE MIDNIGHTER

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

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.

Cost: \$10. Register by August 13.

ADULTS

PACKING OF THE SCHOOL TOOLS

SUNDAY | AUGUST 3

Drop Off in the CGLC Commons

We are collecting school tools for White Bear Lake Area Schools and Lutheran World Relief. Please sign up on Church Center if you are able to help pack backpacks.

Contact: Hannah Collins
hannah@gracepeople.church



LAKE BAPTISMS

SUNDAY | AUGUST 10

1 p.m. | Memorial Beach, WBL

Join us to witness the Baptisms and Baptism Affirmations of some of your CGLC family members.

Registration on Church Center ends July 27.



ADULT BIBLE CAMP

MON-FRI | AUGUST 11-15

Mt. Carmel in Alexandria

Join us on beautiful Lake Carlos for a week of worship, recreation, and learning. Pastor Angie is the preacher for this camp.

To register, call 320-846-2744 or go to mountcarmelministries.com.

WOMEN OF GRACE LEADERS' STUDY

THURSDAY | AUGUST 21

3 p.m. | Fireside Room

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 18

3 p.m. | Community Room

We will use the book *Encountering Jesus* by Douglas Connelly for this year's study.

Contact: Pastor Angie Way
angie@gracepeople.church

ROMEO

THURSDAYS

AUGUST 7 & SEPTEMBER 4

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 4

11:30 a.m. | Jimmy's in Vadnais Hts

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

11:30 a.m. | Panda Garden

1706 Lexington Ave N, Roseville

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 15

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

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 10, 17, & 24

4 p.m. | CGLC Prayer Chapel

All are welcome to join this sermon-based Bible study. We are integrating "The Practicing the Way Course" into our Bible study time this fall!

Contact: Pastor Angie Way
angie@gracepeople.church

ENCOUNTERING JESUS ON ZOOM

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 a.m. | Zoom

We will use the book *Encountering Jesus* by Douglas Connelly for this year's study. Please send an email to Mary Nell to receive the link.

Note: Future meetings will also be on the second Friday of the month.

Contact: Mary Nell Clemens
idasbaby159@gmail.com

THE PRACTICING THE WAY COURSE BEGINS

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

We are launching the eight-week course, and many small groups plan to be in concert with our timeline at their regularly scheduled meetings.

By signing up online, we'll be able to help you find a spot.



PTW LEADER TRAINING

SUNDAYS | SEPTEMBER 7 & 14

10-10:30 | Fireside Room

CGLC Groups Core Team is providing two opportunities to ensure you are completely comfortable accessing the online (PTW) course content.

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

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

This is a Grace Together event with our partner schools in the building.

There will be hot dogs and brats for dinner, plus yard games and inflatables for after-supper fun.

This is a FREE all-church event!

ADULTS



MINISTRY FUNDING UPDATE

Results as of 6/30/2025

YTD RECEIPTS: \$693,327

Receipts are lower than our plan by \$179,373.

YTD EXPENSES: \$862,885

Expenses are \$9,315 below our planned outlay.

NUMBERS THROUGH JUNE 30

We find ourselves in a little rougher water as compared to recent years. Giving is not only \$179,373 behind what our approved Ministry Funding Plan calls for through June, we are \$56,623 behind our 2024 giving through the same period. Prayerfully consider how your family can help continue to fund our ministry here at CGLC.

Our reserves are still okay, but we are currently sitting with an actual YTD shortfall of \$169,559 to fully cover our expenses through June. I am asking that each one of us consider making an additional stretch gift to help us fully cover our YTD expenses. Thank you in advance for all of your help and support to fully fund our ministry.

Contact: Mike Mathisen mike@gracepeople.church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOODPACKING

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 25

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

Serve People Like Jesus!

Time to gather your team for this annual event. We are packing 100,000 meals for our friends in Haiti.

Plus, our partner school will add another 20,000 with their own event on Friday, October 24.

Signup for the CGLC event begins in September.

Contact: Hannah Collins
hannah@gracepeople.church

MEN'S RETREAT

FRI-SUN | NOV 21-23

Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls

We're headed back for food, fun, and fellowship.

Contact: Dan Lugo
dan@gracepeople.church

MISSION TRIP

SAT-SAT | JAN 24-31

Dominican Republic (DR)

Are you interested in going on a mission trip to serve our brothers and sisters in the DR?

Contact: Hannah Collins
hannah@gracepeople

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 7-Willow Lane Elementary
(w/Bear Clinic)

August 14-St. Andrews Lutheran

August 21-Community of Grace
(w/Bear Clinic)

August 28-Podvin Park

September 4-Community of Grace

September 11-St. Andrews Lutheran

September 18-Community of Grace
(w/Bear Clinic)

September 25-Podvin Park

More info at: goodinthehood.org
or whitebearfoodshelf.org

ENJOY SEWING?

ANYTIME

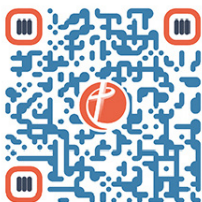
Thank you to all who have helped sew bags for the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) and Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

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.

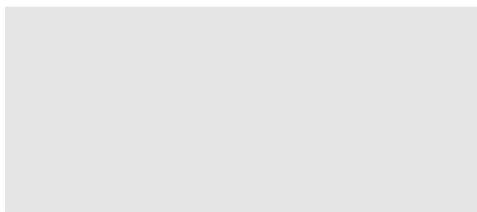
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CAN YOU COMMIT TO A SUNDAY AT CHURCH?

MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

AUDIO TECH

Work the sound board in Contemporary or Traditional Worship services.

BELL CHOIR

Practice and play for a few performances each year.

CHECK-IN & SECURITY

Keep our Grace Kids checkin a secure area on Sundays

COMMUNION SERVERS

Serve the elements of Communion during Worship services.

CUSTODIAN

Clean up after funerals and other events and prepare space for a return to normal activities.

FUNERAL CALLERS

Contact volunteers and create a team for each funeral reception.

"Everybody can be great,
because everybody can serve."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr-

"And, serving like Jesus is the
easiest way to get connected
at CGLC."

-Dan Lugo, Dir. of Discipleship-

FUNERAL DISHWASHER

Wash and put away dishes at the end of funeral receptions.

FUNERAL SERVER

Set up and clean up of funeral buffets—a five hour commitment.

GOODIE-MAKING

Bake goodies to be served at special dinners and funerals.

GRAPHICS TECH

Provide graphics on the screen in Contemporary or Traditional Worship services.

HOSPITALITY

Preparation and clean up of Sunday coffee and treats in the Commons.

NURSERY HOSTS

Care for the littlest of Jesus' Disciples on Sundays.

READERS

Read Scripture in Worship services.

SACRISTY VOLUNTEER

Preparation and clean up of communion elements.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sing three Sundays each month. Practice Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Occasional instrumentalists and soloists for services and funerals.

USHERS

Help find seats, receive offering, and manage the flow of people in Contemporary or Traditional Worship services.