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APRIL-MAY 2024

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ALL IN GOD'S TIME

by Senior Pastor Darrin Vick

We have a special birthday coming up this year. Magnuson Christian School is celebrating 20 years of serving our community with spiritual and educational excellence! That is a remarkable milestone—one that we can be proud of as a congregation.

If you were not aware, Magnuson Christian School (MCS) was started by our congregation in 2004, under the leadership of Pastor Steve Mahan, with a vision to provide a life-changing Christian education that any family can afford.

Over the years, hundreds of students have been impacted by the love of Jesus and shaped by gifted educators into young men and women who are making a difference in the world.

We have also witnessed challenges and growing pains along the way. Shared space, limited resources, and different priorities have often unintentionally caused us to drift apart as a school and congregation.



But I believe the Holy Spirit is up to something. Leaders of the school and congregation are engaging in conversations about strengthening our relationship and unifying our vision to see grace in every corner of our community.

This is essential to being effective witnesses of Jesus to our neighbors. Please join me in praying that these conversations will be fruitful.

By Grace Alone,

The Deadline for the June/July Edition of the Current is May 10.

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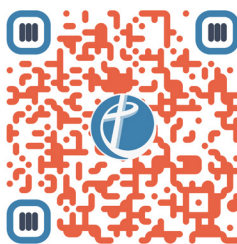
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WORSHIP

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 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

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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:

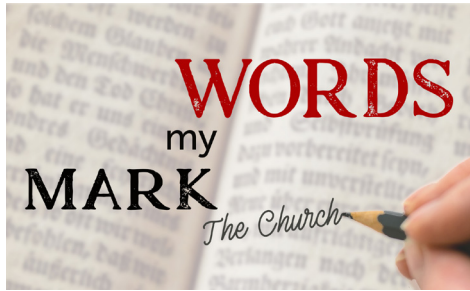
10 a.m. Waters of White Bear Lake
Ecumenical Service of the Word

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.



MARK MY WORDS SUNDAY SERMON SERIES

In April, we return to the Narrative Lectionary—a nine-month journey through the Bible's big story. We've been focusing on Mark as we made our way to the Resurrection.

Now we go deeper into the New Testament to witness the planting of Christ's Church.

PRAYER FOCUS

We invite you to pray in our Prayer Chapel anytime the church is open and the space is free.

Our prayer focus for April is Discipleship, guided by our prayer champions, Gary & Debbie Schulz. The Fruit of the Spirit is Self-Control. Please find supporting materials in the chapel.

In May, the focus is on the Holy Spirit: Be the Church in the World. The Fruit of the Spirit is Gentleness. Joe Ehrman is our May prayer champion.

Please mark your neighborhood with a push pin on the map in the chapel and commit to praying for your neighbors.

Then, look for our mission partners as you pray for ministries that bless our community.



MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR

SUNDAY | APRIL 14

All Worship Services

One of the most well-known and powerful ways MNTC reaches the community is through their client choir. During worship services, choir members share a hope-filled solution to the intimidating statistics behind addiction.

These testimonials are a strong witness to the grace and power of Jesus, and will inspire us to get involved in transforming lives through the power of the Gospel.

MISSION OF HOPE SUNDAY

SUNDAY | MAY 19

All Worship Services

A friend from our ministry partner, Mission of Hope, will share a message about current events in the embattled Caribbean nation of Haiti.

We will also learn more about ongoing mission work there and in The Dominican Republic (the DR).

CGLC is currently planning a mission trip to the DR. **You can find more information on page seven.**

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.

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

HISKIDS SUNDAYS BEGIN IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY | APRIL 7, 14, 21, & 28
SUNDAY | MAY 12 & MAY 19

9 a.m. | Sundays

Children grades one through five 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. May 19 is the final day of Sunday School for the season.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

MONDAY-THURSDAY
JUNE 24-27

9 a.m.-Noon | CGLC Campus

VBS is a week of faith and fun for kids who are age 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade. Kids will experience what it was like to be a kid in Jesus' time.



RETREAT 46

FRIDAY-SUNDAY | APRIL 19-21

Camp Shamineau

This action-packed weekend is open to students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. The retreat features worship and teaching, a zip line, horse ranch experience, a climbing wall, gym activities, campfire donuts, crafts, and so much more. Just seven camper spots remain.

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.

Contact: Victoria Mathisen
victoria@gracepeople.church

FCA CAMP

MONDAY-THURSDAY
JULY 22-25

9 a.m.-Noon
CGLC Campus

Fellowship of Christian Athletes challenges us to impact the world for Jesus Christ. Camps are a time of *inspiration and perspiration* for athletes and coaches who want to reach their potential through athletic, spiritual, and leadership training. Open to students entering 3rd-8th grades in the fall of 2024.

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church



KIDS IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY | MAY 5 & 26

9 & 10:30 a.m. | Sundays

On HISKids in Worship Sundays, service elements focus on families worshipping together in both venues.

Find activity bags at worship venue entryways. A family room is available near the skylight in the Commons.

ART CAMP 2024

MONDAY-THURSDAY
JULY 29-AUGUST 1

2 Sessions | CGLC Campus

We will explore unique and skillful ways artists can use color.

REDEMPTION CAMP

MONDAY-THURSDAY
AUGUST 5-8

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

Have fun while learning this Bible-based strategy card game.

Please address any questions regarding summer camps to Britta Maly at britta@gracepeople.church

REGISTER FOR EVENTS ON CHURCH CENTER



Registration for events & summer camps can be found by scanning this code.

STUDENTS

REFUGE

**WEDNESDAYS
THROUGH MAY 15**

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*.



WORSHIP NIGHT

SUNDAY | APRIL 14

6–8 p.m. | Bridgewood in Blaine

Get ready for an unforgettable multi-church youth worship night! We gather with youth groups from around the area for a night of fun and worship! The night includes large group games, food, worship, and prayer.

This event is for 6th–12th grade students and their friends.

April/May 2024

REFUGE RISE & SHINE

SUNDAYS | 10 AM

10 a.m. | Large Choir Room

This is an awesome Student Ministry gathering. Each week we have breakfast treats (donuts, a cereal station, bagels, etc.) and time for a short activity. **For 6th–12th grade students and their friends.**



LATE NIGHTER

FRIDAY | MAY 17

7–9 p.m. | CGLC Campus

Students! Join us for a late-night event just for you! We'll be playing games that combine tag, hide and seek, scavenger hunts, and glow in the dark. The evening includes prizes, food, and a few surprises! Please sign up online. **The cost is \$5 per person. For 6th–8th grade students and friends.**

SUMMER BLAST

MONDAY-THURSDAY | JUNE 24–27

This is a fun filled week that you won't want to miss—service projects, outings, and fun activities—all while growing in faith and community with one another! Each day we serve at VBS then enjoy lunch and an offsite activity like Grand Slam or Bunker Beach. **For students who have completed 5th–10th grades by June. Sign up by June 19.**



HIGH SCHOOL LATE LATE NIGHTER

FRIDAY | MAY 17

9–11 p.m. | CGLC Campus

Invite your friends and join us for a night of non-stop fun! You'll stay up late, eat, play games, and more! If you want to make it even more fun, volunteer for the Middle School event earlier that evening.

For 9th–12th grade students. Please sign up online.



SUMMER ON MISSION

MON-THURS | AUGUST 11–16

Various Points in the Metro

Let's join students from churches in the BRNC network for a mission trip right here in the Twin Cities!

Each day we will experience worship, powerful messages, recreation activities, and all-day service projects in our HOOD. All while experiencing the heart of Jesus.

For students who have completed 9th–12th grades by August. Please sign up now!

ADULTS



PARENTS OF GRACE BOOK STUDY

SUNDAYS | APRIL 7, 14, 21, & 28

9:15-10:15 a.m. | Fireside Room

Don't Miss It (by Reggie Joiner and Kristen Ivy) reminds parents that phases are not just periods of time to be survived, but opportunities to be maximized.

Walk through this book with your fellow CGLC parents. It may even change how you see your kids and yourselves

And because parents are busy, this book is designed to take an hour or less to read. Books are available at the Parents of Grace Library by the Kid's Corner. **A \$10 freewill donation is suggested.**

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

CIRCLE LEADERS' STUDY #8

THURSDAY | APRIL 18

3 p.m. | Community Room

Pastor Mary Ellen will lead this final study of the season for circle leaders.

Contact: Pr Mary Ellen Steinkraus
maryellen@gracepeople.church

PASTOR ANGIE'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | APRIL 10, 17, & 24
WEDNESDAYS | MAY 1, 8, 15, & 22

4 p.m. | Prayer Chapel

CGLC Member Craig Sorenson will lead the discussion around the weekly study in the chapel during Pastor Angie's Sabbatical. Find the discussion guide on the Sermons page of our website: gracepeople.church/worship/sermons.

Contact: Dan Lugo
Dan@gracepeople.church



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

MONDAY | APRIL 1

11:30 a.m. | Don Julio's Mexican

MONDAY | MAY 6

11:30 a.m. | Quinny's Pub

Senior Ministry Council Representative Carol Carlson will be hosting JULIET while Pastor Angie is on Sabbatical. **Please sign up at the Information Desk.**

Contact: Carol Carlson
carolynncarlson@gmail.com

R.O.M.E.O.

THURSDAYS | APRIL 4 & MAY 2

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



SPRING CATALYST

SUNDAYS | APRIL 7, 14, 21, & 28

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

Please consider joining us as we draw nearer and go deeper. Our next four-week Catalyst Discussion Group runs during April.

Catalyst 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



FARE FOR ALL

BUY GROCERIES FOR LESS

FARE FOR ALL (FFA)

FRIDAY | APRIL 12

FRIDAY | MAY 10

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.

ADULTS



SPIRITUAL RETREAT MORNING

SATURDAY | APRIL 13

9 a.m.-Noon | CGLC Commons

CGLC member Chris LePoutre leads us in a Spiritual Retreat Morning, this time centered on the theme of God's compassion, *"I have indeed seen the misery of my people"* (Exodus 3).

Please sign up at the Information Desk if you are interested in attending. Light refreshments are provided. There is no cost to this event!

Contact: Chris Lepoutre
lepoutre.chris@gmail.com



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

WEDNESDAY | MAY 29

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

Let's make a deal. You come to volunteer appreciation night. We will appreciate you with food and fun. Thank you for letting Jesus' love pour out through you. Come and be celebrated, as we praise God together for another year of serving each other!

GIFTS FOR GROWTH

**SATURDAY
MAY 4**

**Tickets on
Sale Now**

Gifts for Growth is Magnuson Christian School's biggest fundraiser of the year. Attending is a wonderful opportunity to share your support.

Our ministry partners are also looking for help with their upcoming banquet. You can donate items for their auction, like tickets to music or entertainment, and even experiences you can personally provide—perhaps a certificate for a car wash or a gourmet meal prepared by you.

magnusonschool.org/support-mcs
Contact: Nicole Hamernick
giftsforgrowth@magnusonschool.org



FAITH MENTORING HOT TURKEY SANDWICHES

SUNDAY | MAY 5

11:45 a.m. | Fireside Room

All are welcome to join us for lunch, meet new people, and grow in your faith!

Come if you are involved in mentoring or if you are interested in learning more. Hot turkey sandwiches are on the menu!

Please RSVP on Church Center. If you aren't on Church Center, please contact the Information Desk.

Contacts: Gary and Debbie Schulz
gdschulz7@gmail.com

SEWERS NEEDED 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 fall school supply collection and go to children overseas. Pick up precut kits at the Information Desk.

Contact: Burnette Foss
(651) 429-1065

PICKUP CHOIR

SUNDAY | MAY 19

9 a.m. | Sanctuary

This Sunday is the final Sunday for the choir season. The anthem is "In Christ Alone," by Stuart Townend. There will be two rehearsals:
Wednesday, May 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Please join us for this low commitment choir opportunity, and end the choir season on a "high note!"

Contact: Mark Hanson
mark@gracepeople.church

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!

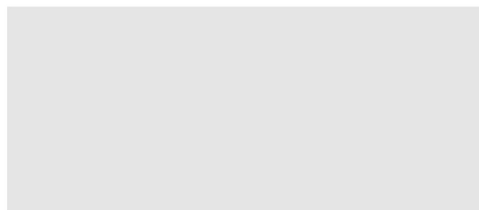
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people with like-minded and similar interests.

Serve is another resource focused on showing opportunities to use your gifts for the kingdom. Please page through this handout to find how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

SUMMER CAMPS

We have expanded our list of summer camps at CGLC. This booklet has details on Vacation Bible School, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp, an arts camp, and our newest camp where you can learn the Bible-based card game Redemption.

Find copies of all three publications at the Information Desk.



CONNECT & SERVE

Pick Up These Handy Publications

We aim to hear and speak Jesus, trust Jesus, and imitate Jesus. The best way to do that is together. Take the risk to see and be seen this year. These guides can help you.

Connect is a resource that shows what group opportunities are here at CGLC. It is divided into Connection, Bible Study, and Growth Groups. The Connect guide will help you find