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To Be and Make Disciples

JUNE-JULY 2024

HELLO

ALL IN GOD'S TIME

by Senior Pastor Darrin Vick

The Spirit is moving, and we continue to dream big! We began the season of Pentecost in late May, an annual reminder of our desperate need for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit as we pursue God's future for our congregation.

This pursuit has led us to deepen our relationship with Magnuson Christian School to align our vision better and maximize our resources. This kind of alignment takes time, but I believe the outcome will allow us to explore more significant improvements, additions, and renovations to our current campus so that our neighborhood and community can encounter the love and grace of Jesus for generations to come!

What will this all look like? We don't know yet, but here is what I feel: Whatever Jesus calls us to do will be uncomfortable, inconvenient, and sacrificial. It will require more faith, resources, and commitment than we have ever needed before. It will stretch us, and it will stretch me. In fact, it already has. I can't do this, but God can!



Jesus promised we would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes. He fulfilled that promise 2000 years ago and he is still keeping that promise today. Let us unite in prayer during this season of Pentecost.

Pray that our leadership would receive clarity in our vision for this campus. Pray that the Holy Spirit would fill us all with power to continue and expand our witness in our community. Pray that we would have supernatural courage to pursue our destiny as ministry partners to the glory of God!

By Grace Alone,

The Deadline for the August/September Current is July 10.

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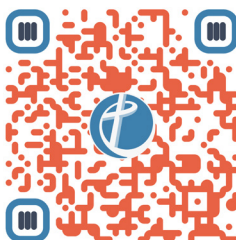
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WORSHIP

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

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:

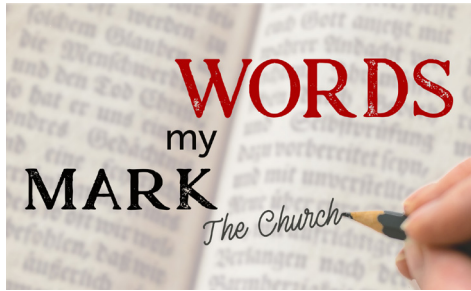
10 a.m. Waters of White Bear Lake
Ecumenical Service of the Word

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 SUMMER SERMON SERIES

This summer, we continue the Narrative Lectionary—a journey through the Bible's big story.

We go deeper into the New Testament to learn more about the disciples and the messages they had for the early Church.

PRAYER CHAPEL

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

During our programming year (September-May) we introduce focused prayer subjects with accompanying materials.

You'll find the Prayer Chapel at the southwest corner of the Sanctuary.

FALL 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

NEW MEMBERS OF COMMUNITY OF GRACE

Received on Sunday | May 5

We are blessed to have fourteen new members after our Spring Catalyst discussion group! God continues to bless CGLC with wonderful people committed to serving the church and our community.

Help us make them welcome:

Bonnie Blystone

Muriel & Ron Carlson

Christina Evenstar &

Keegan Boyd-Lagervall

Skippy & John Klava

Dana & Mike Lange

Megan & Brian Paulson

Linnea & Timothy Marrin

Walter Sundberg



GREET & EAT!

SUNDAYS | JUNE 30, JULY 28

Noon | Joe & Lisa Ehrman Home

Would you like to experience a Community of Grace and meet some people who call this church home? Plan to attend one of our gatherings. It is a chance to get connected even before attending our Catalyst Discussion Group in the fall or spring.

Contact: Lisa Ehrman
Text: 651.230.4350 or Email:
leehrman@yahoo.com

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. Children remain in worship throughout the summer months. HISKids programming resumes in September.

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

HISKIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Are you interested in teaching a HISKids class next year? We'll give you everything you need!

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

FCA CAMP

MONDAY-THURSDAY | JULY 22-25

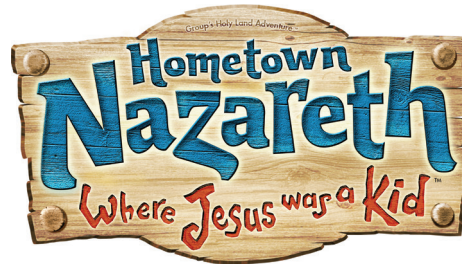
9 a.m.-Noon
CGLC Campus

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. **Cost: \$26.99**

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING

THURSDAY | JUNE 13
AND TUESDAY | JUNE 18

6-7:30 p.m. | CMC

Help us make Vacation Bible School (VBS) a favorite memory. VBS is a week of faith and fun for kids ages three through 5th grade. Kids will experience what it was like to be a kid in Jesus' time.

Kids' registration is nearing **WAITLIST ONLY**. Adult leaders are still needed for VBS week: **Monday-Thursday, June 24-27, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**

Contact: Britta Maly
britta@gracepeople.church

SUMMER NURSERY

Nursery is available for infants through three year olds during 9 & 10:30 a.m. services. Check in at the north end of the Commons.

Contact: Victoria Mathisen
victoria@gracepeople.church

REGISTER FOR EVENTS ON CHURCH CENTER



Scan this code to find registrations for events & summer camps.

KIDS IN WORSHIP

SUMMER SUNDAYS

9 & 10:30 a.m.

HISKids are in Worship on Sundays throughout the summer. We have a special message just for them. Find activity bags at worship venue entryways. A family room is available near the skylight in the Commons.

ART CAMP: CREATED IN LIVING COLOR

MON-THURS | JULY 29-AUGUST 1

9-11:30 a.m. | Grades 1-3

1-3:30 p.m. | Grades 4-5

Artists in Residence | Grades 9-12

As image bearers of our Creator, we are also called to create. We will learn about color theory, color mixing, and emphasize watercolor projects that show colors at their best! Artists in Residence (AIR) will assist campers while making projects of their own. **Cost: \$70 per camper/\$40 AIR.**

Contact: Erika Lambert
sawyer.erika01@gmail.com

REDEMPTION CAMP

MON-THURS | AUGUST 5-8

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

Learn to play a Bible-based strategy card game. Players use biblical heroes to battle forces of evil and rescue lost souls. Camp is for students entering 2nd-12th grades and adults! **Cost: \$40 per camper (includes starter & booster decks)/\$20 for accompanying parents.**

STUDENTS

REFUGE & CONFIRMATION

WEDNESDAYS
SEPTEMBER -MAY

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 live by biblical principles.

Confirmation is a faith formation pathway within Refuge. When you choose to be confirmed, you demonstrate your desire to follow Christ!

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



A DAY AT VALLEYFAIR

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 12

9 a.m. | Meet @ Redeemer Lutheran

Meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley at 9 a.m. We will return to Redeemer at 5:30 p.m. Bring sunscreen, water, and extra spending money. You can bag or buy lunch. Be sure to bring a swimsuit and towel if you plan to attend the waterpark.

For students that have completed 6-12th grade. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation & admission).



SUMMER BLAST

MONDAY-THURSDAY | JUNE 24-27

8 a.m.-5 p.m. | CGLC

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 Vacation Bible School then enjoy lunch and an offsite activity like Grand Slam or Bunker Beach.

For students who have completed 5th-10th grades. Sign up by June 16.



WILD MOUNTAIN

WEDNESDAY | JULY 10

10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Taylors Falls, MN

Enjoy go karts, alpine slides, a waterpark and more. Bring your swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, water bottle, and extra spending money for food and games. Bring a bag lunch if you don't plan to buy lunch.

For students that have completed 6-12th grade. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation & admission).

REFUGE RISE & SHINE BRUNCH

SUNDAY | JULY 28

10-11 a.m. | CGLC Fireside Room

This is your one chance to experience RRS over the summer! We will meet for a pancake brunch. Please bring something to share.

For students who have completed 5-12th grade. No RSVP required.



SUMMER ON MISSION

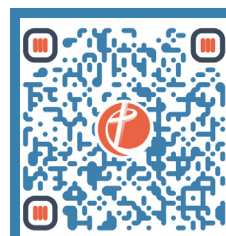
SUNDAY-FRIDAY | AUGUST 11-16

North Heights Church, Arden Hills

We're on mission locally this summer to make a difference for God's Kingdom in our own back yard. We are joining 5 other churches through the BRNC Network to work together for this mission week.

Each day we will head out for service projects around the Twin Cities. We will also experience worship, powerful messages, recreation activities, Bible study, and the heart of Jesus.

For students who have completed 8th-12th grades by August. Please sign up now!



Scan to find online registrations for summer activities.

ADULTS



Volunteer Appreciation
May 29 | 5:30-7:30

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 and thank you for letting Jesus' love pour out through you.

Let's enjoy a night together highlighted by pulled pork, playing game shows, and learning ridiculous facts about CGLC Staff.

Come and be celebrated, as we praise God together for another year of serving each other and our community! Be there or be square!

Contact: Dan Lugo
[Dan@gracepeople.church?](mailto:Dan@gracepeople.church)

HAVE YOU SEEN THE CONNECT GUIDE?

FIND YOURS AT THE INFORMATION DESK TODAY

We have some unique group opportunities available only during the summer: Men's Fishing League, Biking & the Bible, and Dog Walking & Devotions.



BREAKFAST AT PERKINS

ROMEO

THURSDAYS | JUNE 6 & JULY 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 | JUNE 3

11:30 a.m. | The Brickhouse

MONDAY | JULY 1

11:30 a.m. | TBD

Senior Ministry Council Representative Carol Carlson hosts in June. Pastor Angie will be back from Sabbatical for July.

Sign up at the Information Desk.

Contact: Carol Carlson
carollynncarlson@gmail.com



FARE FOR ALL

BUY GROCERIES FOR LESS

FARE FOR ALL (FFA)

FRIDAY | JUNE 14

FRIDAY | JULY 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.

SCHOOL TOOLS

JULY 7-AUGUST 11

Drop Off in the CGLC Commons

We are collecting school tools for distribution to White Bear Lake area schools and through Lutheran World Relief. A table is in the Commons during these five weeks with lists of needed items.

We are also looking for someone to spearhead shopping efforts with the monetary donations we receive.

Contact: Hannah Collins
hannah@gracepeople.church

SHOE BUS IS BACK

THURSDAY | JUNE 20

10 a.m.-Noon | CGLC

THURSDAY | AUGUST 22

10 a.m.-Noon | Podvin Park

This exciting mobile shoe store blesses our community by providing affordable footwear. See Free Produce Market schedule on the **page 7 side panel**.

Shoe prices: \$2 Children/\$5 Adults.

ADULTS



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

We are almost at \$40 thousand of our sound system fundraiser. Our goal is \$70 thousand to provide more comprehensive coverage, better platform and side chapel monitors, and hearing assistance for those who need it.

This is just one way we are working to upgrade the worship experience for everyone who calls this church home. Please consider giving to this much-needed cause.

Contact: Mike Mathisen
mike@gracepeople.church

ASSOCIATE PASTOR ANGIE WAY RETURNS

**SATURDAY
JUNE 15**

Community Garage Sale

Celebrate with us as Pastor Angie Way returns from her ten week Sabbatical in June.



Angie's time away included a bit of traveling, connecting with family, and a deeper dive into our rich church history.

You won't want to miss your opportunity to welcome back Angie during this festive event.

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.

Contact: Burnette Foss
(651) 429-1065

FREE PRODUCE MARKETS RETURN

THURSDAYS | JUNE-SEPTEMBER
10 a.m. to Noon | Locations Below

Our missions partner White Bear Area Food Shelf is bringing back free produce this summer.

June 20-Community of Grace (w/Shoe Bus)

June 27-Podvin Park

July 11-St. Andrews Lutheran Ch.

July 18-Community of Grace

July 25-Podvin Park

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



MINISTRY FUNDING UPDATE

Preliminary results as of 4/30/2024

YTD RECEIPTS: \$514,092

Receipts are lower than our plan by \$46,141.

YTD EXPENSES: \$510,200

Year over year timing has us \$49,753 below plan.

PRELIMINARY NUMBERS THROUGH APRIL 30

CGLC giving is up \$30,544 in 2024 compared to 2023 but is still behind our Ministry Funding Plan (MFP) of \$560,233. We continue to manage our expenses and are currently \$49,753 below our MFP expenses of \$559,953.

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 Ministry Funding.

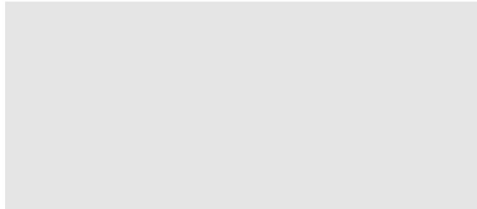
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TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

POUR OUT LOVE IN THE HOOD

GARAGE SALE: JUNE 15

More Than a Flea Market

The Community Garage Sale is a great way to help kick off Manitou Days in the second half of June. CGLC has hosted this event for 24 years as a way to bless our community!

Vendors love the affordability of the sale and the amount of traffic strolling by their wares. Some have been here every year to sell their treasures. For others, it is part of their livelihood in a tough economy.

SCHOOL TOOLS DRIVE

Begins at the Garage Sale

Still, you may be surprised how far reaching the impact is from this one day event.

In 2023, we decided to jumpstart our School Tools Drive and appeal for donations at this greater community

event. That year, we filled nearly 350 packs for students in the White Bear Lake Area Schools with supplies. Everything from pencils to calculators and earbuds.

Your generosity prompted Superintendent Wayne Kazmierczak to send us a thank you.

He wrote, "We wish you could see the excited faces of our elementary students whose eyes light up when they get to choose one of the delightful and colorful backpacks full of fresh crayons, markers, notebooks, scissors and many other school tools! Some middle and high school students try to hide their excitement, but we KNOW they are appreciative. This is a great relief to our families who are in need."

In addition, School Tools filled another 117 bags for students overseas—part of the missions work accomplished

by *Women of Grace*. CGLC Circle members work diligently to support Lutheran World Relief efforts.



CINNAMON ROLLS AT THE GARAGE SALE

While Supplies Last

You can contribute to *Women of Grace* missions by purchasing a cinnamon roll (or two) at the garage sale and let the ladies do the rest.

Then, if that makes you thirsty, you'll find a bevy of cold beverages sold for just a dollar a piece—with all proceeds going to feed our community through the White Bear Area Food Shelf.