

**Sunday, December 10**

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ LEC
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Cookies, Carols & Candles with Children’s Program – Sanctuary

**Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:**  
Jesus Called Disciples (*Matthew 4:19*)

**Monday, December 11**

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Crew
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Vision Meeting – Conference Room

**Tuesday, December 12**

- 6:30\* p.m. Sr. High Christmas Party – The Bridge (\*Note time change)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Room 132/133

**Wednesday, December 13**

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 6:00 p.m. Men’s Ministry Meeting – Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – The Loft
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Hardcore Bible Study – The Bridge

**Thursday, December 14**

- 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Morning Out – Room 132/133
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m. ChristCare Leaders’ Meeting – Conference Room/.Library
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting – Room 131

**Saturday, December 16**

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group – Library
- 4:30 p.m. Pulse/CAYAC Feed My Starving Children – Coon Rapids Site

**Sunday, December 17**

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ LEC
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Moms Praying for Adult Children – Room 131
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Band Lunch/Practice – Conference Room/Sanctuary
- 12:10 p.m. Children’s Music Rehearsal for Christmas Eve – Fellowship Hall

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”*  
John 14:27



**8:30 Traditional Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Hymns** O Come, All Ye Faithful (#193)  
The First Noel (#179)

**Advent Reading** *The Carnell Family*

**Choir Anthem** Who But the Lord?

**Hymn** Love Has Come!

**Prayer**

**Offertory** Good Christian Men, Rejoice

**Message** Ruth and Boaz

**Benediction**

**11:00 Contemporary Worship**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Songs of Worship** The First Noel  
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Announcements**

**Advent Reading** *The Montero Family*

**Offertory** Joseph’s Lullaby  
*Jon Olson*

**Message** Ruth and Boaz

**Benediction**

## Cookies, Carols & Candles with Children's Program

Today, December 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and Gym

Cookies, Carols & Candles is a wonderful all-church event at GracePoint. Each year it is a bit different. This year's focus is our Children's Christmas Program followed by fellowship, yummy desserts, and Christmas caroling! Join us tonight!

## Sr High Ugly Christmas Sweater White Elephant Party

Tuesday, December 13 | \*6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | The Bridge

Nathan Miller | Nathan.Miller@ExploreGracePoint.com

Sr Highers, invite your friends to our annual Christmas shindig this Tuesday. Enjoy holiday snacks and a white elephant gift exchange in the Bridge, sporting your ugliest Christmas sweaters! (Please limit gifts to \$5 value.) \*We'll start a little early for more fun!

## Bell Ringers Needed! December 14, 15, & 16

John Holmberg | 651.633.0407

GracePoint will be "ringing the bells" for Salvation Army for the 10th year. The location remains the same, main entrance at Cub Foods in New Brighton, just across the street. Dates are December 14, 15, & 16. We invite you to sign up at the Event Center. You may choose 1 or 2 hour slots. Talk to John Holmberg if you have questions. Instructions will be forthcoming. Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Pulse/CAYAC Feed My Starving Children Event

Saturday, December 16 | 4:30 p.m. | 401 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids, 55433

Anne Miller | anne2@miltech.org | 651.485.0679

Pulse/CAYAC classes are invited to pack food at FMSC. Join the fun while helping to save lives! Everyone five years and older is invited to attend. Contact Anne Miller to sign up by December 12.

## Cody James Christmas Concert at Christ the King

Thursday, December 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Christ the King Lutheran Church,

1900 7th St NW, New Brighton | Love Offering

Gordy Druvenga | gordy.druvenga@exploregracepoint.com | 651.633.7515

Cody James is a professional musician who has gone from a career in Nashville to a ministry to the jails and prisons in Minnesota and surrounding states, with a powerful testimony in between. New Brighton Celebrate Recovery will be sponsoring Cody and Tyler Rosen's Christmas concert at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Come celebrate the season with some great contemporary Christmas music! A free will offering will be taken for Cody James Ministries (www.codyjames.org).

## Café OPEN Christmas Eve Morning!

Sunday, December 24 | 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. | Café

Come one, come all! Steaming cups of our Coffee of the Month "Snoodle Doodle" await! The Café will be open on Christmas Eve morning. Gather your family and friends before the service to enjoy everyone's favorite beverage whether it be gourmet coffee, hot chocolate with marshmallows, organic tea, fruit juice, water, or pop. Just a reminder that the proceeds from the Café go toward spreading the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through Missions.

## Christmas Eve Childcare Volunteers Needed

Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com

Volunteers are needed to spend time with children during the Christmas Eve services at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Please contact Marie if you're able to bless families this way.

## Christmas Eve Opportunity for Children

Kristel Peters | Kristel.Peters@ExploreGracePoint.com

There is an opportunity for children 1st – 5th grade to sing with the adult choir during our Christmas Eve services for this season. A sign up sheet and a CD will be available starting December 3rd at the Event Center. Rehearsals will be Sunday, Dec. 17 at 12:10 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. and will need to arrive at church on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 2:30 p.m.

## Work as Worship Retreat

Friday, February 23, 2018 | 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | \$25 (includes lunch)

Steve Young | Steve.Young@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651.633.7515 x3212

Many people spend a great deal of time at work and yet they don't see how their work intersects with their faith. The Work as Worship Retreat at GracePoint is a chance to spend a day interacting with, praying with, and encouraging fellow business leaders and workers. During this live stream event, you will hear rich content with biblical teaching and practical advice from seasoned Christian speakers. One of the goals of this retreat is helping people realize that there isn't a divide between the sacred and secular parts of our lives and that working with our God-given skills can be an act of worship. Register online via the Events tab in our ExploreGracePoint app, or go to [workasworshipretreat.org](http://workasworshipretreat.org).

## Welcome to Jeanne!

We are very excited that Jeanne Johnson began her new role this week as the Office Assistant! Please give her a warm GracePoint welcome!

## Free 8X10 Photos Have Arrived!

If you had your photo taken for the directory and did not place a special order, stop by the Event Center on Sundays or the office during the week to pick up your free photo.

## Save the Date: Feed My Starving Children!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 13 to go to Coon Rapids to pack food from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Everyone five years and older is invited to attend this wonderful all-church event!

## Upcoming Events

December 10, 6:00 p.m.	Cookies, Carols & Candles Featuring Children's Program
December 24, 9:00 a.m.	Café Open
December 24, 10:00 a.m.	Worship Service (no Sunday School or childcare)
December 24, 3:00 & 4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Services
December 31, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (no Sunday School or childcare)

### Welcome to GracePoint!

Please use a *Connection Card* (in the pew racks) to request prayer, share comments or, if you are a visitor, provide contact info.

**Free Wi-Fi for GP Guest (password case sensitive):** GracePoint

Go to your app store and download the **ExploreGracePoint App** to access sermon videos and audio files, event info, prayer requests, bulletins, and more.

## GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK Don & Janet Ekstrand

The Ekstrands work with SEND International at the Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ). Don teaches instrumental music at CAJ, and Janet teaches first grade. The Ekstrands just completed a one year home assignment. As they prepared to return to Japan, they recently shared with some on the missions committee, and other supporters, how God is working in the lives of their internationally diverse student body. Please pray that they continue to see their students grow in their faith, and in their academic pursuits, as these students have great potential to impact their various home cultures for Christ. Pray for Don and Janet as they enter back into their teaching roles, for their 2 older daughters teaching in Japan, for Collin, in school in Canada, and for Brennan, as he continues in high school at CAJ.



*Please check the binder in the church library for more detailed information about all the global partners GracePoint supports prayerfully and financially.*