

Sunday, January 7

Benevolent Offering Received

- 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 with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Pastry with the Pastor – Conference Room
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ LEC
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Pizza with the Pastor – Conference Room

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:

Peter Wrote A Letter
1 Peter 1:1-25; 2:1-17, 20-25

Monday, January 8

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Crew
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Inductive Bible Study – Room 131

Tuesday, January 9

- 6:00 p.m. Safety Team Meeting – Room 132/133
- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group: Traveler’s Café – Café; FH, Kitchens

Wednesday, January 10

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – The Loft
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, January 11

- 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 – CR206/Library
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – Room 121
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting – Room 131

Saturday, January 13

- 8:30 a.m. Mug Morning – Café
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group – Library
- 9:00 a.m. Feed My Starving Children Food Packing Event

Sunday, January 14

- 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

“We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.”

Romans 15:1-2



8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns We Are God’s People (#546)
The Church’s One Foundation (#547)

Scripture Ephesians 4:1-6

Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds (#560)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Message The Forgotten Gift of People

Communion

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Songs of Worship Come Now Is The Time To Worship
Better Is One Day
Blessed Be Your Name

Announcements

Offertory Good Good Father

Message The Forgotten Gift of People

Communion Break the Breath

Benediction

New to GracePoint? Meet the Pastor TODAY!

Sunday, January 7 | 9:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. | Conference Room

If you're new to GracePoint today or over the past few weeks/months, we invite you to join us for "Pastry with the Pastor" immediately following the Traditional Service or "Pizza with the Pastor" immediately following the Contemporary Service today. These brief sessions will take place in the Conference Room, just across the lobby from the sanctuary. This is a chance for you to meet a pastor or two, find out more about GracePoint, and to ask questions!

Wednesday Night Suppers – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Wednesday, January 10 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Karen Lindgren | 651.481.8337 | Cost: \$1/child, \$2/adult (pay at the door)

Wednesday Night Suppers are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month. This month's meal will be January 10. We are serving Cheeseburger Soup or Chicken Tortilla Soup, with salad bar and dessert. Sign ups will need to be done by January 8 at noon. Sign up at the Event Center or email WNS@exploregracepoint.com. \$1 children, \$2 adults. Pay at the door.

Sanctity of Human Life – January Donation Drive

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month. To support women who need assistance when they choose to give life to their babies, GracePoint is having a January Donation Drive where items will be collected and donated to New Life Family Services. Please reference the bulletin insert for suggested items you could bring and place them in the Pack 'N Play that will be located near the Event Center from January 10-21. For more information and to view a list of suggested items, please go to our website: (ExploreGracePoint.com/SOL), or our app (Events tab).

All-Church Feed My Starving Children Event

Saturday, January 13 | 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. | 401 93rd Ave NW Coon Rapids 55433
Anne Miller | 651.485.0679 | anne2@miltech.org

Everyone five years and older is invited to join us as we pack food for starving children. This fun event is life-changing for children throughout the world. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! Sign up at the Event Center or contact Anne Miller.

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.

Women's Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, January 15 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 131

Cindy Erickson | laptopmommy@gmail.com

This is a follow up meeting to the women's Christmas Gala. We will be evaluating the Christmas Gala and planning for next year. Please join us!

Blood Drive Donors Needed

Thursday, January 18 | 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Jeanne Johnson | Office@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651.633.7515

Donors are needed to help save lives. Three ways to get on the donor list:

- Sign up at the Event Center,
- Register at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: GracePoint), or
- Call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Small Group Options for YOU!

Various days, times and locations

Pastor Steve | steve.young@exploregracepoint.com | 651-633-7515

- **ChristCare Groups:** These are traditional small groups that meet every other week in homes or at church. There are openings in several of our groups. For more information and/or to explore group options, contact Kris Halverson (khalverson7@comcast.net; 763-458-5110).
- **Point Men Groups:** In just over a week we are beginning a few different men's groups. The Resolute Group begins Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7:00PM and the Stepping Up Group begins Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 7:00PM. Room location will be announced soon. Questions? Contact Ted Jacobson (tedjacobson@comcast.net; 651-260-2447).

All-Church Craft Night

Friday, January 19 | 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Gym | Dinner served from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to a night filled with creativity, friendship and food. Do you enjoy painting, play dough, coloring, fuse beads and more? If yes – this fun craft night is for you! We have *several* different craft projects set up for you, your family and your friends to enjoy. Projects available for all ages from 1 – 101. During the creative craft time, you may enjoy a dinner that will be provided.

East Gym Door Open

Gordy Druvenga | Gordy.Druvenga@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651.633.7515

The East Gym Door will be open for access to GracePoint today and on all Sundays through January 28 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sing for Our Neighbors Concert to Benefit CSC

Sunday, January 28 | 2:00 p.m.

Abiding Savior Lutheran Church | 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View 55112

Save the last Sunday afternoon in January to listen to multiple church choirs as they give a concert to benefit the Community Support Center. Our own GracePoint choir will be singing; other participating choirs are coming from Faith Christian Reform Church, Messiah Lutheran Church, United Church of Christ, and Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. With a donation to CSC, take home homemade soup and/or a chance to win a doorprize from the world of the arts.

New Baby

We are excited to welcome a new baby to our GracePoint family. Ezekiel (Zeke) Edouard Bassene was born on December 7 to joyous parents, Janvier and Belinda and big brother, Zander.



GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK **Jeff & Stacey Krohn**

The Krohns arrived in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in August, after serving in Peru for 14 years. They will continue with SIM (Serving in Mission), and both are in teaching roles. Stacey teaches Spanish at Bingham Academy (a school for MKs and expats.), and Jeff at the Evangelical



Theological College, and the Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology. Both will be studying Amharic, and Jeff will be putting the finishing touches on his PhD. Can you say busy? Pray for Jeff as his work permit has not yet come through. Pray for perseverance and encouragement as they work and learn on many different levels. Pray for the whole family as they transition to a very different cultural and geographical context (children: Brandon, Jonathon, Nathan and Sophia, ages 16 to 7). They are excited to be serving in an area (the global south) that has seen an explosion of growth for Christianity over the last century (from 9% of the population in 1900 to nearly 50% by 2000!). Pray for effective ministry, as they desire to share in this abundant harvest that is seeing so many come to Christ.

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



Sanctity of Human Life (SOHL) Sunday is a day set aside to celebrate and recognize the value of all human life. This year SOHL will be observed nationally on Sunday, January 21.

GracePoint will be taking donations next Sunday and for the remainder of the month of January for New Life Family Services.

“At New Life Family Services, we believe each person should have the ability to receive physical, emotional, and spiritual support as they face pregnancy-related situations and circumstances.

We walk beside each client offering them love and support to make informed and educated decisions in their time of crisis and need. It is through this care that we are seeing God change hearts, save lives, build families, and restore hope.”

Place your donations in the Graco Pack ‘N Play near the Event Center. Accepted Items:

- Diapers (all sizes, including pull-ups)
- Wipes
- Formula
- Car seats (convertible if possible)
- Pack ‘n Plays
- Highchairs
- Strollers
- Maternity clothes
- Children’s clothing (newborn – 4T)
- Gifts for Birth Mothers (journals, candles, coffee gift cards, etc.)
- Gift cards to Target, Office Max, etc.
- Receiving blankets, crib sheets & bedding (no bumpers)
- Swings
- Bouncy seats
- Baby monitors
- Potty chairs
- Bathtubs
- Infant carriers
- Books
- Toys

Note: All equipment must be new. Clothing may be new or gently used.