

Sunday, July 8

- 8:45 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 9:00 a.m. VBS Training – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Summer Adult Sunday School – Room 132/133
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Softball, Field 2 – Hwy 36/McKnight Rd, N St. Paul
- 9:00 p.m. Men’s Softball, Field 2 – Hwy 36/McKnight Rd, N St. Paul

Monday, July 9

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Mighty Ducks Outdoor Movie & Tour

Tuesday, July 10

- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting – Library, Conference Room

Wednesday, July 11

- 6:30 a.m. Summer Men’s Group – Conference Room
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Pizza and Bible Study

Thursday, July 12

- 6:45 p.m. ChristCare Leaders’ Meeting – CR, Library, Upper Kitchen

Friday, July 13

- 9:00 a.m. Jr./Sr. High North Shore Camping Adventure Departure

Saturday, July 14

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group – CR 206
- 7:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. High return from camping

Sunday, July 15

- 8:45 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 9:00 a.m. Lily Pad open all morning (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Pastry with the Pastor – Conference Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Summer Adult Sunday School – Room 132/133
- 11:00 a.m. Pizza with the Pastor – Conference Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Softball, Field 2 – Hwy 36/McKnight Rd, N St. Paul
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“How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.”

Psalm 139:17–18



9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (#337)
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (#108)

Scripture 2 Peter 2:9–12

Family Choir In Christ Alone

Hymn Be Thou My Vision (#468)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Message Restoring Identity

Benediction

10:30 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Songs of Worship Holy Spirit
One Thing Remains
This is Amazing Grace

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offertory More Like Jesus

Message Restoring Identity

Benediction

Jr. High: Pizza and Bible Study

Wednesday, July 11 | Depart GPC: 6:00 p.m., Return GPC: 8:00 p.m.
Stephen Smart | Stephen.Smart@ExploreGracePoint.com

Join us for pizza and Bible study. We'll head to a local establishment to devour pizza and study the Word.

Child Dedication

Sunday, July 29 | Deadline for paperwork is July 15

Marie Reynolds | Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com

This is an opportunity to commit to raising and supporting your child in a Christian environment. The staff at GracePoint is eager to help create a memorable event for you and your family. All paperwork for child dedication is due at the church office by Sunday, July 15. Contact Marie Reynolds if you desire to be part of this ceremony.

New to GracePoint? Meet the Pastor!

Sunday, July 15 | 10:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.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. 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!

VBS Wish List

If you grabbed a wish list item for VBS, please return it by July 15.

Blood Drive Donors Needed

Monday, July 16 | 12:30 – 6:30 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

Donations are always down in the summer months. Check out the 'Missing Type Campaign' to raise awareness to help fill the missing A, B and O blood types at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/missingtypes/advocacy.html> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjwOLZPWOTo>

VBS: Come Create props and decor

Create/Decorate: Wednesday, July 11 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Transformation: Monday, July 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 18 | 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Come create props and decor for VBS on Wednesday, July 11. All ages are welcomed to join us. Please save the dates to help transform GracePoint into a tropical island and rainforest July 16 – 18.

Jr./Sr. High: Mighty Ducks Outdoor Movie and Tour

Monday, July 19 | Depart GPC: 5:00 , Return by 11:15 p.m.

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Nathan Miller | Nathan.Miller@ExploreGracePoint.com

Everyone knows this classic movie was filmed right here in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Now's a chance to check out several of the sites it was filmed at including the ice arena, Han's Skateshop, Mickey's Diner, and the park in which they practiced. We'll actually eat dinner at Mickey's and then take in the movie at Armatage Park in South Minneapolis. Should be a fun evening! Register (exploregracepoint.com/students) if you plan to attend. While the event is free, \$10-\$15 should be brought for dinner at Mickey's. Bug spray and a lawn chair will be something you want to bring!

Jr./Sr. High: Up North Camping & Hiking Trip

Friday, July 13 (9:00 a.m.) – Saturday, July 14 (7:00 p.m.)

Cost: \$25 for 3 light meals

Stephen Smart | Stephen.Smart@ExploreGracePoint.com

Nathan Miller | Nathan.Miller@ExploreGracePoint.com

Come join us as we take a trip to the north shore. We will be camping overnight at a private lake lot just west of Two Harbors. We will also take some hikes to find some waterfalls and beautiful scenery. Want to get away and unplug? Here's a great chance to take in the beauty of God's creation away from it all! Get signed up soon! Tents will be provided, as well as dinner Friday evening and breakfast Saturday morning. Money will be needed for lunch both days and a small dinner stop (fast food) Saturday as we drive back. Register: exploregracepoint.com/students

Short-Term Mission Volunteers Needed

- Short-term volunteers are needed to teach English in Thailand, especially September – December. Todd and Karen Indehar, our Converge Missionaries in Bangkok, are in need of short-term volunteers who love Jesus, have a love for people, can speak English and have a month (of your choosing) to serve in Bangkok. Training is included. If you would like to know more about teaching at the English Center, please contact them by email at tindehar@gmail.com. Please pray about how you might serve.
- Joni and Friends sponsors a special needs Family Retreat at Camp Castaway in Detroit Lakes, MN. Short-term volunteers are needed to be a companion to a special needs child and family while at camp from August 14-19 (training included on August 14). If you would like to know more about this enriching experience, please contact Valerie Pahr (651-968-7984, Valerie.pahr@q.com). A table will be set up on Sunday, July 15 to sign up and/or get more information. To learn more and see a video of Family Retreat, go to <http://www.joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/>.

GracePoint Warriors: Record-Breaking Season!

Have you been out to cheer on the men's softball team yet this year? The Warriors are making history with their 12-2 record this year. Watch the weekly lineup for location details, the church app, or the softball website: nscsl.org and come cheer them on!

Jr./Sr. High: Twins vs. Pirates

Tuesday, August 14 | 5:30 – 11:00 p.m. | Cost: \$20

Stephen Smart | Stephen.Smart@ExploreGracePoint.com

Nathan Miller | Nathan.Miller@ExploreGracePoint.com

We're heading out to the ballgame to watch the Twins take on the Pirates! We'll have some food at GPC just outside of the Bridge. Come grab a burger or a hotdog before the game (5:30 p.m.). We will depart GPC at 6:00 p.m. from the east lot and return by 11:00 p.m. Limited tickets so hurry and register at exploregracepoint.com/students!

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.

Text to Give: 84321 (follow the prompts)

GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE WEEK Don and 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.

VBS PRAYER COUNTDOWN

DAYS TO VBS

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER

14	1 Corinthians 12:27	Today I pray for all of our volunteers. Fill any remaining empty spots and help our volunteer teams prepare for using their unique gifts and talents in the body of Christ to serve children at VBS.
13	Romans 12:12	I lift up the families of those in leadership at VBS and especially my own. Fill their homes with joy, their hearts with patience, and their minds with prayer as they share their moms and dads with the church in preparation for a big week.
12	Philippians 2:1-2	Give the VBS team unity as we make final preparations. Keep communication open and help us to be like-minded, having the same love, and being one in spirit.
11	Colossians 3:23-24	Help us to be good stewards of our time and resources as we prepare, working with efficiency and effectiveness as we serve the Lord behind-the-scenes.
10	Zechariah 4:6	Jesus, give me a supernatural brainpower that is not from my own might but is from the Spirit. Clear my mind from distraction as I finish the administrative tasks of VBS preparations.
9	John 15:12-13	Lord, I ask for relationships and community to form this week—between kids and with the leaders. Let VBS be a place where love and friendships thrive and grow, and help our love point each other to you.
8	Colossians 1:11	God, I ask for lots of energy for our team and a building excitement in the kids. Strengthen us with your glorious might, and give us endurance to get through the week and patience when we are tired.
7	1 Timothy 4:12	Today I lift up all of our student/youth volunteers. Use this week to develop their hearts for leadership and service, and help them remember that they can set an example for believers through their words and actions.
6	Luke 8:4-8	Heavenly Father, today I ask that you would prepare the ears, hearts, and minds of the kids who will attend VBS. Let them be good soil, so they can hear the lessons, retain them, and produce fruit for years to come.
5	Genesis 8:13-14	I ask for sunshine and good weather Lord. Let the earth be dry and the skies be sunny for VBS.
4	2 Peter 3:18	Lord, I lift up each grade/crew specifically today and ask that you would help our team reach kids according to their specific needs and abilities. Help kids to grow in the grace and knowledge of you, Jesus, each according to how they are wired.
3	Hebrews 6:1a	Jesus, I pray for our 5th graders/preteens who are attending their last VBS. Tighten their bonds with each other and with you as they move into the youth group, and continue to lead them toward spiritual maturity.
2	Psalms 16:1	God today I ask for safety and good health at VBS. Keep us all safe, God, as we take refuge in you. Place a hedge of protection around VBS and our church.
1	Proverbs 3:24	Give me, the VBS team, and the children attending a sweet sleep tonight so we are full of energy for the start of VBS tomorrow. Let us wake rested, energized, and ready for what you will do this week!