

Sunday, September 30

- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open during worship services (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary

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

The Ark Moved to Jerusalem
(1 Chronicles 15:1-4, 11-12, 14-16, 25-29; 16:1-3, 7-36)
Our good and great God is worthy of honor and praise.

Monday, October 1

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – CR 206
- 7:00 p.m. Facilities Vision Project Advisory Team Meeting – CR 206

Tuesday, October 2

- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group – The Bridge

Wednesday, October 3

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

Thursday, October 4

- 9:30 a.m. Mom's Morning Out – Rooms 132/133
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Friday, October 5

- 1:00 p.m. Knit Unto Others – Culver's in St. Anthony
- 4:30 p.m. Quest Jr. High Retreat at Trout Lake Camp – Bus leaves church

Saturday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group – CR 206

Sunday, October 7

- Benevolent Offering Received
- 8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café
- 8:30 a.m. Lily Pad open during worship services (6 weeks to 4 years old)
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Explore GracePoint Class – Library
- 9:45 a.m. Volunteer Safety Training – Gym
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Missions Luncheon with Sara Hewitt – FH
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Connect Prayer Walk – Café
- 3:30 p.m. Quest Jr High Retreat at Trout Lake Camp – Bus returns

“Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6



8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns

He Keeps Me Singing (#587)
Open Our Eyes, Lord

Scripture

Psalms 137 and Ephesians 3

Choir

You Are Known

Hymns

More Love to Thee
Jesus Loves Me

1st Grade Bible Presentation

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Message

Restoring Confidence

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Songs of Worship

Living Hope
God You're So Good

1st Grade Bible Presentation

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

One Day (When We All Get To Heaven)

Message

Restoring Confidence

Benediction

First Grade Bible Recipients

The first graders receive their Bibles today during the Contemporary Service. Pray for them as they read the Word of God!

Evan, *God is Gracious* “...for the Lord your **God is gracious** and compassionate. He will not turn his face from you if you return to Him.” 2 Chronicles 30:9b

Lydia, *Beautiful One* “He has made everything **beautiful** in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” Ecclesiastes 3:11

Selah, *To Praise* “The Lord lives! **Praise** be to my Rock! Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior!” 2 Samuel 22:47

Simple Way to Earn \$\$ for Bible Translation

Today (Sept. 30) is Bible Translation Day! Anyone who includes #whybible (hashtag whybible) on any social media will trigger a \$5 donation toward Bible translation. Several people in our congregation are involved with this effort, including Steve & Mary Porter, Nils & Peggy Friberg, and Al Westfall’s brother, Arvid. For further details, go to www.wycliffe.org/whybible.

AWANA Team Members Needed

AWANA is beginning October 3 and we are still looking for 12 team members to join in on the excitement. There are weekly and bi-weekly opportunities. Your role will make a difference in a child’s life.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday, October 3 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Karen Lindgren | 651.245.7761

Wednesday Night Suppers will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our first meal will be October 3. Dinner will be Taco Salad Bar. Suggested donations: \$1/child, \$2/adults. Pay at the door.

Knit Unto Others

Friday, October 5 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Culver’s, Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony
Joyce Thorin | 612.781.4175

Come and join a fun group of knitters and crocheters this coming Friday, Oct. 5 at Culvers on Silver Lake Rd. in St. Anthony. We are in the process of making hats and other winter wear to be donated to the Union Gospel Mission. We meet at 1 p.m. to start working but many of us meet at 12:15 to begin our time with lunch. Join us for this time of fellowship and providing warmth for those at the UGM. If you cannot join us but have hats and scarves to donate let Joyce know and she will collect them from you on a Sunday.

Your Next Step to Membership at GracePoint

Sunday, October 7 | 9:45 am-Noon | Church Library
Pastor Steve Young | Steve.Young@ExploreGracePoint.com | 651.633.7515

Are you ready to consider membership at GracePoint? The first step is to join us for an Explore GracePoint class on October 7. This is a Sunday morning class that provides you with an opportunity to know us better and to understand what it means to be a member at GracePoint Church. To sign up for the class, you can stop by the Event Center or contact Pastor Steve.

Missions Luncheon

Sunday, October 7 | 12:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Jennifer Eckert | 4himccm@comcast.net | 651.261.1626

After the second service, the Missions Luncheon speaker will be missionary Sara Hewitt, who serves in Bulgaria. Jacob Karngar and Arthur Crusoe will also bring a Family of Hope update. Please join us for a soup and chili meal and some sharing from around the world. A small donation basket for food expenses will be available. There is no childcare available. All are welcome!

Prayer Connect Prayer Walk

Sunday, October 7 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Café
Shelly Nienaber | 763.656.3349

Prayer Connect Prayer Walk on Sunday, October 7 from 2-3 p.m. Assemble in the Common Grounds Café and follow the prayer guide provided to unite in thankfulness for His provision and vision for the future.

PointMen Fall Retreat @ Lost Timber

Fri.-Sun., October 12-14 | Lost Timber Bible Camp
Ted Jacobson | tedjacobson@comcast.net | 651-260-2447

Our PointMen Fall Retreat is just 2 weeks away. This is going to be some serious fun and provide a good dose of inspiration to carry us into the rest of the year. For more info and to register online, click on the link in the GracePoint App or on www.exploregracepoint.com/men. You can also ask questions and register at the Event Center today and Oct. 7. The cost of the retreat is \$95. If finances are an issue, please let us know. We have scholarship funds available. (By the way, we know it’s the Pheasant Opener. Some of the guys will hunt on Saturday. And, you can bring your dog!)

Annual Winter Coat Drive

Now through October 19
Sue Peterson | suelpeterson@outlook.com | 612-616-0966

It’s nearly October and that means it’s time to start bringing items for the Social Concerns Network’s “Annual Winter Coat Collection.” Below is a list of items that can be brought to the coat rack area next to the church office by October 19. Look for the sign!

- Winter Coats (gently used or new; no lightweight coats)
- Snow Suits/Pants, gloves mittens, scarves (gently used, new or handmade)
- Winter Hats (NEW ONLY PLEASE! We love handmade!)

Sr. High Fall Retreat at Trout – Breakaway

October 26-28 | Nathan Miller | Nathan.Miller@ExploreGracePoint.com

All Sr. High students are invited to attend a fun-filled weekend of fellowship, fun, dynamic worship, and Bible-based teaching at Trout Lake Camp. Grab an early-bird registration through the church app for just \$120 by Oct. 2 (\$140 after). Scholarships available. Don’t miss this amazing weekend!

Team up with Children's Ministry and Ralph Reeder Food Shelf with Jell-O

The next 3 months are the busiest time of year for food shelves. They anticipate serving over 6,000 individuals during this time period. We have accepted the challenge to be a part of their "Most Wanted Item of the Month Club." Children's Ministry is going to collect Jell-O for this food drive and everyone is invited to join us. If you would like to donate additional food items, please put them in the bin near the drinking fountain across from the Church Office. Thank you ahead of time for your help.

GracePoint Tours for Guests

Every Sunday | 9:30 a.m. & Noon (following each service)

If you are a recent visitor or guest to GracePoint, we would like to offer you the opportunity to take a guided tour of our church. After either service, simply meet your friendly guide right outside the sanctuary under the sign. Look for the high top table with a sign on the south side of lobby.

Welcome to GracePoint!

Tours of the church building are available following each service. Meet your friendly tour guide on the south side of the lobby right outside the Sanctuary.

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 Kevin and Natasha Land

Kevin and Natasha Land are part of Nett Lake Ministry (under Converge) on the Bois Forte Reservation in northern Minnesota, where they minister among Native Americans. Kevin is the pastor of Nett Lake Baptist Church, and serves the reservation police dept. as a St. Louis County Law Enforcement Chaplin. He also hosts the KBFT Bois Forte Community Radio Gospel Music Program. Natasha leads several women's ministries, serves as a kindergarten para-professional at the Nett Lake School, and serves on the Bois Forte Ambulance Service. In August they celebrated 5 years of ministry at Nett Lake. The Lands report that, in answer to prayer, attendance has been up at the church's Thursday night Celebrate Recovery meetings, a much needed ministry in the community. They also report on recent fruitful ministry visits from several church groups, and that 21 from the Nett Lake Group attended the Warrior Leadership Conference in Missouri, focused on developing young, Native American leaders. The Lands ongoing request is for prayer "that repentance and faith in Christ will be poured out, and that righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit will flood many hearts, and that these blessings will overflow into all aspects of Bois Forte community life." Please also pray for the Land children: Nathan (22); Rachel (20), and Owen (14), who is in 8th grade at North Woods School in Cook, MN.

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



Spirit of the Facilities Vision Project

The 2018 Facilities Vision Project is a continuation of a long-standing deliberate planning process at GracePoint which has helped move the church from humble beginnings in 1961 to the ministries and facilities of today.

Through God's provision, the generosity of contributors, and the planning efforts of staff and lay leaders, our initial building was completed in 1965 followed by expansions in 1972 and 1999.

Other planning efforts such as the most recent 2012 Facilities Long Range Plan have helped to identify issues that could be limiting our ability to create "an atmosphere where people can come and see Jesus" and "maximize GracePoint at this location."

During these periods of church development, constitutions were developed and updated along with expressions of our vision, values, and mission markers.

In Article 5 of our constitution, Affirmation of Faith, Sections 7 (The Church) and 8 (Christian Conduct) help to underpin the importance of our facilities in supporting key aspects of our affirmed faith.

Likewise our vision, values, and mission markers are best served with appropriate facilities able to "Reach Out While Transforming Within for the Glory of God."

Both our constitution and our vision/values/markers emphasize the importance of meeting together, instructing and leading others to the faith, working together as members to join in God's purposes, seeking the good of many, and supplying the needs of God's people.

All of these objectives and goals can be complicated by facilities that are not accessible, welcoming, or adequate for these tasks and limit our ability to be a God-centered resource for the community that surrounds us.

In the spirit of our governing documents and in obedience to the Lord's prompting we seek to conduct a transparent, prayer-centered, congregation-directed review of our facilities in light of our mission and goals. In addition to the varied experience of our own project team members and interviews with lay leaders and staff, we will utilize the resources of Station 19, an architectural and planning firm.

We desire to build on the work of the 2012 planning team and develop facility-related master-planning options to present for our congregations consideration.

The Facilities Vision Project

The Advisory team has been working throughout the summer and now into the fall in support of the Facilities Vision Project. Please be sure to read the Spirit of the Facilities Project on the reverse of this update to get a sense of the Project's vision and purpose.

Here is a list of your Advisory Team members:

- Tom Trainor (Chair);
Contact Tom at ProjectChair@ExploreGracePoint.com
- Dan Ossmann (Moderator)
- Rick Berggren (Vision Deacon)
- Gordon Lindquist
- Verity Mick
- Dawn Glesener,
- Chris Doehrmann (Vice-Moderator)
- Lorien Stewart
- John Hendrickson (Foundation)
- Jared Carlson (Senior Pastor)

Near-term project meetings include:

1 Oct: Advisory Team Members – consolidating the team and congregation inputs to date

15 Oct: Advisory Team + Station 19 Planner/Designers – developing facility options that support our Affirmation of Faith, vision/values/mission markers and reflect the team and congregation inputs to this point.

28 Oct: GracePoint Business Meeting – an update on Project process to date.

Feedback Opportunities

What are the most important facility-related improvements/changes that the Project should be considering?

- Share your thoughts at ProjectChair@ExploreGracePoint.com



or the Feedback Form on ExploreGracePoint.com/Facility-Vision

- Connect with any of the Advisory Team Members
- Attend the church business meetings
- Attend upcoming Town Hall presentations and discussions
- Pray for discernment, wisdom, and the Lord's leading