

Ezra and Nehemiah: Restoring Confession

Nehemiah 9:1-38
Pastor Jared Carlson

October 28, 2018

Sunday, October 28

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting with Lunch – Gym, Sanctuary
Sr. High Breakaway – Return from Trout Lake Camp

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K thru 5th Grade focused on:
God’s Plan for Jacob
(Genesis 27-28; 32:1-32; 33:1-4)
God can redeem our sin and create something good.

Monday, October 29

- 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 30

- 7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group, Costume Party – Bridge

Wednesday, October 31

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat – Parking Lot
- 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – Loft
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, November 1

- 9:30 a.m. Mom’s Morning Out – Rooms 132/133
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting – Room 131

Friday, November 2

- 1:00 p.m. Knit Unto Others – Culver’s in St. Anthony

Saturday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Open Prayer-All Welcome – CR 206
- 9:00 a.m. Ensemble Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, November 4

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Connect (Congregational Prayer for the Coming Election)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9



8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Hymns Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (#385)
Beautiful Savior (*see handout*)

Scripture Reading 1 John 1:5-10
By Levi Wentz, Ezra Aune and Daniel Zoa

Choir I Shall Not Want

Hymn Just As I Am, Without One Plea (#417)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Message Restoring Confession

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading 1 John 1:5-10
By Levi Wentz, Ezra Aune and Daniel Zoa

Songs of Worship Who You Say I Am
How He Loves

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offertory O Praise The Name (Anastasis)

Message Restoring Confession

Benediction

Quarterly Business Meeting – TODAY

Sunday, October 28 | 12:00 p.m. | Gym and Sanctuary

Members, please plan to attend the Quarterly Business Meeting. Lunch will be served.

Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 31 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Parking Lot

We are looking for families or ministries or individuals to host a Trunk! You decorate your trunk and bring candy/items to hand out to the kids. If you want to host a trunk, stop by the Event Center or sign up at exploregracepoint.com/treat.

Trunk or Treat Candy

We do not want to run out of candy for our fun night of Trunk or Treat. We would love to have extra candy on hand. Donations of candy being accepted by the Event Center.

Stories Foundation In A Building Fundraiser Dinner

Thursday, November 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Gym | \$20 per ticket

Did you know that GracePoint has been partnering with Stories Foundation to fight human trafficking this past summer? Through sharing our kitchen and fridge space, we have enabled the Freedom Truck to go into communities raising awareness and funds all to aid anti-trafficking work in Minnesota and beyond. Now, Stories Foundation is buying a building and are having a fundraiser and informational night in our space! Come on November 1st from 6:30-8:30 to learn more about human trafficking and find out how you can become a part of change through volunteering and financial giving. Register for your spot at bit.ly/storiesinabuilding.

Knit Unto Others

Friday, November 2 | 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | Culver's, Silver Lake Rd., St. Anthony
Joyce Thorin | j-thorin@bethel.edu | 612.781.4175

Knitters and crocheters! Please join our group this coming Friday, Nov. 2nd at 1 p.m. at the Culvers on Silver Lake Rd in St. Anthony. The mission of the group is to make hats and other winter accessories to be donated to the Union Gospel Mission. The group meets the first Friday of every month but many in the group work on hats throughout them month and come to enjoy the fellowship of working together once a month. If you'd like to join some of us for lunch before we start working, we meet at 12:125 to have lunch together before we get started.

Prayer Connect – Come Pray for the Coming Election

Sunday, November 4 | 2:00-3:00 p.m. | Café
Karen Richards | 7karenrichards7@gmail.com | 651.639.9312

The Prayer Team would like to invite you to come and gather together in prayer for the coming election. We will pray faithfully that the results of the U.S. elections will please the Lord and release His blessing over this nation.

Wednesday Night Suppers

November 7 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Karen Lindgren | 651.481.8337 |

Wednesday Night Suppers will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meal will be November 7. Dinner will be “Breakfast for Supper.” Suggested donations: \$1/child, \$2/adults. You can pay at the door.

Parenting Workshop:

Discipline that Connects with Your Child’s Heart

Friday, November 9 | 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6 – 8 p.m. Workshop
Marie.Reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com

Discipline that Connects is a profound and practical way to think about discipline that has empowered thousands of parents to be wiser and more effective when they discipline. This workshop is deeply biblical, immediately useful, and will change your life and your child’s life for the better! The workshop, dinner and childcare are free. Sign up at the Event Center or at www.exploregracepoint.com/Family-ed.

Sign-up Now for MarriedPeople Monthly

Shelly Nienaber | shelly.nienaber@gmail.com | 763.656.3349

Imagine a monthly email that provides marriage ideas and insights, sparks great conversations and helps you laugh. MarriedPeople Monthly is a beautifully and creatively produced monthly email provided free to you by your GracePoint Marriage Matters Team. Let us help you keep your marriage healthy. Sign up now for FREE and receive MarriedPeople monthly at the beginning of each month. Go to the Marriage Ministry page on the website (under Adult Ministries) and click on the MarriedPeople Monthly link.

Operation Christmas Child

Sundays, thru November 11 | Event Center
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We got off to an exciting start last Sunday handing out empty Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be filled with an assortment of fun and useful items that will be a blessing to children around the world. We will again be handing out empty boxes and packing instructions today and for the next couple of Sundays. Next Sunday, Nov. 4, we will begin receiving filled boxes at the OCC table in the foyer. We will also receive filled boxes on Nov. 11 and 18. Last year we donated 232 boxes. Let’s make this year’s total even better! At the OCC table you may also sign up to join the group that will be volunteering on Monday, Nov. 26 at the OCC Processing Center. If you have questions about this opportunity, stop by the table and we can give you more information. It’s a very fun and rewarding opportunity! Volunteers must be at least 13 years old.

WANTED: Your hospitality!

Want to make a difference from the comfort of your own home? Invite a Japanese college student studying at Bethel University this winter (February 16th - March 12th) to be a part of your family! Share your love and faith with your student, and you'll plant a seed. Your student takes classes during the day and spends the evenings with you. Transportation help to/from Bethel is provided as well as a stipend. For information contact Lisa Bekemeyer, LBekemeyer@me.com or 651-253-9498 and check out our site here: <https://tinyurl.com/SPII-Bethel>.

Facility Manager Staff Position

GracePoint is currently accepting resumes for a full-time Facility Manager. High school diploma required with one or more year(s) experience in facility maintenance and custodial duties. Post-secondary degree with supervisory experience preferred. Special boiler license and CDL Class B license required or obtainable within one year of employment. Must be able to uphold and support GracePoint’s Vision, Values, and Mission as outlined within the Constitution and affirmed in God’s Word. Complete job description posted on the church website at www.exploregracepoint.com. Please submit resumes or inquiries to: Finance@ExploreGracePoint.com.

Instrumental Opportunity!

If you play an instrument, or have played, there is an opportunity for you to use your skills in worship to play on Sunday, Nov. 18th for the Traditional service. Our first rehearsal is Sat. Nov. 3 in the morning. We are looking for strings, woodwinds, and brass. For rehearsal details and questions please contact Kristol.Peters@ExploreGracePoint.com.

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 Sara Hewitt

Sara works under One Challenge in Sofia, Bulgaria. She serves as a researcher and consultant to pastors, church planters, missionaries and other leaders, publishing materials that go out to over a thousand such leaders. She is working with a new initiative, a Navigators ministry called Discipling for Development (and she helps translate the curriculum into Bulgarian). Sara recently shared at a Missions luncheon at GracePoint, highlighting the openness to the Gospel of the Roma (known in many places as Gypsies) minority in Bulgaria. About 160 Roma church leaders have participated in D4D training, which includes a focus on transforming neighborhoods through kingdom-centered community development. Sara and her Bulgarian coworker, Raina, work closely with 3 churches in eastern Bulgaria. Pray for this initiative, and for a society that is struggling with hopelessness, due to a lack of opportunity. Pray for endurance for Sara, Raina, and leaders of the churches they are mentoring and working alongside. Transformation of communities takes years, requiring patient endurance. Pray for the communities where the D4D training is occurring - the Nadezhda neighborhood, and the city of Karnobat - that those churches would be agents of transformation. Pray also for Sara and Raina, who have elderly parents dealing with aging issues.

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



STORIES FOUNDATION IN A BUILDING

INFO + FUNDRAISING DINNER



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NOVEMBER 1

**DINNER: 6:30PM PROGRAM: 7
GRACEPOINT GYM**



TICKETS: **\$20**
HOST A TABLE: **\$160**

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