

Sunday, November 24

- 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
- 9:30 a.m. Pastry with the Pastor – CR 206
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Pizza with the Pastor – CR 206

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:
Josiah
(2 Chronicles 34)
God’s Word reveals God’s holiness and our sin against Him.

Monday, November 25

- 8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew
- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline
- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Inductive Bible Study: Jude – Room 132/133
- 6:45 p.m. Women’s DVD Bible Study: The Quest – FH
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting – Room 131

Tuesday, November 26

- 9:45 a.m. Women’s DVD Bible Study: The Quest – CR 206
- 6:30 p.m. Generosity Committee Meeting – Room 131
- 7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – CR 206

Wednesday, November 27

- 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social – Sanctuary, Gym

Saturday, November 30

- 9:00 a.m. Open Prayer-All Welcome – CR 206
- 10:00 a.m. Church Christmas Decorating Team

Sunday, December 1

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
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service with Communion – Sanctuary

“As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

~ 1 Peter 4:10

8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ChoirHymn of Grateful Praise

HymnsNow Thank We All Our God (#525)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (#382)

Responsive Prayer

HymnA Christian’s Daily Prayer

I Surrender All (#408)

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

MessageBehold! A Most Precious Gift

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Songs of WorshipWay Maker

What a Beautiful Name

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

OffertoryGood Good Father

MessageBehold! A Most Precious Gift

Benediction

Reaching out while transforming within
for the glory of God.

New to GracePoint? Meet the Pastor! – Today!

Sunday, November 24 | 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. | Conference Room

If you’re new to GracePoint over the past few weeks/months, we invite you to join us for a brief “Pastry/Pizza with the Pastor” session that occurs after each of our services. “Pastry with the Pastor” immediately follows the Traditional Service. “Pizza with the Pastor” immediately follows the Contemporary Service. Both sessions meet 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!

Women’s Dessert Gala – Tickets Going Fast!

Fri., December 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Ticket sales (\$10/ticket) begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Preacher’s Daughters will be singing “Sweet Hymns of Joy” and delectable desserts will be served. Tickets are \$10 per person; 8 people per table (no discounts if purchasing an entire table). Tickets will be available on Sundays only from 9:30 a.m.– 12:15 p.m. at the Event Center until they are sold out. This is a great outreach opportunity!

Operation Christmas Child

Sunday, November 24 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Lower Lobby

Joyce Thorin | j-thorin@bethel.edu | 612.781.4175

Today is the last day to turn in Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! Stop by the OCC table with your boxes and any questions you might have. There is no longer an OCC Processing Center in the Twin Cities so we are sad to say we won't be making our annual trip there to volunteer. This also means that if you've forgotten your boxes today we won't be able to deliver those that come in after this morning. If you've forgotten your boxes you can still deliver them to KTIS at the University of Northwestern today between noon and 4:00 or tomorrow between 9 and 6.

All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party

Sunday, December 8 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Gym

Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645

You are invited to a Gingerbread House Decorating Party! Join us for lunch and a wonderful community time of building Gingerbread houses. We will provide all the supplies needed to create your Gingerbread house. RSVP'ing is helpful but not required. Please sign up at the Event Center, or online at exploregracepoint.com or via the app.

Do You Love to Sing Christmas Music?

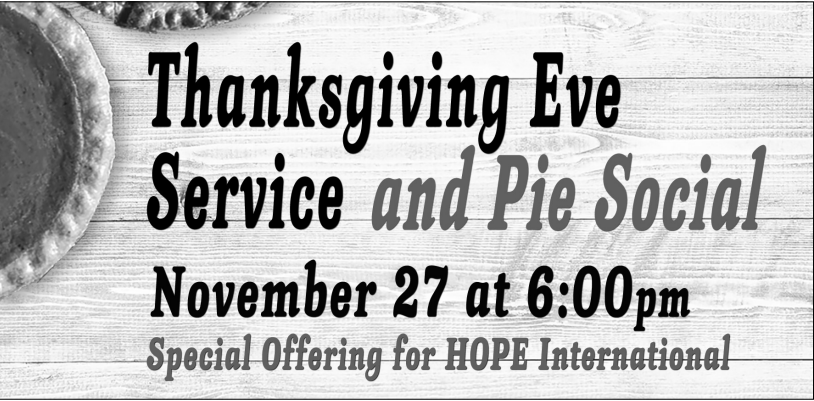
Kristel Peters | kristel.peters@exploregracepoint.com | 651.207.2428

December is a great time to jump in and join the GracePoint Choir as we prepare Christmas music through the season for Sunday mornings and Christmas Eve. Join us on Wednesdays, starting December 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We’ve got a seat for you!

Youth voices ages 1st grade through 6th grade are needed to share special Christmas music with the Adult Choir on Sunday, December 22 in both of our services. Extra rehearsals will be:

- Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.,
- Sunday, December 15 at 9:15 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Kristel Peters if your youth are interested in participating.

A poster for a Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social. It features a close-up of a pie on the left. The text is in a mix of bold, serif, and script fonts. The main title is 'Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social' in a large, bold, serif font. Below it is 'November 27 at 6:00pm' in a bold, serif font. At the bottom is 'Special Offering for HOPE International' in a smaller, bold, serif font.

Thanksgiving Offering – HOPE International

HOPE International, Inc. will be the GracePoint Thanksgiving offering recipient this year. In obedience to Christ’s command to love our neighbor and make disciples of all nations, HOPE International provides discipleship opportunities, training, a safe place to save, and loans. HOPE International’s desire is to see men and women around the world find their soul’s satisfaction in Christ and become dignified, hope-filled providers in their families and communities. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to give on Thanksgiving Eve.

Office Closed

In recognition of Thanksgiving Day, the church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Bulletin Deadline for Thanksgiving Week

Monday, November 25 | 12:00 p.m. | office@exploregracepoint.com

Due to Thanksgiving, bulletin announcements for Sunday, December 1 must be submitted by noon on Monday, November 25. Thank you!

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, December 4 | 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Our next Wednesday Night Supper will be held on December 4. Taco Salad Bar and dessert is on the menu. The suggested donation for meals is \$2/adult and \$1/child. Pay at the door.

Ring the Bells for Salvation Army

Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 12, 13 and 14 | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Cub Foods

John Holmberg | 651.633.0407

GracePoint Church will be ‘ringing the bells’ for Salvation Army for the 14th year. The location remains the same, main entrance at Cub Foods in New Brighton, across the street. Dates are December 12, 13 and 14. We would invite you to sign up at the Event Center by the lower entrance. You may choose 1 or 2 hour slots. See or call John Holmberg if you have questions at 651.633.0407. Your instructions will be forthcoming. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Name Tag Experiment

The name tag experiment was well received; therefore, blank name tags will continue to be available at the main entries and the table outside the sanctuary. Please remember that this gesture is another way to reach out to guests and recent attendees.

Save the Dates!

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| • December 7 | 10:00 a.m. | Baking for Cupcakes, Cookies & Carols |
| • December 8 | 12 noon | Gingerbread House Decorating Party |
| • December 13 | 7:00 p.m. | Women’s Christmas Dessert Gala |
| • December 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Baking for Cupcakes, Cookies & Carols |
| • December 15 | 6:00 p.m. | Children’s Christmas Program followed by Cupcakes, Cookies & Carols |
| • December 24 | 3:00 & 4:30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Services |

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
Dan and Sandy Varberg

Dan and Sandy Varberg live in Manila and serve at Faith Academy, which enables others to minister in various capacities in SE Asia. A majority of the families served by faith serve in missions, and quite a few serve with local churches and Christian organizations like World Vision. Sandy serves as Head School Nurse and runs Health Services, and Dan works in the Facilities Department. The following description from a past newsletter gives a sense of Faith's ministry: "This year there are 516 students, 40 of those live in three boarding homes that are run by Faith Academy. Sixty -six percent of the students are the children of missionaries. The students come from 25 different home countries - 31% are South Korean, 26% are from the USA and 25% are Filipino." Varbergs have married off two sons in the past year (precisely like in Jane Austen's novels). They praise God for this, for good family relations, for being at 100% in monthly support, and for safety in work projects and outings. Pray for the students at Faith, as well as recent graduates, as they cope with the unique challenges of being MKs and TCKs (third culture kids), trying to sort out where in the world they fit. Pray for good health for Dan and Sandy as they continue to carry out significant ministry responsibilities.



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