

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 for all ages

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party – Gym

1:00 p.m. Sr. High Missions Trip Info Meeting – The Bridge

Today, the Sunday School Pre-K through 5th Grade focused on:
The Lost Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-24) God is our loving Father who eagerly welcomes us home when we repent of our sin.

Monday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew

10:00 a.m. Architect #4 Meeting (Building Committee & Station 19) – CR 206

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting – CR 206

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – CR 206

Tuesday, December 10

6:00 p.m. Snow Camp Planning Meeting – The Bridge (basement)

6:30 p.m. Women’s Ministry Planning Committee Meeting – Library

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

7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting – CR 206

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Church Christmas Decorating Team

12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline

6:00 p.m. Children’s Christmas Choir Practice for Dec. 22 – Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Awana

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – The Loft

6:45 p.m. PointMen Study – Room 132/133

7:00 p.m. Vision Committee Meeting – CR 206

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Thursday, December 12

9:30 a.m. Mom’s Morning Out – Rooms 132/133

6:30 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting – Room 133

6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary

6:45 p.m. GraceGroup Leader’s Meeting – CR 206

7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Men’s Step Study – The Loft

Friday, December 13

7:00 p.m. Women’s Dessert Gala – Gym

Saturday, December 14

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

9:30 a.m. Children’s Christmas Program Practice – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15

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 for all ages

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Children’s Christmas Program – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Cupcakes, Cookies and Carols – Gym

Adore His Presence

Luke 10:38-42

Pastor Jared Carlson

December 8, 2019

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

HymnsO Come, O Come Emmanuel (#169)
O Little Town of Bethlehem (#178)

ChoirOnce in Royal David’s City

Advent Candle LightingPeace Candle
Shawn and Meg Anne Sims

HymnAngels from the Realms of Glory (#190)

Congregational Prayer

OffertorySpecial Music – Infant Holy Infant Lowly
Emily Schoolmeesters, Oboe

MessageAdore His Presence

HymnO Come Let Us Adore Him

Benediction

11:00 Contemporary Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Advent Candle LightingPeace Candle
Fred and Heather Zoa
Dominic, Daniel, Derick & Dylan

Songs of WorshipAngels We Have Heard On High
The First Noel

Announcements

Congregational Prayer

OffertorySpecial Music – Mary Did You Know
Hannah Gordy

MessageAdore His Presence

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

~ Psalm 16:11

All-Church Gingerbread House Decorating Party – TODAY!

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. Registration is helpful but not required. Please sign up at the Event Center, online at exploregracepoint.com or via the app.

Women’s Dessert Gala – Last Chance!

Friday, 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!

Cupcakes, Cookies & Carols with Children’s Program

Sunday, December 15 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary and Gym
Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645
The children are excited to present, “Christmas Cupcake.” Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a festive Christmas musical. Following the program, please join us for the wonderful all-church event, Cupcakes, Cookies and Carols. This will be a night of cute kids, fellowship, yummy desserts and Christmas caroling! Don’t Miss it!

Wanted: 500 Cookies and Cupcakes

Haley Thannum | hospitalitydeacon@exploregracepoint.com
Does that really say 500? It does! GracePoint’s annual Cupcakes, Cookies and Carols event serves around 200 individuals of all ages, and we are seeking donations for a total of 500 (about 40 dozen) cookies and/or cupcakes. We will have a few stations for children and families to decorate their own sugar cookie. Otherwise, all peanut-free cookies and cupcakes are welcome. To sign up for a donation, go to the Event Center or contact hospitalitydeacon@exploregracepoint.com by TODAY!

Do You Love to Sing Christmas Music?

Kristel Peters | kristel.peters@exploregracepoint.com | 651.207.9799
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 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We’ve got a seat for you!

Children’s voices (1st-6th grades are needed to share special Christmas music with the Adult Choir on Sunday, December 22 in both services. Contact Kristel Peters if interested in participating. 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.

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. You may choose 1 or 2 hour slots. Contact John Holmberg (see above) if you have questions. Once you register, you will be contacted with information and instructions. Your support for this effort is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Eve Services

We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you on Christmas Eve! Our identical services are on Tuesday, December 24 at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Childcare Volunteers Needed

Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645
Volunteers are needed to spend time with children during the Christmas Eve services at 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Please contact Marie if you are able to bless families this way.

December 22 & 29 – Sunday morning changes

- December 22 – Normal service times; NO Sunday School (all ages)
- December 29 – Normal service times; NO Sunday School (all ages); NO Early Childhood Care

Caroling at Senior Living Homes – All Are Welcome!

Thursday, December 19 | See info below for times/locations
Mihaela Moeller | moeller_mihaela@hotmail.com | 612.354-6237
Everyone is welcome to help us bless others by caroling at three senior living homes. We will meet in the front parking lot at church at 4:00 p.m. to shuttle or carpool to the locations/times below. You are welcome to meet us at any of these locations at the times mentioned.

4:30 p.m. - Bel Rae Senior Living (2330 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View, 55112)

5:30 p.m. - Oak Crest Senior Living (1639 County Highway 10, Spring Lake Park, 55432)

6:15 p.m. - Meadowood Shores (2100 Silver Lake Rd NW, New Brighton, 55112) & Brightondale Senior Living (2700 Rice Creek Rd, New Brighton, 55112)

Thanksgiving Offering – THANK YOU

The Thanksgiving Offering total was \$1,035! These funds will be sent to HOPE International for their ministry around the world! Thank you for your generosity!

Operation Christmas Child – THANK YOU

The Operation Christmas Child team would like to thank everyone who provided filled shoe boxes, shipping fee support and/or prayer support for this wonderful ministry. We are pleased to announce that we delivered 225 shoe boxes to the OCC Collection Center at KTIS! We can be assured that these boxes will be a blessing to the children that receive them.

Sunday Morning Office Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to volunteer at GracePoint? Join the Sunday morning office volunteers! Help is need once a month - fourth Sundays during the 3rd hour (Contemporary Service) and every 5th Sunday during the 3rd hour (Contemporary Service.) Contact information: Liz Johnston (651-633-0703) or lizathome1@yahoo.com

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
Jim and Lynn Jarman

Jim and Lynn Jarman are Converge National Directors for Sweden, City Team Leaders in Stockholm for a strategic alliance between Converge Worldwide and EFCA/ ReachGlobal, working as "Church Multiplication Catalysts." Their mission is to help the Swedish church facilitate movements in prayer, evangelism, discipleship, leader development, and church multiplication. As part of this goal, Jim and Lynn will oversee the church planting vision of New Life Church, Stockholm, to plant 20 churches in Stockholm County, and facilitate 10 more in Sweden's university cities. They describe New Life Network as "Sweden's only multicultural, multi-site church multiplication movement." And they have seen God bless this movement with a tremendous sense of unity and purpose. Sweden is now considered the most atheistic nation in the world, while Stockholm is Europe's fastest growing city, with less than 1% attending any kind of church. The Jarman's long to see Sweden won back to Christ. They write: "Our role is to develop a culture of encouragement in a very discouraging spiritual climate. We do this by strengthening existing churches and pastors, planting new churches, coaching site pastors and leaders, and strategically coming alongside movement leaders in Sweden and Europe. It gives us great joy to develop, empower, and release the next generation of leaders that will win Sweden back to Christ." The Jarman's are indeed joyous people! Connect with them on Facebook or read their latest update in the Missions binder to see the exciting things that are happening through their ministry.



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