

**Sunday, December 29**

8:15 a.m. Common Grounds Café  
 8:30 a.m. NO Early Childcare (Lily Pad) for both services  
 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary  
 9:45 a.m. NO Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service – Sanctuary

**Monday, December 30**

8:30 a.m. Monday Morning Work Crew

**Tuesday, December 31**

12:00 p.m. Bulletin announcement submission deadline

Please make sure end-of-year financial gifts are delivered to the office by Tuesday, December 31 or are postmarked by midnight. We are grateful for your ongoing Kingdom work at GracePoint!

**Wednesday, January 1**

OFFICE CLOSED – New Year’s Day

**Thursday, January 2**

6:30 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Men’s Step Study – The Loft

**Friday, January 3**

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

**Saturday, January 4**

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

**Sunday, January 5**

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

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# Praises and Prayer Concerns

December 29, 2019

Pray that those who heard the Gospel message during the Advent season - at GracePoint and churches all over the world - will take a next step to learn more about Jesus and that many would say “yes” to Jesus as their Lord and Savior!

After successful hip replacement surgery on Dec 13, **Don Erickson** has been transferred to Interlude Transitional Care for rehab. Please pray for a good recovery and for God's healing presence.

Continue to pray for **Kathy Anderson** and her nephew, **Jimmy**, as they each continue forward on their cancer journeys. Kathy had a chemo treatment on her liver on Dec. 13 and will have another one in January. Pray for strong faith, for successful treatments and for God’s peace.

This fall we prayed for little **Ruby Nephew** as she was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer on her adrenal gland. Initial treatments were successful and Ruby has been doing well. Praise God! They are continuing to do follow-up scans and are hoping for no more need for chemo treatments. Pray for Ruby and her parents, Jasper and Amanda.

**Pray for those who are serving:**

- Global Partner of the Week: Todd and Karen Indehar
- Ministry Leaders of the Week: Mark Watkins and Rick Berggren
- Volunteers: Sunday Morning Office Volunteers
- Armed Forces Personnel: Dawson Almeroth, USAF-Alaska; Andrew Beckman, J.C. Johnson-Bennett, Brendan Magnuson, Isaac Nelson (Luanne Rynder’s nephew), Aaron Neumeister, Jessica Osgood, Hannah Williams (Rodger and Diana Erickson’s granddaughter), Laura Schevenius, David Patterson, Chris Yantos, Chris Chapman, Elliot Lyle & Anna Eshleman (Ginger and Alan Klietz’s nephew and great niece)

**Ongoing health problems (including caregivers):** Ed Bushouse, Evelyn Daniels, Keith Dawson, Liz Eckert, Diana Erickson, Prudence Flah, Peg Friberg, Rick Fritz, Elaine Hanson, Dick Hausker, Judy Hickey, Lois Johnson, Lila McFarlane, Donna Stewart, Leonard Swenson, Vera Watkins.

Prayer Requests may be viewed and submitted through our **ExploreGracePoint App** under the ‘Sundays’ tab. Go to your app store and download the ExploreGracePoint App. Available for Apple, Droid, and Kindle devices.



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**8:30 & 11:00 Contemporary**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Songs of Worship**

Go, Tell it on the Mountain  
 Joy to the World  
 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offertory**

Special Music – All is Well  
*Jason & Lydia Schoolmeesters*

**Message & Testimonies**

*"20/20 for 2020: Seeing God at Work...Beyond Our Walls"*

Pastor Steve and Caleb & Josh Ojile

**Benediction**

*Reaching out while transforming within*

**Regular Schedule Next Sunday (Jan. 5)**

Worship services, Sunday School and children & youth programs are all back to normal starting next Sunday!

**Sr. High: Rock Climbing @ Vertical Endeavors**

**This Friday, January 3** | 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. | Meet at The Bridge  
Christian Brands | christian.brands@exploregracepoint.com | 507.269.6689

Get off the couch and join your friends for some indoor rock climbing excitement at Vertical Endeavors St. Paul! This location features walls as high as 39 feet, auto-belay machines, bouldering areas, and more than enough routes to keep us busy! We'll meet at the Bridge, depart by 6:00, and return by 10:00. The cost for first-time Vertical Endeavors visitors is \$5; the cost for all other climbers is \$25. Each registration includes a harness rental and safety orientation. Register online or through the GPC app by January 2.

**Red Cross Blood Drive @ GracePoint**

Friday, January 10 | 12 Noon – 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall  
Marie Reynolds | marie.reynolds@exploregracepoint.com | 651.478.7645  
The Red Cross Blood Drive that we are hosting this fall takes place on Friday, January 10. Go to RedCrossBlood.org to sign up. Sponsor code online is GracePoint New Brighton. You may also sign up at the Event Center.

**Knit Unto Others - This Friday!**

Friday, January 3 | 1:00-3:30 p.m. | Culver's on Silver Lake Rd (St. Anthony)  
Knitters and crocheters...start the new year out by joining our group on Friday, January 4. We make hats, scarves and other winter accessories to be donated to Living Hope Ministries in NE Minneapolis. We meet on the first Friday of each month at Culvers on Silver Lake Road in St. Anthony. We officially meet from 1:00-3:30 p.m. but, for those who want to enjoy lunch together, we meet at 12:15 p.m. All skill levels are welcome so come and give us a try! Questions? Call Joyce Thorin at 612-781-4175

**Are You Age 23-31? NEW Sunday School Class!**

We are starting a NEW Sunday School class for those out of college and up to about age 30-32. Pastor Steve is launching this next Sunday, Jan. 5. We'll meet in the Conference Room (CR 206) at 9:45 a.m.

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**East Gym Door Open - Sundays in January**

Gordy Druvenga | [gordy.druvenga@exploregracepoint.com](mailto:gordy.druvenga@exploregracepoint.com) | 651-633-7515  
Due to winter weather, the East Gym Door will be open for access to GracePoint on all Sunday mornings in January 5 from 8:00-11:30 a.m.

**All-Church Craft Night**

Friday, January 17 | 4:30 – 8:00 p.m. | Gym | Dinner served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Marie Reynolds | [marie.reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com](mailto:marie.reynolds@ExploreGracePoint.com) | 651.478.7645  
Everyone, ages 1-101, is invited to a night filled with creativity, friendship and food. Creative opportunities await for you. This is one night you and your friends will not want to miss. All you need to do is show up. Dinner will be provided.

**Sr. High: Snow Camp Winter Retreat @ Lake Beauty Bible Camp**

Friday, Jan. 24 – Sunday, Jan. 26 | Lake Beauty Bible Camp – Long Prairie, MN  
Christian Brands | christian.brands@exploregracepoint.com | 507.269.6689  
Snow Camp is unique in that our youth group will have Lake Beauty Bible Camp all to ourselves! Expect a weekend packed with annual traditions like broomball, snow tubing, gym games, and polar plunging. Student-led chapels feature hilarious challenges, engaging worship, and teaching that will encourage your faith. There's also plenty of free time to warm up around the fireplace while sharing life and laughs with new and old friends! We'll meet at the Bridge for departure by 4 pm Friday and return by 4:00 p.m. Sunday. Registration closes January 15, so don't wait to sign up! Need-based scholarships are available.

**Jr. High: Avalanche Retreat @ Big Sandy Camp**

Friday, February 7 – Sunday, February 9 | Big Sandy Camp – McGregor, MN  
Christian Brands | christian.brands@exploregracepoint.com | 507.269.6689  
Join your friends and leaders for the first annual GPC Jr. High winter retreat at Big Sandy Camp! This weekend will be a great chance to grow deeper in your relationships with God and others. We'll learn and worship in chapel, bond as a group, and enjoy awesome indoor and outdoor activities like snow tubing, broomball, and dodgeball. We will depart from GracePoint in the late afternoon on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Spots may be limited, and registration closes January 22, so don't wait to sign up! Early-bird pricing is good through January 8 and there is a discount for multiple students. Need-based scholarships are available.

**Baby Shower for Marissa Himple - Sat., Jan. 4**

Saturday, January 4 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Cafe  
Colette Balboa | [colette.balboa@exploregracepoint.com](mailto:colette.balboa@exploregracepoint.com) | 651.633.7515  
All GracePoint women are invited to a baby shower for Marissa Himple, GracePoint's Children's Ministry Assistant, on Saturday, January 4 at 3:30 p.m. in the Café. Refreshments will be served. Marissa is registered at Target and myregistry.com. Please plan to attend to help celebrate the upcoming birth of baby Himple.

**2020 Resource for You! MarriedPeople Monthly**

Married People Monthly is a beautifully and creatively produced monthly email provided free to you by your GracePoint Marriage Matters Team. The email comes to your email inbox at the beginning of each month. The next issue can land in your inbox on January 1! To sign up, click on "Event Registrations" in the GPC App or on [exploregracepoint.com](http://exploregracepoint.com) (scroll down the page to see the registration link).

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATES \*\*\***

**January 10–Red Cross Blood Drive**

**January 17– Craft Night (All-Church!)**

**February 1—PointMen Breakfast**

**February 8—Marriage Matters Workshop**  
Become Your Best US: "Love God First" Marriage Event

**Special Thanks!**

We are grateful to all of the volunteer groups who worked to make the Advent season a special one here at GracePoint! We also want to thank all of our weekly volunteers for the ways you make a difference!

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**GLOBAL PARTNER: Todd and Karen Indehar**  
**Email: [indehars@yahoo.com](mailto:indehars@yahoo.com)**

The Indehars work with the urban poor in Bangkok, Thailand under Converge Worldwide. Pray for the Bangkok team as they are struggling with the many unique challenges of ministry in low-income communities, including significant levels of spiritual warfare. They recently reported that "we continue to have a steady attendance of adults, teens and children at our weekly evangelism bible study" in the Serisaat Slum Community. Praise God for these opportunities, and pray that those whom the Spirit is drawing would be able to overcome the many cultural and spiritual obstacles to following Christ. Pray for Karen as she leads the evangelistic English 4 LIFE outreach in the community, and a Saturday kids program. One of the main reasons they opened an English school in the heart of Bangkok is to facilitate outreach to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, including the many men and women who work in the greater Patpong red light district. A key partner in that outreach is Rahab Ministries, who help women trapped in prostitution find hope in Christ, and new life outside of the bars and brothels.



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