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To Be and Make Disciples

FEBRUARY 2023

HELLO

FROM SENIOR PASTOR DARRIN VICK

If you've ever enjoyed a trip on the river, you know how strong the current can be.

If you go with it, you can travel almost effortlessly downstream. But if you fight against it, its strength can quickly wear you down.

We are on a journey together at CGLC and we want to go exactly where Jesus is leading us. That means we go where his current flows and his Spirit guides.

As you read through the pages of the *Current*, may you discover right where Jesus is inviting you to go with the flow.



Jump in! It will be a wild and wonderful ride!

By grace alone,

Deadline for the March Edition of the *Current* is February 10



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WORSHIP

TWO STYLES

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We invite you to slow down, breathe deeply, and open your heart to God.

Contemporary Services are more informal, with a worship band lifting praise through current Christian music.

Our Traditional Services include time-honored hymns and rich liturgical texts.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

CONTEMPORARY SERVICES

9 & 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
(Communion on 1st Sunday each month)

TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

9 a.m. | Sanctuary

STREAM LIVE OR LATER
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SUNDAY SERMON SERIES: ROUTE 66

THROUGH FEBRUARY 19 FIRST & NEXT STEPS WITH JESUS

Our Narrative Lectionary series continues until Ash Wednesday, which begins our Lenten journey to Resurrection Sunday. We are looking at how to Invite First and Next Steps With Jesus and considering what steps we can take to grow our own relationship with him.

SENIOR SERVICES

FIRST WEDNESDAYS:

10 a.m. White Pine - Ecumenical Service of the Word

1 p.m. The Boulders - Service of Holy Communion

SECOND TUESDAYS:

1 p.m. Harbor Crossing - Service of Holy Communion

THIRD SATURDAYS:

11 a.m. Shoreview Senior - Bible Study

FOURTH THURSDAYS:

2:30 p.m. Cerenity - Ecumenical Service of the Word

TWO SUNDAYS PER QUARTER:

4 p.m. Waverly Gardens - Ecumenical Service of the Word

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LENT WORSHIP

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 22

10:30 a.m. | Traditional

6:30 p.m. | Contemporary*

Services include Imposition of Ashes and Communion.

LENT WEDNESDAYS MARCH 1-29

4:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

5-6 p.m. | Dinner in the Commons
\$5 Per Person / \$20 Family Cap

6 p.m. | Sanctuary*
Family-Friendly Worship Experience

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 2

Regular 9 & 10:30 Worship

SEDER MEAL WEDNESDAY | APRIL 5

6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Please sign up online or at the Information Desk.

MAUNDY THURSDAY | APRIL 6

4:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Traditional Worship

5:30 p.m. | Children's Ministry Ctr
First Communion Families Gather.

6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall*
First Communion Service

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 6

11:30 a.m. | Tenebrae Service
7 p.m. | Tenebrae Service*
(Service of Shadows)

EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. | Traditional Sunrise

9 a.m. | Traditional &
Contemporary*

10:30 a.m. | Traditional &
Contemporary*

* NURSERY OFFERED

FEBRUARY PRAYER

PRAYING for the HEALING

Begins February 5 | Side Chapel
Each month, we lift up a specific area of our lives in prayer. Materials and/or experiences are available in the Sanctuary Side Chapel.

Bring your need for healing to the Lord. As we pray for healing for ourselves and others, we can receive the Lord's work in us. On Sundays in February, anointing with oil will be available in the prayer chapel.

February Prayer Champions:
Pastor Mary Ellen Steinkraus
and Linda Goeppinger

KIDS

HISKIDS

HISKids is the umbrella for our Children's Ministry where children will grow in faith and learn the heart of God. HISKids serves infants through sixth grade.

HISKids Sundays are the main event and drop-ins are always welcome. Classes are currently scheduled during the 9 a.m. worship through May.

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HISKIDS SUNDAYS BEGIN IN WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 19, & 26

9 a.m. | Sundays

Children grades one through six will join us for the first part of worship before they are released to their HISKids Sunday School teachers. Children in preschool and kindergarten go directly to their classrooms.

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PARENTS OF GRACE

SUNDAYS | FEBRUARY 12, 19, & 26

10-10:15 a.m. | Fireside Room

Answering the big questions for your family in just fifteen minutes.

We are taking a practical look at how to help the next generation embrace a biblical worldview.

Scan the code on page 6 if you would like to facilitate a discussion.



EGG-FILLERS WANTED

FEBRUARY 12-MARCH 19

CGLC Commons

We are upping our game for the Egg Hunt this year and filling an additional 2,500 eggs. One thousand people enjoyed our immersive telling of the Easter story last year, so we want to be prepared for more this year.

The Egg Hunt is one of our most significant outreach events, so we are adding an hour to the event on **Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

We don't want to look foolish by offering empty eggs, so it would be egg-cellent if you would pick up eggs from the Commons and return them filled with candy. Another way you can help is to donate to the snack bar for the event.

For all donations, remember that we are a peanut-free facility.

HISKIDS NURSERY

Nursery is available for infants through three year olds during 9 & 10:30 a.m. services. Please check in at the north end of the Commons.

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KIDS IN WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

9 & 10:30 a.m.

On HISKids in Worship Sundays, service elements focus on families worshipping together in both venues. Find activity bags at worship venue entryways.



FAMILY CAMP RECHARGE!

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FRIDAY-MONDAY | FEB 17-20

Mount Carmel Ministries

Family Camp Recharge is set for President's weekend at Mt. Carmel Ministries in Alexandria, MN.

It is an opportunity for the whole family to rest, renew, and enjoy recreation together while experiencing Jesus.

Regular attenders at CGLC can receive a 20 percent discount by entering this **discount code: congregation20.**

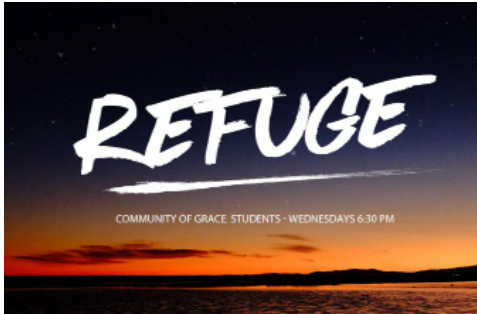
This all-inclusive weekend costs \$200 for adults and \$150 for youth. Kids 0-4 attend for free.

Scan QR code to register.

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STUDENTS



REFUGE & CONFIRMATION

**WEDNESDAYS
THROUGH MAY 10**

6:30-8 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Refuge is the umbrella for activities for students in grades 6-12. It is a weekly gathering and a safe place for teens to learn how to apply Biblical principles to their lives.

We play games, goof around, worship through songs, grow through engaging messages, and connect in small groups.

Confirmation is a faith formation pathway within Refuge. When you choose to be confirmed, you demonstrate you are a follower of Christ!

We hope the Confirmation experience moves you toward a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus.

Scan to sign up online.



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SNOW TUBING

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1

5:30 p.m. | Green Acres

Students grades 6-12 head out to the slopes for some snow tubing fun! We will gather in the church parking lot to caravan to Green Acres in Lake Elmo or you can meet us there at 6 p.m. (look for the Refuge flag).

Cost is \$15. Sign up and details available online. Registration closes January 29.



REFUGE RISE & SHINE

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

10-10:30 a.m.

Student Ministry gathers on Sunday mornings each week to have breakfast treats and enjoy a short activity. What more could you ask for?

No need to sign up. Just meet at the in the Large Choir Room.

For all 6-12th grade students and their friends!



YOUTH SERVE DAY

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 20

10 a.m. -3 p.m. | Redeemer Lutheran

Student Ministry joins several area Youth Groups for a day of serving others.

The day begins with brunch and includes worship, fun activities, and off-site service projects.

Service activities include: FMSC, Global Health Ministries, handing out hot cocoa, sorting donations, working at a food shelf, etc.

For all 6-12th grade students and their friends! Sign up online.

SIXTH GRADE CHANGES

We are transitioning sixth grade students to Student Ministries this year to align with local school districts.

This year, we encourage sixth graders to attend Refuge on Wednesdays, Sunday School, & HISKids events.

In September of 2023, sixth grade will shift entirely to Student Ministries.

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Britta Maly
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ADULTS

R.O.M.E.O.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 2

9 a.m. | Denny's, Maplewood

Retired Old Men Eating Out meets every first Thursday.

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CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 8

4-9 p.m. | Raising Cane's Chicken Maplewood

You gotta eat! So why not help out our ministry partner: Magnuson Christian School (MCS), at the same time?

Raising Cane's will give 15% of its proceeds to MCS during the 4-9 p.m. dinner window. Be sure to tell them, "I'm here to support Magnuson Christian School."

Contact: Nicole Hamernick
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FARE FOR ALL (FFA)

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 10

1-3 p.m. | CGLC Commons

This is an opportunity to stretch your grocery dollars right here on the CGLC campus.

FFA buys in bulk so they are able to offer large discounts.

Check out the latest hot buys at:
facebook.com/fareforall

J.U.L.I.E.T.

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 6

11:30 a.m. | Red Luna Seasons Mexican Restaurant in Mahtomedi

Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together gathers the first Monday of the month. Please sign up at the Information Desk.

Contact: Pastor Angie Way
angie@gracepeople.church



VALENTINE'S BANQUET

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 9

11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall |

Come to our annual Valentine's Banquet to celebrate the gift of God's love to us all!

Ritz Chicken and Cherry Berry on a Cloud will be served (insert happy dance here). Heidi Sawyer and her friend Heather Hood will present a program of music and Scripture called "Love Divine"

Cost: \$10 at the door.
Sign up at the Information Desk

FAMILY RECHARGE

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Get the family together for a getaway President's Day Weekend.

It is an opportunity for the whole family to rest, renew, and enjoy recreation together while experiencing Jesus.

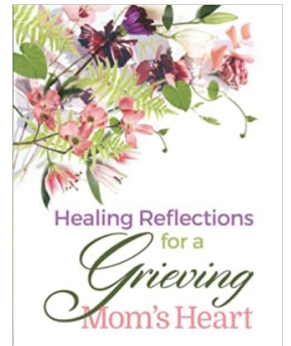
See page four for registration information.

A MOTHER'S GRIEF

MONDAYS | FEBRUARY 6, 13, & 20

5:30-7 p.m. | CGLC Offices

This group is designed to support mothers who grieve the loss of a child. The group is led by member Linda Triplett as part of her own healing.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR CHICKEN FUNDRAISER

Wednesday, March 15 @4-9 p.m.

PAINTING WITH CHOCOLATE

Tuesday, March 28 @6 p.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 1 @9 a.m.

MAGNUSON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL GIFTS FOR GROWTH

Saturday, April 1 @5 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ANGIE

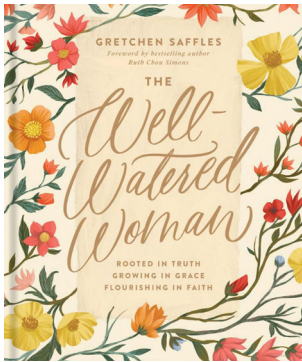
WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY 1, 8, & 15

4 p.m. | Community Room

Pastor Angie leads this weekly Bible study. Drop-ins are welcome. We will then take a break for Lent.

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WELL-WATERED WOMEN

TUESDAYS

FEBRUARY 21 - APRIL 25

6 p.m. | Conference Room

This is a nine-week book study of *Well-Watered Woman: Rooted in Truth; Growing in Grace; Flourishing by Faith* written by Gretchen Saffles. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the first meeting.

This group will not meet on April 4 (Holy Week).

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Final Report for 2022

CGLC ended \$55K away from meeting our expenses, which were \$146K.

Canopy of Grace 2.0 Funding is currently at \$408K of the \$516K Total Project Cost.

Annual Meeting Recap

The following people make up your Church Council for 2023.

Mark Schuneman – President

Mike Hamernick – Vice President

Michelle Sherman – Secretary

Carl Albing

Stephanie Battista

Carol Carlson

Mike Duesenberg

Dennis Engman

Wendy Fitzsimmons

Andy Hennig

Sam Hunter -

Darrin Vick – Senior Pastor

Executive Director Mike Mathisen and Associate Pastor Angie Way attend meetings in an advisory capacity.

The new Treasurer and Core Team assignments will be finalized at the February Council meeting.

Our sincere thanks to Ken Colberg, Mike Mathisen, and Dan McMahon for their completed service.

Members also passed a courageous 2023 Ministry Funding Plan of \$1,621,450, reflecting increased operations expenses and full-year salaries for recent hires: Mark Hanson (Admin/Organist), Andrew Kelly (Students/Worship), and Mike Mathisen (Admin/Finance).

You can find more information regarding the Annual Meeting proceedings on our website:

gracepeople.church/give

PROJECT HOME NEEDS

WEEKENDS

Two Shifts: 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Project Home has a lower staff-to-guest ratio on the weekends and would greatly appreciate your help with weekend meals.

Sign up at:

tinyurl.com/PHMealTeams2023

USHERS NEEDED

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

We need ushers to greet people and help receive offering during Sunday services at 9 & 10:30 a.m.

Contact: Hannah Collins

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GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

DROP OFF AT CGLC'S INFORMATION DESK

Needed to complete Newborn and Hospice Kits for Global Health Ministries:

Regular-size bath towels (52" long)

Washcloths (not microfiber)

Bath-size bar of white Ivory soap
(in original packaging)

PICKUP CHOIR

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 26

9 a.m. | Sanctuary

REHEARSAL:

9 a.m., Saturday, February 25

Pickup Choir is for those with limited time to commit to choir. We kick off the season of Lent by singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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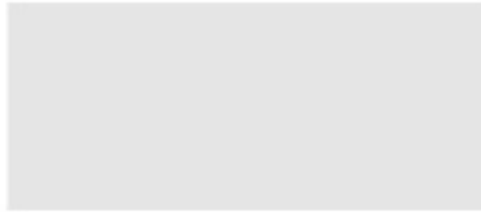
Do You Pick Up Your Current at the Church?

To be good stewards of CGLC resources like postage, we ask that you prayerfully consider picking up your copy of the *Current* from the church.

Then, please email us at

- *mark@gracepeople.*
- call (651) 429-5349 to have your household removed from the *Current* mailing list.

Thank you!



TO BE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS



MISSIONS GIFT

MALUGA, TANZANIA

You can't always see the good works of CGLC, so we are sharing these images from Tanzania.

The Service & Missions committee donated \$1000 to help Angaza Gimbi's church purchase a keyboard for their fledgling congregation.

