

EVENTS

Church-Wide Backyard Bash | This Wednesday, September 30th

5:30-7:30 • Behind the Sanctuary

An evening of food, fun, and fellowship for all ages! Enjoy the bonfire, hot dogs, s'mores, hot drinks, campfire songs, yard games, and playground access. Bring your family, a lawn chair, and a friend. See you there!

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, October 10th

7:00-9:00am • Fellowship Hall

Join other men for an encouraging time of fellowship and food!

Faith Food Football Fellowship | Save the Date

Sunday, November 15, 2026 • Noon

Green Bay Packers Vs. Minnesota Vikings - Seahawk Fans also welcome

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Need to update your info or want to connect?

Scan the QR code or fill one out at the Welcome Desk.



Tithes & Offerings

Give through the offering box located between the sanctuary doors.

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Events

Want to know what's coming up?

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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Nursery | Preschool (during sermon time only)

Available for children 2 and under in the south hallway and for pre-school children at the end of the south hallway.

Children's Activity Kits

Available next to the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

Fellowship

Join us following the worship service every Sunday for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's & Youth Sunday School

10:45 AM- 11:45 AM in the Ministry Center. For safety, please drop off and pick up your children there.

TODAY

Welcome to today's service. Pastor Jeff's message is about what a pastor does. We'll introduce Maranatha's Pastoral Search Team: John D Peterson (chair), Andre Abraham, Ashley Carlson, John De Cleene, Asher Heer, Brenda Oftedahl and Matt Shilts.

TODAY

Kids Sunday School will begin at 10:45 and end at 11:45.

Ray Vander Laan Discipleship study | Sanctuary

Brent Swan facilitates this video series led by Bible scholar Ray Vander Laan, exploring the historical and cultural context of Scripture to live as Jesus' disciple. Newcomers welcome!

Women in Prayer | Conference Room

Join us weekly at 10:45 to pray for our families, church, and world using themes from momsinyprayer.org—pray out loud or simply follow along silently!

Women's Fall Retreat | Registration Deadline TODAY

October 9 - 11, 2026 · 5:30pm, Friday - Noon Sunday

Arrowhead Bible Camp Guest speaker *Jennifer Dougan*

Cost \$130 -Scholarships available (contact Nancy Peterson)

Register using the QR code, or the link on the church website.



OCC Shoebox Packing Party | Today

Noon - 5pm · Gathering Place

Come experience the excitement of packing a shoebox gift for a child around the world to have an opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus. The first hour is open to anyone who would like to join in. Please continue to pray for the children receiving these gifts.

Prayer & Praise Night | Tonight

6pm-7pm · Sanctuary

Our prayers will focus especially on our pastoral search and the impact of all our ministries in our community.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Pastor Jeff begins a new sermon series drawn from Abraham's life in Genesis 12-25. *FaithQuest*.

Next Pastor: Putting the Pieces Together

Pastor Jeff MacLurg

A Pastoral Job Description (1 Timothy 4:6-16)

- Teaches/Warns/challenges v. 6, 11
- Student of the Bible v. 6
- Doesn't waste time v. 7, 10
- Disciplines life to be godly v. 7
- Models godly living v. 12
- A Bible-centered ministry v. 13
- Does what he's gifted to do v. 14
- Pours passion & energy into pastoring v. 13
- Is getting better at pastoring v. 15
- Introspective about his life/work v. 16
- Driven to see people saved v. 16

The Overarching Understanding About What a Pastor Does

(Ephesians 4:11-14)

- Jesus gives pastors to churches to ... (v. 11)

_____ to do the _____.

To what end? So the church may: (vv. 12b-16)

1. _____

2. Be _____

3. Be _____

4. Be _____

And not be _____ or _____

An Early Church Picture of this (Acts 6:1-7)

- Church leaders focus on _____
and _____

An Even Earlier Picture of this (Exodus 18)

- Leaders must _____

The Big Picture of What

Elders = Pastors = _____

They _____
