



TheGroveMN.church



Office@
[thegrovemn.
church](mailto:thegrovemn.church)



[youtube.com/
c/thegrovernchurch](https://youtube.com/c/thegrovernchurch)



651-738-0305
Ext. 111

CAMPFIRE STORIES

JESUS' GO-TO STORIES — RETOLD
WORSHIP AUGUST 13 - SEPTEMBER 3



What would it be like if Jesus told
his parable stories around a campfire?

August 13 — Parable of the Great Banquet
Accepting and Extending Invitation
Vacation Bible School Sunday

August 20 — Parable of the Rich Fool
The Moral Rot of Hoarding and Blessing of Sharing

August 27 — The Rich Man and Lazarus
Hell and Heaven on Earth

September 3 — The Pharisee and Tax Collector
Chest Thumping or Humility?
Communion

Each Sunday, enjoy S'mores around the campfire
after 10:30 Worship.

This fall, The Grove will have

CROWDED TABLES with room for all.

THE PICNIC TABLE

KICK OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Indoor, Traditional Worship - 9am

Outdoor, Contemporary Worship - 10:30am

Backpack blessing and Grove Kids starts up during both worships

Activities, Food, and Fun

10-10:30 and 11:30-12:30

Bagels and Fruit 10-10:30

Hamburgers/Hotdogs 11:30-12:30

Bouncy House

Crafts and Slime Making

Ministry Tables



The GROVE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THEGROVEMN.CHURCH

Happy Retirement Roberta!



One of the keys to effective ministry is good church administration.

Roberta Wiig has been a valued member of our administrative team and has helped deliver effective ministry through her role as The Grove's financial manager. Roberta's last day is August 11 and we give thanks for the faithful ways she has helped lead us.

During Roberta's tenure she has managed our day-to-day finances, human resource records, vendor contracts and building use agreement, and helped us effectively administer our three annual financial appeals to support operations, missions, and facilities improvements. A few of the many key projects Roberta helped manage included a new phone system, a detailed building use analysis, and our building security and access. Roberta has also been a valued member of the Core Team.

We pray God's blessing upon Roberta as she spends time with her new grandchildren, travels, and explores other interests.

Job Opening at The Grove Woodbury campus

Church Business Manager
(20 hours/week)

Do you know someone who might be awesome for our open position? Would you or someone you know want to work in a vibrant, growing, progressive church? Let's get the word out about this position! Go to thegrovern.church/employment for full job description.

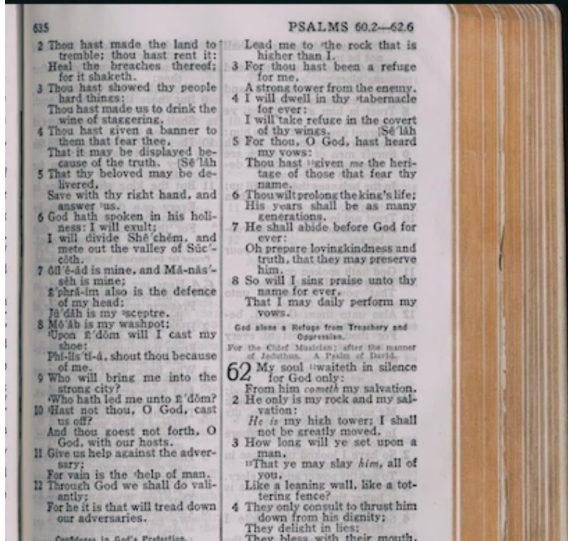
Thank you Roberta, for your service to The Grove!

Making Sense of the Bible

Thursdays, August 3-31 - 6:30pm to 7:45pm (Rm 204)

Learn to read the Bible with a solid interpretation lens, address hot button issues and answer many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Led by Pastor Kelly Lamon
To Register: ttsu.me/makingsense



Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Dan

Six Wednesdays beginning September 13 at 9:30 AM, Room 207

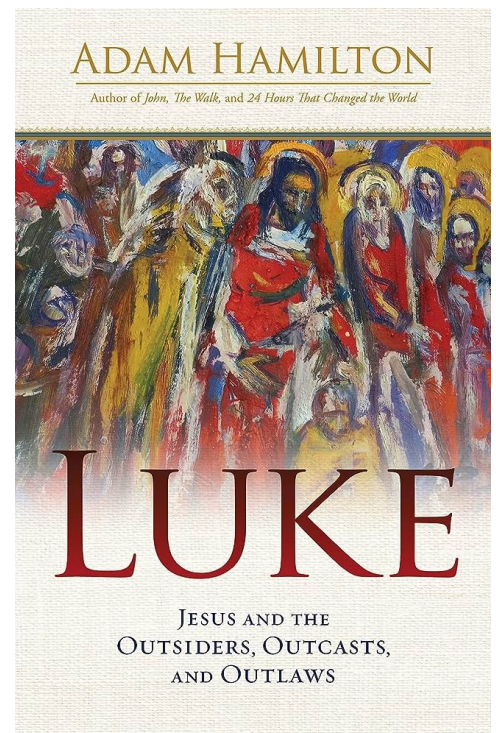
Cost: Class \$5; Book \$20 (books are available in the office)

Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling, some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws*, we will explore the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant, we hear a hopeful and inspiring word for our lives today.

Each class includes a video session. If possible, please read the introduction and chapter one in preparation for our first class.

ttsu.me/wedmorningbiblestudy





As Jesus followers we are called to grow in the love of God and neighbor.
At The Grove we seek to do that with both our hearts and minds.

DWETTERSTROM@THEGROVEMN.CHURCH

Join Pastor Dan in reading and discussing nonfiction books that help us better understand the human condition and think about and act on our faith commitments.
Read the book on your own and then we'll gather for discussion.

Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World by Vivek Murthy

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7 pm at The Grove: Woodbury

Register by emailing Dan Wetterstrom at dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church

Humans are social creatures: In this simple and obvious fact lies both the problem and the solution to the current crisis of loneliness. In his groundbreaking book, the 19th surgeon general of the United States Dr. Vivek Murthy makes a case for loneliness as a public health concern: a root cause and contributor to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today from alcohol and drug addiction to violence to depression and anxiety. Loneliness, he argues, is affecting not only our health, but also how our children experience school, how we perform in the workplace, and the sense of division and polarization in our society.

But, at the center of our loneliness is our innate desire to connect. We have evolved to participate in community, to forge lasting bonds with others, to help one another, and to share life experiences. We are, simply, better together.

The lessons in *Together* have immediate relevance and application. The four key strategies will help us not only to weather this crisis, but also to heal our social world far into the future.

UPCOMING BOOKS

⇒ *Fortune: How Race Broke My Family and the World* by Lisa Sharon Harper
Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00pm at The Grove: Woodbury

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

August 7-11, 9-noon

Cost: 1 child - \$50 ~ 2+ children - \$90

Ages 3 years old through students who have completed 4th grade.

Students 5th grade and older are welcome to volunteer.



How do we bring reconciliation to the world?
One person, one action, and one moment at a time!

Our goal for the week is to learn about how to love one another, and love the earth God gave us!

Children will make lollipops, learn about waste, organics, landfills and do science experiments,

This will be a week full of crafts, games, outdoor fun and singing with our live VBS band.

SIGN UP: thegrovern.church/register-here

Vacation Bible School SUNDAY

Sunday, August 13

Come to 10:30 am worship in the grove (*weather permitting*)



Come to the 10:30 am service outside in the grove! Wear your VBS T-Shirt, share some of the songs, and plan to stay after for snacks and more summer fun!

Hey Parents!

Welcome Back Sunday will be Sunday, September 10th. Be sure to add this date to your calendar for lots of fun and keep your eyes peeled for more information, coming soon!

Kids Ministry Registration for the 2023-2024 Year is now Open!



Each year we ask our families to register their children. There is no cost to register, and it helps us keep track of birthdays, allergies and special information you need us to know. It also helps us plan yearly events! Follow [The Grove UMC | Register Here](#) or go to "Register Here" from our website and scroll down to the button that says, "Grove Kids Sunday Morning."

Kids Ministry Yearly Calendar is Coming Soon!

The link to access this calendar will be made available very soon! The link will be shared in the Clippings as soon as it is available.

Volunteer in Kids Ministry!

One of the easiest ways to Grow Goodness is to serve as a volunteer in Kids Ministry. Do you want to help lead an activity for 20 minutes in the school age classroom once or twice a month? Can you help prepare or lead crafts? Would you be willing to be a helper for the preschool classroom? Can you lead an active game in the Fellowship hall with School Age kids? Parents will be asked to commit to at least two days during the school year on the Grove Kids Registration form.



students

Christy Schally, Family Minister Director

family@thegrovemn.church ~ 651-738-0305, ext. 119

Student Ministry Begins September 20

- Each Wednesday we provide a time of Pizza and Pop from 6 to 6:30. The cost of a slice of pizza is \$1
- Student Ministry **begins at 6:30 pm** and **ends at 8 pm**
- Students will have announcements at 6:30 and split into two areas for middle and high school students
- Confirmation for grades 8 and 9 are included in our normal Student Ministry nights. Families with confirmation age students will be receiving an email regarding the confirmation program.
- Each Wednesday your student can expect hang-out times, games, learning time and small group connections.
- We are excited to gather our students on Wednesday nights again! Please take the time to do the following:
- Register your student at [The Grove UMC | Register Here](#). We ask a small fee, but this is not required!
- If your student wants to join us for pizza and pop before Student Ministry officially begins you can add money to their account at [The Grove UMC | Register Here](#). Students can also pay cash.

If you love leading games or interacting with Students, please contact Christy Schally for occasional times to help lead on Wednesday nights!

Student Ministry Set Up and Pizza Cooks Needed!

- Can you help us by cooking pizza and serving it by 6 pm on a Wednesday night? Simple instructions are provided for volunteers willing to cook pizza for our students!
- Can you help wash tables, move chairs around and set up a table or two to help set us up for Student Ministry night?



If you can help, sign up at tsu.me/pizzahelp

Student Ministries Yearly Calendar is Coming Soon!

The link to access this calendar will be made available very soon! The link will be shared in the Clippings as soon as it is available.



“We are so grateful to the amazing young people and their chaperones who worked so hard in the Giving Garden in June. What these young hands accomplished was more than we could have hoped for to make a difference in the garden. Please let them know that their planting, weeding, laying down weed barrier, extricating bugs, watering and helpful nature was very much appreciated by all the Master Gardeners who work in the garden. We had fun with all of you and really hope we can see you again next year. Their service to others is what helps change the world to make it a better place.”

—RCS Community Garden

Racial Justice Happenings



George Floyd Square Pilgrimage

The Grove's Core Leadership Team responded to the murder of George Floyd in 2020 by forming a Racial Justice Steering Committee, whose purpose is to use "education and action to heal a broken world."



Photo Credit, Left: David Samuels | Photo Credit, Above: Billy Briggs

On **Saturday, August 12**, we will fulfill that promise with a **pilgrimage to George Floyd Square**. Led by The George Floyd Global Memorial (georgefloydglobalmemorial.org), part of their organizational mission is to curate spaces for all people to grieve, pay respect, and be a voice for justice. Our visit to George Floyd Square will last one hour, with guides coming from the community and including their own personal stories.

Sign up by: Friday, August 4 ttsu.me/gfpilgrimage

Suggested Donation (given before the tour): \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth.

Donate at: [GEORGE FLOYD GLOBAL MEMORIAL](https://www.georgefloydglobalmemorial.org)—Give to Rise and Remember

Meet at Church to Carpool at 9:15 am or meet at Say Their Name Cemetery at 9:45 am (parking and directions can be found in the TTSU link). Please indicate which option you choose when you sign up.

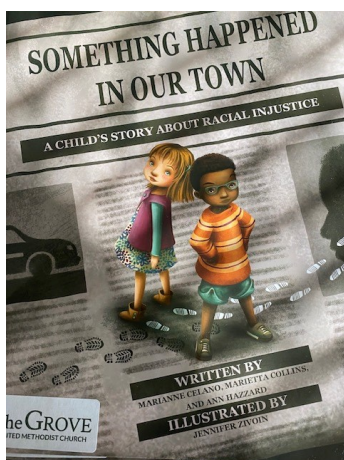
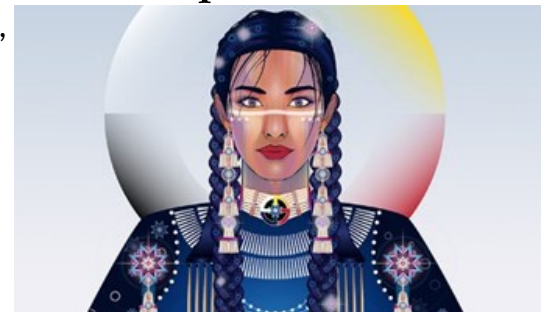
More information to come, including a possible lunch option, as details

are finalized. Any questions can be directed to Jean Roemer—jean.roemer@comcast.net.

Dakota Sacred Hoop Walk at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Artist Mariena Myles, a Spirit Lake Dakota tribe member, presents an augmented reality art exhibit at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The half-mile walk on Arboretum grounds honors, educates and connects visitors to Dakota history, culture, and storytelling who use their cell phones to download an app to view digital images and audio at stops along the way during Arboretum hours.

Admission for Arboretum nonmembers is \$15 for adults, ages 15 and under free. The exhibit is included with Arboretum membership. For information, call 612-301-6775 or go to arb.umn.edu/DakotaSacredHoopWalk



Something Happened in our Town

A child's story about racial injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins and Ann Hazzard

This story follows a White family and a Black family as they discuss a police shooting of a Black man. The book is designed to spark discussion about racial injustice. It provides messages of acceptance, empowerment and community support. It provides general guidance for parents and teachers about addressing racism with children.

This book is located in The Grove Library. Additional digital resources are available on The Grove website <http://www.thegrovern.church/service-justice/racial-justice>

Racial Justice Happenings



The Grove tours the 1862 Dakota Conflict Sites

Fulfilling the pledge The Grove made to “connect with indigenous people, listen to their stories and to help create a better future by Growing Goodness”, a self-guided group tour has been planned for Saturday, September 23rd to visit several sites that were important during the 1862 US-Dakota War.

This 5+ hour drive will include visits to sites such as Fort Ridgely, The Lower Sioux Agency, Birch Coulee Battlefield, Mankato’s Reconciliation Park, and more!

This is a great opportunity to learn firsthand about this pivotal chapter in the history of the Dakota people in Minnesota.

We will depart from The Grove early morning on September 23, and plan to return to church by late afternoon/early evening. Bring your own lunch, a picnic will be had while enroute. Drivers are needed, please indicate when you sign up if you are willing to be a driver. More details will follow in September, but be sure to save your spot now! Register at <https://ttsu.me/1862dakota> by August 23rd. Questions can be directed to Jean Roemer (jean.roemer@comcast.net) or Mark Pellerite (mpell810@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, Sept. 30
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Ojibway Park

Come together to learn from each other and embrace our cultural diversity.



Connect

The entire community is invited to come together to learn from each other and embrace our cultural diversity.

Celebrate

Recognize and honor one of Woodbury’s greatest assets: our growing diversity!

Belong!

Our goal is to ensure everyone in our community feels welcome and a sense of belonging. You belong here!



Sustainability Project

August: The Month of Celebrating Monarchs

From enjoying the beauty of the Monarch Butterfly as it visits your garden to marveling at their 3,000 mile migration to winter in Mexico, the Monarch has an even bigger role to play in the sustainability of our natural resources.



Read about their contributions to **Wildlife Conservation, Water Quality and Climate Change** on the Monarch Joint Venture: More Than Monarchs <https://monarchjointventure.org/monarch-biology>

Vacation Bible School children will receive **Milkweed Balls** with instructions on how to plant them for germination next spring. Go to <https://www.saveourmonarchs.org/blog/milkweed-seed-balls-101>

August 9th

International Indigenous Peoples' Day
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day>

August 9th commemorates the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The 2023 commemoration of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples will focus on the theme : [Indigenous Youth as Agents of Change for Self-determination](#)

More than 70 per cent of the world's population is living in countries with rising income and wealth inequality, including indigenous peoples who already face high rates of poverty and acute socio-economic disadvantages. Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions and reducing inequality are at the heart

of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). The whole of society — not only governments but also social activists, indigenous peoples, women, academia, scientists — all have a role to play in building and redesigning a new social contract that serves the interest of “We, the peoples”, as per the preamble of the United Nations Charter.

Minnesota celebrates its own Indigenous People's Day in October.

A Farmer's Market Treasure Hunt

Farmer's markets are wonderful places to take children and grandchildren on a real treasure hunt.

- Make a fruit and vegetable shopping list together and choose seasonal favorites.
- Identify all the different types of locally grown fruits and vegetables.
- Count the CSA signs (Community Supported Agriculture, minnesotagrown.com/csa).
- Encourage conversations with the growers and learn about CSA.
- Choose foods from all the colors of the rainbow and plan a farmer's market menu. Snacks, salads, side dishes, entrees, and desserts are waiting to be discovered.

Why Buy Organic?

USDA labeling tells us that fruits and vegetables are not raised with manmade chemicals, pesticides, fossil fuels, sewage-based fertilizers or genetically modified seeds and that animals weren't administered hormones or antibiotics. The bottom line is that *organic is more sustainable and healthier for the farmworkers, you and your family.*



A Rainbow of Recipes

Choose foods from the farmer's market in all colors of the rainbow

Red Orange Green Blue Yellow Purple

Rainbow Soup

Tomatoes, Carrots, Zucchini, Potatoes, Squash, Eggplant

Rainbow Salads

Tomatoes, Carrots, Lettuce, Blueberries, Peppers, Blackberries

I Spy Apple Pie

How many kinds of local apples can you find? Which ones are best for eating?
Which ones make the best apple pie?



Searching for Salsa

How many kinds of tomatoes can you find?



How many kinds of peppers can you find



Add the extras: Onions, Parsley, Garlic and Cilantro



Members of the Sustainability Project attended a naturalist-led Bison Buggy Ride at the Belwin Conservancy on Sunday, July 23rd. The team learned all about American Bison, tall grass prairies, and the work the Conservancy has been doing for over 50 years to restore and protect land to its natural state and provide nature education to the east metro.

caring ministries

Carolyn Winslow

Director of Caring Ministries

Office Hrs: Weds 12-3 pm & Thurs 10 am-1 pm

caring@thegrovemn.church ~ 651-738-0305, ext. 129 ~ Rm. 205

VISITATION TEAM

Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs)

Mon., September 11

1:30-3 pm - Rm. 207

Congregational Care Ministers are lay volunteers who are trained to listen and provide emotional and spiritual support to others. CCMs work alongside our pastors to provide care and:

- Connect (telephone, send cards/notes) with people in need of contact.
- Follow up on prayer requests.
- Meet one-on-one with people in need of a listening ear, offering prayers and encouragement.
- Offer support to grieving families.
- Provide a presence on Sunday mornings for connection and prayer.
- Serve communion to church members who can no longer physically attend worship.
- Visit people in a hospital, in a care facility or who are homebound, depending on visitation regulations/restrictions.

If you feel called to care for others as a CCM, or if you or someone you know could benefit from a visit or call from a CCM, contact Carolyn Winslow, Director of Caring Ministries, 651-738-0305, ext. 129 or at caring@thegrovemn.church.

HELPING HANDS TEAM

Filling short-term immediate needs

Through a carefully organized program, our hands can extend the love of God by offering short-term help to our church family members in need of transportation (to church or medical appointments, for example), meals (following surgery or during an immediate crisis), grocery shopping or assistance in other tangible ways. If you feel called to care for others in very practical and helpful ways or if you are in need of such assistance, contact Liz at liztracy@comcast.net.

PRAYER CONNECTION TEAM

Praying for needs in our church and community

The Prayer Connection Team exists to present the praises and petitions of our church and community before the Lord.

Confidential prayer requests may be requested to be shared with the pastors, the staff, the Prayer Connection Team and/or the congregation by making that choice at the time the prayer request is submitted. Contact Liz Tracy at

liztracy@comcast.net or submit [prayer requests](#)

(thegrovemn.church/ages-and-stages/prayer-request).

HEALTH TEAM

Assisting with health-related issues

This team is comprised of members who have been or still are employed in the healthcare field for the purpose of providing answers to questions from staff and ministry volunteers so that they can better communicate care to members experiencing health issues. The Director of Caring Ministries will direct health-related questions to the appropriate health team member for follow-up. Contact Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church.

GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

2nd & 4th Thursday, 10 am - Zoom

During this time we are all experiencing a variety of losses – loss of social contact, loss of loved ones, job loss, physical separation from loved ones or loss of control, to name a few. This group meets to provide people with a confidential and safe space to explore feelings of loss and grief. Al Kleinsasser, a retired chaplain and one of our CCMs, facilitates this group. Interested? Contact Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church.

GRANDMOTHERS WITH CHALLENGES

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1 pm - Zoom

Grandmothers with Challenges are women who have unique responsibilities in their role as a grandparent. During this time of COVID-19, grandparents may be facing new challenges. Join with other grandmothers for support and discussion. New participants are always welcome! Contact Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church for more information.

GUIDED CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Saturdays, 9 am - Zoom

Offered by Jane Sharer Maier. Guided Christian meditation can increase your connection to God and give you a sense of calm, peace and balance that can benefit both your emotional well-being and your overall health. Interested? Connect with Carolyn at caring@thegrovemn.church.



In less than 2 years, Caring Ministries has provided **nearly 50 prayer shawls** and **over 100 prayer squares** to folks in the midst of a challenging time in their lives. THANK YOU to the women who have knitted or crocheted these beautiful & tangible signs of love & care for our Grove family. Our inventories are running low, and we would again appreciate donations of prayer shawls or prayer squares. Not sure how to begin? Contact Director of Caring Ministries, Carolyn Winslow (caring@thegrovern.mn.church) for information or patterns. Donations can be placed in the designated bin in the plaza area.

Washington County Community Links

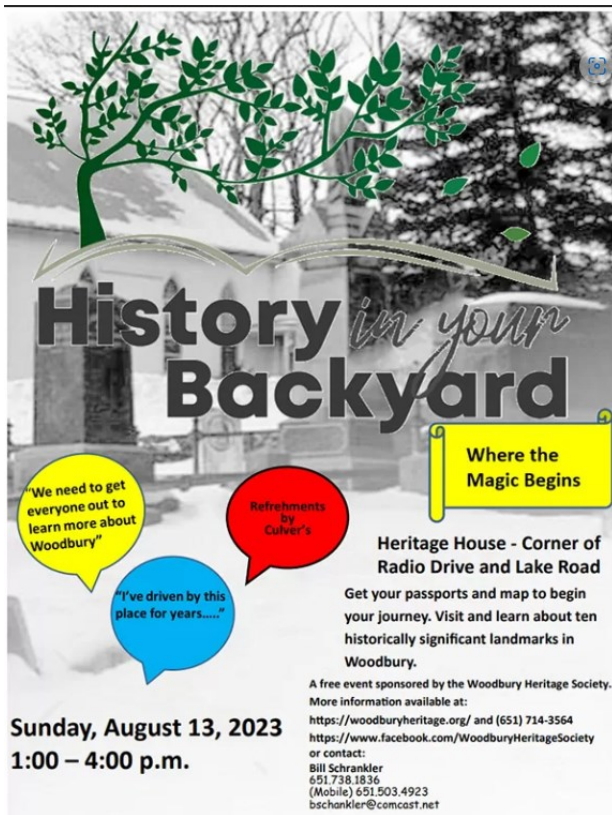
is a newsletter for Washington County residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their July issue is available here: [Community_Links_Newsletter-July2023_7-6-23_PDF \(washington.mn.us\)](#).

The newsletter also provides updated information about "Sensory Friendly & Inclusive Activities", including such things as "Accessible Minnesota Attractions" and "Inclusive Playgrounds in the Twin Cities." Consider subscribing!



MINNESOTA PARENT

"Minnesota Parent" ([Minnesota Parent - The Twin Cities' premier parenting publication.](#)) is a Twin Cities online parenting publication, providing ideas & inspiration, helpful parenting resources and information about family-friendly events happening in the Twin Cities. One example is an article directing parents to sensory-friendly outings in the metro area: [11 Twin Cities sensory-friendly outings - Minnesota Parent.](#)



Friends and families, mark Sunday, August 13th on your calendar. The Woodbury Heritage Society is celebrating its 40th anniversary by sponsoring a "History in Your Backyard" event. The event runs from 1 pm to 4 pm. Get your passports and map at the Heritage House - Corner of Radio Drive and Lake Road to begin your journey. Visit and learn about ten historically significant landmarks in Woodbury. Among the ten sites is our own Grove United Methodist Church and cemetery. Your trip ends at the Miller barn in Valley Creek Park, for refreshments and prizes.

A free event sponsored by the Woodbury Heritage Society. More information available at: <https://woodburyheritage.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/WoodburyHeritageSociety>



Being the Hope

Save the date:
Saturday, October 7, 2023

Much of today's epidemic of toxic polarization is driven by how we talk with like-minded people about those on the "other" side. Too often we stereotype, dismiss, or ridicule our fellow citizens who support a point of view which is opposing to our own. But, what if we learn the discipline of non-polarizing attitudes and words about those with whom we disagree, but who do share a common past and a future with us?

A Braver Angels Workshop Depolarizing Within: Becoming a Braver Angel in Your Own World

This workshop will 1) help you to become more aware of your inner polarizer 2) help you to learn ways to depolarize yourself so that you can disagree without demonizing or stereotyping those who have differing viewpoints from yours and 3) teach you skills for how to intervene in social conversations with like-minded people when those conversations veer into contempt and ridicule of those with opposing viewpoints.

More information, including registration information, will be in the September Insites.



SATURDAY SUPPER CLUB

Saturday, August 26 & September 23
5-6 pm both locations

In partnership with SoWashCo CARES,
The Grove provides a free meal curbside
pick-up at both our Woodbury and
Cottage Grove locations on the
4th Saturday of each month.



No pre-registration is required.
Meals will be distributed on a first-come,
first-served basis.

Help to promote the Saturday Supper Club by sharing information
with someone who can use a meal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - MONTHLY!

Sign up at ttsu.me/freemeal

- ⇒ Need volunteers to prepare meals at the Woodbury location.
- ⇒ Need a volunteer who is able to lift heavy crates with a bigger vehicle to bring the food to the Cottage Grove location.
- ⇒ Volunteers needed to hand out the free meals curbside at both the Woodbury and Cottage Grove location.





Open Cupboard

Formerly known as CCEFS

VOLUNTEER SHIFT AT OPEN CUPBOARD

ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

9 AM CARPOOL AT WOODBURY GROVE

Sign up at <https://ttsu.me/opencupboard> for August 17.

A New Way to Lend a Hand

A group from The Grove will volunteer at Open Cupboard food shelf on the third Thursday of every month. Volunteers will sort vegetables in a two-hour morning shift. Members of Faith in Action will be the nucleus, but all are welcome to take a shift. This would be the perfect project for a Grove Group, for example.

The car pool will leave the church parking lot at 9 am every third Thursday starting on August 17. Workers are welcome whether they volunteer every month or take a shift every once in a while.

Sign up for a shift using <https://ttsu.me/opencupboard> Indicate whether you will drive on your own or join the car pool. Open Cupboard is located at 8264 4th Avenue N, Oakdale, next to Best Buy and Guardian Angels Church.

Please send any questions to Jean at Jean.roemer@comcast.net.



In the Know - - - News You Need about Your Church!

hello & welcome lunch

GET TO KNOW THE GROVE

Sunday, August 6
11:40 am to 1 pm
Gathering Room & Room 100

Enjoy lunch together.
Get to know the pastors.
Learn about The Grove's values.
Explore The Grove Pathway.

Sign up at
ttsu.me/hellowelcomelunch



TUESDAY GROVE GUYS

Tuesdays, 8-9 am —
Woodbury Panera

Join lively discussion on
faith, family, and the
challenges of daily
living.

Contact Pastor Dan
Wetterstrom at
dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church

GROWING IN FAITH

For 2 weeks we will be reflecting on the book Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott. Beginning Sept 19, we will be reading Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World by Vivek Murthy, the same book that Dan will be using on Tuesday night! ! We would welcome new participants to this group that previously met on Fridays!

DRUM CIRCLE

3rd Friday, Plaza

For individuals and families living with Autism/Asperger's, and for anyone with disabilities or social challenges who likes music, rhythm and dance.
Contact Dick Hansen, cdhansen@comcast.net.
This is a socializing activity and not meant to teach how to use drums.

The Following Small Groups will RESTART in September:

GROWING IN FAITH

Tuesdays, 10-11:30am, Rm 207 or outside
Contact Betty Schilling: bettyaschi@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY MORNING GROUP

Wednesdays, 9-11:00am, Room 207
Contact Dan Wetterstrom: dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church

FAITHBUILDERS—Women's Study Group

Wednesdays, 10-11:30am, Rm 204
Contact Jan Slagter: jslagter1949@gmail.com
Delores Hedrick: deloreshedrick@comcast.net

THURSDAY MEN'S GROUP

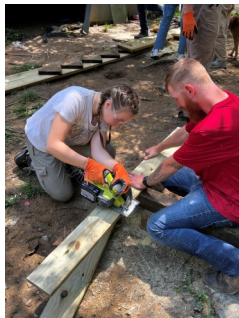
Thursdays, 7:30-8:30am, Rm 204
Contact Tim Martin: tnm7428@gmail.com

READERS BOOK CLUB

Contact Darlene Wetterstrom: darwetterstrom@comcast.net

**WE'LL BE
BACK
SOON**

MOUNTAIN T.O.P. 2023



Mountain TOP 2023 was a success! Thank you to Scott B. for organizing the trip and to Jason, Sara, Pat, Tim, Sadie-jo, Greg and Carissa for offering their leadership to this trip! We are bursting with joy and pride at how our students pushed themselves to love and serve others!

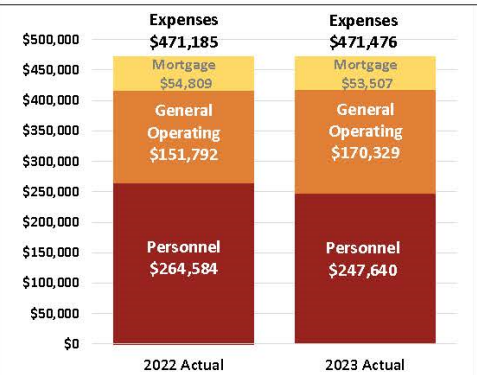
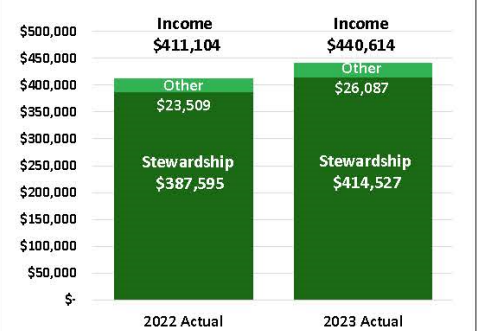
The Grove - Financial Dashboard Summary For the 1st Half of 2023

Operating Funds

	Jan-Jun 2023 Actual	Jan-Jun 2023 Budget	Variance Actual vs. Budget	Full Year 2023 Budget
INCOME				
Operating Gifts	414,527	380,550	33,977	892,535
Building Use Income	24,702	23,310	1,392	44,100
Other Income/Transfers	1,386	50	1,336	8,100
Total Income	440,615	403,910	36,705	944,735
EXPENSES				
Personnel - Salaries & Benefits	(247,640)	(253,686)	6,046	(516,949)
Facilities - Building Maintenance	(86,820)	(85,911)	(909)	(148,995)
Mortgage - Principal	(53,507)	(53,507)	-	(108,352)
Mortgage - Interest	(31,513)	(31,513)	-	(61,689)
Operations - Admin/Office	(45,967)	(46,056)	89	(91,550)
Operations - Apportionments	-	-	-	-
Ministry - Ed/Worship/Music/Etc.	(6,029)	(7,325)	1,296	(17,200)
Total Expenses	(471,476)	(477,998)	6,522	(944,735)
Change in Income/Expenses	(30,861)	(74,088)	43,227	-

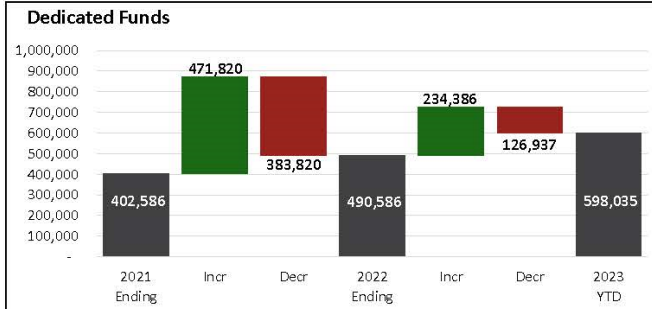
Comments:

For the first half of 2023, actual income of \$440.6K was received and expenses paid were \$471.5K (which includes mortgage principal and interest) resulting in an unfavorable bottom line of \$30.9K.
 - Income: Stewardship gifts were ahead of planned budget and are continuing to following historical trends.
 - Expenses: Actual expenses were below plan, specifically in the areas of payroll and worship/diipleship ministries. These variances are driven by a timing shift in spending.



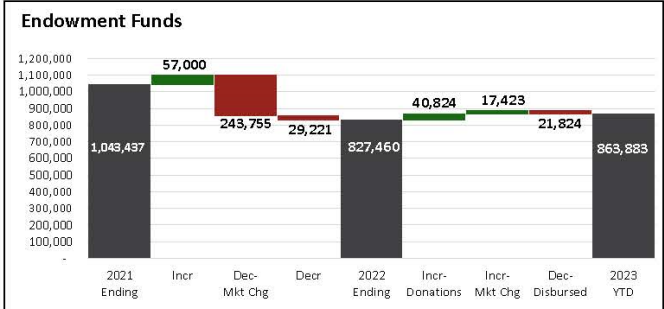
Dedicated Funds

	2022 Ending	Changes	2023 YTD
Being The Hope	13,003	(7,502)	5,500
Campus Improvements	180,752	99,797	280,548
Leadership Designated	120,000	-	120,000
Facilities Maintenance	65,466	6,474	71,940
Memorial	24,958	844	25,802
All Other	86,408	7,837	94,245
Total	490,586	107,449	598,035



Endowment Funds

	2022 Ending	Changes	2023 YTD
Youth Scholarship	523,579	13,025	536,605
Youth Mission	224,473	5,584	230,058
General Purpose	68,314	17,539	85,853
Worship & Music	5,547	137	5,684
General Scholarship	5,547	137	5,684
Total	827,460	36,423	863,883





The Grove Woodbury Location
 7465 Steepleview Rd., Woodbury, MN 55125
Main Office Phone: 651-738-0305
 THEGROVEMN.CHURCH



The Grove Cottage Grove Location
 8600 90th St. South, Cottage Grove, MN 55016
Main Office Phone: 651-738-0305
 THEGROVEMN.CHURCH

Office hours at the Woodbury campus are Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm (Fridays 9 am-12 pm during the summer). The phone will be answered during those hours. When the phone is not answered, leave a private message for any member of the staff. Directions are given on the phone system.



CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The responsibility for the day-to-day administrative tasks of the church has been invested in the Core Team. The team functions as the primary lay-clergy partnership to provide guidance and direction to ministries.

Charlie Maier – Chair
 Carey Erkel – Secretary
 Roberta Wiig – Business Adm.
 Linda Kleinsasser
 Rick Osborn
 Kathy Parker
 Jay Stroebel
 Rev. Kelly Lamon
 Rev. Jeremy Peters
 Rev. Daniel Wetterstrom

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Daniel Wetterstrom, Lead Pastor – dwetterstrom@thegrovmn.church
Rev. Kelly Lamon, Executive Pastor – klamon@thegrovmn.church
Rev. Jeremy Peters, Pastor – jpeters@thegrovmn.church
Christy Schally, Director of Family Ministry – family@thegrovmn.church
Carolyn Winslow, Director of Caring Ministries – caring@thegrovmn.church
Roberta Wiig, Business Administrator – finance@thegrovmn.church
Kelly Reese, Family Ministry Assistant – familyassistant@thegrovmn.church
Colleen Kelly, Early Childhood Ministry Associate – kids@thegrovmn.church
Robin Muscoplat, Records & Registration Manager,
recordsregistration@thegrovmn.church
Kaite Knack, Media Specialist mediaspecialist@thegrovmn.church
Jim Tousignant, Facilities Manager – facilities@thegrovmn.church

MUSIC MINISTRY

Rick Murphy, Contemporary Music – mnmurfam@hotmail.com
Lou Ann Henderson, WB Chancel Choir Director – davelou@centurylink.net
Jean Lubke, Handbell Director – lubk0001@umn.edu

WOODBURY PRESCHOOL AT THE GROVE

Kate Beck, Woodbury Preschool at The Grove –
preschool@thegrovmn.church