

# 2023 Summer



EXPLORE THE  
OPPORTUNITIES  
AVAILABLE THIS  
SUMMER AT  
THE GROVE!



# summer worship

may 28–september 3

9am Worship - Indoors

10:30 am Worship - Outdoors in the grove, weather-permitting

## special sundays

### SUMMER KICK-OFF PET BLESSING

May 28, 10:30 am, Outdoor Worship, Memorial Day Sun.  
Bring your pet on a leash, in a cage, or in a kennel to worship for a blessing. *Water and doggie snacks will be offered.*

### PRIDE SUNDAY

June 11, 9 am and 10:30 am worship ~ see page 2

### JULY WATER GAMES AND SPRINKLERS

July 2–July 30, After 10:30 Worship

Kids, wear your swimsuit to worship!

Hang out afterward for sprinklers and slip and slide.

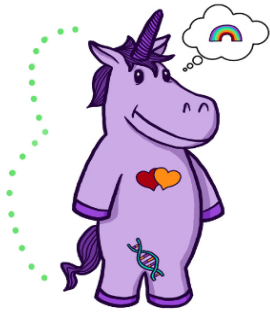
### VBS SUNDAY

Sunday, August 13 ~ see page 5





# PRIDE Month @ The Grove



## GENDER UNICORN WORKSHOP

June 4, 11:45-1:15 - Room 204

Have you ever wondered what all the letters of LGBTQIA mean? This basic level workshop helps make sense of gender identity, expression, and sexuality through an easy-to-understand model.

SIGN UP: [thegrovern.church/register-here](http://thegrovern.church/register-here)

## FAITHFUL AND INCLUSIVE

June 1 - June 29, Thursdays, 6:30-8 pm, Rm. 204

Leader: Pastor Kelly Lamon, [klamon@thegrovern.church](mailto:klamon@thegrovern.church)

Gain an understanding of how to be both obedient to the Bible and fully welcoming to LGBTQIA+ community. Navigate biblical interpretation, ethics and cultural impact as we listen to faith journeys of members of the LGBTQIA+ community.



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## PRIDE SUNDAY

June 11, 9 am and 10:30 am worship ~ Led by PRIDE Team

Hear stories from those in our community about the power of acceptance and love during worship.

**SPECIAL INVITATION** for those at The Grove who identify as LGBTQIA+ or parent or grandparent LGBTQIA= children: Lunch served at 11:45-12:45 with round table discussions. *RSVP to Pat Suyak at [psuyak@gmail.com](mailto:psuyak@gmail.com) for luncheon.*



## PRIDE FESTIVAL PARADE

Sunday, June 25, 11 am - Parade line up at 11 am

Have you ever been curious what the PRIDE Festival Parade is all about? Would you like to walk in the parade with participants from The Grove and other United Methodists?

Contact Elizabeth Jordan at [elizabeth.jordan@comcast.net](mailto:elizabeth.jordan@comcast.net) for info.



## SKOOLIE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

June 12 thru August 10, 5 to 6:30 pm

The Skoolie Bus and Skoolie Squad travel schedule is June 12 through August 10 from 5 to 6:30 pm.

<b>MONDAYS</b>	<b>Royal Oaks Elementary, Woodbury</b> <i>June 19; July 10, 24, 31;</i>
<b>TUESDAYS</b>	<b>Newport Elementary, Newport</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Pullman Elementary, St. Paul Park</b>
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	<b>Armstrong Elementary, Cottage Grove</b> <i>June 22; July 13, 27; August 3</i>



Everyone is welcome at Skoolie Family Fun Nights for games, activities and food. Follow the SoWashCo CARES and South Washington County Schools Community Education Facebook pages for the latest scoop about food and fun activities planned and weather cancellations.

### GROVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Grove is helping to host some of the Skoolie Family Fun Nights at Royal Oaks and Armstrong. People are needed to help prepare and serve food, set up games and activities, and clean up. Volunteers can sign up at [ttsu.me/skoolie](https://ttsu.me/skoolie)



# Sustainability Project

The mission of the Grove Sustainability Project is to promote care of God's creation by adopting practices that make our church campuses more sustainable and by working with our community on sustainable practices and environmental justice. The vision of the Grove Sustainability Project is that by 2030, The Grove will be recognized in the community as a leader in conservation, sustainability, renewable energy and an advocate for Climate Justice.

The Grove Sustainability Project serves to promote care of God's creation by adopting practices that make our churches more sustainable and by working with our community on sustainable practices and environmental justice.

## NATURE HIKES WITH THE GROVE

3rd Saturdays at 10 am– June 17, July 15, August 19

Destinations will include Glacial Valley, Hasenbank Woods and Tamarack Nature Preserve. Come enjoy fellowship with Grove members and immerse yourself in the great outdoors! Look for more information in summer Insites newsletters and the Clippings.

## OAK SAVANNA RESTORATION

Throughout the Summer.

The Grove is restoring the area next to the cemetery and behind the shed, which requires pulling invasive plants and replanting. Be looking for opportunities to volunteer.

Look for more information in Insites and the Clippings beginning in late spring. To contact us or join the team, email [sustainability@thegrovern.church](mailto:sustainability@thegrovern.church).





# KIDS SUMMER AT THE GROVE

Christy Schally, Director of Family Ministry  
[family@thegrovemn.church](mailto:family@thegrovemn.church)

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER HANGOUTS

6:30-8 pm for Grades K-5

6/28: Movie, Pizza, Ice Cream

7/26: Game Night, Pizza, Ice Cream

## SATURDAY SUMMER HANGOUTS

6:30-8 pm for Grades K-5

6/17: Gaga Tournament, Pizza

7/15: Gaga, Science Experiment, Sustainability Project

8/19: Gaga Tournament, Pizza



## GRASSHOPPER IN THE GROVE

June & July, Tuesdays *(except July 4 weekend)*

9:30 am, Outside in the Woodbury grove

For kids ages 6 and under — **No registration needed.**

Join us for stories, craft, play and a dance party.  
Bring your friends or make new friends.

## PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME in Cottage Grove

Fridays at 10 am, Cottage Grove

Preschool Playtime is a sensory-based playtime for the young children of all ages in your life. You can expect stories, crafts, and activities — and free coffee for parents.





## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

August 7-11, 9-noon

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

*Scholarships available*

Ages 3 years old through students who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome to volunteer.

T-Shirt Included

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: [thegrovemn.church/register-here](http://thegrovemn.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!

# STUDENTS SUMMER AT THE GROVE

Christy Schally, Director of Family Ministry  
[family@thegrovern.church](mailto:family@thegrovern.church)

## SUMMER STRETCH

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28

*Day at Valley Fair July 5*

Cost \$155 — Registration/full payment on May 8

Students who've completed grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Drop off - 8:30am, Pick up - 4:30 -5pm

**June 14:** Combine service and fun on a Voyageur Canoe Trip (Minnesota River) and river cleanup.

**June 21:** Garden at The Grove's community garden and SkyZone

**June 28:** Home repair for a senior citizen and Cascade Bay Waterpark.

**July 5:** Valley Fair

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## SUMMER STRETCH STUDENT LEADERS

Wednesdays, June 14, 21, 28

*Day at Valley Fair July 5*

Cost \$75 - Registration/Full Payment on May 8

Students who've completed grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are leaders.

Leaders: Arrive at 8am ~ Leave at 5-5:30pm

Student leaders help manage service projects, provide additional supervision and direction.

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## NEXT STEP MILWAUKEE MISSION TRIP

July 23-29 — Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Students who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost \$350 — Registration due June 1 (\$175), Final Payment due June 24 (\$175)

Located next to Lake Michigan, this mission trip will offer help to Bridge Builders Community Restoration and The Woodlands Neighborhood Ministry. This is a perfect “first step” in learning about the importance of serving others.

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## MOUNTAINTOP Mission Trip

July 7-16 — The Appalachian Mountains, Tennessee

Students who completed grade 9 and up. Adults of all ages.

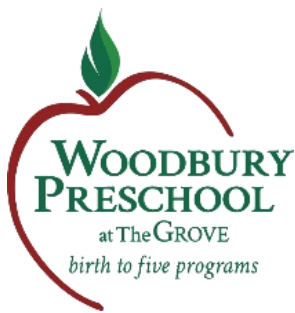
Cost \$450 — Registration due May 1 (\$225), Final Payment June 1 (\$225)

MountainTOP is a service project ministry designed to promote cultural exchange experiences for adults and youth. Participants will work with local mountain families doing minor work to their homes. We will grow in fellowship and in our relationship with Christ as we work hard and have fun.



- ⇒ **Registration Cost for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders through 20-year-olds = \$450**
  - *(Through the mission endowment, The Grove oversets the \$720 total cost by \$270 this summer.)*
  - Registration Deposit due May 1 (\$225), Final Payment due June 1 (\$225).
  - Participants need an approximate \$150 in spending money.
- ⇒ **Registration Cost for 21+ Adult Chaperones = \$0**
  - *(Through mission endowment, The Grove offsets the full cost for chaperones this summer.)*
  - Participants need approximate \$150 in spending money.
- ⇒ **Trip Preparation**
  - Plan to attend the following meeting at The Grove for trip preparation and paperwork completion: May 20, 10 am and July 6, 7 pm-8 pm.

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Woodbury Preschool at the Grove camps are designed for students who have already had some preschool experience.

Preschool children who will be 4 or 5 on Sept. 1, 2023 and are fully potty trained are eligible to enroll. Classes are held M-F, 9 am – Noon. Cost: \$100/week.

Registration will begin on March 6 for children presently enrolled in our school. Due to the popularity and limited number of spots, all registrations received by March 30 will be put into a lottery. Starting on March 31, registration will be opened up to the community. Questions? Contact Kate Beck at [preschool@thegrovern.church](mailto:preschool@thegrovern.church).

Take advantage of one or more of the weeks offered. Camps offered this year:



**June 5-9**

### **Sensory Magic**

Does your child love messy activities? Then this camp is perfect for them! We'll be up to our elbows in Oobleck, clean mud, homemade play-doh and so much more!



**June 12-16**

### **African Safari**

Grab your binoculars and come with us to the African Safari. Keep your eyes peeled for elephants, lions, and more! Discover the arts and cultures of African tribes.



**June 19-23**

### **Underwater Tropical Adventures**

Join us for a tropical getaway. Every day will be an exploration of a different part of our beautiful oceans and the creatures that live there!

# FIRST CONNECTIONS GROUP

Interested in making some new relational connections at church?

We'd like to start a conversation with you!

First Connections Groups gives you the opportunity to join together, get to know others, and learn about the church.

A New Group Is Starting!  
May 14, 21 & June 4, 11, 25  
Sundays, 6:30-8 pm

RSVP to Pastor Kelly by May 1  
[klamon@thegrovern.church](mailto:klamon@thegrovern.church)  
651-738-0305, ext. 115



## 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](https://ttsu.me/hellowelcomelunch)





# Adults SUMMER AT THE GROVE

## MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE

August 3-31, Thursdays, 6:30-7:45 pm

Rm. 204

*Video Study and Discussion Group*

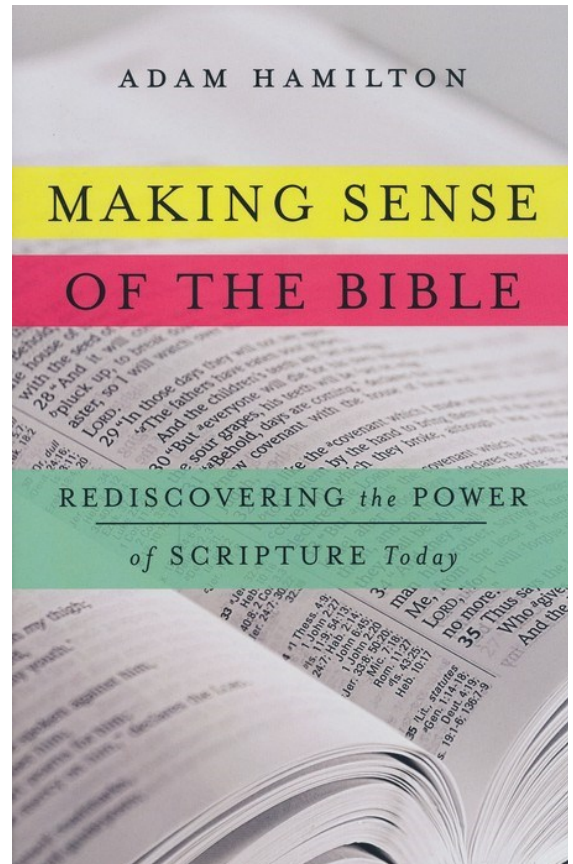
Leader: Pastor Kelly Lamon,  
[klamon@thegrovern.church](mailto:klamon@thegrovern.church)

Learn to read the Bible with a solid interpretation lens. Addresses hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike

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~ *Childcare available.*

*Several books available to those who want to reserve them.*

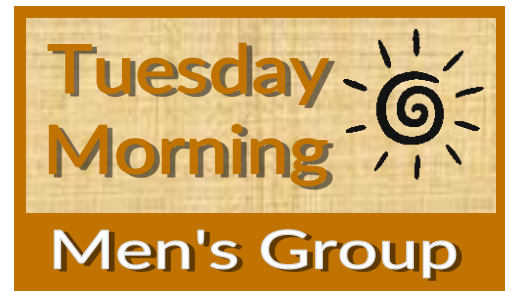


## TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays , 8-9 am - Woodbury Panera Restaurant

Join lively discussion on faith, family, and the challenges of daily living. Deepen your spiritual life through scripture and community.

Contact: Dan Wetterstrom, [dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church](mailto:dwetterstrom@thegrovern.church)



## KETTLEBELL EXERCISE CLASS

Wednesdays, 5:23-6 pm

Provides a whole body workout in 35 minutes with strength, cardio and plyometric components. Kettlebells from 5-70 lbs are available or bring your own. Monday is livestream only. Wednesday is in-person and livestream outside on the grove platform weather permitting.



Check the calendar pages on [www.scvexercise.com](http://www.scvexercise.com) for class schedules.

Contact: John Schultz, [jcschultz01@hotmail.com](mailto:jcschultz01@hotmail.com)

## CANADIAN FISHING CAMP 1, #304

July 27-August 2 — Mahkwa Lodge, Ontario, Canada

Adults and 15+ ~ Rides from Woodbury are available

Cost \$839 ~ Deposit \$250

Lac Seul is one of Canada's premier walleye lakes. Join others for great fellowship, fantastic food, and spiritual enrichment in this beautiful northern setting.

Leaders: Marlys Carls-Steiskal, Rev. Cheryl Goode, and Darrell Benson.

**Register Online:** [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org) under Offsite Programs and Events

Contact: Bob Horn at [rwhorn@balsamtech.com](mailto:rwhorn@balsamtech.com) or at 612-801-2255





# CARING MINISTRIES SUMMER AT THE GROVE

## DRUM CIRCLE

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 7-8:30 pm (6:30 pm Pizza & Beverages)

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](mailto:cdhansen@comcast.net).

## GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 10-11:30 am - Zoom

For those 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. The group provides 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. Contact Carolyn Winslow at [caring@thegrovern.church](mailto:caring@thegrovern.church).

## Grandmothers with Challenges

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm - Zoom

Grandmothers with Challenges are women who have unique responsibilities in their role as a grandparent. Join with other grandmothers for support and discussion. New participants are always welcome!

Contact Carolyn Winslow at [caring@thegrovern.church](mailto:caring@thegrovern.church).

## GUIDED CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wednesdays, 9 pm - Zoom & 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.

Contact Carolyn Winslow at [caring@thegrovern.church](mailto:caring@thegrovern.church).



*Let's do Summer  
together!*



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