



GPS FAITH NEWSLETTER

Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 am

What's New

Summer has been great as we've worshiped, served and grown together at GPS. This summer we have served together at our local pantry, gathered backpacks for LWR, enjoyed time with our friends at Spring Ridge, had fun with our community at the National Night Out, gathered for worship, bible studies, meals and more. As we look to fall we are renewed by the change in season. Throughout August we will continue to gather backpacks for LWR. We also look forward to sending our students and school staff back with a prayer/blessing for the year. As well we look toward the beginning of the Sunday School year and educational year at GPS on September 13.

Pastors Message

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

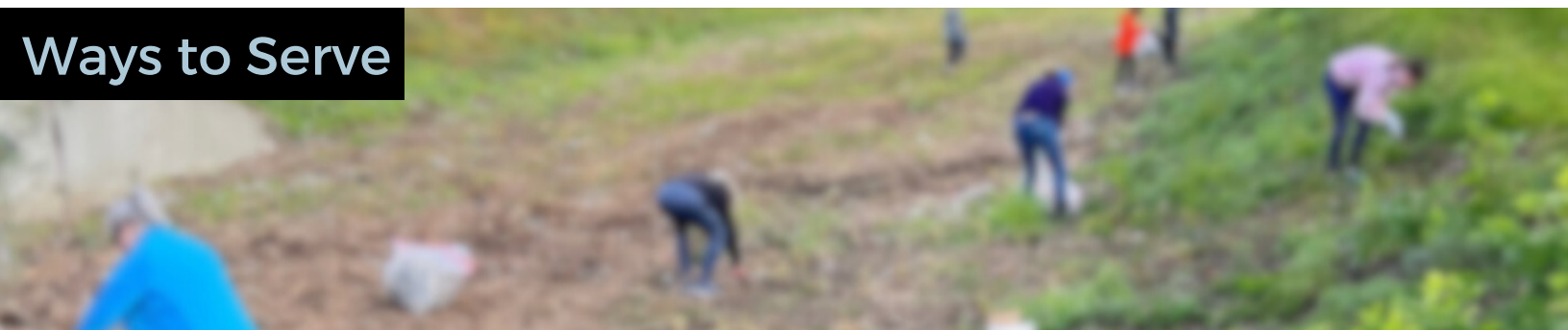
I hope this finds you well moving into a new season. It's hard to believe that fall is upon us but school is back in swing and that means the seasons are changing. I always love fall; there is something about the shift in weather/leaves changing, new rhythms, holidays, foods and flannels. The beauty found in it reminds us of the opportunity in our lives to let some things go that maybe we've been carrying around. A tree's health depends on it letting go what gave life in a season but eventually it's time to rejoice in the beauty, let go and make room for something new. That new growth only comes when we let go. So I wonder as we witness the shift in seasons what in your life might need a shift? What gave life for a season but might need letting go of? And what new things might be coming forward that could be just as if not more life giving for you, for your faith? In all of it God is the great gardener of our lives and is always working to bring life.

In God's generous Love,

Pastor Brandon Nelson

"Live in me,
Make your home in me"
(John 15:4)

Ways to Serve



OUR COMMUNITY

Senior Center: The Senior Center at GPS meets every week on Tuesday's. They would love for you to join them for some games and time together. It is a great way to connect with others and have some fun. They meet every Tuesday from 10 am -2 pm.

First Sunday Fellowship: Join us on Sunday July 5 for first Sunday fellowship. This month we celebrate red, white and blue fellowship and snacks.

OUR CHURCH

LWR Backpacks: As we begin a new school year we are gathering supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. These school kits get sent to the far reaches of the world to the students who need them most. They are a great way to share God's love in a tangible way. Grab a shopping list at church and bring back some supplies by the months end.

Back to School Blessing: As students, staff and others get back to the classroom we want to pray for and send them into the new school year with a blessing. Join us on August 23 for a blessing for the new school year.

Serving: We are looking who is interested in helping with our grounds at GPS? If interested email info@gpsfaith.com

2027 Youth Gathering Fundraiser: On September 3 from 4-8 at Backyard Grill any meal will bring 5% back for the Youth going to Minneapolis in summer 2027. Thank you for your support

Outdoor Worship: Join us on September 20 for outdoor worship in our parking lot and a picnic following. We will also have free Kona ice on the day and more.

Giving

July GIVING NUMBERS

Expenses: \$21,008 Giving: \$21,503

Ways to Connect

SMALL GROUPS & BOOK STUDY GROUPS

(HERE ARE OUR GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY MEETING)

Wednesday Morning: Are you interested in digging deeper into the Sunday reading before we get to Sunday? This group meets weekly at 10:00 am on Wednesday to go through the readings for Sunday spending time digging deeper into God's word. If interested send an email to pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

Faithful Readers Book Club: Interested in joining? email info@gpsfaith.com

Water Walkers: Currently meeting at GPS after Sunday service. Interested email info@gpsfaith.com

Second Sunday: Are you interested in studying a book together after service? We will be starting a new book study that will meet every second Sunday after service. Interested email info@gpsfaith.com.

GPS Families: Are you a family here at GPS or know of a family that is longing for connection? We have a group of families where they take time connecting through a meal, having fun with each other and activities. Children are welcome. Our next meal together will be August 30. For more info email Pastor Brandon at pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

How to contact us...

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Prayer: In need of prayer please email us at prayer@gpsfaith.com or call us at the church office and leave a message at (779) 221-8491

Hospitalized: If you are in the hospital and would like to be on our prayer chain or have a pastoral visit, please call the church office at (779) 221-8491. Also, please notify the hospital of your affiliation with GPS Faith Community when you check in.

**Worship Every Sunday
Online and In-Person at 9:30 am.**

Church Email: info@gpsfaith.com

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GPS FAITH YOUTH & KIDS

Coming Up

We are truly getting excited to have you all back in Sunday School. We are looking forward to the ways we will grow in the story of God together. Our first Sunday School and confirmation class will be September 13!

Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

The Sunday school year is upon us and we begin back into the classroom on September 13. We are excited to see you all again.

Upcoming dates

- August 23 playday at Silo Parks
- August 30 family meal

Pathwayz (6th grade-8th grade)

Confirmation is a 3 year program of faith formation at GPS. We meet directly after service on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. If your student is entering 6th grade next school year check in about the upcoming year.

Upcoming dates

- Begins back in September 13

Compass (High School) Youth

At GPS we love growing in our faith together. This is a lifelong process and is important at every age. We are gearing up for the 2027 Youth Gathering and we will meet at times throughout the summer. If interested in going to the Gathering (June 28-July 2 in 2027) please fill out the [FORM](#).

Upcoming dates

- Fundraising Planning Meeting August 30
- Backyard Fundraiser September 3 (4-8)



SUMMER *Events*

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

- 1** PLAY BALL 1ST SUNDAY DURING FELLOWSHIP
- 14** OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT PURI PAVILLION-ROCKCUT 10AM & YOUTH GATHERING INFO NIGHT @ 6PM
- 28** PARK PICNIC AND PLAYDATE 11AM @ SILO RIDGE PARK
- 5** RED, WHITE AND BLUE 1ST SUNDAY DURING FELLOWSHIP
- 14** FOOD TRUCK TUESDAY MEET @5:30 AT CONSERVATORY ENTRANCE
- 19** YOUNG FAMILIES DINNER @ 5PM GRANT'S HOME
- 2** BEACH DAY 1ST SUNDAY DURING FELLOWSHIP & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HANG 11AM
- 23** PICNIC AND PARK PLAYDATE 11AM @ SILO RIDGE PARK
- 30** YOUNG FAMILIES DINNER @ 4PM LOCATION TBD

SEPTEMBER DATES: 20TH -PARKING LOT OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC

IMAGINE move



2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING • MYLE • the tAble • YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

JUNE 28 – JULY 2

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The Youth Gathering is a great experience for those who go. It truly is a faith forming experience and we can't wait to begin planning.