



GPS FAITH NEWSLETTER

Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 am

What's New

We are in the middle of summer and with that comes a good amount of activity. At GPS we have many ways to connect throughout the month. We would love to have you join us at Nicholas Conservatory for a Food Truck Tuesday and eat together with some GPS members. We'll gather at 5:30 on July 14 around the sculpture at the conservatory. Our Youth are also hosting a Lemonade stand on Sunday the 19th after service. This will be a fundraiser for the Youth Trip next summer. Also we will be connecting and serving at LSSI Spring Ridge Apartments with an icecream social and bingo afternoon at 2:00 on July 21. These opportunities and more are a part of our life together at GPS this July. As well we will gather on Sunday's to worship together around the table, song, prayers and God's story.

Pastors Message

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

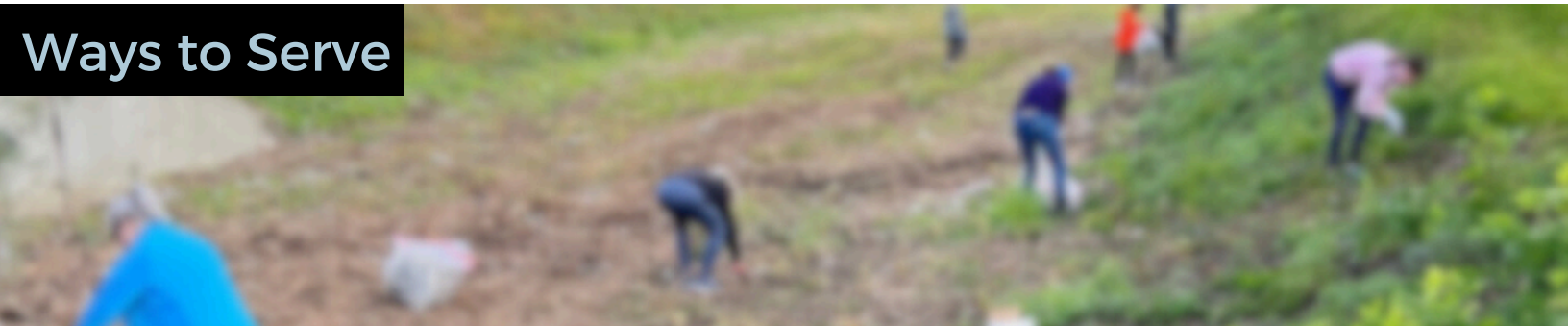
I hope this finds you well as summer is in full swing. This time of year can fill up fast with traveling, activities and more. It is also a time of year full of God's presence found throughout creation. It's the time of year that mid-winter we look back at and long for; so enjoy the moments and God's beauty. It truly is a joy to be part of a faith community that loves, lives, serves and worships together. Whether you are new here or have been here for years my hope is that being a part of GPS has helped you to grow in many ways. I love how we live into our namesake but also find God faithful in our midst. So as summer continues I would love to hear how GPS has formed you and the ways that you are looking forward to what God has for us. As always God's People thank you for sharing your gifts and sharing life together. This thing we do/are together is a beautiful tapestry of God's witness in the world.

In God's generous Love,

Pastor Brandon Nelson

"You are Christ's body--
 that's who you are!"
 (1 Corinthians 12:27)

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

Spring Ridge Icecream/Bingo: Join us in serving the residents at Spring Ridge Apartments in Rockford. We'll gather at 2:00 July 21 for an Ice Cream social and Bingo. We'd love to have you come join us and spend some time getting to know the residents over there. The address is: 6645 Fincham Dr in Rockford

Lemonade Stand and Youth Fundraiser: Our Youth are gearing up and getting ready for their trip to Minnesota next Summer's Youth Gathering. On July 19 after service you will have a chance to support their trip with a Lemonade stand.

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

2027 Youth Gathering: Every 3 years our Youth gather with over 20,000 other youth from across the country for a week to worship, serve and grow in their faith. Next year from June 28-July 2 we will gather in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The ages that can go are current 7th graders to High school Juniors. If interested please fill out the [FORM](#) For a little info follow this [LINK](#).

Food Truck Tuesday: As a Faith Community it is always fun to get chances to connect and fellowship together. On Tuesday July 14 we will get together at the Food Truck Tuesday's Downtown Rockford. We'll meet at Nicholas Conservatory at 5:30 and go from there.

Giving

May GIVING NUMBERS

Expenses: \$21,003 Giving: \$18,264

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 July 19. For more info email Pastor Brandon at pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com

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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 hope everyone is having a great start to summer. We have few dates to keep watch for. June 14 we worship at Rock Cut, July 19 and August 30 we share a meal together and September 20 we Kick off Fall together with worship and a picnic.

Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

The Sunday school year has finished for summer and it was a fun year exploring God's stories together and making lots of new friends. Throughout summer we plan to continue to meet for family dinners, and a few planned meet ups. Keep a look out for those dates.

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.

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

- July 19 family meal
- August 30 family meal

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- Connections throughout summer

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- Lemonade stand July 19 after service!
- August 2 Youth hang after service



SUMMER *Events*

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

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

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

IMAGINE more



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MINNEAPOLIS, MN

JUNE 28 – JULY 2

[learn more here](#)

[sign up here](#)

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.