



EASTER

at GPS Faith

March 31st at 9:30 am

What's New

March is a full month as we gear up for Easter as well as for the youth Gathering this summer and our usual get togethers/serving. March 17 following service we will have a pancake breakfast with proceeds going to the Youth Gathering. This will be a great time to connect with each other and enjoy a meal all the while helping to support our youth. We also celebrate in the second half of March with the story of Palm Sunday (March 24) and Holy Week/Easter. Maundy Thursday will be an online experience and Good Friday will be both in person and online at 6:00. We will then gather around the empty tomb on Easter Sunday with an egg hunt following.

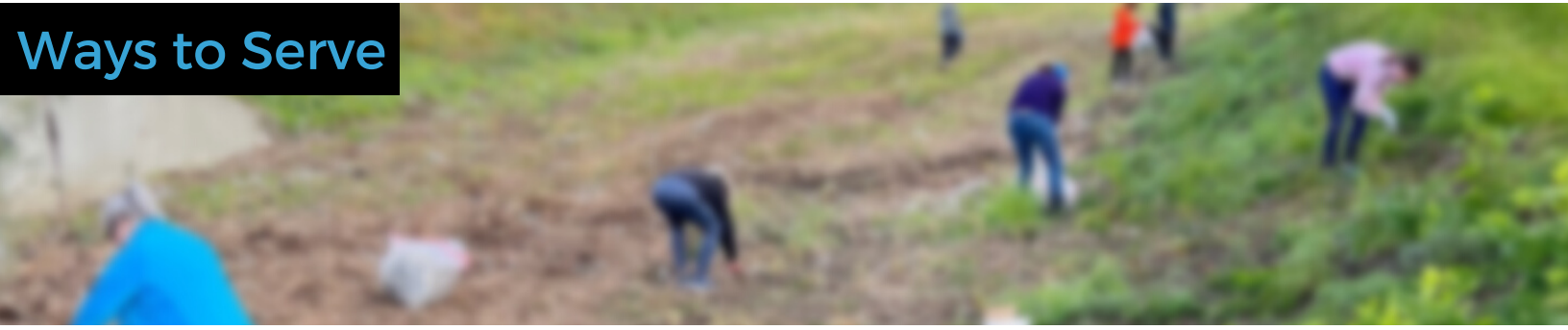
Pastors Message

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

Spring is a season filled with so much energy. In it we find the plant life, animal life as well as ourselves waking up from our winter slumber. It is also a season that mirrors the beauty of resurrection. We find once again that life wins out and that the hope we carried into winter is alive once more. In this season we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and how his waking up from death's slumber changes everything. John's Gospel puts it so beautifully when Jesus is outside his dear friend Lazarus's grave Jesus says, 'I am, right now, resurrection and life' (John 11:25). Jesus is infusing into human experience Resurrection and as Jesus says it is right now. My hope is that in this season and every you find resurrection. Resurrection for your relationships, perspectives, homes and more. This Easter story is all encompassing and is not saved for some day but is everyday. So may we celebrate this story and celebrate our story. In God's Love,

Pastor Brandon Nelson

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Celebrate God
All Day
Every Day!
(Philippians 4:4)



OUR COMMUNITY

Helping Hands Pantry: GPS helps every 2nd Thursday of the month from **5:30 pm - 7pm** at Helping Hands Pantry in Machesney Park. If interested please email info@gpsfaith.com.

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.

OUR CHURCH

Pancake Breakfast: Please Join us on Sunday March 17 after service for a pancake breakfast. Bring a dish to pass (donuts, muffins, rolls, coffee cake), a donation and yourself. Proceeds go to help fund the youth trip to New Orleans this summer.

Lent Devotional: Through the season of Lent we will have a weekly devotional that will follow along with the Sunday message. We'd love for you to join in this time with us. Follow the [LINK](#) to find a digital copy of the devotional.

Fireside: Join us on May 4th for a fun time at the Fireside Theatre for a meal and musical. Further info and signup can be found in the [FORM](#) below. Send any questions to info@gpsfaith.com. Payment can be paid online at gpsfaith.com or sent/dropped off at the church office.

Egg Hunt: Following service on Easter we will have an Easter egg hunt for ages birth through High School. We'd love for you, your family and friends to join us on Easter Sunday as we celebrate.

Ways to Connect



SMALL GROUPS & BOOK STUDY GROUPS

(HERE ARE OUR GROUPS THAT ARE CURRENTLY MEETING)

Thursday Morning: Are you interested in digging deeper into the Sunday reading before we get to Sunday? This group meets weekly at 10:15 am 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

GPS Families: Are you a family here at GPS or know of a family that is longing for connection? We have a small group of families where the parents take some time connecting through God's word, having fun with each other and activities. Children are welcome and spend that time playing with each other. Interested? Please 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

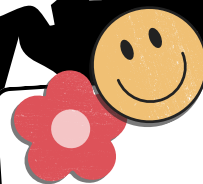
Hospitalized: If you are in the hospital and would like to be on our prayer chain or have a pastoral visit, please call the church office at (779) 221-8491. Also, please notify the hospital of your affiliation with GPS Faith Community when you check in.

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

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GPS Faith YOUTH & KIDS

Upcoming Youth & Kids Events

Faith formation is essential and we love growing together at all ages at GPS. We look forward to our time together and God growing us in faith/relationship. Below find the dates and times for kids and youth formation in March.

Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

We are having a great time so far this year and we look forward to all the ways we will grow, laugh and learn together. If you haven't already please register [HERE](#).

Pathwayz (6th grade-8th grade)

At GPS we long to grow in our faith at every age. The confirmation program at GPS is a 3 year program beginning in 6th grade and going through 8th. This year we will be on a rotation of every 1st and 3rd Sunday after worship for our program. Please register your student [HERE](#).

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 will gather on the 2nd and 4th Sunday directly after worship.

Upcoming dates

Class every Sunday

Upcoming dates

**Class
March 3**

Upcoming dates

**Youth Gathering
meetings
March 3 and 10**

Events Happening

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MARCH 17TH

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

COME ENJOY PANCAKES AND BRING A
DISH TO PASS

(DONUTS, MUFFINS, ROLLS, COFFEE CAKE, ETC.)

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION PER PERSON



ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraising Events

We have so many fun events coming up to help support our youth who are attending the 2024 youth gathering.

Mark your calendars:

March 17th: Join us for a pancake breakfast. Details here



April 20th: Join us for a game of pickleball. Details to come soon to your email.



Mid April : The youth will be selling fresh cookies from Quixotic Bakery. Date to be announced soon.



May 19th: Join us for a bowling event. Details to come soon to your email.



Late April: Youth will be selling gift cards for flowers for your summer pots.



The FireSide BEAUTIFUL

- The Carol King Musical -

Join us **May 4th** for a fun night at the theater. Deadline to sign up **March 31st**.

To sign up follow QR code on connect board in coffee bar or through our weekly emails.

Questions email info@gpsfaith.com



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Scavenger Egg Hunt to Follow Worship
(for all youth ages)

