



# GPS FAITH NEWSLETTER

Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:30 am

## What's New

May is a month of transitions as the earth is moving from spring to summer and so are we. Our school aged members are heading to summer activities and so are we. Our last Sunday school session will be May 17 with fun filled activities to end the year off. We will have get togethers throughout summer for our Families as well as preparing for the 2027 Youth Gathering for those going to that. We will also celebrate the new members among us on May 17 with cake and fellowship after service. As well May 24 is Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Church and within ourselves. That Sunday is a great remembering of how God is so close to us. We are also looking forward to an outdoor worship/picnic Sunday with more details to come.

## Pastors Message

GPS Family (God's People Serving),

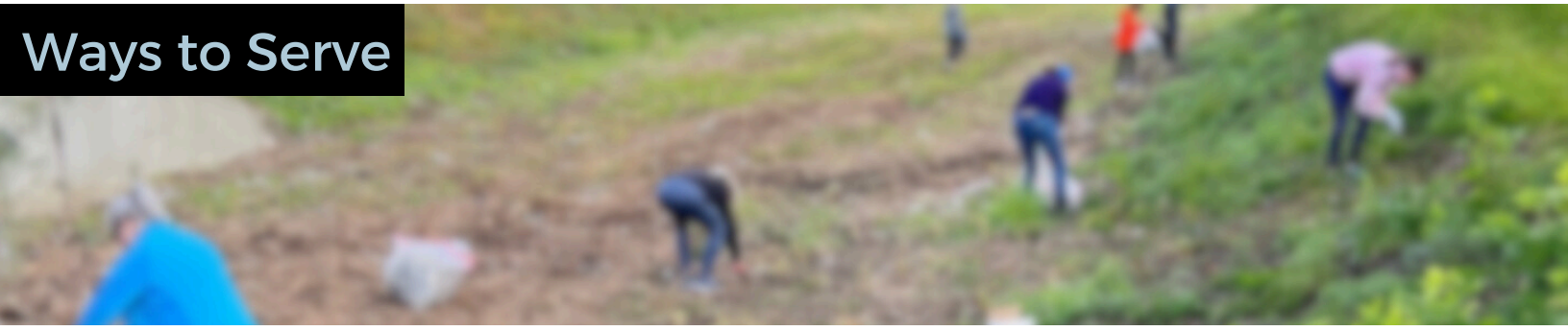
Pentecost Sunday is a celebration of the birth of the church but also the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit is one of the main ways we experience God. it is the presence of God with in us, the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the grave, the Spirit that birthed creation, the one that spoke through the prophets and so much more. On that Sunday we get a chance to celebrate the presence of God among us and the gift of our local Faith community. At GPS we rejoice for the presence of God among us but also the work of God through us. What a joy it truly is to be a part of a community that is alive with the presence of God and we get to share in this together. So come Pentecost Sunday we will celebrate what God has done throughout history and the moment the the church was created in this momentous occasion. As always GPS family I am thankful to serve among you and it is a joy to journey together as a Faith Community.

In God's generous Love,

*Pastor Brandon Nelson*

“The Spirit of God,  
 who raised Jesus from the dead,  
 Lives in you”  
 (Romans 8:11)

# 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.

**Serving Our Neighbors:** The neighborhood bordering GPS is in need of some yard/house work. From time to time we will get small jobs that need doing like weed pulling, house painting, small handy jobs and more. If available and/or interested please email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com) or fill out the online form [HERE](#)

**Prayer Chain:** Would you like to receive the prayer requests at GPS and pray for them? Consider joining a monthly prayer email called the prayer chain. If interested send an email to [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com).

## OUR CHURCH

**Celebrate New Members:** Join us on Sunday May 17 to celebrate our new members here at GPS and enjoy some cake after service to get to know them.

**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](#).

**Building Need:** As a Faith Community we gather in our building for worship, serving and fellowship. It is also a gathering space for our community and the larger area. The grey exterior of our building is in need of some patching and a new coat of paint. We have gathered bids and are ready to begin but we could use your gifts to offset the cost of this project. If you give online or in person simply mark it as Paint Project and your gift will help to fund this important need.

## Giving

### February GIVING NUMBERS

**Expenses: \$23,744 Giving: \$35,966**

# 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](mailto:pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com)

**Faithful Readers Book Club:** Interested in joining? email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com)

**Water Walkers:** Currently meeting at GPS after Sunday service. Interested email [info@gpsfaith.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Interested? Please email Pastor Brandon at [pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com](mailto:pastorbrandon@gpsfaith.com)

## How to contact us...

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**Prayer:** In need of prayer please email us at [prayer@gpsfaith.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@gpsfaith.com)

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# GPS FAITH YOUTH & KIDS

## Coming Up

We are having a great Sunday school and youth year so far and we are enjoying the new year also. Growing in our faith together is one of our favorite things about life at GPS.

## Sunday School (Pre-K-5th grade)

The Sunday school year is almost finished and it was a fun year exploring God's stories together and making lots of new friends. We have only 2 more classes left before summer break but don't worry we plan to continue to meet for family dinners, and a few planned meet ups.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

- May 10 - Mother's day celebration and fun
- May 17 - Last day of Sunday School with a fun party to celebrate

## Upcoming dates

- May 17 and 31

## Upcoming dates

- May 24

# 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.