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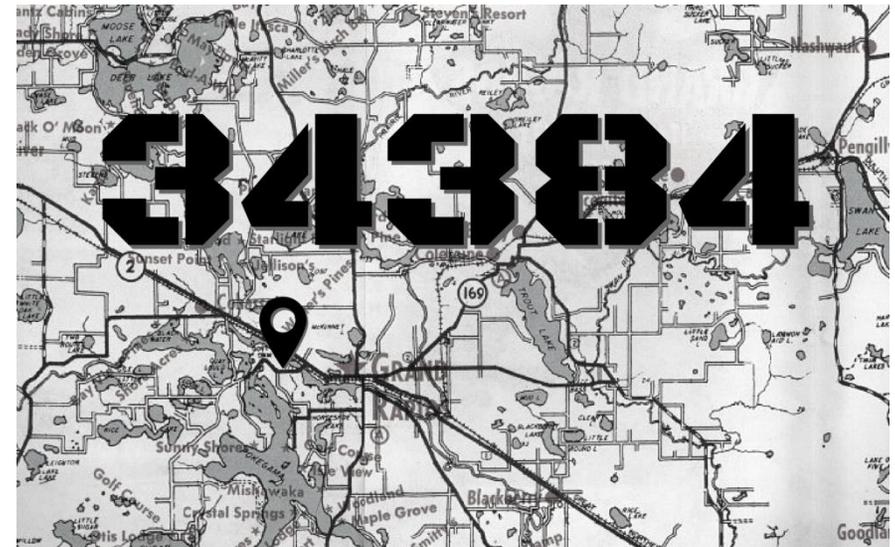


August 6, 2017



**GRAND RAPIDS
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**

Together in Christ, Making Him Known



Sunday Services at 9:00 am and 10:30 am

WELCOME

We warmly welcome you to Grand Rapids Evangelical Free Church (GREFC)! We hope you enjoy your time here. After the service, please visit the Welcome Center in the foyer to learn more about who we are.

 Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. If you have a need, please ask an usher for a receiver.

Children's Programming

9:00 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Pathfinders 1.0

(ages 3 to incoming- 2nd grade)

10:30 Service

Nursery (birth to 36 months)

Pathfinders 2.0

(ages 3 to incoming-2nd grade)

Please excuse our mess! The KidZone is currently under construction as we expand our space to better minister to our youngest members.

Nursery is open the entire service. Pathfinders are dismissed from the service after the first set of worship songs.



TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Music

Announcements

Worship Music

Message: Pastor Ken Abramson

PRAYER

For specific prayer requests, please use the blue Connect Card.

GIVING

An offering box is located on the shelf in the foyer if you wish to give.

Or give online at grefc.org

THIS WEEK

PRAISE10! Today from 2:00-9:00 pm, at the KAXE Rotary Tent. GREFC's praise band takes the stage at 6 pm.

Infuse Guys Small Group Bible Study: Today, 6:30-8:00 pm, Youth Room.

Rescheduled Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 8, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Student Ministries EQUIP Leaders Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 8, 6-7:30 pm.

Elder Board Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 8, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Women's Ministry Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7:00-8:00 pm

Bridging the GAP: Wednesday, Aug. 9 and Aug. 16. See insert for more!

Immerse Girls Small Group Bible Study: Wednesday, Aug. 9, 6-7:30 pm.

Women's Summer Bible Study: Thursday, Aug. 10, 9-11 am, Vickie Azure's home (25581 Ingebo Road, Cohasset; 218.999.5207).

Rescheduled Women's Summer Fun Event: Boating on Lake Pokegama, Thursday, Aug. 10 from 6-9 pm, departing from Zorbaz Beach.

LOOKING AHEAD

Painting in the KidZone continues this week. Volunteers are needed. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

A Baptismal Service will be held at 5 pm, Sunday, Aug. 20 at Tioga Beach. If you are interested in being baptized, sign up at the Welcome Center.

Christian Educators Picnic: Sunday, Aug. 27, 12-4 pm, Pokegama Recreation Area. Open to those employed in education and their families.

Visit grefc.org/events for more info on all upcoming summer events.

3 Ways to Sign-Up for Events/Classes: Welcome Center (Church Foyer), at grefc.org/register/ or contact the church office.

Online Directory Key: Forgiven



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A Gathered Local Church – The Wisdom of God

August 6th, 2017

Matt. 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Key Reality: The local church is about gathering and about going.

Eph. 3: 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Purpose of a local church:

2. A local church is to reveal God's desire for reconciliation through Christ to a broken world.

Why we gather:

- We come to church not to be forgiven - but because we are forgiven.
- We gather with a group of people not to earn favor with God - but because we are his beloved adopted children.
- We do not gather together to gain his love - but because he still longs to be with us even when sin and ugly rules our lives.
- We do not come together to repay God for salvation with service - but because our lives can be a conduit of His love toward other lives.

Eph. 4:11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

3. We gather together to be used by God to have the hearts of people become aligned with God's heart!

Eph. 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.