



*John 6:35 - Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*



Pastor’s Message

As I write this article my mind is still on my message from last Sunday on John 6, *Bread in the Desert*. I feel like there is still so much left to say, so rather than inflicting you with an hourlong sermon I want to highlight some points here.

First: The idea of the Son of God being given as the Bread of Life, is similar to the teaching in John 4 where Jesus offers the Living Water. In both cases it talks about gaining an inner satisfaction from God in a way that this world could not offer. We so often end up seeking happiness from something we see in this world. What Jesus is saying that by coming to Him and connecting to God, the Father will bring a lasting peace and joy, not a fleeting thrill.

Second: One difference between the Living Water vs. the Bread of Life teaching is that the Living Water is poured out upon those who seek Christ, while the Bread of Life must be consumed by one who wants to receive it. In this way, the Living Water is picturing for us the work of the Holy Spirit, which wells up from within leading to eternal life. While Christ is sent by God to give himself, his flesh, his life for the world. In other words, the Bread of Life is “consumed” as Christ’s body was broken apart like a loaf of bread. We receive Christ and take him into our life just as if he was bread that we have eaten.

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Summer Starts on  
June 20, 2025



## Pastor's Message, Cont'd

Third: The Bread of Life is given so that we might have eternal life. Jesus says the work God has for us to do is to *"believe in the one whom God has sent,"* meaning in Jesus the only Son of God. But the word believe is not just an acknowledgment or mental assent but it means to put our faith in or to trust in Jesus. We do that by receiving Him into our life. We do that by trusting that walking with Christ is better than anything this world has to offer. We put our faith for our salvation in Him. At times we can be tempted to think we can fix things in our life by ourselves, or think that achieving some status level will be the one thing that we need. But when we trust in Christ we believe what he says in 6:27 - *Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.*

Fourth: In this final point I just want to reiterate one of the key points from this past Sunday. Jesus chose to distribute the bread to the people through his disciples. John's gospel simply says that Jesus dis-

tributed the bread to the crowd, which is accurate because the source of the multiplied loaves was Christ. Yet, Mark's gospel explains that he gave the bread to the disciples who in turn gave it to the people. This is still how it works. The Bread of Life is available to all who are hungry. Among the crowds are people who are spiritually hungry, and yet are trying to find their life in the things of this world and are realizing that won't work. We, who have come to find our life in Christ, are called and empowered to share the bread of Christ with the crowds. We are not to retreat to our own safe places and hoard what little we have for ourselves. We need not fear, there is enough for all. We can give Christ away to others and actually find we have more of Him ourselves, and that we know him better by participating in the Kingdom work of sharing the good news of Jesus. As it says in the gospel accounts that when it was all over, they gathered twelve basketfuls of bread, enough for each disciple.

*May Christ be our Refuge and Strength each day,*  
**Pastor Mitch**

*John 6:51 - I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.  
And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.*

## Gospel of John Sermon Series: *Living Water*

We will finish up the Living Water series in June and get ready to start something new in the second half of summer. *Hmmm, what should I preach on for the seven or so weeks before I would start the Fall Series? Is there any place in the Bible where it talks about seven of something – maybe seven messages imparted to some locations? I'll have to think about it and get back to you.*

|         |                |                             |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| June 1  | John 6         | Receiving the Bread         |
| June 8  | John 8         | Set Free                    |
| June 15 | John 9         | Blindness                   |
| June 22 | John 10        | The Shepherd has Come to Us |
| June 29 | John 15        | Remain Connected            |
| July 6  | Guest Message: | Rev. Paul McPheeters        |
| July 13 | Guest Message: | Will Gideon                 |

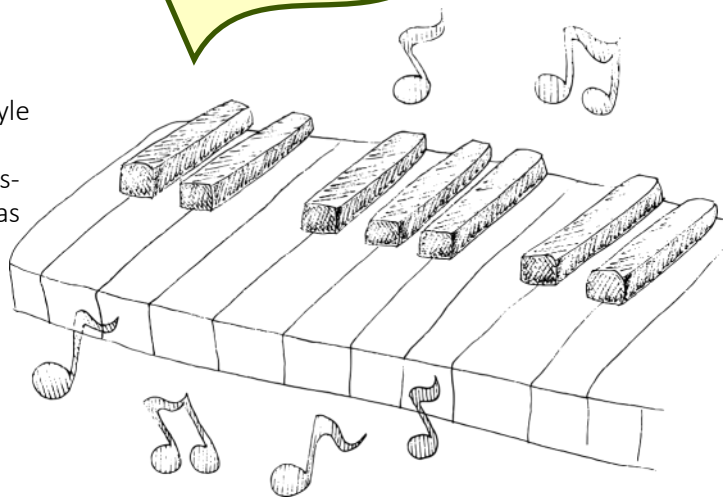


# WORSHIP NOTES

Why do “true worshipers” sing? Because God tells us to sing. Psalm 47:6 says “Sing praise to God, Sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!” According to Bob Kauflin in *True Worshipers: Seeking What Matters to God*, singing encourages and expresses the Spirit’s work in our hearts and singing helps us remember God’s Word. Singing builds up the church, exalts Christ and assists in letting the word of Christ dwell richly in us. Singing helps us teach and be taught, express our emotions, and helps establish our unity in Christ. The songs we sing together are lifelines that draw us back to the heart of the King we serve. We may not always like the songs we sing. One style of music will never capture the glories of God, but we sing as one body for God’s glory. In all we do with our Worship Ministries here at EGCC, we seek to glorify our Lord God together as one church family. Will *you* sing?

For His glory,  
Chantelle Moon, Director of Worship Ministries

John 4:23- “But the hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”



## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE

July 6 thru  
August 31  
Starts at 9:30 am

True North VBS  
June 30th-July 3rd

## Thank You!

Did you hear that we collected over \$1800 for the ministry at Alpha Pregnancy Care Center?!

While there are many challenges in this ministry your support helped turn them into opportunities. Your generosity helped accomplished the following in the past year:

- ◆ 839 clients served, 472 new
- ◆ 419 pregnancy tests administered
- ◆ 184 ultrasounds performed
- ◆ 113 babies born who were at risk of being aborted
- ◆ 3701 classes attended
- ◆ 3328 items given

“My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in secret,” Psalm 139:15



## TREK WITH US ON THE ULTIMATE ALASKAN ADVENTURE

Vacation Bible School  
9 am - Noon  
For kids entering K-7th Grades  
Contact Susan Williams at  
[children@egcchurch.org](mailto:children@egcchurch.org)

TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## NOTES FROM THE TRUSTEES

- ◆ "The grass is mowed,
- ◆ the nursery has heat and a/c, and
- ◆ the floors and rugs have been cleaned"



### What's Been Happening!

April's KidVenture was a very busy telling of the true Easter Story. Thirty-two children visited 12 interactive stations, each telling a part of the Easter story with an activity for the children to do to make the story come alive. Our dozen volunteers did a great job in keeping the group's attention throughout the night.

For Easter, we had plenty of candy for the thousand or so eggs that we put out once again. The LifeSong special needs ministry saved us a lot of time in counting out, sorting, and stuffing the eggs. We had a short devotional, empty tomb eggs for the children to collect, and take-home bags.

In May, we had our VBS kickoff party. About 35 people stayed after church to make props for True North. We got a lot done!

The children were so sweet in handing out carnations and prayer cards to celebrate the ladies of our church family on Mother's Day.

Our Junior Church teachers continue to do a wonderful job teaching our children to know and love Jesus. The teachers have been great about helping the children to memorize Scripture verses and get their hands in their Bibles. Thank you, parents, for helping the kiddos to remember to bring their Bible backpacks each week. On Worship Sundays, any backpack brought in gets a new iron-on patch. Parents, please remember to grab a monthly newsletter and weekly Parent Page when you pick up your kids from Junior

Church! There are ideas for how you can help your children grow their faith at home.

### Coming Up

*True North VBS:* Jesus is our True North! VBS will be June 30-July 3. Because July 4 is on Friday, the VBS will be only 4 days. We are actively recruiting volunteers, preparing print materials, and making props to transform our building into an Alaskan wilderness, complete with Northern Lights! Please see Susan W if you're interested in helping out. Volunteer meeting is scheduled for June 1; June 11 will be the Crew Leader meeting.

### Thank You's

- Children of our church for being wonderful and having open hearts and minds
- Parents for entrusting us to teach your children about Jesus
- Junior Church teachers, aides, and helpers for caring for our children so well in teaching them to know, love, and follow Jesus and being Christ-like role models
- KidVenture and VBS volunteers for helping to provide great events for the kiddos
- Church family for loving on our children alongside me

In gratitude,  
*Susan Williams, Children's Ministry Director*



ELDER'S  
CORNERGod Is  
Good!

In our elder meetings we have been discussing discipleship and how we can help the people in our church grow in this area. A disciple of Jesus is a student of Jesus who follows Him, gets to know Him and becomes like Him. If you were asked about your identity, would you answer, "I am a disciple of Jesus"?

Pastor Mitch has been showing us Jesus as he preaches through the gospel of John. Those of us who are believers in Jesus as Savior are called to become like him as we live our lives, bringing glory to God. We become like Him by spending time with Him in the bible and prayer during our personal devotions and also in worship and fellowship with other believers. God is good, all of the time and in every way. He desires to turn our hearts of "stone" to hearts of flesh. He grows the fruit of the Spirit in us and helps us to live this in our everyday walk. This is called transformation. We yield and He changes us. He teaches us to live as His children. Jesus said in I John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commandments. Because God is good, His commandments are good and are for our benefit. They set good boundaries, give us wisdom, and protect us.

Our bible studies, Sunday school classes and Life groups are taking a break over the summer so we encourage you to commit to getting in God's word on your own. Read a book of the bible, get a study book from our church library, or use a bible app. In the fall there will be a host of ways to come together again and we encourage you to join in. Because, God is good! --Gary Williams, for the Elders



## PRESCHOOL

At this time, preschool is finishing up for this school year. The 2 year old class ended May 30. The 3 year old class will have a moving up ceremony on June 10 and the 4/5 year old class graduation is June 12.

We are still accepting applications for all our classes for the 2025-2026 school year. Even during the Summer break, it is still possible to set up a tour of the preschool if you know anyone interested in our program. Applications and more information about our preschool is available online on our church website.

Have a great Summer!  
-Mandy Westervelt, Preschool Director

VBS Family Program  
and Picnic

Picnic Food  
will be  
provided!

**Wednesday, July 2 at 6:30 pm**

Come see and hear what your children  
have been learning.



## Women's Ministry Summer Connections

### Coming Up!

**Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** Mini-Golf at Fat Boys Ice Cream and Family Fun Plex, 6:30 pm (rain date is Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>)

**Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>** Book Club at the home of Melisa Olson, 7 pm, discussing the Biblical fiction novel "Harvest of Rubies" by Tessa Afshar

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Summer Progressive Dinner, beginning at 6 pm. Stay tuned for more details and the opportunity to sign up to host or just move from house to house to eat!

### Adventures in Bible Study

Want to dive into God's Word in a unique and enjoyable way this summer? Join our 6-week, Tuesday evening Bible study conversations, held at 6:30 pm at eateries in and around Glenville! Beginning July 8<sup>th</sup> and continuing through August 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be studying the biblical meaning of peace, using a prayer journal written by Erika Allen and beautifully illustrated by Ruth Chou Simons. This study follows the format of one passage of scripture per week and five days' worth of prompts for reflection on the scripture, each with space to journal thoughts. Simple, yet theologically sound. The cost of the book is only \$6.29. Please let Melisa Olson know if you are interested.

## Memorial Fund

When money is sent to our church in memory of a deceased person it is placed in our Memorial Fund and then used in a way that will both honor the person and encourage our church ministries. In recent years it has allowed us to place televisions in all of our classrooms, furnish the Youth Rooms and Missions Café and refurbish the Women's Room. Our most recent project is the Welcome Bench at our entrance.



## Call to Commit Capital Campaign

At the end of April total contributions toward our campaign were \$144,900. God is good! Some of the projects that have been completed with these funds are new HVACs for the Christian Education wing, heating units for the Missions Café, air conditioning units for the nurseries, and a new computer and other equipment for our tech teams. And there is more to come! If you have made a pledge please remember to be faithful towards it and if you have not, please give anyway. Thank you all for your generosity!





# YOUTH GROUP



As we near the end of the academic year we near the end of the youth group year as well, and what a year it has been. Seeing the students grow in their faith and friendships and the ministry growing in community, we can only look forward to what the future holds going into the summer! After the youth group closes its doors at the end of June we plan on doing some awesome things like volunteering in VBS, going to Great Escape, playing mini golf, going bowling and the list goes on as we try to have a super fun and memorable summer! --Ian Hastie, Youth Director



## Youth Group Color Wars

**Youth Group Color Wars.** Wednesday, June 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Students will play a round of games with friends from other churches, throwing colors at each other with powdered paint. There will be a message and discussion groups as well as snacks and snow cones! Contact Ian Hastie for further information.



## Youth Going Away Party!



Our last youth group will be held on June 19th and a celebrating party will be held on June 20th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

# CELEBRATION SUNDAY



## June 8th, 2025

**Breakfast, 9-10 am**

Buchanan Hall

*\* Breakfast will be provided*

**Worship, 10:30 am**

Sanctuary

**Picnic, 12 Noon**

Outside

*\*Hot dogs, drinks, and a sheet cake will be provided*

*\*Please bring chairs & blankets*

***Bring a potluck side to the picnic***





## Calendar of Events

|                  |                  |                       |   |
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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 1</b>    | <b>11:45 am</b>       | <b>Congregational Meeting</b>                                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>June 3</b>    | <b>7:00 pm</b>        | <b>Servant Leadership Council Meeting</b>                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 8</b>    | <b>9-10 am</b>        | <b>Celebration Sunday - Breakfast</b>                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 8</b>    | <b>Noon</b>           | <b>Celebration Sunday - Picnic</b>                            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 8</b>    |                       | <b>Worship Sunday in Junior Church</b>                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>June 11</b>   | <b>6:00 pm</b>        | <b>Youth Event - Color Wars</b>                               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>June 11</b>   | <b>6:30 pm</b>        | <b>VBS Crew Leader Meeting</b>                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 15</b>   |                       | <b>Stepping Stones</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>June 17</b>   | <b>6:30 pm</b>        | <b>Women's Ministry - MiniGolf @ Fat Boys Family Fun Plex</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>June 19</b>   |                       | <b>Last Day for Youth Group</b>                               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>June 20</b>   | <b>6:30 - 8:30 pm</b> | <b>Youth Group Going Away Party</b>                           |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>June 23</b>   | <b>9:00 am-Noon</b>   | <b>VBS Decorating Week (M, T, W, F)</b>                       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>June 28</b>   | <b>9:00 am-1 pm</b>   | <b>VBS Setup Day</b>  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>June 30</b>   | <b>9:00 am-Noon</b>   | <b>VBS Week</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>July 2</b>    | <b>6:30 pm</b>        | <b>VBS Family Picnic</b>                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>July 6</b>    | <b>9:30 am</b>        | <b>Early Service Starts</b>                                   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>July 13</b>   |                       | <b>Worship Sunday in Junior Church</b>                        |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>August 11</b> | <b>7:00 pm</b>        | <b>Women's Ministry - Book Club</b>                           |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>August 22</b> | <b>6:00 pm</b>        | <b>Women's Ministry - Summer Progressive Dinner</b>           |