Hearing Assists are available at the Sound Booth.

Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, there is no ABF, Sunday School or Children's Church on Sunday, May 28.

The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 29.

**Candidate Q&A Recording:** We are planning to record the Q&A session with Paul lekel during today's Sunday school hour. If you were unable to attend the Q&A but would like to view the recording, please send an email to don@gracepointatlantic.com and we will send you the link. We can also create a DVD of the session, though it will take 1-2 days before that is available.

**Special Business Meeting:** There will be a special church business meeting after the worship service on May 28 to vote on the Search Committee and Elder Board recommendation that Paul lekel be called to serve as Associate Pastor of Discipleship. All are welcome, and voting members are especially encouraged to attend.

**Business Meeting Voting Options:** There will be three options for members to cast their vote on the Associate Pastor recommendation:

- 1. Vote in-person at the business meeting after the worship service on May 28.
- 2. Vote electronically by participating in the business meeting via the Zoom link that will be provided
- 3. Vote in advance by completing a ballot in the church office between 10 am and 3 pm on Monday 5/22 through Thursday 5/25.

Baby Bottle Boomerang: Please see the insert.

#### Week at a Glance:

Sunday, May 21—Paul lekel Q&A Session during S.S. 9:15 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Prime Time immediately after the Worship Service
Wednesday, May 24—Combined HS/MS Youth Group 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, May 27—Praise Team Practice 9 am, Game Night 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 28— No Sunday School, Worship Service 10:30 am, Special Business Meeting following the Worship Service

\*Please see insert for additional Announcements and Upcoming Events.



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God's Plan for the Church Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16

May 21, 2023



## WELCOME TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

Youth Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes

9:15 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Your children are welcome in the worship service. The following ministries are also available:

**Nursery** Available during the Worship Service for little ones from Infant—Age 2.

### **Children's Church**

Available for children 3 years old through 5th grade during the sermon. Children are dismissed at the end of Worship in Singing.

On major holiday weekends there will be NO Sunday School, NO Children's Church, NO Nursery, and NO Adult Bible Fellowship

If you use a smart phone or tablet, you can find notes for today's sermon under the "Events" section of the Bible app.



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To our guests—Thank you for joining us! We're delighted you chose to worship with us! We'd love to meet you, answer any questions and give you a welcome gift at our Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall.



Sermon: God's Plan for the Church Scripture: Ephesians 4:14-6, 11-16 Speaker: Paul lekel Sunday: May 21, 2023

Introduction: Why Ephesians?

Ephesians 1-3 (Pursuit, Purpose, & Prayers)

Ephesians 4:1-11, 11-6 (God's Calling!)

Ephesians 4:17-6:24 (God's Process – Discipleship)

# Your Change Can Change Lives





# It's easy & fun!

\*Take an empty baby bottle on your way out of church today

\*Fill the baby bottle with loose pocket change, dollar bills or a check

\*On Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup> return your bottle to the church

Every penny donated is used in our Baby Boutiques!



## Additional Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### Graduation Celebration Invitations

*Carter Pellett*—Sunday, May 21, from 6:00—8:00 pm at their shop at 60499 Glacier Road (across from Elite Octane ethanol plant).

**Drew Skartvedt**—Saturday, June 17, from 4:00—8:00 pm at Buck Run Event Center in Anita, IA.

Would you like to read Scripture once or twice a year? A new schedule is being developed, and we could use a few more volunteers for this important ministry! If you are interested, please let Cindy Nichols know. 712-789-0411 or cindy@gracepointatlantic.com. Thank you!

**PRIME TIME for our seniors** is scheduled to take place here at the church today after the morning worship service. We will have a potluck meal. If you forgot to bring food to share, come anyway!

**Tabletop Game Night:** Tabletop, board, card games and other activities. Bring your favorite game, bring a snack, bring a friend. All ages welcome. Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 27, 6:30 pm—10:30-ish. For details, call or text Devon Bretey at 712-340-3500.

Would you like to help with VBS decorating? There are two ways to help: donate your time or needed supplies! The list is in the foyer – including many simple items such as construction paper, tissue paper, felt, plastic tablecloths, electrical tape, large brown craft paper, and LOTS of LARGE cardboard boxes! We also need your hands! In order to make a huge paper dragon, would you be willing to trace your hand on a green sheet of paper (provided) in the foyer? Trace it, cut it out, write your name on the back, and then remember to pray for VBS! We'll use your hand cutout to make the "scales" for the dragon! Everyone can have a part in VBS even if you aren't there!

Summer Women's Bible Study: It will start on Thursday June 8, 6:00 at the Ministry House. It will be 6 weeks and we will be studying the book of Colossians with Ruth Chou Simons' study, Truthfilled, The Practice of Preaching to Yourself Through Every Season. We will have a sign up table in the fellowship hall.

**Drivers needed:** If in the next four weeks you can provide rides to Des Moines for Shirley Ferguson contact Joanne DeArment (249-6836).

Hold the date! If you have been a regular nursery volunteer, Sunday School teacher or helper, or Children's Church teacher for the past year, plan to attend a thank you lunch on Sunday, June 4th!

**Dear GracePoint Church:** Thank you <u>so</u> much for all your outpourings of love & support over the past month as we packed up our house in Atlantic to follow God's call to Lake Katrine, NY. We have loved serving Christ with you & will miss you so much. Thank you for praying us safely to New York. We pray for you often! Love, Andrew & Heidi Johnson. (Please contact the church office if you would like the Johnsons new address.)