

*Oak Grove is a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith seeking to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.*

*Loving God... Changing Lives!*



**OAK GROVE**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

2200 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington Minn. 55431

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**May 7, 2023**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 am**



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**A Thought to Ponder** (from the Social Justice Committee)

“Environmental justice, for those of you who may not be familiar with the term, goes something like this: no community should be saddled with more environmental burdens and less environmental benefits than any other.”

– Majora Carter, American urban revitalization strategist

## We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

“This Joyful Day”

Hand Bell Choir

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Words**

The earth and everything in it was created by God: the world and all who live in it.

**We recognize the Dakota people as the traditional stewards of the land where we now worship. We acknowledge the historic and on-going harm done to Indigenous people.**

We are called as a people of faith to do justice, act mercifully, and walk humbly with God.

**Therefore, we commit to repair relationships through action, honesty, listening, truth-telling, repentance, and restoration.**

**Centering Time/Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship** (*from Philippians 4:8–9*)

Paul Schalekamp

Whatever is true, whatever is holy,

**Whatever is just, whatever is pure,**

Whatever is pleasing, whatever is worthy of praise,

**Keep your hearts and minds on these things.**

Keep on doing what you have learned and received,

**And the God of peace will be with us.**

May we come to this time of worship,

**Focusing our hearts and minds on God so we may live into the world practicing God's love, grace, and mercy. Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“Let Us Build a House”

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## **\*Prayer of Confession**

Paul Schalekamp

**We cut you to the heart, Loving God, with some of the choices we make. We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence, but those around us can see how empty we are. We had hoped our words might bring healing, but they end up hurting those we love the most. We had hoped to find Jesus but cannot see him in all those you send to us.**

**Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, O God. Through Jesus Christ, you show us the depth of your love and we are born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future. Amen.**

## **\*Assurance of Grace**

Paul Schalekamp

Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

**We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care for others. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Reception of New Members**

Alvin & Mary Hawes

Stasia Norris

Thomas Juhnke & Diane Prosser

Kent Oldham & Stephanie Wheelock

Doug McNeely

Jan Snell

**In the name of Jesus, we welcome you to Oak Grove. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus with you and nourish our faith together. As followers of Jesus, we promise to work with you to bring God's love, peace, and justice to our church, community, nation and world. Thanks be to God who unites us!**

## **\*Passing of the Peace**

### **We Listen for God's Word**

## **Time for the Young & Young at Heart**

### **Hymn of Response**

**"God Welcomes All" (*sung twice*)**

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**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

## Scripture

Luke 24:13–35 (NT: p. 90 | LPNT: p. 109)

## Message

### Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

#### Call to Offering

Anthem/Offertory “O Be Joyful”

*Marty Haugen*

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, we give these offerings in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings so that others may not feel alone, eat alone, live alone, or be alone, but that they may be surrounded by your grace and love. Let these gifts and our lives be a blessing for the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

### Sacrament of Communion

*Communion will be by intinction. Please come forward to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and return to your seat. The juice is non-alcoholic. Gluten free is available as well.*

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Lord's Prayer

(^ *Father, Mother or Creator*)

**Our God^ in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

## Sharing of the Bread & Cup

## Prayer following Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We Go Forth in God's Name

### \*Closing Hymn

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

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### \*Benediction

### Postlude

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*



*Participants in worship today include:*

Presiding Pastors: **Bart Roush & Mary Koon;**

Liturgist: **Paul Schalekamp** | Musicians: **Hand Bell Choir & Chancel Choir;**

Organist/Pianist: **Nancy Jensen** | Director of Music: **Judy Cooper;**

Sound, Light, Video: **Greg Johnson, Randy Dop & Cece Klueh;**

**Chancel flowers** are given by **Cece & Joe Klueh**, in *celebration* of *our parents, Anne & Larry, and their 40th wedding anniversary*, and **Jack & Leona Kley**, in *memory* of *Pauline & Walter Kley*.



# Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

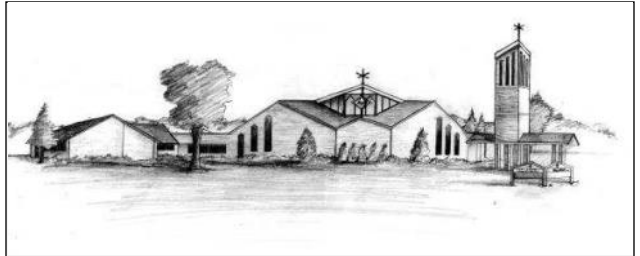
**Welcome, Oak Grove  
members and visitors, we're  
glad you're here!**

We are proud to be a Matthew 25, Green Care and More Light Congregation.

The congregation of Oak Grove values its roots that go back more than 150 years, even as we follow the movement of the Spirit into new ways of being and doing.

We always welcome your suggestions.

Greeter: **Barb Nelson**



## Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office to let us know when you have new requests or updates for family and friends, or when a death occurs so we can support and care for you or your loved one.

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## Vacation Bible School

Join us June 12–15 (Monday–Thursday), 9:00 am to noon, as we explore what all living things need to live – shelter, food, water, air and community – and how we can have compassion for the living earth.

Through scripture, games, science, music, art, and yoga, children will consider how to become co-sustainers and participants in the work of God's creation. Using Psalm 104 as our grounding text, we will closely examine the interconnectedness of the whole earth, humans alongside nature and creatures.

We welcome all children 3 years old through completed 5th grade. Please register at: [www.oakgrv.org](http://www.oakgrv.org); the cost is \$30 per child (\$70 for three or more children), and scholarships are available upon request. For more information, please contact Pastor Mary.



# OAK GROVE & COMMUNITY



- May 8 | Singles Fellowship (5–6:00 pm)  
Contact Jane Jacobson (612-267-9068)  
*Zeke's (7700 W Old Shakopee Rd)*
- May 8 | Soul Sisters (7–8:30 pm)  
Contact Pastor Mary
- May 10 | Goodrich-Nord Circle (9:30 am)  
Contact Meg Robles (612-798-5935)
- May 11 | Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30 am)  
Contact Jack Kley (952-831-4138)  
*Denny's (4209 American Blvd W)*
- May 11 | Bible Study (12–1 pm)  
*via Zoom (<https://bit.ly/2YttqhM>)*
- May 11 | Grief Support Coalition (4:30–6 pm)  
Topic: Myths of Grief  
*St. Bonaventure Catholic Church  
(901 E 90th St, door #6)*
- May 13 | Creative Hands Crafting (9am–Noon)  
Contact Ruth Dukelow (952-923-0799)
- May 13 | Shred Event (10 am–Noon)  
Youth Fundraiser: \$10/bag or \$20/box  
*Oak Grove Parking Lot*
- May 14 | Adult Faith Formation (9–10:15 am)  
Topic: Presbytery's Antiracism Assessment  
*Presenter: Kathy Howell*
- May 17 | Ladies Who Lunch (12–2:00 pm)  
Book: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck  
Location: home of Linda Vaughn  
RSVP to Pastor Mary

*All events are at Oak Grove unless otherwise noted.*

## **Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 21 (following worship)**

There will be a very short congregational meeting immediately following worship to elect a Deacon. We hope you will join us.

## **Pentecost Special Offering: April 10–May 28**

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

**Thank you!**

Ways you can give: Use the special offering envelope, write a check to Oak Grove (put Pentecost in the memo line) or donate online at:

<https://www.oakgrv.org/donate/>

## **Oak Grove's Purpose**

Oak Grove is a joyful, inclusive, compassionate community of faith seeking to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

## **Values**

Beyond our faith in God, our example in Jesus, and guidance from the Holy Spirit, our congregational values are the underlying ethic by which we define our community.

Authenticity

Celebratory Joyfulness

Compassion

Deep Relationships

Humble Curiosity

Inclusivity

Justice

## **Statement of Land Acknowledgement**

We collectively acknowledge that Oak Grove Presbyterian Church is located on the traditional and ancestral lands of Indigenous people. We reside on land that holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for the Dakota, Native Nations and Indigenous people of the region. The land was ceded by the Dakota to the U.S. Government through treaties created and upheld with racist underpinnings.

By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold Oak Grove Presbyterian Church accountable to Indigenous people and Nations. We recognize, and continually seek to support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native Nations in this territory and beyond.

For more information, please visit our website [www.oakgrv.org](http://www.oakgrv.org).



## Oak Grove New Members

### **Mary & Ray Hawes**

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Both Mary and Ray are retired, she having been a speech pathologist and he in business. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Both are heavily involved in diversity and inclusion of all (in various ways). Ray played football at the U, with a championship ring to prove it! He loves to teach and read. Mary is a PEO member, volunteers to teach ESL to immigrants, volunteers with Bluebirds and Blooms, also loves to read. Both enjoy time with family! We are thrilled that you are joining Oak Grove!

### **Tom Juhnke & Diane Prosser**

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Both Diane and Tom are retired, she as a UCC pastor and he in residential remodeling. Diane has two children, a granddaughter and a grandpup. Because of her profession, she has moved a great deal serving in different church capacities. While in Denver, she met Tom whom she married. She retired in 2011 and she and Tom chose to come here because of family. Tom's father was a farmer and a builder. Tom helped his dad and followed in his footsteps in doing construction. He loves motorcycles (had five at one time!), sings and is a certified instrument repair technician. They continue to be busy with many activities, gardening, travel, and woodworking. Welcome to Oak Grove membership, Diane and Tom!

### **Doug McNeely**

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Doug is the husband of member Georgia (Gigi) McNeely. They were married in 2021. He is retired from a career in accounting, doing audits for banks. He has two grown children and three grandchildren; when marrying Gigi that grandchild number rose to nine! Growing up in South Dakota he always wanted to move to MN, which of course he did. His love of sports meant he coached young children (6 to 18 yrs. of age) as well as American Legion baseball. He loves to play golf, travel with Gigi (ask about an upcoming trip) and of course spend time with family. We are delighted that you are joining Gigi as a member of Oak Grove.

## Oak Grove New Members

### **Stasia Norris**

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Stacy is a design engineer with RANI engineering where she works on highway design. She grew up in a Presbyterian Church in South Dakota. Stacy is engaged to be married next April. She and her fiancé have two dogs, a dachshund and a chihuahua. In her own words, she is a “queen bingoer, a lover of coffee, loves to read and embroider.” We so look forward to having you in our congregation, Stasia!

### **Kent Oldham & Stephanie Wheelock**

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Stephanie and Kent have been married one year. Stephanie is an assistant principal for Shakopee Public Schools and Kent works in human resources for Health Partners. Each has children, she two and Kent, three. They are both skilled in many ways. Stephanie was nominated by her staff and won the “Administrator of the Year” award. She has a passion to make sure all students can be seen and heard. Kent has self-published a book entitled “The Best Story Ever Told is the one you make up with Your Kids.” Their interests are varied and include reading, being outside (biking, running, walking) and travel (lived in Japan for four years) for Stephanie, and yoga, music, skiing, biking, travel for Kent and of course, both value time with family and friends. We are so happy that you have chosen Oak Grove as your faith congregation!

### **Jan Snell**

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Jan is a retired church educator and has two grown children, two granddaughters as well as two dogs. Because of her career, she already knew several people at Oak Grove when she started attending. She is a U of M grad from southeast Wisconsin and a Packer fan. She moved from St. Paul across the river and now calls Minnetonka home. She is a passionate dog person, loves to read, crochet and be with her granddaughters. We welcome you with open arms, Jan!

## Call for Nominations!

The Oak Grove Nominating Committee invites the congregation to submit recommendations of people to serve as Elders or Deacons of Oak Grove (or Youth Elder for the class of 2024). You may also nominate yourself. Qualifiers are a faithful heart open to learning and growing, and a willingness/ability to meet for collaboration in service of God to our congregation. All nominations are due by Sunday, June 11, 2023.

To suggest a name for consideration, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office, Kathy Howell's church mailbox or by speaking with Pastor Bart or Kathy Howell, Nominating Committee Chair. Thank you!

From (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of those I recommend and which one, or both, offices. You may also nominate yourself.

\_\_\_\_\_  Deacon  Elder

\_\_\_\_\_  Deacon  Elder

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