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the **Vineyard** church

MAY & JUNE 2024
DULUTHVINEYARD.ORG

Painting by Cameron Town



WELCOME!

The Vineyard is a community of all kinds of people asking Jesus to bring us to life. We want to love and experience God, love one another, and partner with Christ to bring his hope and healing to the Twin Ports (and the whole world)!

There are lots of ways to get connected, grow, and serve at the Vineyard. Whether you've just started coming to the Vineyard or you've been here a while, there's always something God is inviting you into.

First Steps ▶

Try any of these out to get to know us better:

- Attend our weekend services
- Introduce yourself to one of our pastors
- Try out a Small Group
- Learn all about the Vineyard's history and values at Welcome to the Vineyard
- Volunteer with us and serve our community

Next Steps ▶

Continue growing closer to God and explore all he has for you:

- Surrender your life to Jesus
- Attend one of our Bible-based classes
- Commit to a Small Group
- Give and receive prayer
- Begin tithing regularly

Leadership Steps ▶

If you want to explore what leadership is like at Vineyard try these:

- Attend Small Group Leader Training
- Ask God to change your character
- Love your enemies

Serving Steps ▶

We want everyone to know how much God loves them (even in really practical ways). Help people feel the love of God in real tangible ways:

- Volunteer in our Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf
- Join our street teams as they meet and serve our community in practical ways
- Donate or volunteer providing period products

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Cameron Town, a student at East High School, is a watercolor and acrylic artist who paints almost exclusively people and flowers. Painting has become one of Cameron's favorite outlets to decompress and a functional skill to develop in the process. Cam is taught by Shawna Gilmore, a wonderful acrylic painter and draws huge inspiration from her work.

This watercolor painting, for Cameron, embodies the newness and life that summer brings, while maintaining the subtle yellows and browns from the winter before. The bees and the pollinators work to usher in the next generation and the flowers bloom long enough to let them.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Becca Eastvold - Associate Pastor

John Kliewer - Interim Lead Pastor

Steph Bremer - Associate Pastor

MINISTRY AREAS

College & Young Adults - Clint Considine - cconsidine@duluthvineyard.org

Connections - Steph Bremer - sbremer@duluthvineyard.org

Clothing Closet - Barry Schull - bschull@duluthvineyard.org

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Discipleship - John Kliewer - jkliewer@duluthvineyard.org

Eastside Vineyard - Clint Considine - cconsidine@duluthvineyard.org

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Worship Ministry - Xena Alexandria - xalexandria@duluthvineyard.org

WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Services - Sundays at 9 & 11am at 1533 W. Arrowhead Rd.

Online Service - Sundays at 9 & 11 at duluthvineyard.org/livestream

Office & Lobby Hours - Tuesdays - Thursdays 9am-1pm

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the Vineyard church
Love God. Love people. Period.

FIRST STEPS *RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS*

PRAYER NIGHTS AT EASTSIDE – Sundays, May 19, June 2 & 16 – Dinner at 5:30pm, Prayer meeting at 6:30pm – Location: 3833 E Superior St – Jesus said "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." There is power in praying together as a community. Prayer transforms lives, sets people free, and creates a pathway to a deeper relationship with the Lord. Join us twice a month (1st & 3rd Sundays) at our Eastside location as we share a meal, worship together, pray for the needs of the community, and pray for each other.

WOMEN'S BRUNCH – Saturday, May 4 at 9am – As women in all walks of life, we are drawn to authentic relationships and deep intimacy with Jesus, but making time for those things can be so difficult. Our women's brunch is the perfect space to cultivate friendships, learn new ways to encounter God, and spend time in worship and prayer. Whether you're in high school or retirement, join us for an amazing morning that will feed your stomach and your soul. Register online at duluthvineyard.org. Childcare is not available; however, nursing mothers are welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE SPRINGS OF HOPE GALLERY RECEPTION – Friday, May 10 6-8:30pm – Molly Ovenden is a member of the Vineyard, local artist, creative coach, and typewriter poet. She has created a gallery space for you to connect with God through visual art and poetry. Whether you'd class yourself as someone who appreciates the arts or not, "Contemplative Springs of Hope" is set up as an invitation for you to draw closer to God. Using the Ignatian spirituality contemplative prayer practice of Visio Divina, this collection of art, poems, and reflective prompts is an opportunity to notice God through art. There are even videos of the words being read aloud to add to the experience. At the gallery reception, you can come hear from Molly about her art, visio divina, and even ask questions. We would love to have you join us!

CHILD DEDICATIONS – Sunday, May 12 at 11am – Child Dedications are a time for parents to publicly commit to collaborating with God in raising their children to become followers of Jesus. We will also be celebrating your families immediately after service in the lobby with refreshments and snacks! Contact Becca Eastvold for more information or sign up online for the Child Dedication class.

5TH GRADE GRADUATION – Sunday, June 2 at 3pm – We are having a party to celebrate 5th graders making the move from Club45 to our junior high ministry. We'll have pizza, talk about the transition from Vineyard Kids to student ministry, pray for each of the students, and play so much laser tag at Adventure Zone. Graduating 5th graders will play games with their Club45 teachers while parents/guardians will have a chance to chat about our junior high ministry with Well leaders. Parents/guardians, you're invited to come to this event with your student. Register online. Contact Becca if you have questions at 218.525.3462 or beastvold@duluthvineyard.org.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Saturday, June 15 at 9am – Who doesn't love a Saturday morning of free bacon and pancakes, as well as time with good friends? Come hang out at our regular Men's Breakfasts. We'll eat together, take in a short message, and pray for each other. Please register online so we know how many people to expect.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE – June 17-20 | Denver, CO & July 15-18 | Cincinnati, OH – We are so excited to be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Vineyard movement this year! Since 1974, when the first Vineyard Church gathered outside Los Angeles, we have seen God move among us, transform lives, and empower us with the Holy Spirit. At this conference, we will reflect on the soil of our hearts and our movement, and the seeds God is still planting in both of these places. By offering two locations and dates we hope that everyone – pastors, leaders, volunteers, and even those just curious about the Vineyard – will be able to gather together this summer for our conferences. We will have opportunities to spend time in worship, teaching, and prayer, as well as gather in smaller groups with people in similar ministry roles and life phases. And we are pleased to share that this year's registration costs have been greatly reduced through our generous sponsors. We can't wait to be together! You can register online at conference.vineyardusa.org.

WELCOME TO THE VINEYARD – Monday, June 24 at 5:30pm – Welcome to the Vineyard is your opportunity to discover what the Vineyard church is really all about. We will provide an in-depth look at the Vineyard's history, statement of faith, vision, values, and all the areas of ministry. Also, dinner will be provided! At the end of the class you will have the opportunity to become a member. Register online or at the Welcome Center. We look forward to meeting you!

JR. + SR. HIGH SUMMER BEACH NIGHTS – Wednesdays, June 26, July 31, and August 28 at 6:30pm – Summer is a time for friends and sunshine! Join us the last Wednesday of the month at the Park Point Beach house as we take time to enjoy the highlights of summer together: grilling, volleyball, swimming, and friends! Rides are available from the church at 7pm. For questions, contact Hunter Goebel at hgoebel@duluthvineyard.org.

ALL CHURCH BBQ & FAREWELL FOR THE BRINKERTS – June 30 at 12:30pm – We would love to have you join us for an all church summer BBQ! But here's the thing, it's not just about the food—it's about the joy of coming together as a community, sharing laughter, stories, and creating cherished memories with old and new friends alike. This time together will also be a chance to celebrate all God has done in and through Brian & Andrea Brinkert as we give them a final send-off toward their next adventure in ministry. So mark your calendars, bring your appetite, and let's celebrate!



GOD WORKS THROUGH OTHERS TO HELP GROW OUR FAITH.

Small groups are a vitally important part of our community — a place to let your guard down and build meaningful relationships with one another and with God.

Check out all of our groups online or in the lobby.
duluthvineyard.org/smallgroups

NEXT STEPS *GOING DEEPER INTO THE LIFE JESUS OFFERS*

BECOMING A TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY – Sunday, May 5 at 6:30pm – We live in a broken world, and because of that, traumatic things happen. When someone lives through a traumatic event, it can change how they interact with people, the world, and what they think about themselves and God. We want to be a community that is sensitive to the effects of trauma, and we want to know how to respond in a way that reflects Jesus’ heart for those who are hurting. Join Trisha Taylor of The Leaders Journey as she teaches what it means to be a trauma-informed community, and how together, we can heal from the effects of trauma.

EMOTIONAL MATURITY AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS: WHAT JESUS KNEW – Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm – In this discipleship workshop, Trisha Taylor of The Leader’s Journey will help us explore what it means to be both defined and connected, and how Jesus lived his life in this radical and surprising way. We’ll also learn how (with Jesus’ help) we can set aside being controlled by others or trying to control others, being tied up by anxiety, feeling lonely or disconnected, people-pleasing, and related issues. Please join us for this important teaching. Sign up online at duluthvineyard.org/registration.

BAPTISM CLASS – Thursday, May 30 at 6:30pm – Join us in this class to learn more about how we baptize folks here at the Vineyard and to hear God’s heart for you as you consider this step forward in obedience to him. We’ll go through the baptism statements of faith, share stories of what God is doing in us as he leads us into baptism, and talk through a bit of the logistics of baptism day, too. Although not required prior to baptism, it is highly recommended.

BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS – Sunday, June 2 at 9am and 11am weekend services – In the Bible there are lots of stories of folks who have surrendered their lives to Jesus and then get baptized, often immediately following their surrender. Not only is getting baptized an important next step in our obedience to Christ, but it’s also a public proclamation of your decision to follow Jesus and a celebration of your joining God’s family. God often does amazing things in response to our obedience, and as people have baptized we’ve seen them experience freedom, healing, and a deeper understanding and assurance of what Jesus is doing in their lives. If you’re a new follower of Jesus, we would love to celebrate and support you in your baptism! For more information go to www.duluthvineyard.org/baptism.

REPORTING HOTLINE

TO REPORT ABUSE OR OTHER CONCERNS

Call: (877) 817-9145

Online: www.MyComplianceReport.com

(Use access ID : DV)

Our 24/7 toll-free number is staffed by an independent organization and you do not have to give your name. Your report will be reviewed by appropriate members of our staff and Church Council, provided, however, that, if your report alleges misconduct by a particular person, your report will not be sent to that person. The operator will give you a reference number so that you may follow-up. We also strongly encourage all reports of criminal activities to be reported to law enforcement.





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SERVING STEPS PARTNERING WITH GOD AND OTHERS

3RD ANNUAL ROOTED OAKS INTERNATIONAL RUMMAGE SALE - Friday, May 31-June 1 -Rooted Oaks International partners with families living in poverty in Rwanda in connection with the Vineyard Church there. They are committed to empowering families through adult and child education. All proceeds from this sale will go directly to Rooted Oaks International's continued mission of training adults in literacy and job skills, as well as offering children quality education. Learn more at rootedoaksint.org. Sale will be at the Eastside Vineyard (3833 E. Superior St.) on Friday, May 31st from 8am-6pm and Saturday, June 1st from 8am-2pm.

Donations can be dropped off (at the Eastside Vineyard) on Wednesday, May 29th from 12pm-3pm and Thursday, May 30th from 12pm-6pm. Please ensure items are gently used, clean, and good quality. We will not accept electronics. We reserve the right to say no to certain items.

For more information contact Debbie Waller at 218-576-5660

FACILITIES FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM - The Facilities First Impressions Team plays a vital role in making everything clean and welcoming for our weekend visitors. Our goal is to extend God's love in a truly meaningful and practical way, and to ensure our facilities are as welcoming and distraction-free as possible before every service. If you are interested in joining the team, contact Hunter Goebel, Facilities Manager at hgoebel@duluthvineyard.org or 218-525-3462.

STREET TEAM - Wednesdays at 5:30pm at Lake Superior Plaza (14 W Superior St Duluth, Corner of Superior and Lake) - Jesus said in John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We are a community that wants to serve our city well and demonstrate that the love of God is for everyone! Join us as we give away a free drink downtown as a way to bless the Twin Ports and demonstrate that the Love of God is free, no strings attached. Contact Clint for more information at cconsidine@duluthvineyard.org or just show up and be part of the team!

VINEYARD BREW VOLUNTEER - We think that church should be the most welcoming place you go each week. So, we serve coffee and tea and baked goods to help make people feel more comfortable. So many details go into this ministry from brewing coffee and washing cups to taking orders and crafting espresso drinks. But, don't worry; we'll train you how to do all this stuff! Want to be part of making a difference one cup of coffee at a time? Contact Becca Eastvold at beastvold@duluthvineyard.org.

ONLINE CHURCH TEAM - Did you know we livestream our worship service every single Sunday?! It is a sweet way to stay connected and engaged for folks near and far. Not only can they view the service but they are able to receive one on one prayer and chat with each other. If you would like to learn more about our online prayer or greeting team, email Steph Bremer at sbremer@duluthvineyard.org

WORSHIP, SOUND & TECH - Each week, we're able to worship together in-person and reach people all over the world with the love of Jesus through our online and in-person services and our discipleship events. This means we have tons of opportunities to serve through musical worship, running the sound board, controlling slides, operating cameras, and leading production of our livestream services. If this sounds like something you'd be good at or if it's an area you'd like to learn more about, we'd love to meet you! Contact Xena at xalexandria@duluthvineyard.org or call 218.525.3462 to get connected and find out more.

THE FRUIT OF THE VINE FOOD SHELF - Our food shelf continues to grow and serve more families in the Twin Ports area. This growth means we need your help! We have started an appointment system in addition to our routine Tuesday evening and Saturday morning distributions. We are looking for volunteers to work reoccurring shifts; 1-4pm Tuesdays, 10am-4pm Wednesdays & Thursdays, and 1-4pm on Fridays. Your scheduled time can be once a month or once a week, whatever works. With this volunteer position, you will be greeting and assisting guests as they shop for food. If interested, please contact Barry Schull at bschull@duluthvineyard.org or 218-218-499-0123

COMPASSION MINISTRIES - Living compassionate lives is one of Duluth Vineyard Church's biggest priorities! We honestly believe that God loves people. All of us. Some of the ways you can get involved are:

- **PROVIDING PERIOD PRODUCTS** - Lack of access to period products is a critical problem for many women and girls in our Twin Ports community, preventing them from full participation in work, school, and life. As a faith community, serving women by providing the products necessary for managing their periods with dignity is an affirming expression of how God cares for women. We offer these free feminine hygiene products each week during our Fruit of the Vine food shelf hours. We have volunteer opportunities to assist guests in this ministry area.

- **CLOTHING CLOSET** - From clothes for a quickly growing newborn to a new pair of slacks for a job interview, our Clothing Closet provides free gently used clothing for guests of all ages and sizes. The Clothing Closet is open during our Fruit of the Vine food shelf hours. We are looking for volunteers to restock and assist guests in this area.

- **PRISON MINISTRY** - Every week, volunteers on our prison ministry team transcribe the weekend sermon from the Duluth Vineyard, print it, and mail it out to about 200 prisoners from around the country. Recipients also receive birthday cards each year for their birthdays. We are looking for additional volunteers to transcribe and stuff mailing envelopes.

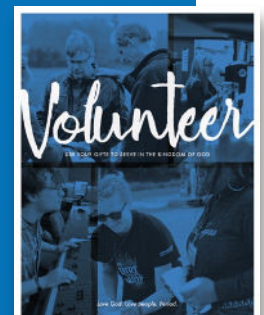
- **LAUNDRY LOVE** - Our Compassion Ministries has successfully partnered with a local organization called Laundry Love. This free service for the homeless and low income is offered every Tuesday morning, and is supported by different organization each week. A team from our church wash clothes for the needy, on the first Tuesday of each month at the Laundomat in West Duluth.

If any of these ministry areas peak your interests, please contact Barry Schull at bschull@duluthvineyard.org and he will be happy to provide more information.

There's nothing more satisfying than doing something that comes naturally to us, even if it might be a little bit of work. At times, it's like we're playing.

Find ways to volunteer in our Volunteer Guide or online.

duluthvineyard.org/serve





I love spring. It's a time when evidence of new life begins to emerge. A time to stop and notice, reflect and check in on the things that were planted the previous year. To see if they made it through the dark winter season and if they are yielding a hopeful flourishing of their true intention from being planted. One bud or sprout at a time together creating a beautiful garden.

Our faith journey goes through similar periods of time. There are natural flows of life that we encounter that have a direct impact on our faith. Life crises make us question God's existence. Success, purpose and meaning once drawn from a great career or friendship now leave emptiness and self-doubt. Difficult faith seasons where uncertainty, unanswered questions and unsettledness are loudest. Leaving us wondering if the blanket of winter will ever lift so the warm sun can bring us back to life.

I recently got curious about my own faith journey. I began to search and reflect on what my true destination was. Yes, Jesus. But if his job was to bring me to life, how was I working with him? How do I know if I am even moving in the right direction? What even is the direction?

Faith is a verb, action, the dynamic that drives or gives life to the relationship between us and God. Our response called faith is the human recognition, on the one hand, that God is God, and, on the other hand, that each of us is special. It is the recognition that we are most fully human when we acknowledge and accept God as God in our lives.

Faith with reference to the journey is simply the process by which we let God direct our lives or let God be God.

- Janet O. Hagberg "The Critical Journey"

I've come to realize that my faith journey is about inching my trust over to Jesus. Letting him lead me through the dark and following his instructions into difficult situations, not around them. Giving more control to God being God and seeing his plan unfold a little bit at a time, developing my faith. In doing this he is crafting the best version of myself—which he deems "special". Where I work on my character, laying down my desire for his. Digging in the soil of my heart and planting more love, peace, goodness, and self-control. This is the journey. This is a partnership. This is faith.

Just as a gardener tends to their plants with care and attention, so too must we tend to our souls with mindfulness and intentionality. This may involve engaging in practices such as meditation, prayer, journaling, or simply spending time in nature—whatever helps us to connect and cultivate a sense of God's peace, purpose, and presence. And the season of spring is the perfect time to pause, reflect, and look for signs of growth in our lives. Are we seeing more joy? Is there a new level of kindness growing in our hearts that meets others with the kindness of Christ, not just simply tolerance? Is God truly being God in our lives in such a way that he is drawing out our best selves, his version of who we are? The "special" self he made to be part of the body of Christ.

As we embark on this journey of faith, it is important to remember that it is not always a linear path. Just as the weather in spring can be unpredictable—with sunny days followed by storms—so too can our faith journey be filled with highs and lows, challenges and triumphs. But just as the rain nourishes the earth and helps flowers to bloom, so too can our struggles and setbacks ultimately serve to deepen our faith allowing God to be God in our lives.

So as we welcome spring in reality, would you consider noticing where the buds and sprouts are shooting up in your soul? Where Jesus is truly bringing you to life in such a way that puts God in control while he partners with you to become your greatest self and reflection of him. Then together as a community, we will be a vibrant, flourishing garden for others to experience.

Steph Bremer, Associate Pastor

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30pm - Becoming a Trauma-Informed Community 5	6:30pm - Emotional Maturity and Healthy Relationships 6	6pm - FOTV 7	5:30pm - Street Team 6pm - Jr. High 7pm - Sr. High 8		 10	9:30am - Fruit of the Vine 11
 6:30pm - Night of Worship 19		6pm - FOTV 13	5:30pm - Street Team 6pm - Jr. High 7pm - Sr. High 14			9:30am - Fruit of the Vine 18
		6pm - FOTV 20	5:30pm - Street Team 6pm - Jr. High 7pm - Sr. High 21			Fruit of the Vine - CLOSED 25
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12:30pm - Farewell All Church BBQ for the Brinkerts 30		6pm - FOTV 1	5:30pm - Street Team 6:30pm - Jr. & Sr. High Summer Beach Night! 2			9:30am - Fruit of the Vine 6