

## 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

## SENIOR STAFF

John Kliewer - Interim Lead Pastor

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## **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

#### In-person Services:

## Sundays at 9am & 11am 1533 W. Arrowhead Rd.

#### **Online Services:**

Sundays at 9am & 11am duluthvineyard.org/livestream

## FRUIT OF THE VINE HOURS:

Tuesdays 6-8pm & Saturdays 9:30-11:30am By appointment, call 218. 525.3462 duluthvineyard.org/fotv

### CHURCH COUNCIL

To provide comments and feedback on the governance of the church to our Church Council, email councilfeedback@duluthvineyard.org. All emails will be forward to the entire Church Council.

# the Vineyard church

Love God. Love people. Period.

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

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## FIRST STEPS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHERS

ASH WEDNESDAY - Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30pm, in-person & online - Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, we are on a journey that ultimately leads us to the cross. To the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this service, we will reflect on our own lives and turn our hearts toward God. We will be getting in touch with the sacrificial love of God sending his own son for us and how each of us personally needs saving. We look forward to sharing this time with you, as we reflect and encounter the living God. Vineyard kids will be open.

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 18 at 6:30pm - Join us this Good Friday for a powerful journey through the depth of Jesus' sacrifice and the hope it brings. Once a symbol of suffering and death, the cross has become the ultimate sign of redemption and new life. Through music, meditation, and reflection, we will contemplate the weight of Christ's love poured out for us. Whether you've walked with Jesus for years or are exploring faith for the first time, this is a sacred space to pause, remember, and prepare our hearts for the hope of Easter.

**EASTER** - Sunday, April 20 at 9 & 11am - The resurrection of Jesus is at the heart of the Christian faith. Join us as we celebrate together and reflect on the ways this historical event can bring transformation into every part of our lives today. Invite your friends, family, neighbors or coworkers to join you, as we celebrate and worship our resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ.

SOAKING WORSHIP - March 6 & 20 at 10am, March 23 at 6:30pm, April 10 & 24 at 10am - God moves, speaks, and heals through music. Soaking prayer and worship creates space for the slow, beautiful, deep, and healing work of the Holy Spirit within us. This will be a time to simply sit in God's presence and receive. There won't be lyrics on a screen or any specific structure. During this time Xena will sing, play piano, and pray as the Holy Spirit leads. In this season, if you are feeling exhausted or hopeless, or have been longing for more time to just be with Jesus, you are invited to come and experience his peace, love, goodness, and mercy through worship. Come and go as you please. On your own, or with a friend pray, sing, read your Bible, journal, or simply sit and rest in God's presence.

MONTHLY YOUTH HANGOUT (GRADES 6-12) – March 6 & April 3 at 6:30pm – Eastside Vineyard (3833 E. Superior Street) – Come and hangout with us at Eastside Vineyard on the first Thursday of every month during the school year! Maybe we'll have a campfire? Maybe a movie night? Maybe board games? If you're a student then you get to choose! This is a great chance to hangout, make new friends, and invite new friends to experience community! We'll meet at Eastside Vineyard from 6:30pm until about 8:30pm the first Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Hunter Goebel at 218–585–1421 or hgoebel@duluthvineyard.org.



**SERVANT APPRECIATION PARTY** - Sunday, March 9 at 5:30pm - World of Wheels Skate Center - We're rolling out the red carpet (and the skates!) to celebrate! Join us for a night of fun, food, and gratitude at World of Wheels Skate Center (1218 Oakes Ave, Superior, WI 54880). If you've served in any capacity within our church community over the past year, we want to say thank you for the incredible ways you've made a difference.

**SPRING CLEANING** – Saturday, April 5, at 9am – We are incredibly blessed to have a building like this to experience Jesus in. Sometimes, it needs a little extra TLC! Taking care of our space is a wonderful act of worship and a great way to serve each other, so lets get together to clean it up, keep it tidy, and show our building some love this spring! Snacks and friendship will be provided.

**BUNNY BOUNCE** - Saturday, April 19 at 10am - Kick off Easter with Bunny Bounce! A high-energy, family-friendly event packed with giant bounce houses, sweet treats, and plenty of fun! Kids can jump, climb, and play while parents cheer them on or even take a turn bouncing (we won't judge!). It's the perfect chance to invite neighbors, bring the kids' friends, and gather with family for a memorable afternoon. Don't miss this easy, fun way to celebrate the season together!

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, April 26 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.

**COLLEGE FINALS RELIEF** - Sunday, May 4 at 4pm-Midnight - The end of the year is in sight, Summer is almost here, but first, Finals!!! Come enjoy free food, free coffee and some de-stressing activities (Movies on the big screen, dodgeball, etc.) to help you unwind. We also have quite study areas set up so that you can actually get some work done, free from distraction.

**FULLY ENGAGED** - Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting May 7-\$40 per couple - Are you engaged or thinking about getting married in the coming year? At the Vineyard, our desire is to assist couples as they build a strong foundation for their marriage so that it will last a lifetime. If you're interested in this four-week pre-martial class register online at duluthvineyard.org.

## 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. 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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## NEXT STEPS GOING DEEPER INTO THE LIFE JESUS OFFERS

**RULE OF LIFE WEEKLY PRACTICES** – Ongoing – Every day, whether we realize it or not, we are being shaped by something. But when Jesus invites us to follow Him, He's calling us into a life of intentional, ongoing transformation. One way we step into that transformation is by creating a Rule of Life—a set of intentional habits that shape us to become more like Jesus.

This spring, we invite you to explore and practice spiritual disciplines together. In March, we'll engage in fasting, and in April, we'll

practice solitude. These rhythms help us slow down, create space for God, and align our lives with His presence and purpose. Scan the QR code to access weekly videos, a companion guide and suggested practices through an organization called Practicing the Way. Join us in this journey of transformation!



RULE OF LIFE CHECK-IN - Sundays at 10:30am in the Welcome Lounge - Each month in 2025, we're going to be pressing into a different spiritual discipline, trying it out, using it to let God and his love into our lives. This weekly meeting is a place to offer support and accountability to each other, to ask questions and learn from each other. Eventually, we can pick practices to include in our own rule of life. This is part of letting the Holy Spirit form a Kingdom heart in us so that Jesus can bring us to life.

**PRAYER NIGHTS AT EASTSIDE** - Sundays, March 2, 16 & April 6 - Dinner at 5:30pm, Prayer meeting starts 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 at our Eastside location as we share a meal, worship together, pray for the needs of the community, and pray for each other.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE - Wednesdays starting March 12 - April 23 at 6:30pm - The Marriage Course is a seven-week experience designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong, lasting marriage. When we make our vows, we rarely consider what the "for worse" might actually look like—times when we feel lonely or confused, even in the relationship where we should feel most connected and secure. This course provides practical tools and guided conversations to strengthen your connection, whether you're newlyweds or have been married for years. Each session includes a private date-night atmosphere, video content, and meaningful discussions between you and your spouse—no group sharing required. Join us for this opportunity to learn and grow together!

WOMEN'S RETREAT – April 10-12 - Step away from the noise of daily life and into a weekend of sacred rest. This retreat is designed like a Sabbath—a time to stop, rest, delight, and worship. It's your time, your pace. Whether you crave stillness and solitude or long for connection and adventure, this retreat is yours to shape.



Thursday evening (optional) is a relaxed time of fun and connection. Then, on Friday morning, we'll begin our journey together—finding rest, meeting with God, and deepening friendships. Through intimate worship, soul-nourishing teaching, engaging workshops, and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, we will create space for renewal.

The best part? You build your own schedule. Want to spend three days curled up in your room with a book? Perfect. Feel like soaking in every activity on the schedule? Go for it. This is your time to step away, breathe deeply, and be reminded of who you are in Christ. It's the girls' weekend you've been longing for—finally on the calendar. Now's the time to say yes!

#### RULE OF LIFE - PLANNING HABITS FOR TRANSFORMATION

- Sunday, April 27 6:30pm - What if your everyday rhythms could draw you closer to Jesus, shape you into his image, and empower you to live out his mission? The truth is, we're all being formed by our habits—whether we realize it or not. But transformation doesn't happen by accident. In this course, we'll dive into the power of a Rule of Life—a personalized, life-giving framework that helps you cultivate spiritual practices in a way that fits your real life. Through practical tools, reflection, and community, you'll design a Rule of Life that you can immediately begin living out. Whether you've been exploring spiritual disciplines this year or you're simply longing for a deeper, more intentional experience of Jesus, this class is for you. Come discover how small, intentional habits can lead to big, lasting transformation! Register online at duluthvineyard.org.

**STORIES OF HOPE** - Our community is full people who have had their lives changed by Jesus. God is doing amazing things and we

want to hear your story of hope. What has God been doing in your life lately? Whether it's a big or little thing, sharing your story of how God is at work will encourage others to trust him more too. Send us your story! stories@duluthvineyard.org. You can also visit our website to read more stories at duluthvineyard.org/hope.





# WANTING TO GET CONNECTED?

WE WANT TO HELP!

Steph Bremer is the person to reach out to if you are trying to find a small group, get involved in women's ministry, or ask about other ways that you can get involved in community here at the Vineyard.







## SERVING STEPS PARTNERING WITH GOD AND OTHERS

MARCH FOOD SHARE CAMPAIGN – March 1 thru April 6 – The annual March Food Share Campaign is one of the biggest fundraisers for our food shelf. How can you participate? During the month of March, make a financial gift designated to our Compassion Ministries or drop a few dollars in the Poor Box as you exit the sanctuary. You can also take a food share bag from the church lobby and fill it with food and return it to the church before April 6. All funds raised and food collected will be proportionally matched by GMCC (founded as Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches). Thank you for your participation and making our food shelf possible!

**HOSTING SAFE BAY** – Starting in May, we will be opening the rear parking lot as a Safe Bay. Safe Bay is a staffed, secure overnight space for people living in their vehicles. There are many ways to get involved. Please contact Barry at bschull@duluthvineyard.org or 218–525–3462 for more information.

STREET TEAM – Mondays at 5:30pm at Plaza Shopping Center Bus Stop (2 S 12th Ave E) – 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!

**DOUGH-NATION NIGHTS** – Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Topper's Pizza (1231 E 9th St.) – Support Laundry Love with a pizza night! Every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11am-11pm, Topper's Pizza is donating 15% of their sales to Laundry Love. Mention "Duluth Vineyard" or use promo code "Vineyard" when you place an order.

**SMALL GROUP OPEN MONTH** - April 1-30 - Are you thinking of hosting a small group in the summer? Open month is when all our small groups take a break and a great time to consider if hosting or leading a small group could be your next step. If you love making people feel welcome, opening your home, seeing lives changed and caring for others faith journey, while experiencing your own transformation, please contact Steph Bremer sbremer@duluthvineyard.org about what small group leadership might look like for you. Oh, and a little spoiler, this fall some groups will be going through the apprentice series. If you have experienced the goodness of the 'Good and beautiful God' and want to share that with others, this is your time!

**LAUNDRY LOVE** - Our Compassion Ministries has successfully partnered with a local organization called Laundry Love. A team from our church help wash clothes for the needy, on the first Tuesday of each month at the Laundomat in West Duluth from 8:30-11:30am. For more information please contact Barry Schull, Compassion Ministries Director, FOTV@duluthvineyard.org.

**SOUND & TECH** - Each week, we're able to reach people all over the world with the love of Jesus through our online and in-person services and our connection and discipleship events. This means we have tons of behind the scenes opportunities to serve through running the sound board, controlling slides, operating our recording camera, 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 train you and have you join our sound and tech team! Email Xena Alexandria at xalexandria@duluthvineyard.org or call 218.525.3462 to learn more.

VINEYARD KIDS VOLUNTEERS – If you have a heart for kids and families, we would love to invite you to consider serving in Vineyard Kids! We're looking for people who are passionate about children learning about what's in the Bible and helping them experience God's huge love for them. If that's you, you're invited to be a part of our team as we see kids come face to face with Jesus every time they walk through our doors! There are multiple ways to volunteer: Early Childhood teachers & helpers (2mos.-2yrs, 3-5yrs), Grade school teachers & helpers (grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6), Leaders for teaching & worship, Check-in & registration, Greeters, Musicians to worship with kids and to teach children in "Rise Up" (grades 4-6) how to play an instrument. Would you consider volunteering and sharing your talents with us? Contact Erika D'Angiola at edangiola@ duluthvineyard.org or call 218.525.3462 to learn more.

FRUIT OF THE VINE FOOD SHELF - In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, what you have done for the least of these you have done for me. Our Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf meets the needs of those in our community who are facing food insecurity, providing them with a week's worth of food each time they visit. The food shelf is open on Tuesdays from 6-8pm and Saturdays from 9:30-11:30am. We are now scheduling appointments during business hours for individuals who pick up for multiple families or cannot attend during normal distribution times. If you're interested in serving, we'd love to have you join the team! Please email Barry Schull at bschull@duluthvineyard.org or call 218.499.0123.



# INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR HOW!

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. Becca Eastvold is our teams pastor and she would love to help you find an area to serve.





"Lent is a time for greater love, greater generosity, and greater sacrifice.
And through it all, we are transformed."
– St. Teresa of Calcutta

Lent is here, and with it comes an invitation—an invitation to transformation. Jesus is always at work bringing us to life, shaping us into people with kingdom hearts, forming in us his goodness, love, and freedom. But transformation is not automatic. It requires us to say yes, to participate, to open ourselves up to the Spirit's work. Lent is a season designed for just that—to press into transformation, to let Jesus continue his work in us.

Lent, the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, has long been a season where followers of Jesus reflect, repent, and engage in practices that make space for God's transforming power. This year, as a church, we are stepping into that tradition in a focused way by practicing the spiritual discipline of fasting together in March.

#### Fasting in March: Making Space for God

In March, we will lean into fasting. Fasting is one of the oldest and most powerful spiritual disciplines. It is a way to remind ourselves that life is more than food, more than comfort, more than the temporary things we rely on. Fasting helps us realign our hearts, hunger for God, and recognize our deep dependence on him. It makes space for God to work in us.

Jesus assumed his followers would fast. In Matthew 6:16–18, he doesn't say, "If you fast," but "When you fast." Yet, for many of us, fasting feels foreign, confusing, or even intimidating. But it doesn't have to be. Fasting is not about earning anything

or proving our devotion. It's not a test of willpower or a way to manipulate God into action. It's simply a practice—a way to open ourselves up to his presence, love, and guidance.

This March, we invite you to join us in trying fasting. It could be fasting from food for a meal, a day, or longer. It could be fasting from something else that holds your attention—social media, entertainment, coffee, distractions. The point is not what we give up; the point is to create space to seek God. As we step into fasting, let's do so with expectation, trusting that God will meet us in the hunger, the longing, and the quiet.

To help, we will have a simple fasting guide available in the lobby with practical tips on fasting. And as we move beyond March, we'll continue our journey of transformation by practicing the discipline of solitude in April, creating intentional space to be alone with God and hear his voice. And if you want to process these practices with others, join us for a Rule of Life Check-In on Sundays at 10:30 in the Welcome Lounge.

#### **Beyond Religion: Heart Dangers**

As we step into Lent, our weekend series will take us into what Jesus teaches in Matthew 6. We've already seen in the Sermon on the Mount how Jesus calls us into a new kind of life—a life where we are truly well off in him, where we are transformed from the inside out. We have explored what it means to have a kingdom heart of goodness, the kind of heart that naturally overflows with love, grace, and righteousness.

Now, Jesus warns us about two dangers that threaten this transformation:

- 1. The desire to gain approval from others, especially for being religious.
- 2. The desire to secure ourselves with material wealth.

These heart dangers pull us back into religious performance instead of real transformation. They keep us from living freely in God's kingdom. But Jesus, in his brilliance, doesn't just warn us—he shows us how to be free. He teaches about the role of secrecy in spiritual practices, how to break free from wealth's grip, and how to treasure what truly matters.

This series will be challenging, but in the best way. Jesus is not giving us more rules to follow—he is inviting us into a new way of life, a way of freedom.

Let's press into Lent together. Let's make space for transformation. Let's step into fasting, listen to Jesus' words, and allow the Holy Spirit to shape us. This is not about religion. This is about real, deep, lasting life in his kingdom. And it is good.

Looking forward to all that God will do in us this season!

John Kliewer, Interim Lead Pastor

# spiritual disciplines

January - Sabbath

February - Prayer

**March** – Fasting

**April** - Solitude

**May** – Generosity

**June –** Scripture

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30am - Rule of Life Check-In 5:30pm - Prayer Night at Eastside Vineyard	5:30pm - Street Team	6pm - FOTV 6pm - Alpha	6:30pm - Ash Wednesday	10am -Soaking Worship 6:30pm -Youth Hang Out!		9:30am - FOTV
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