

**WINGS:
The Homeschool Ministry of Grace Church**

Grace Church is blessed to have an active group of homeschool families who are passionate to see their children know and love Jesus and enjoy gathering with one another on a regular basis. It is our aim to provide support and encouragement to homeschool families at Grace and the surrounding community through fellowship and discipleship for the glory of Jesus Christ. If you are new to the homeschool world or are a homeschool veteran, we would love for you to join our "Wings at Grace" homeschool community. We have three ministry options that may be of interest to you: monthly support group, an online community and social gatherings.

The monthly **support group** exists to equip and assist parents as they navigate the wonderful and sometimes challenging world of homeschooling. This group is made up of individuals who are new to homeschooling and individuals who have been homeschooling for many years. Each month a different topic is discussed and there is time for fellowship. Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:45pm at Grace Church.

Grace Church also has a private online **homeschool community** where members share helpful tips in a forum that is open for posting questions and getting homeschool suggestions. There is also a place to post articles, buy and sell used curriculum, hear about upcoming field trips, and advertise a business.

The Grace Church homeschool leadership team plans and coordinates field trips, **social activities**, volunteer projects and family picnics for homeschool children and their parents. The primary way to learn about upcoming social events is to join the online homeschool community. Registration is only \$7 per year.

We would love to have your family participate in any of the ministries we offer. If you would like to learn more about the homeschool ministry of Grace Church you can contact Mike and Ann Miller at wingsatgrace@gmail.com and if you would like to become a member of the online community you can visit our website at <http://www.atgrace.com/ministry/children-families/homeschool>.

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Building and Emergency Plans

Power Outage

If the building has experienced a power outage the following procedure will be in place.

- If the building is without power a notice will be placed in the Church website at www.atgrace.com to indicate the building is closed and not activities are taking place that day or call your School's Administrator.
- If you are in the building during a power outage, you will be instructed as to when and if the power will be restored. If there has been a decision to close the building, you will be notified by your School's Administrator.

Fire

If there is a fire in the building, an alarm will sound. Through the Public Address System you will be directed to do the following:

- It is a false alarm and nothing needs to be done.
- Evacuate the building using the nearest exit (look for maps in each classroom) move away from the building.
- Stay where you are as the fire is contained in another part of the building.

Severe Weather

- In case of severe weather, you will be notified by the Public Address system of where to move to in the building.
- Snow day – If we experience a snowstorm, and you are in doubt if the building is closed, please contact your School Administrator. If there is a snow storm and the building is closing, you will be notified by your School Administrator of the closing. The church will also be placing on their website, www.atgrace.com the building closing information. KTIS and WCCO will be notified if the building will be closing.

Lockdown

There are two types of lockdown,

1. Threat outside of the building.
 - If the threat is outside the building, all exterior doors will be locked. You are asked to leave all public areas, hallways, restrooms, commons and move to a classroom. Once in the classroom, close the door and close any window blinds (if in the classroom), stay away from the windows. Classes can resume as normal.

2. Threat inside the building.

- If the threat is inside the building, you will be asked to move to the nearest classroom, lock all classroom doors, turn off the classroom lights, Open any exterior window blinds in your area. Do not respond to anyone at the door until an "All Clear" as been announced over the Public Address System.

Weapon

General Statement of Policy

No person under the age of 21 without a State of Minnesota Permit to Carry a firearm, including adults and visitors, shall possess, use or distribute a weapon when on grace Church property. Grace Church Department of Public Safety will act to enforce this policy, and to discipline or take appropriate action against any staff member, student or guest who violates this policy.

1. A "weapon" means any object, device or instrument designed as a weapon or through its use is capable of threatening or producing bodily harm, or which may cause be used to inflict self-injury including, but not limited to , any firearm, whether loaded or unloaded; air guns; pellet guns; BB guns; all knives; blades; clubs; metal knuckles; numchucks; throwing stars; explosives; fireworks; stun guns; ammunition; poisons; chains; arrows; and objects that have been modified to serve as a weapon.
2. No person shall possess, use or distribute any object, device or instrument having the appearance of a weapon and such objects, devices or instruments shall be treated as weapons including but not limited to, weapons listed above which are broken or non-functional; look- like guns; toy guns; and any object that is facsimile of a real weapon.
3. No person shall use articles designed for other purposes (i.e. belts, combs, pencils, files, scissors, etc.) to inflict bodily harm and/or intimidate, and such use will be treated as the possessions and use of a weapon.
 - a. "*Grace Church*" includes the building proper and its grounds, locations of church/school activities or trips; or church owned or rented vehicles.
 - b. "*Possession*" means having a weapon on one's person or in an area subject to one's control in a church/school location.