



ANCHOR NEWS

ANCHORED IN TRUTH. • GROWING IN FAITH. • LIVING WITH PURPOSE.

SEPTEMBER 2026 | MONTHLY MESSAGE

ANCHORED IN TRUTH.

Growing in Faith.

Stories, updates, opportunities, and a community where youth and families can belong, grow, serve, and lead—together.



BELONG



GROW



SERVE



LEAD

THE HEART BEHIND ANCHOR
GOD IS BUILDING
SOMETHING.

We are simply saying yes.

Anchor Ministry was not born from a plan to build another organization. It has grown through prayer, need, discernment, relationship, and a deep conviction that God is at work in this place. Our calling is to faithfully shepherd what He is building.

Mission

Lead youth and families into a life-giving relationship with Jesus, anchored in truth.



ANCHOR
— MINISTRY —

BELONG | GROW | SERVE | LEAD

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The many ways to belong and grow.



UPCOMING DATES

Schedule of events.
Mark your calendar.



WAY TO GET INVOLVED

Everyone has a place here.
We'd love to have you.



REAL STORIES

How God is moving in the lives of youth & families.



STAY INFORMED

Get connected.

There is a place for you here.

Vision

A generation of families firmly and authentically anchored in Christ.

A NOTE FROM NATALIE

WELCOME & UPDATE

There is a place for you here.

Dear Anchor Community,

As we step into this new season, I am overflowing with gratitude, hope, and praise at how good and faithful God is and for all the ways He shows up for His children. What a remarkable journey it has been to see how God has been working in all the details—through prayer, through people, and through every conversation, open door, and encouraging word.

Anchor Ministry isn't just an idea or a program—it's a God-given vision to lead youth and families into a life-giving relationship with Jesus, anchored in truth. We believe in the power of authentic relationships, the truth of God's Word, and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit to equip this generation of youth and families to not only live with courage, confidence, and purpose, but to do so in glory to God and to build up His Kingdom.

I'm so excited for what God has ahead for us and for all the ways you are part of this story—whether you show up, pray, serve, encourage, or simply believe in this ministry. It all matters, and we appreciate every role played.

As the one who is simply initiating God's plan and vision and lifting up and celebrating the countless people who have stepped up to take an active part, my call is to faithfully and obediently shepherd what He is building.

Together, we can stand firm and secure, anchored in God's Word and make an eternal impact. Thank you for believing and supporting what God is building.

With a grateful heart,

Natalie

Founder & Executive Director
Anchor Ministry

*We're helping build
a legacy of faith for
generations to
come.*



*"This is the promise underneath
everything we are building."
~Natalie*

*"We have this
hope as an
anchor for the
soul, firm
and secure."*

HEBREWS 6:19

WHAT ANCHOR OFFERS

WHY NOW AND WHY IT MATTERS?

Youth and families need an anchor.

The need for meaningful faith formation and authentic connection is growing—not only for our youth, but for families as a whole. Young people need safe places to belong, ask questions, build relationships, and develop a faith that becomes their own as they navigate enormous pressure, anxiety, comparison, and a culture that can make faith difficult to live out.

But parents, couples, grandparents, and adults also need places to be encouraged, equipped, supported, and strengthened as they navigate faith, relationships, parenting, and everyday life. **That's part of the bigger vision for Anchor.**

We want to come alongside our local churches and communities to help fill gaps, build relationships across generations, share resources, and create opportunities for youth and families to encounter Jesus and grow together. Because when we invest in young people and the people surrounding them, we aren't simply impacting today.

MEET THE TEAM

WHO SAID "YES?"

Those saying "yes" to the call to serve and lead.

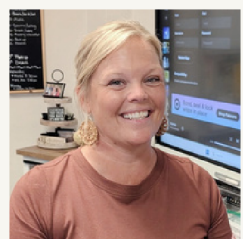
*Every act of prayer,
leadership, service,
encouragement, and
presence matters.*

LEADERSHIP TEAM

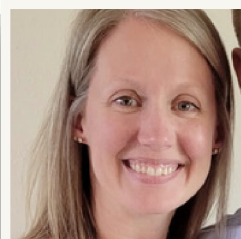
Provides oversight, guidance, fiscal stewardship, accountability, and support for the long-term health and impact of Anchor Ministry.



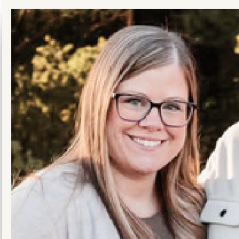
Darin Hanson
President



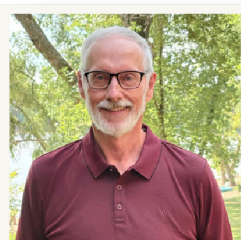
Brandi Gruchow
Vice President



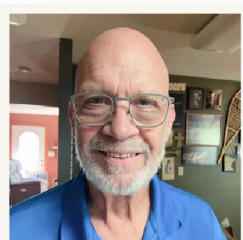
Tiffany Allen
Co-Treasurer



Tracy Bowman
Co-Treasurer



Ken Johnson



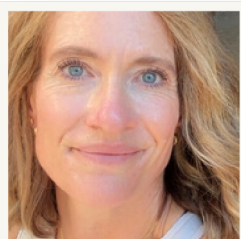
Jim Kloos



Natalie Hanson
Executive Director
Secretary

SPIRITUAL ADVISORY TEAM

Covers the ministry in prayer, offers spiritual discernment, leans on God's truths, and helps keep Jesus at the center of every decision.



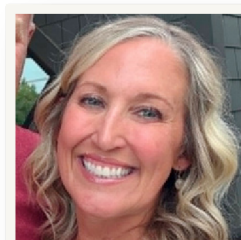
Amanda Anderson



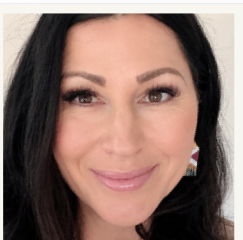
Amanda Davison



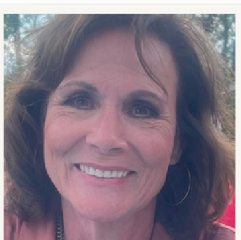
Andy Westrom



Julie Loken



Laura LaRue



Lisa Pikop

REACH OUT & CONNECT



Call or text Natalie @
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Email the team at
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STAY INFORMED

GET CONNECTED

Don't miss anything!

Don't miss what's happening at
Anchor Ministry!

Get reminders, updates, ministry
news, event details, opportunities
to serve, resources, and more by
connecting with us:

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**STAY CONNECTED.
STAY INFORMED.
FIND YOUR PLACE.**

MEET THE TEAM cont.**CHAMPION TEAM**

Leads specific ministry lanes such as parent and volunteer engagement, prayer and care, adult faith formation, worship, communications, service, and more.



Kristel Olson
Fundraising & Dev't



Leah Anderson
Community & Service



Lisa Lacey
Adult Faith Formation



Liza Long
Church Partnership



Megan Strobel
Youth Disciple



Mindy Beyer
Youth Disciple



Tracy Frykman
5th & 6th Grade

FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS

Anchor Ministry is blessed with an incredible group of leaders, volunteers, prayer warriors, and students who are helping turn vision into reality. These teams help make sure Anchor is rooted in prayer, sustained with wisdom, and carried forward with faithful action.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

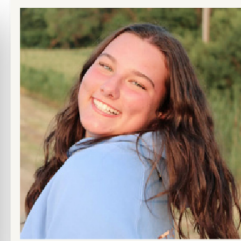
Axel Anderson



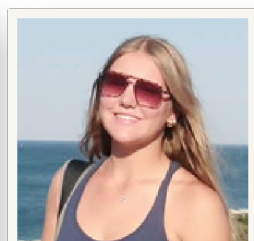
Kyra Beyer



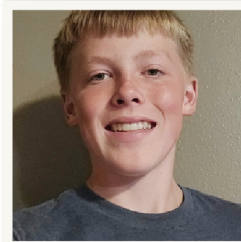
Karleigh Brendmoen



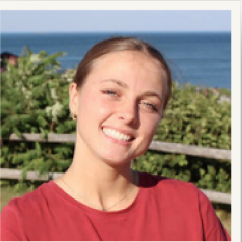
Laila Davison



Miley Dewey



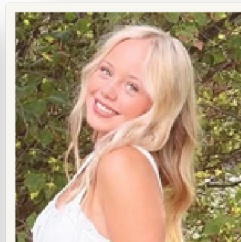
Camron Frykman



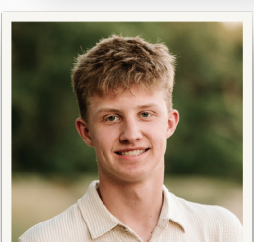
Keyenna Gerhke



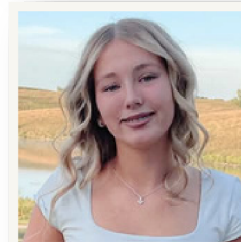
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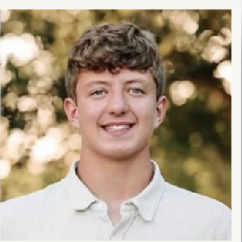
RaeAnna Gruchow



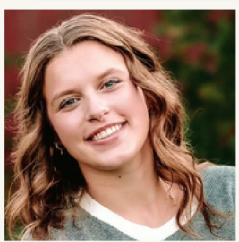
Cooper Hanson



Gretchen Meyer



Ben Sabolik



Britta Wevley

Gives students a meaningful voice, ownership, and leadership role in shaping gatherings, service, mission trips, promotion, and discipleship.

WHAT ANCHOR OFFERS

MANY WAYS TO BELONG AND GROW

We listen. We grow. We respond.

Anchor is more than one gathering. It's a community designed to grow with youth & families as needs, relationships, & opportunities continue to unfold.

**5TH & 6TH GRADE**

Faith formation first Wednesday of the month including faith buddies, snacks, worship, prayer, small groups, service, fun, relationships, and a bridge into deeper faith.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL—7-9th**

Faith formation three Wednesdays a month including games, worship, God's Word, small groups, prayer, blessing, service, friends, and real-life faith.

**HIGH SCHOOL—9-12th**

Faith and Life gatherings twice a month including community, discipleship, leadership, worship, God's Word, prayer, blessing, small group, deeper conversations, mentoring, and mission.

**MISSION + RETREATS**

We've seen the invaluable faith growth mission trips produce so we plan to do JH and HS trips. In addition we hope to plan retreats, summer experiences, local service work, etc.

**WORSHIP + CREATIVE**

We worship at every gathering and welcome musicians to lead & partake. We hope to continue the dramas, storytelling, and creative ways to share faith.

**FAMILIES + ADULTS**

Parent support, adult faith formation, groups, retreats, family experiences, and intergenerational connection. Please tell us what you desire!

**SERVICE DAYS**

The second Wednesday of the month is early out for WCA, therefore, we will host a SERVICE DAY that afternoon for all 5th - 12th grade youth. More details to come.

MORNING PRAYER

Seek prayer and pray for one another. Dates and times to come.

UPCOMING DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

More details will be shared as dates are finalized.

**SAVE
THE DATES!**

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

SEPT
9

ANCHOR LAUNCH NIGHT

6:30 PM | Messiah Lutheran Church, Hoffman

Worship, stories, God's Word, prayer, and ice cream social.

SEPT
23 & 30
OCT
7, 21, 28

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION—7-9th Grade

3:30-5:15 PM | Messiah Lutheran Church, Hoffman | Bussing from WCA available

Games. Faith. Friends. Food. Worship. Prayer. Fun.

*9th Graders are welcome
to attend whichever
option works best for you.*

SEPT
23 & 30
OCT
7 & 21

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION—9th-12th Grade

5:45 PM (after practices) | Messiah Lutheran Church, Hoffman

Supper. Worship. Real talk. God's Word. Connection. Friendship. Prayer. Faith Growth.

OCT
7

5TH & 6TH GRADE FAITH FORMATION

3:30-5:15PM | Messiah Lutheran Church, Hoffman | Bussing from WCA available

Games. Faith. Friends. Food. Worship. Prayer. Fun.

OCT
14

SERVICE DAY—5TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH

12:30-3PM (after school) | Location & Details TBD

Local service and volunteer opportunity.

OCT
15-17

7TH-12TH GRADE GIRLS' RETREAT & MYC

Departure time TBD | Rochester, MN

Worship, learn, grow alongside thousands of youth from MN as well as small enjoy group/retreat experience all with the intention to grow in faith.

SEPT
23 & 30

MORNING PRAYER—YOUTH LED—ALL YOUTH WELCOME

7:30 AM (before school) | WCA Secondary School

Together seeking God in prayer and praying for one another.

Dates and locations are subject to change as we finalize details and work to meet the ongoing needs.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY

There is a place for you here.

We are all uniquely called and equipped as the body of Christ to take part in the work God is doing, and your voice, talents, gifts, resources, ideas are welcomed and celebrated here. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to take part in helping us build up His Kingdom, igniting faith in youth and families.

COME

Show up. Bring a friend. Participate in gatherings, worship, service, prayer, and community. Help create the kind of place where people feel seen and welcomed.

Everyone has a story, and we'd love to hear yours. ***If you have a testimony you'd like to share to our youth, please reach out.*** We'd love to welcome you. Your story matters and impacts youth in big ways.

SERVE

We welcome volunteers willing to help with the following:

- Make meals for HS Youth
- Bring snacks for Middle School Faith Formation
- Lead a small group
- Mentor our HS Youth
- Chaperone events, retreats, trips
- Fill these roles: Prayer & Care and Parent & Volunteer Champion

PARTNER

Churches, families, individuals, businesses, and community partners can pray, invest, share resources, and help open doors for ministry as well as inform us of the service needs in our community.

INVITE

Tell someone about Anchor. Share posts. Hand someone a card. Invite a student, parent, grandparent, or friend who may be looking for community.

GET CONNECTED

FILL OUT OUR REGISTRATION & INTEREST FORM

Whether your family is ready to jump right in, interested in a few opportunities, or simply wants to stay connected and learn more, there is a place for you here.

Please complete this short form to help us get to know your family, plan for the year ahead, and keep you informed about Anchor Ministry gatherings, events, trips, service opportunities, and more. Completing this form does not commit your family to every Anchor Ministry opportunity—it simply gets you connected!



**SCAN QR CODE
TO GET
CONNECTED.**

A NONPROFIT MINISTRY

GIVING IS AN INVITATION—NOT A REQUIREMENT.

No membership or participation fees—all are welcome.

There is no membership or participation fee to be part of Anchor Ministry. We do not want finances to be the barrier that keeps a youth, family, or individual from finding their place here. As a nonprofit ministry, Anchor is sustained through the generosity of individuals, families, church partners, businesses, community partners, grants, and fundraising—those who believe in the mission and choose to invest in what God is building. Anchor is waiving all administrative costs this first year to firmly establish the ministry.

Giving is an invitation—not a requirement. Some mission trips, retreats, conventions, or special experiences may have costs, but we will communicate those clearly and work to provide fundraising opportunities and financial assistance whenever possible. If you feel moved to invest in Anchor, you can donate via Venmo COMING SOON, or write a check payable to Anchor Ministry and mail to: 15014 Golf Course Course Rd., Ashby, MN.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY APP

THAT KEEPS YOUTH CONNECTED

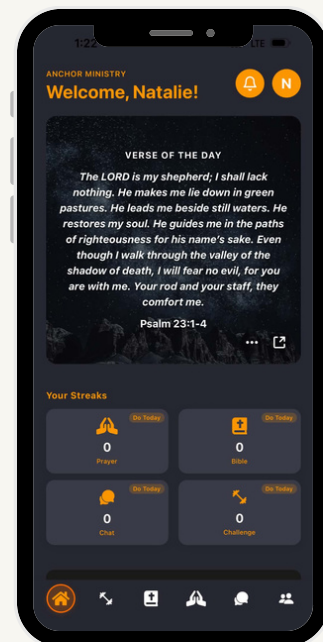
Try it with us!

FRESH FIRE is a Christ-centered community that brings youth and family ministry communication and discipleship into one APP.

- Encourages youth to develop daily spiritual rhythms including prayer, Scripture, worship, and reflection and provides weekly REAL-LIFE application.
- Gives teams, small groups, and leadership a ministry focused place to message each other throughout the week.
- Equips parents with Bible plans, challenges, announcements, and events so they can stay involved and have better conversations at home.



Scan the QR Code for Instructions



7h 22m

Average student spends on phone daily.

9%

Teens engage with Bible more than once a week.

77%

Teens hungry to learn more about Jesus.