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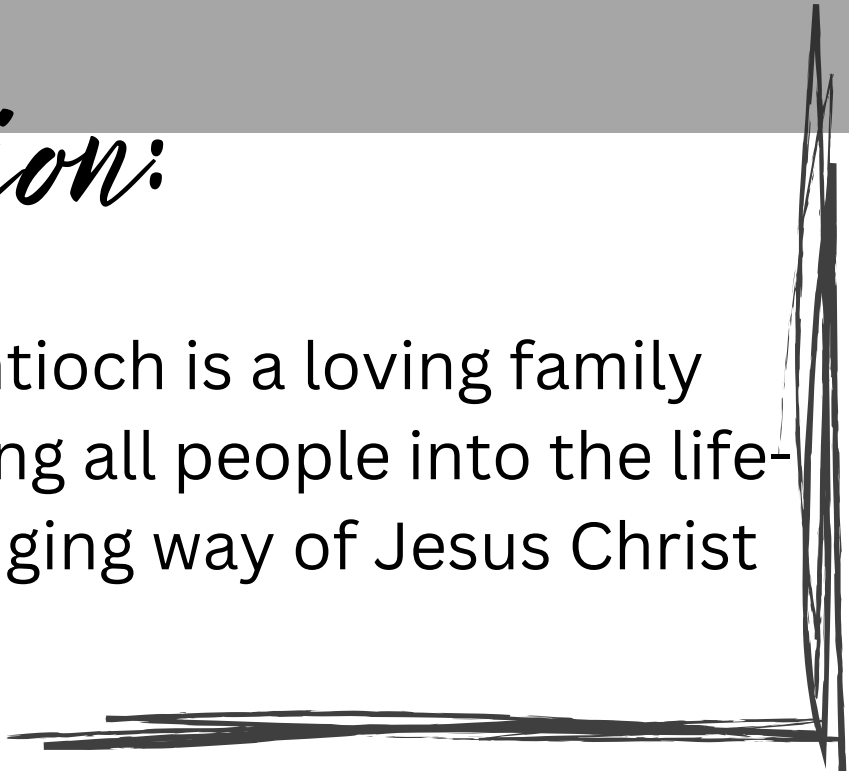
THE AREA OF
NORTHEAST

mission:

To ignite a movement of the
gospel throughout the Twin
Cities and beyond

vision:

Antioch is a loving family
inviting all people into the life-
changing way of Jesus Christ



Vision Continued

Unlike an earthly family, we are a family “born not of blood, but of God” (John 1:12-13), redeemed by a heavenly Father who has adopted us as sons and daughters (Galatians 4:4-6). Our family has a rich variety of members reflective of Northeast Minneapolis and the Kingdom to come (Revelation 7:9). There is always an open invitation to our table.

Through daily living in community, we are maturing in Christ, healing from past wounds, being equipped for ministry, and learning to love one another and the people in our lives who do not yet know Jesus. God is doing amazing things in and through our family and we are intentionally joining Him!

History

2007 - 2008

Planning and Launch

- The vision was to reach the next generation for Jesus and raise leaders to plant new churches.
- Church plant out of Hope Community Church, Minneapolis and the EFCA.
- Gathering in the Ukrainian Event Center (301 on Main Event Center).
- Lots of prayer, training, researching the neighborhood, as well as organizing our first community groups and the core team.

2007 - 2008

The Early Years

- These years were both exciting and difficult.
- We were struggling to make our budget and had staff transitions.
- We were also growing and preparing to send out our first church plant.

2012 - 2014

Sending Out

- We sent out CityVision church to St Louis Park (now Park Community) in January 2014.
- It was a celebration, but we also felt their absence.
- It was a great maturing period for our leadership teams.

2014 - 2016

Growing

- We had more kids, more elders, more community groups and more members than ever.
- We were excited to see where the Lord was leading us next.

2017 - 2020

Learning

- In 2018 God blessed us with a facility of our own at the Waterbury Building.
- We spent the next two years settling in to our new home as well as initiating a 5 year strategic planning process.

2020 - 2022

Pandemic

- 2020 was filled with many challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, racial injustice and street violence, and the contentious presidential election.
- These challenges revealed areas of weakness in our organizational structures systems and ministries.
- God used these challenges to refine our church, and through that we experienced relatively stable unity despite the tumultuous events occurring in our surrounding culture.
- The pandemic brought the opportunity to serve our community through the grocery ministry and community care fund.
- We also saw the resignation of both our associate and lead pastor, who both felt God calling them away from ministry.
- Covid also resulted in many members of the congregation moving further out of the city and relocating to different church homes.

2022 - now

The Now

- In January, we welcomed our interim Pastor Patrick Drury
- We are excited and hopeful for what God has in store for Antioch
- We have been spending time assessing the health of Antioch through prayer, scripture study and a congregational poll.
- Our lease at the Waterbury building is ending in 2024; therefore, we're in a discernment process regarding our facility and where we will be meeting in the future.
- Even with all the changes and uncertainty over the past two years, we've felt God's strong and consistent presence and as a body have retained close community.

Community Groups

At Antioch, Community Groups (CGs) are a critical part of living out our vision of being a “loving family inviting all people into the life-changing way of Jesus Christ.” These smaller subsets of the church band together to “go” with the focus of obeying God’s commission. We define Community Groups as families of servant missionaries seeking to make disciples who make disciples.

There are currently 7 CGs.



DNA Groups

Even smaller subsets of the church come together to grow with the focus of being transformed by God's good news. At Antioch, DNA Groups are small groups of disciples focused on helping one another increasingly submit all of life to the authority and empowering presence of Jesus Christ.



Serving Teams

Another way that members of the body connect is through serving together on the following teams:

- Community Engagement
- Kids' Ministry
- Hospitality Team
- Prayer Team
- Facilities Maintenance
- Productions Team
- Worship Team

Community Engagement Ministry

Community Engagement Ministry (CE Ministry) is our label for the "hands and feet" ministries we do as a church. We want to preach the gospel with both our words and our deeds (see our Core Value "Holistic Mission"), to both proclaim and demonstrate the good news of Jesus Christ. We want to ask the question, "If Antioch were to disappear, would our city notice?" and have the answer be a resounding "YES!"

At the same time, we are aware of our serious inability to do any good in our own strength. Anything we try to do needs to first come from the inside out; from an abiding relationship with Jesus. As he fills up our hearts and overflows from our lives, we are able to give to those in need and guide all types of lost people to Jesus.

One way this is accomplished is through the Community Care Fund. The fund provides for two purposes: our weekly grocery distribution and financial assistance fund for those in need in our community.

The grocery ministry is a free grocery pickup for those in need every Tuesday from 11am-1pm. In 2022 the grocery ministry:

- Had 285 households (averages about 1100 people) registered for free grocery pickup
- Purchased 28,558 lbs. of food (cost \$5,577)
- Created opportunity for 57% of our Community Groups to serve in a tangible way

In the past 2 months of 2023, we have increased our number of registered families by 33 households and now have 318 households registered for our grocery ministry. This is wonderful and represents over a thousand souls that can be impacted by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The financial assistance ministry provides limited aid to those who are in need of financial assistance and live in the NE Minneapolis and Greater Twin Cities area. In 2022 our Community Care fund has:

- Received 20 financial assistant applications
- Distributed \$4,748 in financial assistance
- Provided shelter for a victim and children of domestic abuse, kept housing for a family who suffered a series of tragedies, helped to secure transportation after theft of vehicles, provided financial support for those at risk of losing their job, and more!

This year we are hoping to do more with our Community Care Fund through two new partnerships that would help welcome new immigrants offering support, providing necessary furniture and household goods to them and those transitioning out of homelessness. Our initial goal is to furnish the entire home of 1 client a month, which will cost \$270 per client (or \$3,240 for 1 year).



Kids Ministry

Each Sunday morning during the worship service, trained kids ministry team members use the Bible and The Gospel Project curriculum as the primary teaching tools with the kids. Each week there is a new lesson and the kids in all programs hear the same message with age specific Bible stories, activities and applications. Programs are available for ages birth through 8th grade.

Spring Retreat

We have an annual tradition of getting away and going to camp each year! It started as a fall retreat and has transitioned to a spring retreat. We spend a weekend together at Camp Shamineau enjoying God's creation, learning, and connecting as a family.



Womens Ministry

Purpose: To equip and empower the women of Antioch to live out the life-changing way of Jesus.

Means:

- Widely-accessible, quarterly events
- Annual conference
- DNA groups
- Organic relationships
- Meal trains for new parents
- Playdates for kids and moms



Mantioch

Purpose: To equip and empower the men of Antioch to live out the life-changing way of Jesus.

Means:

- Men's Breakfast
- Bonfires
- Book studies



The Area: Northeast Minneapolis

Northeast or “Nordeast” is one of the first neighborhoods in Minneapolis. It is also one of the fastest growing neighborhoods in the United States. It was originally a melting pot for newly arriving immigrants, especially eastern Europeans, looking for employment. It remains a diverse area and continues to attract younger individuals as well as new immigrant groups. It is now known for its arts district, breweries, restaurants, and parks/trails.

Restaurants:

Hai Hai
Brasa
Chimborazo
Anchor Fish and Chips
Hazel’s
Emily's Lebanese’s Deli
Holy Land

And so much more!

Outdoors:

Grand Rounds Scenic Byway
Columbia Golf course
Stone Arch Bridge

Arts/Entertainment/Events:

The Main Cinema
Annual Art-A-Whirl
Northeast Walkable Pint Crawl

Breweries/Cideries/Distilleries:

Bauhaus Brewlabs
Indeed Brewing Company
Fair State Brewing Cooperative
Sociable Cider Werks
Earl Giles

