



# A Closer Look



**EAGLE BROOK**  
CHURCH

# A Message From

## Senior Pastor Jason Strand

In the late 1940s, a handful of individuals began meeting in White Bear Lake with the goal of reaching people for Christ. They saw a need—a neighborhood that wasn't being reached—and planted a church to meet it.

A lot has changed since then, but our mission to reach people for Christ has remained the same. It's the heart behind everything we do—so that lives are transformed.

The passion that our church attenders have for bringing people into a relationship with God and with each other is just one of the reasons why I am so proud to be part of this church.

If you're just getting to know Eagle Brook for the first time—or if you've been here a while and are now taking steps to be more involved—you're part of something big.

I can't wait to see what God has in store for you.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Jason Strand in white ink.

Jason Strand | Senior Pastor

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**No Matter Who You Are  
Or Where You've Been,**

**YOU ARE  
WELCOME  
HERE.**



# History

1948

Sam and Ethel Hane begin hosting Sunday School services in a home in White Bear Lake with a handful of people. They name themselves First Baptist Church and make a commitment to reaching people for Christ.

1958

First Baptist outgrows the home they've been meeting in and purchases a building.

1972

Eight years after purchasing land at Highway 61 and Buffalo Street, First Baptist dedicates the new church building—just a small part of the White Bear Lake location as we know it today.

1991

Bob Merritt is welcomed as the new pastor of First Baptist.

1995

First Baptist is renamed Eagle Brook Church. Both eagle and brook have strong ties to Scripture in Isaiah 40:31 and Psalm 42:1. They also refer to nearby Bald Eagle Lake and the small brook that borders the property lines of the White Bear Lake location.

2005

The Lino Lakes location opens its doors in December and the White Bear Lake location closes.



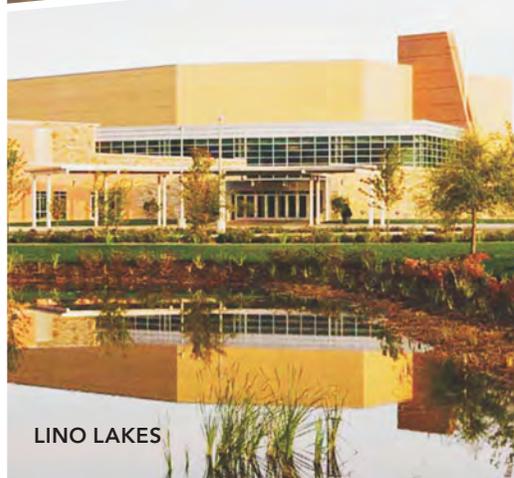
1972



1991



WHITE BEAR LAKE



LINO LAKES



EAGLE BROOK ASSOCIATION



SPRING LAKE PARK



ONLINE CHURCH



2019

2006

The White Bear Lake location reopens for weekend services due to rapid growth at the Lino Lakes location.

2006

The Eagle Brook Association (EBA) is founded with a mission to help other churches reach more people for Christ—locally and around the world. Since the EBA began, over 83,000 people have become followers of Jesus.

2007

Eagle Brook's third location opens in Spring Lake Park and attendance quickly grows to 1,200 people each weekend. The opening of this location energizes a new strategy—simulcast technology.

2009-2019

Eagle Brook continues to grow with the opening of five more locations throughout the Twin Cities. By the end of 2019, the church has an average weekend attendance of 22,000 across all locations and online attendance of 13,000.

2019

Bob and Jason share the stage and a vision of where God is leading Eagle Brook. And how we'll continue our mission in the Twin Cities, Midwest, and to the ends of the earth. This vision begins with the launch of the Rochester location in Oct. 2019.

2020

After 28 years of leadership, Senior Pastor Bob Merritt retires in March. Teaching Pastor Jason Strand is unanimously voted in by church members to become the next senior pastor.

# Eagle Brook Vision Culture

Countless organizations have a vision statement that helps to describe what their organization hopes to be and achieve. It's intended to serve as a clear guide for how they make decisions. At Eagle Brook, we don't just want a vision statement. We want to build a culture around the vision God has given us. And we hope to see this culture engrained in the lives of all who call Eagle Brook Church home.



# Our Beliefs

## Who We Are

Eagle Brook's core beliefs are the foundation of this church and are divided into three categories: beliefs about God; beliefs about people; and beliefs about the Church, the Bible, and Christ's return.

### Beliefs About God

There is one living, sovereign God who eternally exists in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 43:10-11; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19*

Jesus was sent by the Father to live on earth; he was fully God and fully human, yet had no sin. Jesus willingly laid down his life, and after three days he rose from the grave. In doing this, Jesus fulfilled the payment for the world's debt of sin.

*Luke 1:31, 35; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21*

The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father and Son to convict the world of sin and to empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. He lives in every believer and is a constant helper, teacher, and guide.

*John 14:16-17*

### Beliefs About People

God created people in his image, and everyone matters to God.

*Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 5:1-2*

All people are sinners and need God's forgiveness.

*Romans 3:23*

Those who confess and turn from their sin, trusting in Jesus Christ, will be saved by grace and become children of God, with the promise of eternal life.

*John 3:16-17; Galatians 3:26*



### Beliefs About the Church, the Bible, and Christ's Return

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church and all believing people are members.

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

The Bible is the inspired word of God and is the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Jesus Christ will return and there will be a final judgment.

*Matthew 24:3; Matthew 24:37*

# Our Values

## Who We Are Becoming

Our values determine who we become, and they are rooted in our beliefs and connect to our purpose. At Eagle Brook, our desire is for kids, students, and adults to become people who: Follow Jesus, Spend Time With God, Connect in Community, Serve Others, and Live Generously.



### Follow Jesus

Following Jesus in an ongoing commitment. When we declare our trust in Jesus and get baptized, share our faith with friends and invite others to church—following Jesus becomes a lifestyle.

*For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8*

### Spend Time With God

God invites us to spend time with him on a regular basis. We can do this through prayer, music, reflection, and reading the Bible.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

### Connect in Community

God created us to be in relationships with others. We encourage attendees to connect to their campus community by joining a group, serving, or even just taking the initiative to say hello to someone new in church.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another. Hebrews 10:24-25*

### Serve Others

Share God's joy and love by serving others—in your home, church, neighborhood, and around the world. Discover your God-given gifts and learn how God has uniquely wired you to serve others.

*Use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14*

### Live Generously

God has called us to live generously. We can do this by sharing our time, talents, and finances.

*I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6*

# Our Purpose

## Why We Exist

God created us for relationships—and Eagle Brook is committed to helping bring people into relationships with God and others.

## Love God, Love Others

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39

“For this is how God loved the world: he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16





# Our Mission

What We Do

**Empowered by God  
to Reach Others  
for Christ**

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

"The Son of Man has come to seek and save that which is lost."

Luke 19:10

# Strategy

## How We Will Do It

Strategies get us where we want to go. This is how we accomplish our mission and purpose. We include strategies that are relevant to the audience, bring about transformation, and create ownership in those who engage.

# Goals

## Where We Are Going and When We Will Get There

Our goals determine where we go. Our goals are based on our values and not on the number of our strategies. Transformation is our passion, so we set goals around what matters most to us. Goals help us dream big and measure what matters.





# Kids



## Kid-O-Deo (Birth-Kindergarten)

In partnership with parents, kids learn to be lifelong followers of Jesus. We teach kids about God in a way they'll understand and in an environment they'll love. Kids have fun, feel safe, and learn that God loves and accepts them. Kid-O-Deo takes place during each service at all locations.



## Elevate (Grades 1-5)

In Elevate, we provide kids with a place where they can make the decision to have a real relationship with Jesus and grow in their faith. They have a fun time learning about God with music and dynamic teaching designed for them. Elevate takes place during each service at all locations.



# Students



## Ground Zero (Grades 6-8)

Middle school students matter, and Ground Zero is a place made just for them. When a student comes to GZ, they'll have TONS of fun playing games, worshiping God, listening to great messages, and discussing Jesus with a small group. GZ takes place Wednesdays during the school year at most locations.



## Revolution (Grades 9-12)

We believe in high school students, and Revolution is a place where all high school students can belong. When a student comes to Revolution, they are invited into a community that grows together, worships God together, and has fun together. Revolution takes place Wednesdays during the school year at most locations.

# Next Steps

## Follow Jesus

The decision to follow Jesus Christ is the most important decision you will ever make. If you recently put your faith in Christ, we want to help you get started on your faith journey. Text [BEGIN](#) to [555888](#).

## Join a Group

God made us for relationships—with him and each other. It's through relationships that we find connection, friendship, meaning, and growth. Joining a group is one of the best ways to experience these things.

## Start Serving

Serving is a great way to get connected, meet people, and help a large church feel a little bit smaller. And when you serve, you help make a difference in the lives of those who attend our church. Both mid-week and weekend serving opportunities are available.

## Care & Prayer

There's a season for everything, and we want to help you through it. We provide pastoral care, prayer, divorce support, addiction recovery, funeral and wedding support, and counseling resources.

## Get Baptized

Baptism is an act of obedience to Christ and an outward sign of an inner change. Baptism happens twice a year at Eagle Brook—in the winter and summer.

## Take Communion

Communion is a time to pause and remember the sacrifice Jesus made by giving his life on the cross. Communion is offered several times throughout the year. Anyone is welcome to participate; all we ask is that you're a follower of Jesus Christ.

## Participate in Parent/Child Dedication

Parent/Child Dedication is a time for parents to commit to raising their kids to know and love God and to model what following Jesus looks like. Eagle Brook offers Parent/Child Dedication a couple of times a year.

## Become a Member

You don't need to be a member to participate at Eagle Brook. Our desire for all attenders is to fully engage in the church and experience growth. Membership is an extension of ownership—where you partner with us to live out our values and take responsibility for our mission to reach people for Christ.



# Information & Resources

## Next Steps Area

The Next Steps area in the lobby is where you can go to learn more about growing in your faith and how to get involved at Eagle Brook.

## Giving

When you give, you're partnering with us to reach people for Christ. You can give online or on the weekend at a giving kiosk.

## Eagle Brook App

The app is the best place to stay connected beyond the weekend. You can catch up on message series for kids, students, and the weekend, find great Bible reading plans, and engage with weekend extras. The app is available on all major mobile platforms including iOS and Android.

## Watch Live Online

Every Sunday at 9 + 11 am, you can watch full services at [eaglebrookchurch.com](http://eaglebrookchurch.com) or download the app on Apple TV or Roku.

## Social Media

 [facebook.com/eaglebrookchurch](https://facebook.com/eaglebrookchurch)

 [@eaglebrookmn](https://instagram.com/eaglebrookmn)

 [@eaglebrookmn](https://twitter.com/eaglebrookmn)

 [youtube.com/eaglebrookmn](https://youtube.com/eaglebrookmn)

Each Eagle Brook location also has its own Facebook page where you can learn about upcoming events and opportunities to connect.

## Service Times + Locations

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