

THE GOSPEL

According to **Greg**



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The Pitcher at the Plate: Q&R with Greg - In case you don't know, Q&R is "Question & Response." One big piece of Greg's pitching mound is his suspicion of answers. Responses however, well, Greg nearly always has something to say about anything. So this is your chance. Rather than be pitching to you, he'll set up the conversation and then let you pitch as he takes some swings at it, filling you in on his why's, what's, and how's. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and pitch away.

WELCOME

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with the strands of your full self, others, and that third strand that is bigger, beyond, around and within us all that you may or may not know as God.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

We're glad you're here

Music with Chris Tripolino and the Fabric Band

Welcome

Say Hi and some music

Message – Greg Meyer

Connecting with and supporting Fabric & more music

Closing Thoughts



Kids - What's Happening Today? *The Great Penguin Caper!* Who doesn't love the antics of the silly and mischievous Madagascar Penguins as they work together to save Christmas and help us discover why Jesus came to be with us. Join your families in the Commons for the beginning of the gathering, singing and joining in the moment of centering.

COMING UP AND MORE



Next Sunday: God Doesn't Play Games - Think about it, unless God is really bored or insecure enough to need to keep us guessing, why would God play games? And really, do you think God is the sort of thing that makes up rules for us to follow, or that there is an intrinsic unity to all things that God and we are part of? A main reason Greg started Fabric was to escape the games, rules, expectations that have crept into 'church' separating us from what it's about rather than connecting us. Join us!



Greg Meyer, our founding Pastor, is retiring. Come celebrate with him, January 21, 7-9pm, open house style, at The Schmidt Artist Lofts (900 W 7th Street, St Paul). Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be served. Toasts and Roasts with Greg @ 8:00pm.

LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Where we are and the story of our land matters. Most of us live in, and we gather in land that was part of the Dakota people for centuries, but from which they were forcibly and dishonorably removed by the US government. It is an honor and a responsibility for us to live on and care for this land today.

church for people who don't like church What if... Fabric is mostly made up of people who aren't here yet Better Questions
 about relationships You are created for community You are shaped to make a contribution How big is your God box?
 It's all
 vision leaks
 not conformity
 unity in diversity
 the kind of church you are not that you have
 small 'r' truth
 doesn't need credit
 God/Jesus
 We pray for miracles, God sends people
 Practice when it's easy
 Excellence is doing the best we can with what we have
 We pray for miracles, God sends people
 Doubt is
 a tool not a defect of faith
 Conversions that matter
 If we don't have a leader we don't do it
 Nothing is written in stone
 God doesn't play games
 Life deeply
 woven
 beyond
 It's not what you believe but what you trust
 Because it matters
 Everyone has a ministry within and a mission

HOMEWORK - What was something you heard today that made you think differently or was a new insight about Fabric? Share that with your Group or someone else. And what is a further question you have for Greg? Send it to him!



ROAM (Read, Observe, Apply, Meditate) through these after-the-Christmas-story readings
 Matthew 2.13-21 and Luke 2.21-40