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MILWOOD



NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY!

AND

5K

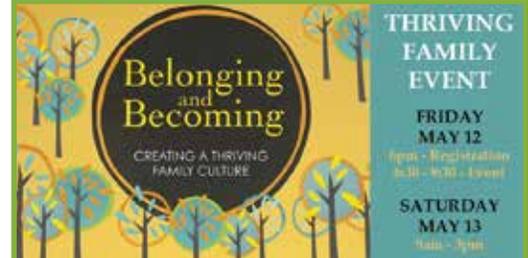


Saturday, June 3, is the spring Neighborhood Party and first ever Milwood 5K!

If you're not planning on running/walking the 5K, there are many opportunities to serve during the race. After the race, there are opportunities to help with the party! So, yes - we need a lot of hands for this to be a successful community event!

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| Set-up             | Serving Food             |
| Tear-down          | Helping with kids' races |
| Registration       | Helping with games       |
| Parking Attendants | Inflatables              |
| Timing             | Photography              |

Sign up online to race, walk, or volunteer!  
[www.milwoodcommons.org/5k](http://www.milwoodcommons.org/5k)  
Or, sign up on your CONNECTION Card.



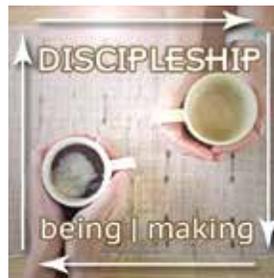
Families come in all shapes and sizes. Whether you have children, hope to have children, parent solo or with a partner - your household can be a place of BELONGING, where each person feels safe, cared for and loved AND a place of BECOMING, where you help one another develop who you are for the good of the world.

**Registration deadline is Sunday, May 7.**  
Spaces are limited! Register online at: [www.threadschurch.org/thriving-family](http://www.threadschurch.org/thriving-family). Or, register on your CONNECTION Card and enclose your payment in a Giving Envelope marked "Thriving Family."

Registration cost (\$40/individual; \$65/couple) includes a complimentary copy of the book, *Belonging and Becoming*, and lunch on Saturday.

## New Spiritual Talk Series: DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus calls us to be his disciples and commissions us to go and make disciples. In order to live into this calling, we need to be aware of the fact that there is a process of growth and development towards maturity as followers of Jesus. When we understand this process, we can begin to see real growth in our own lives as followers of Jesus as we identify where we are currently and what the next steps are for us as we move towards greater maturity. In addition, we can help orient others in this journey, as well, helping them to begin the journey of discipleship and grow to be disciples who make disciples themselves.



During this series, we will be introducing a new shared practice that helps define our core mission of making 'love God, love others' Christ-followers. The practice of discipleship, illustrated with a square, illustrates the stages of growth in a disciple's journey to maturity. The work of discipleship comes in mastering different developmental milestones in order to turn the corner from one stage to the next.

**Remember, our new Sunday schedule!**

- 9:15:** Pre-gathering Prayer
- 9:30:** Prologue (bevs, light treats, and conversation)
- 10:00:** Worship Gathering
- after:** Epilogue (continue to worship over lunch with family/friends)

## Support our FUEL Students' Relay for Life Team!

Come join our FUEL Students on May 20, at Kalamazoo Indoor Complex (KIC) on Centre, for a day of fun as we fight for a good cause. Donate to the team online at [tinyurl.com/lktakde](http://tinyurl.com/lktakde). Feel free to contact Caleb with any questions - [cvanderhill@threadschurch.org](mailto:cvanderhill@threadschurch.org) or 269.808.5545.

Relay for Life is an event put on by the American Cancer Society (ACS) to raise money for cancer research and treatment, as well as rides to doctors appointments, housing, and meals for those who need it. The event is also put on to support cancer patients and their families, celebrate survivors, and honor those who have lost their battle.





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### Missional Communities...

If you are interested in exploring life in missional community, look at the list of our current MCs and the description of their mission.

MCs are organized around a shared mission (though that is not all we do), so it's important to find a good fit. This doesn't mean that this particular mission is what you are most passionate about in the world (maybe you'll start a new MC later), but everyone in the MC needs to contribute towards and take ownership of the mission.

Once you've identified one or two MCs to check out, contact the MC leader and ask about joining the MC for a social time or mission opportunity in the near future so you can get to know the MC a little bit before making a commitment.

After going on mission together a few times, the leader of the group will talk with you more extensively about the Missional Community values, and you can determine together if it will be a good fit.

#### MILWOOD CONNECTIONS MC

**Mission** – Building a stronger Milwood through block parties and special events as well as connecting community leaders, volunteers & businesses.  
Leader: Mark Meldrum  
(mmeldrum@SportTruckUSAInc.com; 269-998-1378)

#### BREAKING BREAD MC

**Mission** – Bringing Shalom to the world around us by building relationships through sharing meals.  
Leader: Nicole Tiongson  
(tiongson@mac.com; 269-599-4163)

#### MILWOOD MAGNET MC

**Mission** – Building relationships with staff, students and parents at Milwood Magnet school. (Gym Nights, Literacy Night, school beautification, etc.)  
Leader: Ben Manting & Bryan Johnson  
(ben.manting@gmail.com; 616-566-7764)

#### MILWOOD KIDS & FAMILIES

**Mission** – Supporting Milwood Commons Preschool and Childcare and providing Art & Games nights during the summer for Milwood kids.  
Leader: Esther Bouwman  
(ebouwman@milwoodcommons.org; 269-760-9268)

#### LOAVES & FISHES MC

**Mission** - Serving and building relationships with loaves and fishes pantry volunteers and clients.  
Leader: Rick Husted  
(rickhusted@gmail.com; 269-270-4799)

#### ROOTS MC

**Mission** - To serve the community by building relationships between neighbors and God by growing and providing access to fresh foods in the Milwood Neighborhood.  
Leader: Jesse Mayes  
(stuff4jesse@gmail.com; 269.348.6422)

### FUEL (middle & high school students)

**Fuel Gatherings:  
Meet @ Threads Building  
(6pm - 8pm)**

**Sunday, May 7**

**Sunday, May 21**

**Parents, remember to  
sign up to bring food!**



Keep up to date on the latest happenings at [threadschurch.org/fuel](http://threadschurch.org/fuel).

Or, send your phone number to [fuel@threadschurch.org](mailto:fuel@threadschurch.org) to be added to text updates.

Questions? Contact Caleb Vanderhill at [cvanderhill@threadschurch.org](mailto:cvanderhill@threadschurch.org) or 269.808.5545

### Next Starting Point - June 25

Ready to take your next step at Threads?

- Learn about how Threads is living as a story-formed family on mission to our city.
- See how God is using Threads to advance His kingdom and how we can be active participants in His story.

We look forward to meeting you at the next Starting Point. We'll meet right after the Worship Gathering for about 20 minutes.

This is the next step to finding your place at Threads!

