

—● SHERMAN PARK  
MOVE TEAM  
OPENING AUGUST 2020



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NO PARKING  
ANY TIME  
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# THE CHURCH

Epikos Church is one church in three (soon to be four) locations where we grow in faith through gospel-centered worship, community, service, and multiplication. From our inception in 2004, we have grown from Milwaukee's East Side to West Allis, followed by the North Side which will now have a permanent home in Sherman Park in August 2020, as well as our Mayfair Road campus coming in November 2020.

We welcome everyone to come as they are. Everyone has a different faith journey and we welcome people and desire to come alongside them wherever they may be in their walk.

Everyone is on a journey of spiritual growth. Whether you aren't sure how to start or have been walking for a while, we all have a "next step" in growing our relationship with the living God. Here at Epikos, it's our mission to help you on that journey.

Serving with Epikos enables us to pour out God's love continually, build up one another, and joyfully offer to further the kingdom. When one person serves another, Christ's love grows exponentially, and that's what serving is all about.

We encourage you to consider your next step of service by joining us on our journey to move our North Side campus into its permanent Sherman Park home.



# EPIKOS SHERMAN PARK

Epikos Sherman Park is a Christian family with a diverse mixture of cultures, ethnicities, ages, and stages of life. Our family shares a common goal to spread the love of Jesus Christ. We believe in and embrace our diversity and understand that God has called men and women to serve Him from all walks of life.

We are surely a work in progress but we stand upon the words of Jesus just as He shared with His disciples.

**By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**

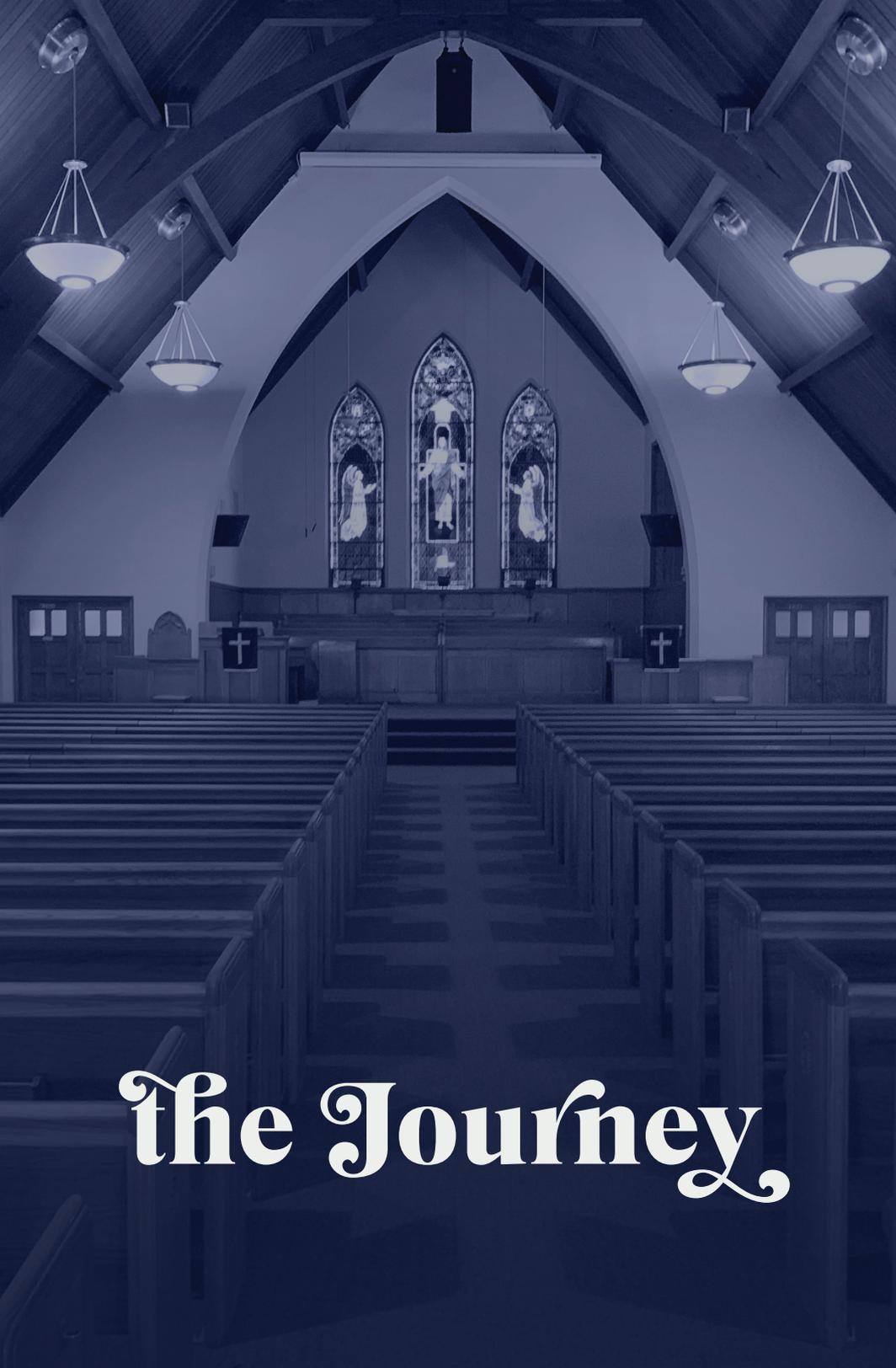
**John 13:35**

It is that love of God that Epikos shares with one another and will continue to share with the communities we serve. We are committed to being a permanent fixture on the north side of Milwaukee and we are humbled by the work God has been doing to open doors for this to become a reality. As God lays the plans in this new season, we are confident that as we follow God, He has great work that He wants to accomplish through obedient servants.

As a church community we look forward to coming alongside metro Milwaukee and walking together in our next steps in our walk with God.

The vision for Epikos Sherman Park is that people would come to Christ and accept His free gift of salvation. Our hope is that a revival would take place one heart at a time and that brotherly kindness would spread from heart to heart and love for our neighbors would be the outcome.

We will come together to worship, grow in community with one another, and serve the Lord side by side. We will watch as God multiplies His love through neighborhoods, city streets, households, and the hearts of individuals city wide.



# the Journey



# the Story

## OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Churches aren't buildings, churches are the community that gathers to worship. The Sherman Park neighborhood has always been a community of diverse families with a strong sense of community. Historically, Sherman Park has been a collective of various immigrant groups who have immersed themselves on the north side of Milwaukee as a result of the industrial opportunities afforded to those seeking a better life. As families built homes and established this community, these residents also brought their faith traditions with them. Places of worship such as churches and synagogues were established and have reflected the core values of the residents of Sherman Park.

As we enter into a new decade within the 21st century, many things have changed throughout time. The once thriving industrial engine that drove the local economy has evolved with the passing of time, and new industries have become a part of the business landscape. Diversity in the community continues to grow as new immigrant groups have established



themselves within the community. Similar to most major metropolitan cities that have experienced challenges throughout their seasons of change, it is an exciting time for the Sherman Park neighborhood as a revitalization is taking place. Sherman Phoenix is but one example of the resilience and love the residents of Sherman Park have created for reestablishing community. Throughout all these changes, faith has remained an integral component of this community.

As Epikos Sherman Park moves into the neighborhood, it is our desire to live out the gospel in loving our neighbors as ourselves. Our church mission of making better disciples is lived out in journeying alongside our neighbors as we grow in fellowship with one another. With our doors and hearts open, we truly are better together. We look forward to being part of the new and exciting changes taking place in the lives of those that call Sherman Park home.

# The Gospel

**Seek the welfare of the city where I  
have sent you into exile, and pray to the  
Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you  
will find your welfare.**

**Jeremiah 29:7**



# THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IN THE CITY

Though the Israelites were far from home and living in exile, they were still encouraged by God to care for the city. They were to work for peace and prosperity and also pray on behalf of the cities in which they lived. God helped them understand that a healthy and welcoming city benefits not just their neighbors, but them as well!

God's instructions apply to us today as well. The people of God are still to be agents of His righteousness wherever he chooses to send them. A healthy and vibrant church is to be radically committed to the welfare of their neighborhood and their city as a whole. The church of Christ is to be passionately engaged in the transforming work of the gospel in whichever village, town or city it resides.

Communities are transformed when transformed people with transformed hearts put their hand to the transformational work of the gospel. This means churches should seek not to get something from the city, but instead should be radically committed to the city's wellbeing.

As Epikos Sherman Park sinks roots on the corner of Sherman Boulevard and Roosevelt Drive, our desire is to be a church who seeks the welfare of the Sherman Park neighborhood. Milwaukee's greatest hope and the Sherman Park neighborhood's greatest hope is found in the transformation that only the gospel of Jesus Christ can bring. The church is to bring the gospel to the city!

The gospel meets despair and brings hope back to once hopeless people. The gospel enters into shattered and hurting homes and brings forgiveness and healing and restoration to once broken families. The gospel builds relationships that have the power to overcome long standing social wounds and brings unity and authentic community to once divided people. The gospel is the thread that mends a community and brings hope to a city.

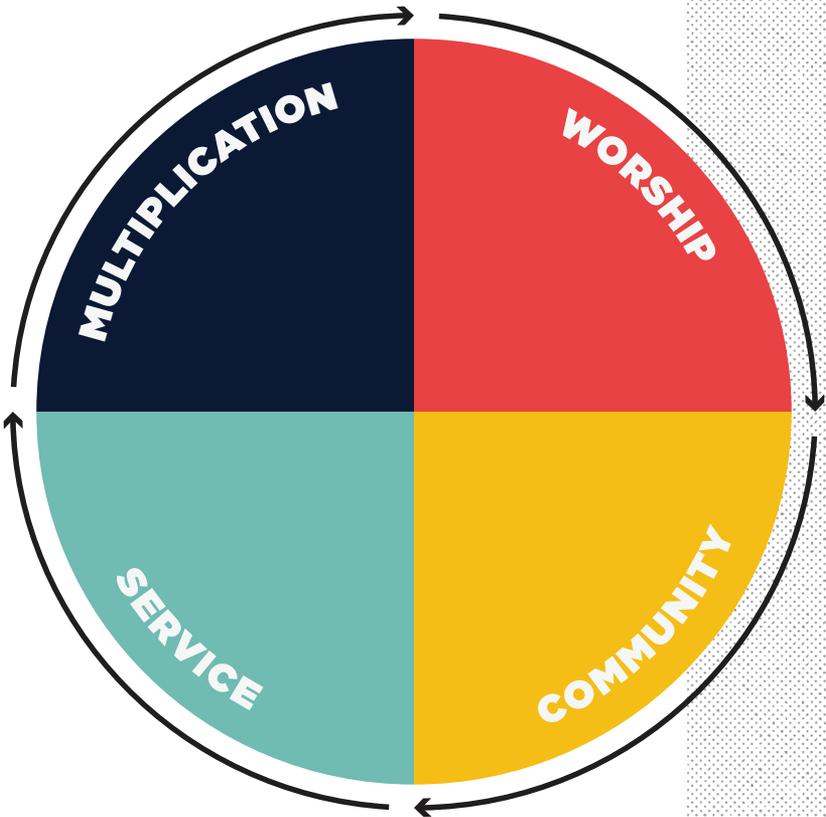
Epikos Sherman Park is a gospel community that is committed to sharing the transformational power of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the welfare of the Sherman Park neighborhood and the city of Milwaukee, for the glory of God.

# OUR CORE VALUES

At Epikos Church, we are focused on creating more and better disciples through gospel-centered worship, community, service, and multiplication.

## AT EPIKOS CHURCH, OUR CORE VALUES ARE:

- Radical reliance on God's word
- Reaching those far from God
- Authenticity
- Biblical diversity
- Innovative multiplication
- Servant leadership



# HOW TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM

Join the Sherman Park move team,  
below are some ways you can help.



**STEP INTO A NEW  
SERVING ROLE**



**PRAY**



**GIVE SACRIFICIALLY**



**SPREAD THE WORD &  
INVITE OTHERS**



# EPIKOS SHERMAN PARK MOVE TEAM COVENANT AGREEMENT

When making a commitment to the Epikos Sherman Park move team you commit to the following standards:

## MY TIME

I commit to being available to serve and build community. I will attend all move-team training and work days at the Epikos Sherman Park campus unless I am sick or out of town. I will attend Sunday worship at the Epikos Sherman Park Campus through September 2020.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

1:00 - 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

1:00 - 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 19**

1:00 - 3:00 pm

### **SUNDAY, MAY 17**

1:00 - 3:00 pm

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Work day

### **SATURDAY, JULY 18**

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Work day

### **SUNDAY, JULY 26**

10:00 & 11:30 am

Soft Launch /  
Preview Service

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

10:00 & 11:30 am

Soft Launch /  
Preview Service

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

**GRAND OPENING**

## MY TRUST

I commit to giving each member of the move team the benefit of the doubt, building one another up instead of tearing one another down. Trust includes living a lifestyle that honors God and would not bring disrepute upon Epikos Church or individual members of the move team.



## MY TALENT

I commit to using my gifts and skills to help move Epikos Church into the Sherman Park campus, to serve in a ministry of the church, and to serve others so as to sustain a healthy ministry trajectory thereafter.

- WORSHIP AND TECH TEAM
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM  
(HERO CENTRAL & THE BRIDGE)
- STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM  
(FUSE)
- CONNECTIONS TEAM
- PRAYER TEAM
- CLEANING TEAM
- SAFETY TEAM

Learn more about our Epikos Sherman Park ministry teams and fill out your application at [serve.epikos.org](http://serve.epikos.org) by selecting the Sherman Park campus.

## INVITING OTHERS

I commit to being missional in Milwaukee and the Sherman Park neighborhood, utilizing Epikos Sherman Park as a tool to point people to Jesus Christ.



Please fill out the move team covenant form at  
[moveteamcovenant.epikos.org](http://moveteamcovenant.epikos.org)



## MEET CAMPUS PASTOR ED WADE

My story does not start with a close walk with God since childhood, although I was brought up in the church. I was dead spiritually to the call of God and lived for years outside His grace. My sincere walk with God began later in my life around 1989 and I have had a strong desire to know and trust God's word ever since. Despite my imperfection, I have been married for 30 years and have been blessed with four daughters and six grandchildren.

My ministry work began in Milwaukee teaching Sunday School classes at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church. After years of study and becoming ordained to preach the gospel, I became the assistant pastor of Zion Rock Missionary Baptist Church.



My family then relocated to Marianna, Arkansas and I was the assistant pastor at Mt. Calvary and Second Baptist. I then received the call to become pastor of New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Helena, Arkansas where I ministered for nineteen years.

During that time, it was important that the Bible was clearly preached and taught each week and that conviction of God's people was the primary focus. Throughout my ministry, I was focused on growing fellowship within the community and forming relationships with many other churches in our neighborhood.

Two years ago, my wife Carlene and I were blessed to move back home to Milwaukee where we received an answer to a 35 year old prayer request. I had a strong desire to be a part of a multicultural church that would reflect on earth what our family of believers will look like in heaven.

Epikos was the answer to that prayer. After joining the congregation, I have been honored to serve as the North Side campus pastor for the past six months where I've been able to pastor and grow alongside our beautiful community. I grew up in this part of town so it has been an immense honor to pastor so close to home.

I am looking forward to continuing to grow with our Epikos community as we move our current North Side campus to our permanent home as Epikos Sherman Park. I pray that you will join myself and Carlene as we launch this new campus in July 2020. I look forward to working alongside you as we bring the gospel to others within our Sherman Park community.



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