



News from Pastor Heather

Valentine's Greetings!

This is the month so many people do their best to share their love with one another in so many ways as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Let me just take a moment to remind you of the amazing love of our Lord Jesus Christ whose example of perfect love should be held up for all to see.

John 15:12-13 (NIV) 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Jesus was clearly saying here that our love towards one another as the family of God should not be dictated by "feelings" because you cannot give a commandment to feel a certain way. This love He wants us to have is a choice that we make in our hearts to love one another even as He loved us!

I want to encourage you during this time of year and special celebration of love, to take a little extra time to appreciate and love the family of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Heather

Upcoming Lenten Series

Coming soon a seven-week series explores the historic Christian season of Lent—from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. This rich Christian tradition points us back to the reality of our sin and our desperate need for a Savior. Christians have participated in this season not as a means of meaningless self-denial or pious ritual keeping, but as a means of emptying ourselves of distracting comforts so that we can be filled with renewed faith and hope. During this season, we focus on the multifaceted aspects of repentance: recognition of our sin, hope in a Savior, and obedience as a response to his grace. Rather than engage in empty ceremony or purely internal spiritual growth, we learn that observance of this season produces in us a richer faith for the sake of the world.

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 7

9:00 AM

SUPER CEREAL BOWL
FOR DISCOVERY KIDZ
2:00—4:00 Y-LIFE
CHARLIE'S DUMP

SATURDAY, FEB. 13

10:30 AM

MISSIONARY
OUTREACH LUNCH
AT HEARTSIDE

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

GUEST PASTOR

BRYAN JACKSON WILL
BE WITH US.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17

ASH WEDNESDAY
ONLINE DEVOTIONAL

FRIDAY, FEB 19 &

SATURDAY, FEB. 20

REVITALIZATION
RETREAT

SUNDAY, FEB. 21

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
SAC LUNCH
FAMILY WORSHIP
Y-LIFE WILL MEET

Mission/Outreach Special Offerings

Beginning this year, our special offerings are looking a little different! Instead of placing them in our budget, we will be focusing on one Missionary/Mission every three months. For the months of February, March, and April we will be highlighting Talking Bibles and Paul Hoekstra. We are excited to share many more details in the coming weeks. During this time we ask that you pray specifically for them. We will provide you will information, special prayer requests, and other materials to help you get to know them better!



2021 REVITALIZATION RETREAT FEBRUARY 19-20

We are excited to welcome Greg Brower and Tanner Smith as they lead our revitalization retreat. I'm sure your curious what exactly is a revitalization retreat. The retreat will consist of our consistory members, staff and a couple individuals who attend Grace.

We will kick Friday night off with talking about Grace - it's history and our future as well as the vision moving forward the next 3-5years.

Saturday we will resume with that 3-5 year vision and come up with 4 big "projects" and our one year goal.

Certainly this is a very condensed version of what we will be working on but I pray it gives you a better idea of our next steps in revitalization. Post the retreat a 90 day goal will be set as we roll out the 3-5 year plan to you all. I ask that you pray for those participating in the retreat, our leaders Greg and Tanner as well as that the outcome is fruitful.

Student Spotlight

This month we would like to spotlight Tyler Frick. You may have seen him around church this winter shoveling our walks! We are so thankful to him for his hard work and enthusiasm! Introduce yourself to him next time you see him around!



My name is Tyler Frick. Son to Jeff and Shannon Frick. Brother to Alexis (aka Lexi) Frick. I will be 16 in less than two weeks. I'm a sophomore at Wyoming Public High School. Baseball, football & wrestling are three sports I compete in through the school. I enjoy all my classes (mostly strength and conditioning). I believe in God and that he sent his son Jesus to die for my sins. Helping out in the community is something I enjoy. I'm glad to help out at Grace, when and where I can.