

News from Pastor Heather

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”
Mark 16:6

Hallelujah, He has risen! He has risen indeed! After forty days in the wilderness, a return to Jerusalem, and the horrifying violence of the crucifixion, believers can end their mourning and rejoice in the fact that the prophecy has been fulfilled: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead to be seated at the right hand of God the Father. The miracle of Christ’s resurrection is as awe-inspiring as the miracle of His birth. The unsurpassed power of God in each event marks the joy, the hope, and the promise that we have in Him. It is fitting that in the budding blossoms and signs of new life, that spring happens just as we can celebrate the new life of Christ, the life after death, that one day we, too, will share with him.

“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ.”—2nd Corinthians 5:17-18

In Christ,
Pastor Heather

APRIL EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
Easter Celebration
10:00 am

SATURDAY, APRIL 10
10:30 AM MISSIONARY
OUTREACH LUNCH AT
HEARTSIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
Family Worship
SAC Family Fellowship
Brunch

MONDAY, APRIL 19
GEMS Daughter of the
King Presentation
6:30 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
6:30 pm Elders
7:30 pm Consistory

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
Movie Night
7:00pm

Note: No Crossing after
school and IMPACT
on April 5 due to
Spring Break

Culture Workshop Review

On Saturday March 27th we had the privilege to be led by Tanner Smith and Len Pilon. As a group we first discussed 4 types of people that make up any organization culture: Collaborate, Create, Compete and Control. Our team was able to walk through an exercise to see where we each fell and what our type contributes to Grace. We then joined each other in two different larger groups to discuss where we felt Grace was currently and then where we wanted to be. With this information we were able to see what area we need to focus the most on in the next 3 years and what areas we need to loosen up on.

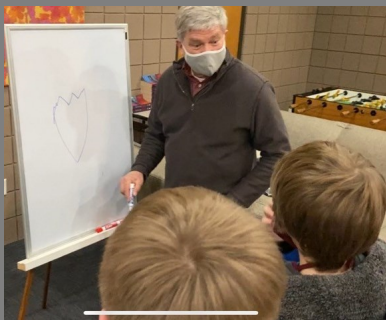
A special thank you to the following individuals who joined Pastor Heather and took time out of their Saturday to invest in the revitalization of Grace: Judy Beadle, Dale Dood, Shari Dood, Shannon Frick, Karen Harmsen, Beth Kubiak, Elaine Martin, Sue Stuk and Ray Zondervan .



We are thankful to have connected with an organization called Beyond 26. You may see a new face around here volunteering his time working at Grace on Tuesday and Thursday. His name is Daniel and he comes to us from Beyond 26. This organization's mission is to find jobs & volunteer opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Their goal is to bridge the gap between local businesses and a community of jobseekers by using positive engagement through employment and volunteer opportunities. We are so blessed to be able to connect with Beyond 26! When you have a chance, take a look at their website <https://beyondtwentysix.org> and see all that they do!

Mission/Outreach Update

As a part of our revitalization efforts, the Mission and Outreach team was tasked with developing and planning four events (outside of outdoor worship) for the remainder of the year. In conjunction with Pastor Heather, the team met to discuss what events have pointed toward our goal of revitalization. They also brainstormed about different creative outreach opportunities. Each member of the Mission & Outreach team has been assigned an event. They will in turn be compiling their own sub committee to work that event. We also discussed the importance of having many volunteers around just to be a smiling, welcoming face to our visitors. In the months to come we will be looking at ways to train others how to have fruitful conversations with our community about Christ. We are looking forward to a great rest of 2021 with our Mission & Outreach team. Watch for details coming soon for our Spring Festival on May 22nd.



Member Spotlight—Rick Postema

This month we would like to tell you a little more about Rick Postema. Many of you who are new to Grace may not know that “Mr. Rick”; Victors Leader, Dinner Server, Elder, etc.; grew up at Grace. He is a lifetime member, making his Profession of Faith at the age of 17. He is president of Richard Postema Associates, an Architectural and Engineering firm here in Wyoming. His company is responsible for much of the design work in our church building. Rick is married to Karen, who he met in youth group before they could drive. They were married at Grace in 1978. They have 4 adult children and 2 grandsons. Karen is now confined to their home but is also a long time member of Grace. When not working or volunteering at church he enjoys gardening, and after lifetime of abstinence from cooking, he made a recent discovery that making food is very satisfying! We are so thankful for his many abilities and volunteer hours. He has touched the lives of the boys he leads at Victors, has filled many of our plates at Monday night dinners, and has been a valuable member of the Building and Facilities committee. He also serves as an Elder helping to lead this congregation through transition.

Thank you Rick for your work and time here at Grace!