

Grace Reformed Church Newsletter

April 20, 2020

This week's verse to reflect on:

“And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they heard and seen, as it was told unto them” Luke 2:20

Today I wanted to give you a little insight into the “day in life” at Grace despite our current situation . As a staff and leadership team we are committed to keep everything moving the best we can.

We are continuing to use this time to get a few projects done. The first update completed was me moving into the office next to Sue so she can make sure I behave. I along with Jayme (our parents too) tore all the wall paper down, patched holes, and repainted. The windows were cleaned and Fred replaced all the ceiling tiles.

Since we are talking about it...the tiles are coming down left and right- well by the help of Fred as he is replacing all of the damaged/dingy tiles upstairs. Fred as well as a couple helpers (practicing social distancing of course) are clearing out all of our overgrown bushes around the church- this is proving to be a big task.

We have been able to continue to keep our cleaning service busy as the kitchen floors were all stripped and rewaxed. The carpets throughout the church are also being cleaned. Also, they are cleaning up the bathrooms and emptying our trash. (We can be kind of trashy in the office some weeks!)

Now that you may have a glimpse of what's happening in the church we also have some social distancing workers remodeling our parsonage as we anticipate a new lead Pastor some day. The bathrooms have been gutted, floors torn up to replace leaks, the outside landscaping has been ripped out and ready for a fresh new look.

Phew...I don't know about you but I am tired just reading all that! However, we praise and thank God for your continued prayers and financial support so we can keep moving Grace forward in our 2020 Vision.

Pastor Heather

PRAYERS & PRAISE

We give thanks that Bernice Palma was able to return to her home Sunday following heart surgery.

Arlene Dekker is home and continues receiving treatment following heart issues.

Donna Moreno continues to recover at home.

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We give thanks that the biopsy Marge Veldheer had on her thyroid came back benign.

Please be in prayer for Karen Hendrickson who is returning home from Florida.

We pray for Ken & Cindy Wylie's granddaughter, Rachel. She was diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer and will undergo surgery on Wednesday. Also, their grandson Wylie took a serious spill on his bike. Please pray for healing.

Many of you remember Rev. Andy Bossardet. His grandfather passed away recently of Covid 19. Please keep his family in your prayers.

We lift up in prayer those who are struggling with loneliness, financial hardship, mental health issues and other effects of this coronavirus epidemic. We pray for safety for all the essential workers risking their own health and safety to serve the people. We pray for doctors and nurses, grocery store workers, police and firemen, those working in banks, and others doing necessary work for our good.

Please contact us if you have any prayer requests or if we can help you in any way!

OTHER NEWS

New Directories – Please take a moment now to make a correction in the new directory to John Sayers phone number. It should be **616-915-2577**.

Sunday Services will continue to be live on Facebook at 10:00 am. Pastor Heather Dood will share the message this upcoming week! Remember if you can't watch Facebook live, they will continue to be posted on FB and you can tune in anytime. In addition they are posted on our web page www.gracewyoming.org and youtube under gracewyoming.

Ministry Teams – The next meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 7:00 pm. If you have any questions on how to Zoom into a meeting, please call Pastor Heather before April 28th and she will guide you through it. If you don't have a computer, you can do it on your phone. Enclosed in this mailing is one more piece of information "Metrics for Renewal/Revitalization" for you to consider prior to the meeting.

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings online, please go to our web site at www.gracewyoming.org. You can give safely through this site. You are also welcome to send it in the mail directly to church (3330 Burlingame Ave SW., Wyoming 4509).

Hopefully you have all had a chance to look over the NEW FAMILY GROUP listing that you should have received last week. If you have any questions, please give us a call. This is such a great opportunity to get to know your families during this time. We encourage you if you have children at home to include them in your family group too.

At the April 14th Special Consistory meeting the consistory approved the search team recommendation of Rev. Jacob. We will be getting more information to you and an opportunity for you to meet hopefully in person but if not virtually in May. In the meantime we ask that you continue to keep Rev. Jacob and his family in your prayers.