

Grace Reformed Church Newsletter

May 4, 2020

This week's verse to reflect on:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Corinthians 13:4-7

What a beautiful weekend of sunshine! I pray that you were able to get outside and enjoy the gift of sunshine.

We continue to look towards the future. It is difficult to plan when exactly we will be able to open our building doors on a Sunday morning. However, please know that as a staff we are continually looking at opportunities to gather safely. Today at our staff meeting we discussed welcoming you all in a drive up church service. This would ensure that everyone could gather in the parking lot while staying in their cars and worship together as I know so many of us long for. As far as our initial plans of a grand opening happening on Pentecost Sunday, reality is that grand re-opening would most likely happen as our Fall Festival. Certainly we will continue to work with our leadership teams and keep you all informed as soon as we have set dates in place.

A first at Grace happened last Tuesday night as twenty five members gathered for a ministry team meeting via zoom. We were able to break off into individual teams and discuss/ dream what Grace will look like once we open our doors back up. One conclusion that we all recognize is that it will not be the same as so much has already changed with online service now available.

We ask that you continue to pray for each of our staff members and our leadership teams as we move towards the future of Grace.

Pastor Heather

PRAYERS & PRAISE

We give thanks and praise for Paul Kerkstra who this month celebrates his 66th anniversary of leading music here at Grace. Watch Facebook for his testimony video coming up this week. Thank you Paul for your hard work and contributions to the music program at Grace!

Harvey & Sheryl Steensma returned home safely. We give thanks for that!

We give thanks that Sandy Gort's co-worker tested negative for Covid 19! Thank you for praying for these results.

Continue to keep Betty Homes in your prayers. She is very ill, and has not yet been tested for the virus. She regularly gets pain injections, but is not able to do that right now either. Please say a special prayer for her today.

Please continue to keep Ken & Cindy Wylie's granddaughter, Rachel, in your prayers as she awaits news on her biopsy results and whether or not she will need Chemotherapy.

We give thanks and praise for all those who are on the front lines doing essential work during this time.

We lift up in prayer those who are struggling with loneliness, financial hardship, mental health issues and other effects of this coronavirus epidemic. Please contact us if you have any prayer requests or if we can help you in any way!

OTHER NEWS

Sunday Services will continue to be live on Facebook and Youtube at 10:00 am. Pastor Heather will share the message "God Provides" from Ruth 2 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.

Our music intern, Sarah Horton, will be leading a Bible study via Zoom with the Worship Ministry Team and Praise Team. The title of the book is "The Worship Pastor" by Zac Hicks. There is still time to join. Email Sarah at sharvdawg@gmail.com.

Family Group check in: Have you connected in some way with your family? During this time it can be difficult but remember it can be as simple as offering a prayer for each of these members, sending a card to introduce yourself, telephone call to check in on them or an email. If you have any questions or need help brainstorming ideas please feel free to reach out to Pastor Heather.

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 49509). Church addressed envelopes are included in this mailing for ease of giving.