

## Grace Reformed Church Newsletter

May 18, 2020

*“But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.”* Exodus 9:16

What’s been going on at 3330 Burlingame?

Wowzers- If you have not taken a drive through the church parking lot I would encourage you to do so - it’s a great date night activity if you ask me.

When you arrive be sure to look to your left as soon as you pull in the drive as the outside of the parsonage grounds have made a huge transformation! Thanks to Dale and Shari Dood for many hours of weeding removing overgrown shrubs and adding in new landscaping. In addition many hours have been put in at the parsonage as repairs and updates are taking place inside thanks to Rick Postema, Dale Dood, Dan Stuk, Jayme Dood, Les and Tinna VanWyk, and Ray Zondervan. We can’t thank you all enough for all your work these past 9 weeks.

Once you have checked out the parsonage head on down towards the church building and observe the front landscaping by the main doors as a hefty crew of Ray Zondervan, Jayme Dood, Dale and Shari Dood have worked to pull out overgrown bushes and replace with new landscaping.

A few other updates that have been going on inside the building that you will see once we re-open, is the new lighting!! That’s right, bring your sunglasses. It feels like a whole new church! Of course this project has many of the same volunteers as stated above helping out.

We cannot thank these individuals enough for their continued work at Grace. As a staff we cannot wait until the day to have you all back in the building!

**Speaking of re-opening!! We are excited to announce we will be offering a Drive-In Service on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. A few Details you should know about this service.**

- **We ask that if you are considered vulnerable, sick or have been sick to remain home.**
- **Stay in your vehicle during the service**
- **At the service you will be able to listen to us through your radio.**
- **On-line service will still be available on this Sunday.**
- **No Bathrooms will be available or usage of the church building.**

You may have heard or seen some buzz around about “You are Love” lawn signs. We have been working diligently to get them in each yard. Unfortunately we are unable to place them at nursing homes or apartments. However, please know that even without a sign you are very much loved by Grace!

~Pastor Heather

## **PRAYERS & PRAISE**

We give thanks that Sandy Gort is recovering well (although not as fast as she would like!) She is still getting fatigued, but is back to working from home.

Harvey Steensma is waiting for the report from the biopsy. We pray for good results.

Thank you all for your prayers! Brent Kerkstra has really made progress and is doing much, much better!

Please continue to keep Bernice Palma in your prayers as she is experiencing breathing problems. Please pray that she can get into see her Dr. soon.

We also remember Jessica Brandt from Monday Impact as she returns to the workplace this week. We pray for protection for her and her family.

Please say a prayer for Ray Zondervan's dad who underwent surgery to remove skin cancer on Monday, May 18.

Please pray for Betty Holmes who is going through serious health issues.

We pray for the many people that are alone during this time and are missing family and friends. Give them peace and understanding.

We also pray for those who are experiencing health issues right now. We know how hard it is to see a doctor. Renew their strength day by day.

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 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](http://www.gracewyoming.org) and youtube under gracewyoming.

Speaking of our online service...boy what a difference a couple months make. We are learning new things all the time and have been able to add more pieces to this service. We are so thankful to Ray Zondervan for all his help in putting everything together.

Thank you to all of those who filled out the surveys that were sent out! Collecting all that information is so important at this time!

If you would like to give your tithes and offerings online, please go to our web site at [www.gracewyoming.org](http://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, MI 49509)