

Grace Notes

April 2024

Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart

My friend Trish and I were running around my seminary campus when I shared the good news that I was pregnant. We were running buddies, having trained for Grandma's Marathon together, as well as seminary classmates. "Wow, things are really going according to your plan," she said. Her words took me back. On the one hand she was right. My baby was due on December 31st, and I would take J-term off and then finish my last semester of seminary with night classes and stay home during the day. All the way I had planned it. And yet, I knew enough about life to know that the best laid plans never really go your way. I felt a new nervousness that I carried with me the remainder of my pregnancy.

While it was a surprise that my water broke at 31 weeks of pregnancy, looking back now, I feel like perhaps deep down I knew that it was never going to go according to plan, especially when we put the word "my" in front of the word plan. All of the plans flew out the window when our daughter Helena was born not on New Year's Eve, but on November 3rd. Yes, I still had my J-term off, but it was not adjusting to a new baby at home, but with hospital visits, and PT and antibiotics, and on and on it goes.

As I reflect on this event from over 20 years ago, I know that it was a foundational moment in my life. It was in many ways when my faith moved from my head to my heart. Leaving a newborn alone in the hospital for 2 months does cause you to see God in new ways. Watching other families in the hospital hope, celebrate and grieve gives you new insight into the miracle and difficulty of life. While indeed my plans had unraveled, what I discovered is that God was busy at work crafting a beautiful design that I hadn't yet seen. I don't believe that all of our steps by God are planned, but I do believe that God is at work in our lives, walking with us, leading us, it just might not be as complete a picture as I once thought. God is an artist who paints the most beautiful pictures in the moments when it seems our life unravels.



This Easter Season, we are inviting you to a special worship/sermon series entitled: Unraveled: Seeking God when plans fall apart. We will study the stories of people like Thomas, Elizabeth, Peter, the woman at the well, paying attention to their own ideas of what they expected and the magnificent ways that God breaks in, unraveling their ideas and plans to create something new. We will not only examine these stories in worship, but invite you to journal on your

own and join our Wednesday evening bible study that will study these stories and share your own. As much as we like to think that Easter was a time of celebration for the earliest disciples, or that faith was easy for the biblical characters, the truth is God was unraveling their way of life and their plans to create new ones. I look forward to exploring God's beautiful weaving with all of you this Easter.

- Blessings, Pastor Joanna Mitchell

Calendar of Events

April 2024

- 1st - Church office closed
- 3rd - No Wednesday Programming or Worship
- 6th - FMSC 12-1:45pm
- 9th - Graceful Sr @ LOL
- 10th - Wed. Programing & Worship
- 12th - Youth Lutheran Late Night
- 14th & 21st - New Member Class
- 17th - Wed. Programing & Worship
- 19th - Parent Date Night/ Kids Movie Night
- 24th - Wed. Programing & Worship
- 27th - Own Your Faith 1/2 Day Retreat

- 28th - Kris Miller Celebration Sunday
- 28th - Green Valley Gift Card Fundraiser Begins

May 2024

- 2nd-4th - Synod Assembly
- 5th - Annual Congregational Meeting

Associate Pastor's Message

Psalm 139

Pay attention to weaving images, words, and phrases:

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
 You search out my path and my lying down
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
 Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O Lord, you know it completely.
 You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me...
 Where can I go from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?...
 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and night wraps itself around me,"

even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light to you.
 For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
 made.
 Wonderful are your works;
 that I know very well.
 My frame was not hidden from you,
 when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth...

Our Mental Health team is planning worship on April 21st and 24th. Our theme is the concept of weaving. Have you ever noticed looking at the back of a tapestry? There seems to be many loose ends, knots, and imperfections, but if you turn it right side up, all of those seeming imperfections disappear to reveal a masterpiece. This is true of our lives too! Life is full of stops and starts, loose ends, and mistakes AND we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We may find ourselves at times wrapped in darkness, but the darkness is not dark to God. And so even at our darkest moments, we can trust God is with us and God is weaving.



Have you ever noticed how when you look at other's lives, everything looks seamless? It is because when we look at others we are seeing the right side of their tapestry. This is why comparison can be so dangerous. We look at our loose ends, knots and imperfections while looking at the front side of others' tapestries. We actually do not know what is going on behind the scenes for others. We hope this worship, on April 21st & 24th, is an invitation to be more compassionate to yourself and others, and a source of connection and hope.

During worship we will be leading the congregation in a group weaving project. We have already started ripping fabric to weave on large looms throughout the worship space. At any time in worship that you feel so moved, you may leave your pew to sit at one of the looms and weave. We will have baskets of fabric available before worship and at each of the looms. There will also be a mental health team member at each loom to assist you. Additionally, if you would like to bring your own fabric strips to add to our weaving, feel free. If a loved one has died and you have an old article of their clothing that you would like memorialized, rip a piece and add it to our tapestry. If you bring a piece of fabric with you or if pick up a strip before worship, you may tie a knot in the strip whenever you think of that person in worship, whenever your heart is touched, or place a knot for each person you are holding in prayer that day.

Weaving, just like us, will be perfectly imperfect. If one person's fabric doesn't reach the other side, you may tie yours to theirs and continue or you can choose to begin another row. This will create different textures to our weaving. We will have more instructions during worship but wanted to give you a heads up and the chance to prepare your hearts, minds, and spirits for this special day of worship and ritual.

-Pastor Maria Markman

Vision Board Message & Finance

As a new member of the Grace Vision Board, I have found it to be an exciting time to be a part of the leadership team watching the transformation of our building and our people. I feel like I have absorbed a lot of information in the last few months. I've learned about finances, the building project, the Seeds of Grace ministry and the many service opportunities available through Grace. I'm on a small group which supports the development of the board members, and this year we're exploring spiritual practices. We're reading a book by Diana Shiplett called Spiritual Practices in Community.

Today, I want to share with you simple prayers that can transform us. As we study Jesus ministry during Lent, we may notice that He slips out frequently to be alone in prayer. He leaves the crowds to pray. He leaves the disciples to dwell in prayer. It appears to be where he receives peace, rest and wisdom. When pressed by the disciples he shares with them the Lord's Prayer. The one prayer that most of us learned in childhood. Some of the Psalms are simple prayers. For example, Psalm 136, contains the phrase, "His love endures forever," which is repeated for 26 verses. A couple that are my favorites are Psalm 23 and Psalm 100. As you read them, they can be your prayer.

I've also learned that I don't like to pray spontaneously in a group, and I'm not alone! It can be intimidating and I don't feel worthy. So I want to share a simple practice from the book by Diana Shiplett. She shared an acronym to help us know what to include in a prayer.

- P – Praise and give thanks. Praise is declaring who God is, and thanking God is sharing what he has done.
- R – Repent. To repent is to ask for forgiveness.
- A – Ask. Ask God for what you need, and ask Him to meet others' needs.
- Y – Yield. To yield is to pause and listen for the voice of God.



I also want you to remember, when even simple prayers fail us, the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we're without words. Romans 8:26-27 tells us that, "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

The biggest challenge for me is to remember to take time to pray and to listen for the voice of God. I hope that prayer comes easily for you and when you do pray, that you receive the promise found in Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
 Deb Corey, Vision Board

	<u>YTD thru 2/29/2024</u>	<u>Budget This Year YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Grace Contributions	\$ 136,304	\$ 122,867
Transforming Receipts	\$ 71,608	\$ 60,000
Capital Receipts	\$ 17,760	\$ 15,000
Grace Registration Income	\$ 2,322	\$ 2,833
Grace Other Income	\$ 39,973	\$ 35,333
Seeds of Grace Tuition Income	\$ 102,409	\$ 109,333
Seeds of Grace Grant Income	\$ 9,952	\$ 9,000
Total Income	\$ 380,328	\$ 354,367
<u>Expenses</u>		
Operational Ministry Expenses	\$ 274,165	\$ 274,243
Capital Expenses	\$ 71,608	\$ 58,250
Total Expenses (includes Seeds of Grace expenses)	\$ 345,773	\$ 332,493
Operating Margin	\$ 34,554	\$ 21,874



Faith Practices & Neighboring Practices

By Tyler Gustafson

Through the Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices team we were challenged to sit down with someone we didn't know very well and have an intentional one-on-one conversation. During this conversation, our primary goal was to listen and not to talk. In fact, we were told during this one-to-one we should only be talking about 20-30% of the time; only enough to keep the conversation going. One of the main questions we were told to ask during these conversations is "why does that matter to you?" Through doing this we were able to discover the other person's passions and strengths as well as what is genuinely important to them. This initial challenge was at the Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices retreat we attended back in October. Since this initial challenge we have been invited to have similar one-on-ones with others in our church and within our community. We are striving to better understand each other at Grace as well within our community.

We often get the question, what is the goal or expected outcome of the Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices team? This question has been hard for me to answer, as it is not the goal that we would come away from this two-year commitment with more programs or services for our church or community. My best answer is that our team is learning new practices and tools that will help us reshape the way we think about and see the world. This can be tough for us in our culture that is outcome based and always wants tangible results. Through slowing down to listen instead of talking we can make meaningful connections, discover others passions & strength, and give the gift of allowing others to feel heard and seen. I hope we all can take some time to slow down and listen to those around us in order to connect and better understand each other.

One on one conversations can happen with friends, family, and neighbors. One Faith Practices and Neighboring Practices participant mentioned doing this with her teenage daughter and said it gave her new insights and strengthened their relationship!

If you would like to try this practice, here are some great questions to get you started:

- For teachers, school officials, and other neighborhood educators:
 - * What inspired you to become a teacher/educator?
 - * What is something your school does really well? What is something this school is still learning to do well?
 - * How have you seen this community/ school change while you have been here?
 - * Who else should I talk to?
- For business owners:
 - * How long has this business operated in this neighborhood? What brought the business here? How has the neighborhood changed since your business first opened?
 - * What have you learned about this community in your time here?
 - * Who are some people in this community that support and encourage you?
 - * What are your hopes for your business in the next 5 years? 10 years?
 - * How do you spend your time when you aren't working?
- For Neighborhood Association and community organization representatives:
 - * What are the organization's priorities next year?
 - * What have you been a part of in this community that you are really proud of?
 - * How did you first get involved with this organization?
 - * What do you like most about your work with this organization?
 - * Who are the neighbors you can count on most to show up and contribute?
- For residents and neighbors:
 - * How long have you lived in the neighborhood? Why did you choose this community to live in? How have you seen the neighborhood change?
 - * Who are the neighbors you know best? Who are the neighbors you want to know better?
 - * What is something other people would say you care about?
 - * What is something you know how to do well enough that you could teach someone else?
 - * What is something you care about that people might not know?
 - * What is something that you have always wanted to learn more about?

Staff & Ministry News



Save The Date – April 28, 2024

Although Kris Miller's last day on staff at Grace will be the end of May, we will be celebrating Kris during worship at both services and with refreshments following BOTH services on **Sunday, April 28th**. Please mark your calendars and join us as we give thanks for the many ways Kris has loved and served our congregation the past 28 years.

In celebration of Kris' service, we will be presenting Kris with a monetary gift. If you would like to make a contribution to this gift, you may do so in one of three ways:

- Cash donation in an envelope marked for Kris Miller's retirement gift. Please give this directly to Tracie Russell.
- Writing a check to Grace Lutheran Church and writing, "Kris Miller gift" on the Memo line.
- Online via Realm – please designate this donation as "Miscellaneous Income" in the dropdown box and type "Kris Miller gift" in the memo space.

To be included in this gift to Kris, please make your contribution by April 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Tracie Russell, Administrator or Nancy Jenkins, who is organizing the celebration for Kris.

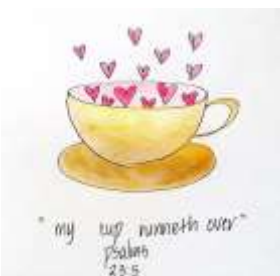
A Unique Gratefulness

As many of you know, I fell on the ice on January 25th. I have a burst fracture of the L1 vertebrae and earned myself a three day hospital stay. At my last x-ray and neurosurgeon appointment, everything is healing nicely and should be out of the back brace by the end of April.

You may ask "Why in the world would she be grateful for that?" Well, here's my list.

I am grateful for.....

- ♦ the wonderful staff at Grace & Seeds of Grace, who helped/were concerned about me in the minutes after the fall.
- ♦ for the Administrator, Tracie Russell, who helped me take the baby steps that morning to my car and continues to help me take baby steps to get back into work.
- ♦ for the entire Grace Staff, who have sent me cards, texts and calls to check in, to pray with, and still tell me to take it slow getting back into normal routine. And every single volunteer who helped out while I was out, there are so many of you to be grateful for.
- ♦ for the doctors, nurses, assistants, and therapists at Mercy who helped ease the stress, pain and anxiety that I experienced in the hospital.
- ♦ for the time to heal in body, mind, spirit, and faith, all of which were a bit broken.
- ♦ for my amazing husband, Dave, who has nursed, comforted, held my hand, scolded, protected, kept the house running, calmed, and loved me throughout all of this.
- ♦ for our daughter, Jessica, who has been the backup caregiver for not only me but for my sister and mom.
- ♦ for our son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Joshua, Jessie and Soren, who came to visit when they were in town, video chatted, and sent pictures.
- ♦ for my family, who checked in from across the country and just up the road.
- ♦ for the entire Grace community, all of the cards, voicemails, texts, emails, prayers, pictures from Seeds of Grace, and love.



So you see my gratitude is abundant and my cup runneth over. Thank you all for everything.

Love, Marie Kolar

Staff & Ministry News

Welcome Holly Dodds!



The Grace Staff is delighted to welcome Holly Dodds as our new part-time book-keeper. Holly's background is in audiology, but she has always done bookkeeping on the side. She has been helping out in the office since Marie Kolar has been out of the office. We are thrilled to have her on our team. You will probably recognize Holly from her leadership on our Praise Team and our Vision Board. Welcome to our staff, Holly!



Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle: Monday, April 8th 12:30-2:00 A group of mostly retired women who meet **Monday April 8th** following quilters (12-

12:30pm lunch 12:30-2:00pm study) Our study together follows the monthly ELCA Gather Magazine Bible Study. Please contact the church office or Low Jackson to participate. A few studies ago Pastor Maria invited Ruth Circle participants to write their very own Psalm of Praise. Below is Low Jackson's submission!




Graceful Seniors

The 2nd Tuesday of the Month (April 9th). All seniors are invited to join us this month at 10:00 AM at Lord of Life in Ramsey for a special concert. Details below.

JOIN TOGETHER FOR FUN, FRIENDS, AND FELLOWSHIP

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!



with **Dr. David Cherwien**

APRIL 9 AT 10 AM

Cherwien recently retired after 21 years as director of the National Lutheran Choir. Join for singing (song sheets provided) with Dr. Cherwien on both piano and organ. Refreshments following.

AT LORD OF LIFE IN RAMSEY

14501 NOWTHEN BLVD NW, MAIN ENTRANCE
RAMSEY, MN 55303

A Psalm Of Praise

Praise the Lord all day long for She has brought forth another colorful sunrise of shades of orange and pink against the darkness of the trees. The grass glistens like diamonds yet the Lord is more precious than these.

The Lord warms us with sunshine and showers us with His grace and abundant love. She sends red angels to light upon the bushes and trees to give voice to those who have remained faithful before us. Blessed be the name of our Creator!

The jays, chickadees and black-eyed juncos chatter for spring reminding us to look forward to each season and to revel in the present and presence of God.

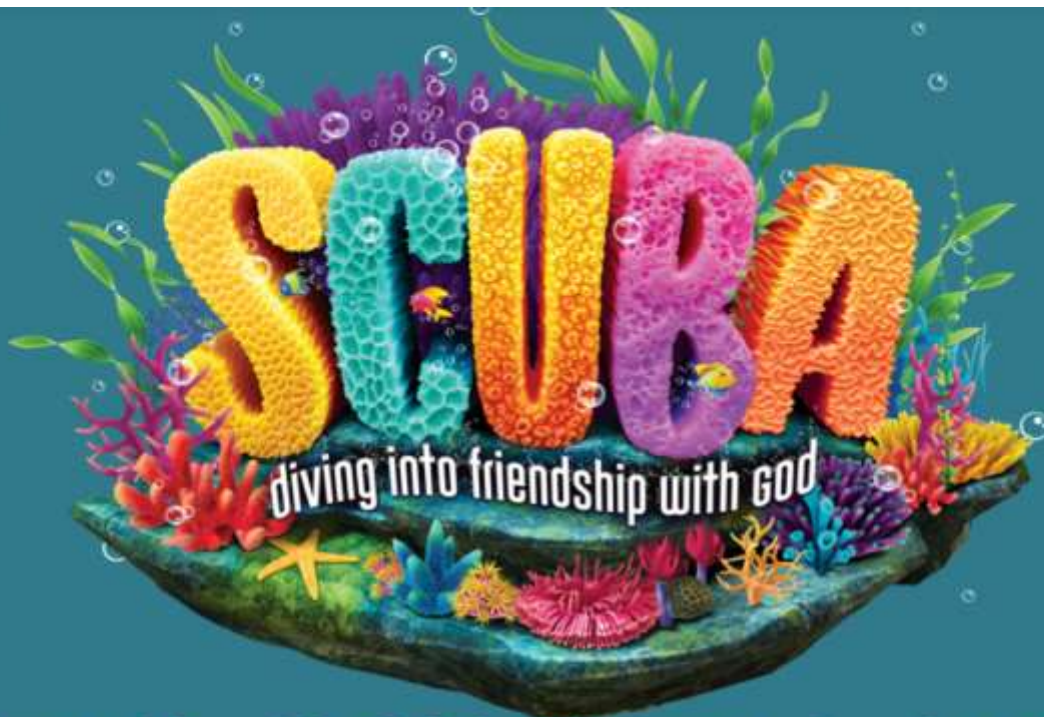
The gentle breeze moves across everything as the Holy Spirit caresses me in its rhythm reminding me that worries are lifted and blessings flow from the Creator, Spirit and Redeemer who resides within me.

You push me to care for and respect the environment which you have entwined and molded me into upon my birth as I live in awe and wonder at your worldly gift to your children. Your mercy is great like the air that surrounds me.

All praise, honor, and glory to you today and always, gracious God.

Your child,
Low Jackson

Special Events



June 10 - 13, 2024 / Ages 4 - Grade 6

A joint Vacation Bible School
experience with

***Lord of Life Church Ramsey &
Grace Lutheran Church Andover***

hosted at Lord of Life Church
14501 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN

9:00 am - 12:00 pm for Ages 4 - Completed 1st grade Cost: \$55

9:00 am - 3:00 pm for Completed Grades 2 - 6 Cost: \$95



Register NOW

closes June 3rd

Special Events



Youth Summer Trips

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW LIVE!
\$100 deposit due upon registration.
Fundraising and scholarships available!
REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 15!



Summer Festival Camp (Middle School Summer Camp/ High School Leadership Camp)

July 14th- July 17th
Cost \$350.

Summer Festival at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter Minnesota combines wild games, gut-busting humor, a messy fight, meaningful music, relevant speakers, breakout sessions and small group discussion time for a unique youth group experience.



Summer Festival Registration



Summer Stretch

June 27th – August 8th - from 9:00am – 5:00pm.
(No Summer Stretch on July 4th)
Cost \$325 (\$375 after May15)

Summer Stretch is a dynamic summer ministry for students who have completed 4th-8th grade! Summer stretch runs every Thursday. Participants will need to be dropped off and picked up from Grace Lutheran Church. Each Thursday, we will travel to various service projects and recreational activities around the area.



Single Day Registration



Full Registration

Summer Stretch Single Day Registration \$70

Summer Stretch Junior Leaders (High School only)
\$100 full summer session 6 weeks
\$40 a single day



Junior Leader Registration



Christikon Montana Trip High School only

July 27th 6AM- August 4th 9PM
Cost \$850

A week at Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in the beautiful Montana mountains for all current 9th -12th grade students (students must have completed 9th grade by July 2024.) You spend your first and last nights at the main camp. The rest of the time you are hiking through our mountain wilderness. Limited spots available so register SOON!



Christikon Registration

Ministry News



Empty Nesters

We are going to have our next Empty Nester event on Monday, April 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Willy McCoy's in Andover. Their address is 13655 Martin Street Northwest. All are welcome at our events! We hope to see you there!

Gardens of Grace Plant Swap

HEY GARDENERS!!! Mark your calendar for May 18th 2024. From 8 am – noon, Grace Lutheran will be hosting their first annual Plant Swap! Bring in your extra veggie seedlings, annuals, and perennials (tomatoes, marigolds, hostas, anything!) and swap them for other plants! Add some variety into your 2024 garden and connect with fellow Grace green thumbs!



Annual Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, May 5, 2024 in between worship services, Grace will be voting on new Vision Board Members. Grace wants to thank all of those Vision Board Members whose terms are ending!



New Member Classes

April 14th & April 21st
12:00 - 1:00pm

New member classes are for those interested in membership or who want to learn more about Grace. Two consecutive Sundays, April 14th & April 21st from 12-1pm each Sunday. Sign up on Realm today!

Breakfast Of Hope

WHEN: Thurs., May 9th
7:20am Table Hosts Check In
8:00am Stories of Hope Program

WHERE: Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church
5025 Knox Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419

Grace Lutheran Church's Mental Health Team has a table for this event (8 seats) if you would like to join us, please email mariam@graceandover.org



Packing Event Sat. April 6th 12:00 – 1:45 PM

Calling all Meal Packers! Grace will be hosting a meal packing event at Feed My Starving Children in Coon Rapids on Saturday April 6th, from 12:00 – 1:45 PM!

We have a history and tradition at Grace of packing meals for FMSC. At our last packing event in November, we had a great time packing meals for over 100 children to feed them for a year. It's easy to learn if you've never done it before and it is also a family friendly way to serve!

Please join me on Saturday April 6th at 12:00 PM. We have reserved 50 slots, so feel free to bring a friend, neighbor, or family member. You can sign up through the Blue Sheets in Worship, or by calling the church office.

Thanks for serving and sharing God's Love!

Scott Christensen,
Outreach Ministry Team Leader



Ministry News

Grace 4 Rakai Update – 2023 Exam Results

Both of the African Children Today (ACT) schools began another school year in February. Richard Mutaawe, ACT Director in Rakai, informs that the students are all excited to back and are working hard at their studies.

At the end of the school year in late 2023, all students took exams before moving on to the next grade. Students in Grade 7 at the ACT Junior School, took national exams to determine their eligibility to continue on to the ACT High School. Students in Grade 11 took national exams to determine if they could remain in a university prep track or determine another course of study. Students in Grade 13, in their last year of high school took national exams to determine if they would qualify to continue on to university.



In Uganda, only a small percentage of children complete high school and fewer yet qualify for further study at university. The results of the national exams are now in:

- Grade 7: All 8 students sponsored by Grace who took the national exams passed and are now taking classes at the ACT High School.
- Grade 11: There were a total of 14 students sponsored by Grace in this class. All of them passed their national exam and most of these students will remain on a university track. Amazingly, one of the 11th graders received an "A" on all 10 of subjects in his exam, making him one of the top 11th graders in the entire country of Uganda!
- Grade 13: A total of 12 students in Grade 13 took their final national exams in high school and have been sponsored by Grace families for several years. All have passed successfully. Most are considering university if funding can be found. A few are also considering other careers.

In addition to those above, we have students graduating from programs such as teacher training, construction, catering and others.

We do have 3 students who were sponsored previously by Grace families in need of new sponsors. Two are at the ACT High School and one is at the ACT Junior School. If you may be interested in sponsoring one of these students or know of someone who may be able to please contact Scott Christensen

It is amazing to see so many children at the ACT Schools in Rakai, Uganda, thriving and receiving a world class education! The students, teachers and staff at ACT in Rakai are passionate about their work and mission! Thank you to everyone who is a sponsor and the Grace congregation for their financial support of these children in Rakai, Uganda!

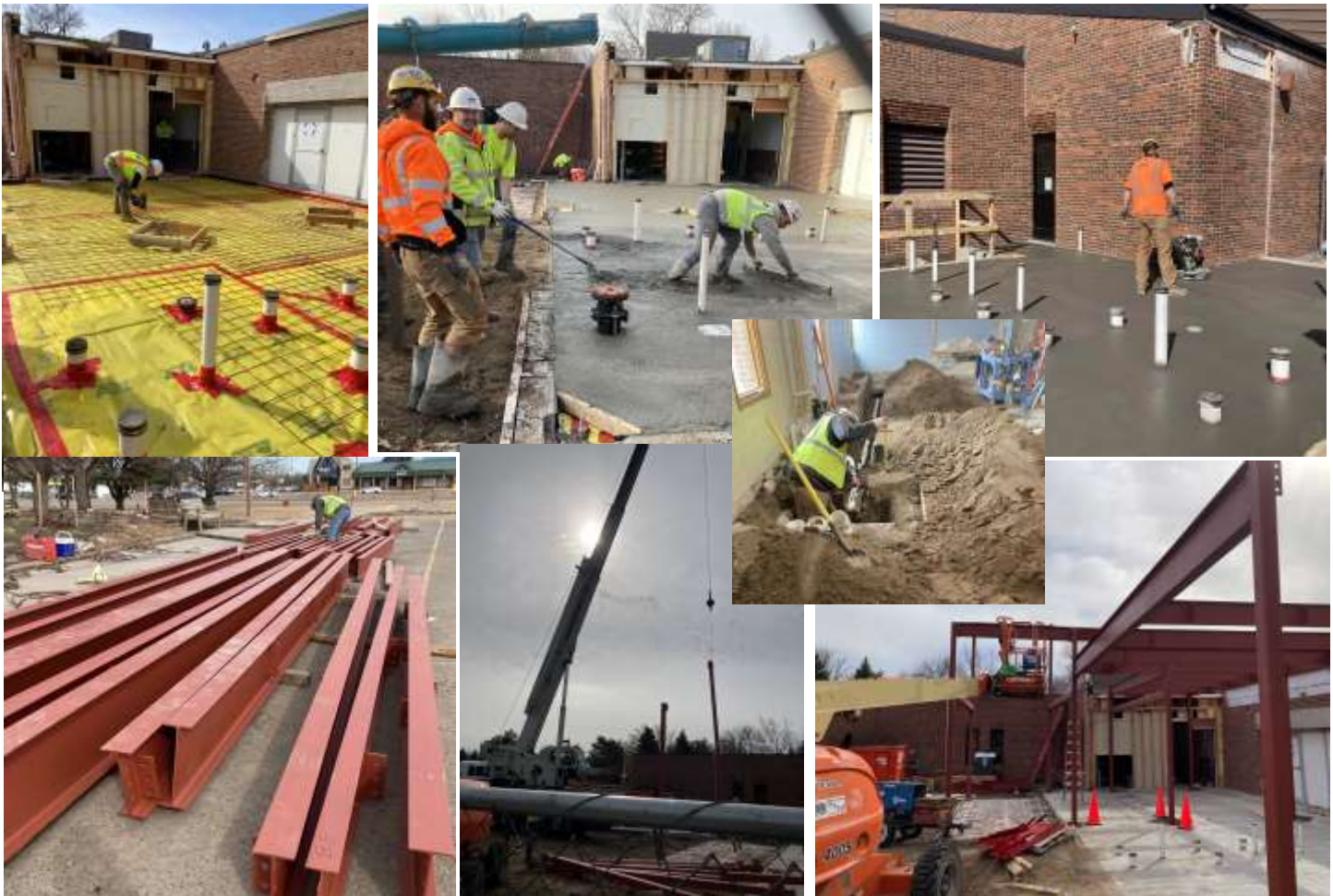
Construction Update

The entry has changed dramatically. First the beginning of the new bathrooms, although it is not really obvious as it was just the underground plumbing risers that were visible, but the single element of progress on those new facilities. The floor slab was prepped and poured creating a mud free work platform for further efforts. Secondly, the structural steel arrived and was promptly erected. It is almost as though we have planted the flag and declared that this place is ours and we are going to make it into something big.

How about the brightness of the narthex and sanctuary? It is bright enough that now we can follow along with the new hymnals as we sing. More electrical activity will continue with conduits along the north and east walls. Major wall activity that will cover those conduits is scheduled to begin in April.

The daycare addition is progressing at a steady pace. There is a lot of activity by a number of different crafts. Walls are nearly all furred and sheet rocked, roof drains have been insulated, ducts are being installed, conduits and plumbing are in the walls and with taping of joints early next week, and we began painting following the taping.

The kitchen is cleared of all old furnishings and of asbestos contains materials. The floor has been cut and opened for the installation of underground plumbing. It all passed the testing and has now been backfilled. The space is ready for the floor to be restored and the wall prep to begin. New appliances for the kitchen have been identified and the order is being processed. Recall that we are nearly doubling the size of the room and consequently we are adding additional equipment.



Children, Youth and Family News

State of the Youth



We have such a wonderful group of Youth here at Grace. I would like to highlight one of the ways I have gotten to know some of the youth in a new way. Over the past couple months, one middle school student and one high school student have joined the Grace Choir! This is an area of ministry that I also participate in, even before I accepted the role as CYF director. The middle school student sings bass (just like I do), and he can already sing lower than myself. I think that is currently his favorite fact in the world. We have fun with these friendly competitions of who-can-sing-lower. The high school student is someone who I always enjoy talking to, but rarely get the chance during Youth Group. Since she has joined the choir, we always have the opportunity to just have a conversation after rehearsal. She says, "I joined [the choir] because I love to sing and always have, but since I go to school over in White Bear Lake, I don't really know the community here. Singing with this choir helps me to feel more connected to this side of my life." It is such a special experience to use our gifts to create music together.

- Will Weikle, CYF Director



Green Valley Gift Card Fundraiser

Our annual Green Valley gift card fundraiser is coming up! So, save all your plant purchases you are planning to make to support our youth. Sales for the gift cards will be from April 28th - May 5th, just in time for Mothers Day.

Volunteer Shout Out

This month, I would like to give a shout out to one of the Youth Volunteers, **Kilee Borchers!** She is currently a junior in high school. She has been the assistant director for the Treble Makers (children's choir) and a volunteer for the 10:30 Sunday School class. In Treble Makers rehearsals, she is always prepared to help the kids sing, take a group into sectionals, or help direct! When we did the Christmas Program, she was always ready to jump in wherever there was a need. In Sunday School, she leads games or crafts, and helps the kids with the daily routines. It has been such a blast watching the kids connect with her.



Kilee, thank you for all the time that you spend to support our Sunday morning children's ministry programming. You have a gift of working with, and supporting young children. I appreciate all that you do.

-Will Weikle, CYF Director



Children, Youth and Family News

Movie Night Babysitting

This is a fundraising opportunity for the Youth! Middle school and high school students since this is basically babysitting, come help out for \$12 per hour in fundraising dollars! It is also a great way to make connections with parents who are looking for babysitters. Reach out to Will Weikle if you are interested in helping! willw@graceandover.org



**DROP YOUR KIDS OFF AT GRACE FOR
MOVIE NIGHT WHILE YOU HAVE DATE NIGHT**



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BLANKET AND
STUFFED ANIMAL**

**APRIL 19TH
5:00-7:30 PM
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**APRIL 12TH
7:00-10:00 PM**

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Worships
Sundays 8:45am
Sundays 10:30am
Wednesdays 7pm

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