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GRAND VIEW GOOD NEWSLETTER

The monthly newsletter of Grand View Methodist Church

“A JESUS-SHAPED LIFE” STUDY

Written by Nicci Reeg, Active Member

In 2011 my husband Russ and I began worshipping at Grand View regularly. The decision to switch churches changed the trajectory of my life in a big way. I had been asking the Holy Spirit to guide me and He did! Pastor Tom has been preaching to us all about how putting ourselves in positions to let the Holy Spirit work in us and through us can change our lives. Whether it's a big or small direction change, it's still a step in the right direction.

The study “A Jesus-Shaped Life” is going down in my book of Holy Spirit lead trajectory changes. It wasn't an all at once dynamic shift, but more slow and steady. The readings for each day are short and to the point. I am going to read it again as it's just a great way to let the Holy Spirit work on me. The discussion group Russ and I attended allowed us to be in community with one another. It is such a blessing to listen to what our fellow Christians are hearing the Holy Spirit whisper into their ears.

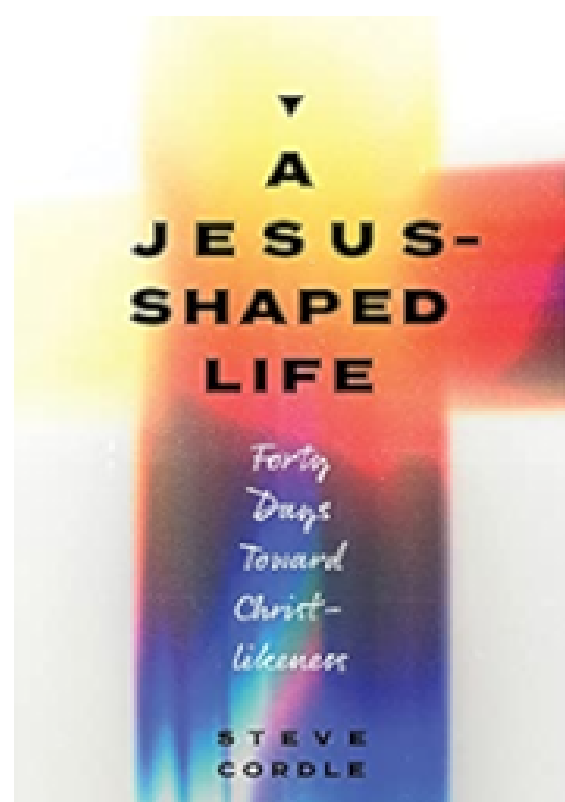
You are probably saying, “Tell me about the book Nicci”. While I won't give you the cliff notes, I will give you my main take-away. Jesus came to die for us all, but in addition to that he taught us how to live. We will never be fully like Jesus but I'm gonna give it my best effort. “To live a Jesus-shaped life is to choose to lay down our right to a self-directed life and choose Christ over comfort.” This is a quote from the book (pg. 111). One of the best and most potentially dangerous gifts God gave us is free will. We have to choose to live like Jesus. Aren't we blessed then that the Holy Spirit was sent to help us with that? I am going to challenge myself to go even deeper and work on choosing Christ over...well, just about everything! *(continued)*

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(Continued) My “aha” moment while reading this book was on pg 110, “Jesus, I don’t want to risk saying anything about you to my friends because they might mock me. So, will you go ahead and make them Christians while I act just like them?” Ouch! Ok, ok, its time to put the rubber to the road. The word is courage. In the past few years I have been challenged to speak God’s truth. Sure it’s easy to talk Jesus around those who agree with you. But take that out of the Church and into the “real world” and now we enter the uncomfortable zone. Tell them why! I LOVE extending grace, showing love, compassion and kindness to everyone I can. Whether its a flustered server at a restaurant or a stranger at the gym. But anyone can show kindness. As Christians we need to consistently tell them WHY we are so kind and loving. We are kind because of Jesus, pure and simple. I consider myself nudged by the Holy Spirit. Now I just need to do a better job of bringing up Jesus. Without shame, without fear and without hesitation.

Overall, this book was great! If you haven’t read it already, I encourage you to do so. You may get something different out of it than I did. Becoming more like Jesus is the ultimate goal for all Christians and this book (along with the Holy Spirit) can help change your trajectory. And how powerful would it be if we all lived Jesus-Shaped Lives as a congregation. Whew! Watch out world here we come!



THE MEANING BEHIND THE FLAGS

Written by Art Miller, Active Member

Annually, the Grand View Christian Community pays tribute to fallen members of the military and other deceased family members by displaying American flags on the grounds of the Church.

The flags are delivered and set up by the Noon Optimists five times each year (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Veterans Day). Members of the congregation contribute fifty dollars for each flag and note for whom the flag is in remembrance of. A list of contributors and their remembered love ones is on display in the church gathering space along with other tributes on our Sunday Memorial Day celebration. This year we have had a total of 80 flags ordered!

This has become a source of great pride for the congregation as they pass the flags on their drive along JFK and John Wesley drive as they approach the church! A special thank you to all of those who have helped make this annual tribute a success!



NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!



We would like to officially welcome, Rick Roussell, Kayla Oftedahl, Travis Olson, Emily Olson, Paul Ruiz, Katie Ruiz, Jody Brothers, Alec Amosson, Stephen Hiatt, Pam Hiatt, Shania Kinywa, and Peterson Kinywa as the newest members at Grand View! On Sunday, March 24th, during the 8:00am and 9:30am worship celebrations we welcomed them to the congregation! We are so honored they chose Grand View as their church home to love God, love others, and serve the world with us!

We were struck by Pastor Tom's challenge to live as Jesus lived.

-Paul & Katie Ruiz

We noticed from the beginning how genuine & nonjudgemental everyone seems. We always learn something new & love the upbeat services!

-Steve & Pam Hiatt

WSCS MONTHLY MEETING

Written by Imogene Thill, WSCS Member



This month at WSCS we had a special Guest Speaker from Riverview Center. We learned that Riverview serves 14 counties in Iowa and 2 in Illinois with free and confidential aid to anyone who is a victim of sexual assault, including legal and therapy services. We are planning something special again next month (with our mission item being Personal Care Items for Opening Doors) so we hope to see you then! All are invited!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - TEACHERS PERSPECTIVE

Written by Kathy McWethy, Sunday School & CDM Teacher

I've been teaching 2nd and 3rd grade Sunday School for 4 years. Teaching Sunday School has always been fun and rewarding. The provided curriculum is easy to follow and requires little preparation. It's not unusual for me to learn something from the curriculum too. What I enjoy most about teaching is getting to know the kids and then continuing to watch them grow beyond 2nd and 3rd grade and live a Christian life.



THE PEOPLES PERSPECTIVE

Written by Chantal Moore, Communications Coordinator

Now we all know Grand View wouldn't be the amazing Christian community that it is today if it wasn't for the people we have in it! During the next few Good Newsletters, we would like to feature some articles from you all! The people of Grand View! These articles can be as short or as long as you'd like, and be about anything related to Grand View!

Did one of Pastor Tom's sermons stick out to you this month? Why did you become a member of Grand View and what do you enjoy about it? Did we have an event this year that stuck out to you? Do you enjoy your cell group and what makes it enjoyable?

All of these are some different prompts to use as inspiration but it is truly up you! All articles can be emailed to office@grandviewdubuque.org.

WELCOME MINISTRY ASSISTANT SYDNEY MULGREW

Written by Chantal Moore, Communications Coordinator



We have a new Ministry Assistant on staff at Grand View and it may be someone you recognize!

Sydney Mulgrew is a long time member at Wesley Methodist Church in East Dubuque and was previously our Ministry Intern. Her job focuses mostly on Children & Youth Faith Formation as well as other tasks needed to assist in the mission of Grand View.

HOLY WEEK - PALM SUNDAY

Written by Chantal Moore, Communications Coordinator

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter. The story of Palm Sunday originates from several gospels in the Bible, but I'll give you a quick recap! When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people of Jerusalem were so happy to see Jesus coming to their city, that they welcomed him by waving the palm branches (much like our Palm Parade, pictured below). Throughout Holy Week we will remember the sacrifices Jesus made for us, how he was rejected, betrayed and crucified....all leading up to the Resurrection, which we will be celebrating on Easter Sunday.





HOLY WEEK - GOOD FRIDAY

Written by Alec Amosson, Creative Director

This year's Good Friday worship service was another moving experience of Jesus' last moments that all led to the cross. Rev. Tom read the traditional scriptures walking the over 150 people gathered for worship through Jesus' betrayal, arrest, execution, and death. Though not a "fun" worship celebration – this yearly, meaningful service is always a chance for all to take time to reflect on the work of Jesus on the cross – and give thanks, ask forgiveness, and seek to live differently.

The music, the silences, the imagery, the cross, the nails, the prayers, the video, the message – all worked to help us remember why Good Friday was good – because Sunday was coming. The night culminated in a reminder that no matter what is going on in your life – and no matter what is holding you back from living fully for God – Jesus is the key to unlock a better way of living. Thanks to all who attended, and all those who helped make this worship service a success.

EASTER SUNDAY

Written by Alec Amosson, Creative Director

Sunday was a celebration of “Rising Up” from our past, from our before moments, and going forward to live differently in the after. Rev. Tom brought a strong message that encouraged all those who attended to share their story – the story of how their life was before knowing Jesus and His Church...and how their life was now after getting connected to God and God’s people. And, if you don’t have a story like that yet – you have hope through the promises of Easter that you can “Rise Up” from your past and live into a better future because of Jesus.

Easter Sunday was a great celebration of Jesus Christ’s resurrection – but also of this amazing Christian Community coming together to worship. There were nearly 650 people who attended Grand View throughout the morning. Some showed up for our outdoor, beautiful sunrise worship. Others showed up for 8:00am worship with great special music from Dubuque teacher Natalie Delcorps, and even more showed up at 9:30am or 10:45am for the Grand View Church House Band and the first ever Grand View Choir. Lots of people went into to make this day a success. I would like to take a second and give extra thanks to Dubuque Chorale (use of choir riser), Rondinelli Music (use of outdoor speakers), and all of the musicians, worship tech team members, ushers, greeters, staff, and more.
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EASTER SUNDAY

Written by Alec Amosson, Creative Director

This was my 11th Easter at Grand View – and I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to partner with this congregation in worshipping God and in helping to spread the good news of Jesus Christ with a world who needs it. If you missed Easter worship, I invite you to check it out on YouTube – and let’s continue to “Rise Up” in this next season as we unapologetically reach more people for Jesus.



AD BOARD RECAP

Business/Finance Update

- Melissa provided the 2024 Cash Management Policy to the board; it was approved unanimously.
- Melissa provided the board with a copy of the SafeMinistry Policy. Tom added that this policy represents “best practices” for a place of worship, and Tom and Melissa noted that it is required by our insurance carrier. After some discussion, approval of this policy was tabled until next month, to allow additional time for the board members and CDM Director to give it a thorough read.
- Melissa also provided the board with a proposed Employee Manual, approval of which was also tabled until next month, with the same plan.

Trustee Update

- Prairie Park Project
 - Tom called a meeting of a group to discuss the actions needed to fulfill our commitment to utilize part of our land for the CRP.
- Members of the Trustee taskforce submitted a proposal to the board to form a Property Stewardship Advisory Team (PSAT) that would help oversee and manage the entire property.
 - Tom suggested that we invite Ron Turner to next month’s Ad Board meeting to provide additional information on and answer questions about this proposal.
- Funding Sources for Maintenance Shed/Sidewalks
 - Larry requested that Melissa provide a summary of money available in appropriate funds for these projects. Melissa and Larry will discuss between the meetings.

AD BOARD RECAP

CDM Updates

- Brandi is looking at new flooring options for the CDM wing. Many childcare centers are moving to vinyl flooring. Tom has a contact who is going to come in and review some textured epoxy options. Brandi will provide an update to the Trustee task force.
- Brandi was identified as being “highly qualified” and an “observed strength of the center” by our state evaluator. The board congratulated Brandi on this achievement. The state review was very positive overall!

Big Ideas and Roadmap for the Year Ahead

- Karen had provided (via the Ad Board packet) the results of the Ad Board scoring the “Big Ideas” that were originally brought forth at the Ad Board retreat.
- Tom is going to meet with several people who expressed interest in being part of the Social Events Team.
- The board discussed possible considerations for adding a camera system to the building and grounds.

Organizational Work Chart

- One addendum to the original “Big Ideas” discussion was a suggestion from RJ (seconded by Will) to create a chart to identify our areas of focus and priorities, along with resources and capacity to achieve them. We need to fully understand the latter before we can start on the former.
- RJ suggested a virtual work session, with a cross-section of staff and stewardship team members, to discuss further. The board agreed with this plan. RJ will organize and communicate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 6TH

Men's & Women's Breakfast

8:00am

APRIL 20TH

Sauerkraut & Pork Dinner at Wesley

4:30pm

APRIL 10TH

Ladies Luncheon at Carolines Restaurant

11:30am

APRIL 24TH

Last Day of CFX

5:30pm

APRIL 15TH

Ad Board Meeting

5:30pm

MAY 11TH

Work Day at Camp Bear Creek

9:00am - 3:00pm

APRIL 18TH

W.S.C.S. Meeting

1:30pm

MAY 18TH

Youth Daytime Lock-In

8:00am - 7:00pm

RECURRING EVENTS

Christian Family Xperience - Every Wednesday @ 5:30pm

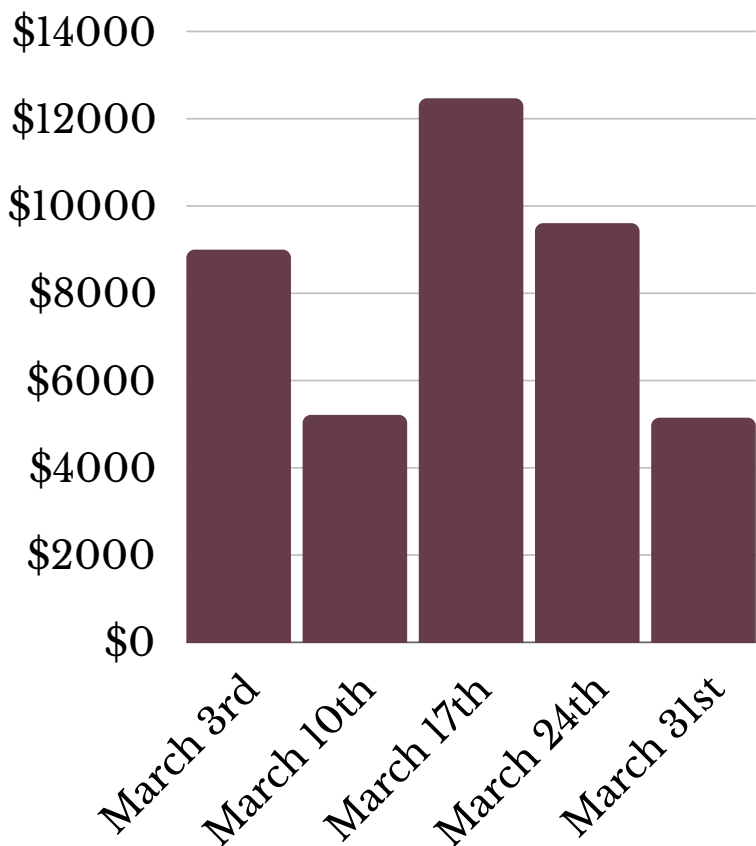
Sunday School - Every Sunday @ 9:30am

Prayer Shepherds - Every Wednesday @ 11am

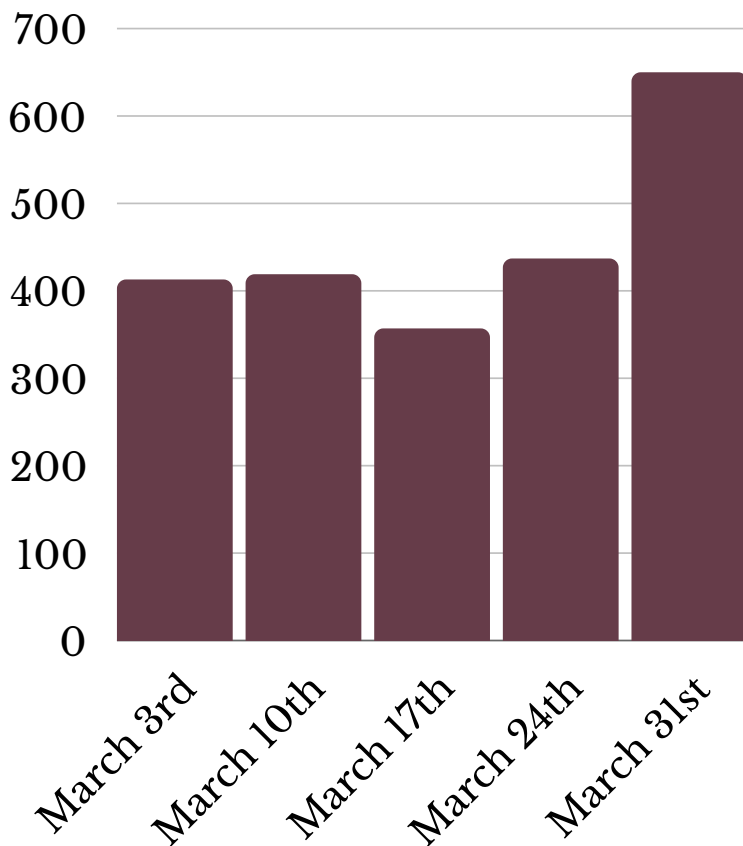
Quilters - Every Monday @ 12pm

FINANCE AND MEMBER CARE UPDATE

GENERAL FUND GIVING



ATTENDANCE



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Nora Heiar - April 1st
 Heather Rath - April 1st
 Ophelia Williams - April 2nd
 Todd Birch - April 4th
 Roger Edwards - April 4th
 Kelly Liddle - Apr 4th
 John Kielty - April 5th
 Donaline Mitts - April 7th
 Leah Sanders - April 7th
 Jacob Nastruz - April 7th
 Jason Nank - April 9th
 Art W. Miller - April 9th
 Dixie Husemann - April 10th
 Linda Gage - April 10th

Noah Franzen - April 10th
 Patricia M. Munns - April 12th
 Shawn Poggemiller - April 15th
 Kennedy Mae Bradley - April 15th
 Caden Brothers - April 17th
 Cherri-Lynn Watson - April 17th
 Richard Skinner - April 17th
 Claire Sanders - April 18th
 Sophia Murphy - April 19th
 Lauren Bergquist - April 20th
 Susan Lane - April 20th
 Mark Giese - April 21st
 Brogan D. Telford - April 21st
 Karen Ratterman - April 21st

Patty Poggemiller - April 22nd
 John L. Cottrell - April 22nd
 Craig Olson - April 22nd
 Grace Schemmel - April 25th
 Kathy McWethy - April 26th
 Payton Coppenhaver - April 26th
 Ron Turner - April 27th
 Dee Turner - April 27th
 Penelope Knudsen - April 27th
 Joyce McCarthy - April 28th
 Tom C. Shinkle - April 28th
 Caden Pigott - April 29th
 Marla Irion - April 29th
 Jake Baker - April 29th

FOLLOW GRAND VIEW ON SOCIAL MEDIA & NEVER MISS AN ANNOUNCEMENT AGAIN!

 Grand View Methodist Church

 Grand View Connections

A facebook group designed for the people of Grand View community to get connected with each other.

 Grand View Faith Formation

A facebook group designed for children & youth event updates, announcements, and connections.

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JOIN GRAND VIEW'S EMAIL & TEXTING UPDATES!

EMAIL UPDATES:

Pastor Tom's Midweek Update
Grand View Good Newsletter
Prayer Requests

Email the church office to be added to any of these email lists.

TEXT UPDATES:

Text "JOIN" to 563-500-2505 for Grand View text updates.

Text "YOUTH" to 563-500-2505 for youth related updates!

*Please contact the church office if you need any assistance or have any questions.
office@grandviewdubuque.org*

HAVE GOOD NEWS RELATED TO GRAND VIEW & WANT TO SHARE?

Please submit all stories to :
office@grandviewdubuque.org

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