

WORDS OF GRACE

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The Power of Prayer

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” Matthew 6:7-8

Herein lies a troubling question about prayer: “*Since God already knows, and has even determined all that is going to happen, then why bother praying?*” God is either a Deist God, a Determinist God, or a Delegator God.

The *Deist God* created the universe and human race, imbued it with natural law, and then stepped back to let everything pretty much run on its own. Those who embrace a deist god have very little motivation to pray.

The *Determinist God* is the god of the *hyper-Calvinist*. This is the God who has predetermined and decreed all human decisions and outcomes. Those that embrace a determinist god see humans as basically puppets and pawns, whose lives are already predetermined by God, so why pray.

The third possibility, and the one that I embrace, is that God is a *Delegator God*. Even though God does not *need* us, God *chooses* to use us to accomplish His plans. This is the God who delegates *real* autonomy, *real* free will, and *real* authority to humans. This is the God who has created humans to be co-creators of God’s ongoing creation of the universe. Those

that embrace a Delegator God pray with deep conviction, because they fully believe that God has appointed prayer as the means through which He accomplishes His purposes. God invites us into the joy of partnership and intimacy with the Trinity.

It is because we know that God cares about every need and every desire, we pray as beloved children trusting in the heart of a loving Father. Prayer is snuggling up to Father God to feel His delight because you are in Christ. While your head is laid upon Father’s chest, God’s Spirit whispers the plans He wants you to pray into being.

We pray out of delight, not duty, not to change God’s mind, but to have God change our hearts, not to *get* from God, but to be *with* God. We understand that

predestined does not mean predetermined, and that Sovereignty does mean the story has already been written. Instead, God invites us to be co-authors of God’s ongoing story of our lives and all human history.

The question isn’t, “*Will God’s plans be prayed for?*” because God will *always* find an obedient servant who *will* respond to God’s invitation to partnership prayer. The question is, “*Will you be God’s willing partner through prayer?*”

Pastor Chris

“Will you be God’s willing partner through prayer?”



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I Make All Things New

The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Then he said, "Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." Rev. 21:5

"Write these words down, for they are trustworthy and true." Wow! If for a second, doubt and fear are clamoring for your attention, the one who sits on the throne Himself proclaims that the words, "Behold, I make all things new." are **trustworthy** (reliable, honorable, incorruptible) and **true** (accurate, correct, right, faithful). God imprinted within each of us a desire for newness, vitality, and growth. But because we live in a world where evil prowls about for the ruin of souls, we seek God-given desires in fleeting, destructive, pleasures (cosmetic surgery, creating false personas, drugs, abortion, constantly changing fashion and technology, destruction of the earth). New is great. New promises opportunity and potential, change and novelty, and ultimately, growth. How does God, the Author of new, make things new?

Come now, let us set things right, says the LORD: Though your sins be red like scarlet, they may become white like snow; Though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool (Isaiah 1:18). Crimson is a dye used in the Old Testament that was impossible to bleach out. Similarly, with our sins, big or small, we can never remove them ourselves. How many times have we wished we could reverse the clock, wipe out a part of our lives, or undo something that is just too much to bear? God knows we are guilty and that we lack the power to redeem ourselves. So, He says, if we are obedient, He can (and wants to) wash away our guilt. But notice, too, how God says our sins *may* turn white. Not, "let's pretend you never sinned." Our loving God is not the God of escapism. Rather, He says, "Come to me. Yes, your guilt is hard to bear. But I forgive you. And because I am God, I can bring good out of even the worst of sins." Also, our Lord is Justice Itself, so He cannot simply turn a blind eye and pretend nothing happened (look to how He responds to Adam and Eve's transgression). But His justice is stamped with mercy, wisdom, and a desire to renew and restore. By making our sins white as snow or wool, God not only forgives us, but gives us the grace to rise up from our mat of shame and self-pity to walk into the light of hope and truth, not only for ourselves, but for the whole world. Look at how people who haven't received this grace continue on the path of self-destruction, not out of joy, but driven by a sad compulsion born of fear, disgust, and shame. Compare that with the radiant light of one who knows the extent of his or her sins, but also knows the joy of redemption and conversion. Still not convinced? Look at Jesus Christ. He rose from the dead, scars and all. 2,000 years later, mercy and love still flow from His pierced side. Come to Him, and He will forgive and restore purity and innocence. Only He can give this gift.

I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). Our hearts are hardened by the evil we experience, the evil we witness, and by our sinful nature that drives us to self-centeredness. The world tells us that to "make it" in life, it's me first, then the rest of the world. We then sacrifice children, integrity, authenticity, and family life, and our hearts slowly harden and close up. Do we find ourselves going through the motions of church, donating money, making dinner, with no sense of love or joy? Do we do good to receive praise and approval? It's hard to remain engaged in life; to fight the spirit of complacency and apathy, and God knows this. So, what's the antidote? God's Holy Spirit, who searches hearts, waters the hardened places, and keeps our hearts beating with love and compassion. If we are not careful, we end up seeking for an infusion of life by digging our own dry and broken wells that cannot hold water. *(Continued on page 8.)*

Farewell



Wow! In so many ways, it feels like I spent years here because of the warm welcome I received from each one of you. But it's also hard to believe how much time flies. When I came to GracePoint, I knew I was making a commitment to serve, and although I was hoping for a much longer commitment, God is now calling me to the next step of my own faith journey to continue to mold and form me into His own masterpiece.

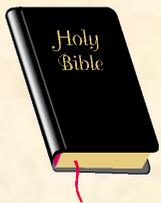
My last day is March 31st, so by the time you hold this newsletter in your hands, I won't be here. In any case, please accept my official goodbye. Leaving is bitter-sweet, and looking back, all I can say is, "Wow!"

Thank you for the dignity of work and most importantly, for the joy of working to spread the Gospel. I enjoyed getting to know some of you and working closely with a few of you. Thank you also for allowing me to share my musings in the newsletter! ☺ Putting together the newsletter was one of my greatest joys working at GracePoint.

The GracePoint family was a source of joy and grace in my life, and I can only hope that a small part of my work brought each one of you joy and God's grace. Pray for me as I pray for you.

Peace & Blessings,
Seabelo N. Montwedi

Become A Missionary in Your Own Neighborhood!



A seal team is being formed to pursue distributing Bibles this summer in our church neighborhood. We are considering giving out Children's Picture Bibles, Youth Bibles, Adult Bibles, and Jesus videos. If this is something you would like to participate in, please contact Steve Lemon.

Memorial

To all members and friends of GracePoint, the memorial/internment service for Mary (Thompson) Hunt, beloved mother and grandmother of Paulette, Cary, Heather, Ann, and John Kress, is going to be held at Christ United Presbyterian Church in Oelwein, Iowa, on Saturday, May 6, at 1:00pm. Your presence, whether physical or in prayers, at that time would be most appreciated.



Thank You 

I would like to thank all of you, my church family and friends, for your cards, calls, and especially your prayers as I underwent surgery. They meant so much. I am recovering well, and am looking forward to seeing you all in church soon.

Lois Trausch-Wolfe

Mexico Mission Trip 2018

Do you have a heart for mission and need some fulfilling physical exercise? Do we have a deal for you!

The Missional Outreach Team is currently working on a mission trip to Cancun, Mexico to help build a Presbyterian church. We need to know if there is enough interest from our congregation to go ahead with this planning. The trip would be sometime in March of 2018, so only a year away!

If you haven't been on a mission trip like this, you cannot know how life changing it can be.

Please pray about this, and if you feel you might like to go—again or for the first time—contact Doug Storlie (destorlie@gmail.com) or Bev VanDerZyl (bjvdz66@mchsi.com).

Again, we are trying to get an idea of whether there is enough interest in doing another Mexico Mission Trip, so if you feel you might or would like to go, please let one of us know as soon as you can.

Thank you!



Woman to Woman Luncheon

"It's Spring ~ Ready-Set-Grow"

Date: Sunday, April 30

Time: 11:45am (immediately following worship)

Where? GracePoint Fellowship Center

*We will share conversation, food, dreams, and plans for simplifying!
Please bring a dish that has something green in it or is all green to share!*

Pill Bottle Fundraiser

Don't forget the Pill Bottle Fundraiser is in progress. We need to have empty bottles filled with pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, bills, or checks. This will be used for shipping Shoe Boxes in November, and that will be here soon. The EMPTY bottles are in a basket in the Connect Way alongside a basket for FILLED bottles.

Please save your change, put it in the bottles, and leave them in the basket on the shelf. This is a good cause, and really helps. Will you all help?

Thanks to all who have participated in this project. I appreciate it.

Pat Kohler



GLOBAL MISSIONS UPDATE

EASTER OFFERING FOR 2017

Each year in our box of offering envelopes there is included a special Easter Offering envelope. For the past few years this offering has gone to Clarity Clinic, a wonderful local ministry that many of us support individually as well as through our church.

Your Global Missions Team is always looking for missionary opportunities that we would like to see our church be part of. At our General Assembly in Detroit last summer we were introduced to a group called Christian Aid Mission, who really touched our hearts by sharing what is going on in the world. One unique emphasis of Christian Aid Mission is that they give priority to ministries working among unreached people, ministries that train and send out native missionaries to plant churches where none currently exist. Christian Aid Mission sends financial support to indigenous ministries; they do not send Americans overseas as resident missionaries. They help native ministries that are fully independent and work for Christ in their own countries, tribals or language areas.

It is very hard to anticipate questions or concerns our congregation might have about this mission organization. Don Sanders has a file of information about this ministry, as well as their recent financial reports, and Don would be glad to share any of this information.

Your Global Mission Team is asking our congregation to consider making this special contribution this year to the Christian Aid Mission using the Special Easter Offering envelope in your envelope box. Thank you for joining with us in providing support for this unique worldwide mission group.

Don Sanders

for the Global Missions Team: Scott Arnold, Ramona Hennings, Joseph Joseph, Pat Kohler, Beverly VanDerZyl

Concert of Prayer

When: Saturday morning, April 29th

Venue: Four Mounds

Prayer.....Songs.....Prayer Walk.....Discussion

Watch the bulletins for further information!

Please save the date!

2017 April 2017

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 6:30p Lenten Service at First Presbyterian	3 6:00p Food Pantry	4	5 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:30p Hand Bells 6:30p Prayer Team	6 5:30p Missional Outreach 6:30p Faith Sharing Group 7:00p Emmaus	7	1 (no listings) ***** 8
9 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 1:30p Bethany Home	10 6:00p Food Pantry 6:30p Property Team	11 6:30p Task Force	12 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:30p Hand Bells 5:30p Fellowship 6:30p Prayer Team 7:00p Deacons	13 6:30p Faith Sharing Group	14 6:00p Seder Passover Meal Jews for Jesus	15 Newsletter Deadline
16 Resurrection Sunday 6:00a Sunrise Service (Grand River Center) 7:00-9:00a Mission Breakfast Fundraiser 9:05a Prayer Room 9:30a Worship 10:40a Fellowship Common Grounds Open	17 6:00p Food Pantry	18	19 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast 12:00p Golden Oldies 6:30p Session	20 6:30p Faith Sharing Group	21 6:00p ProtoStar	22
23 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship	24 6:00p Food Pantry 6:00p Food Pantry Meeting	25 6:30p Task Force	26 6:15a Men's Prayer Breakfast	27 6:30p Faith Sharing Group 6:30p Spirited Exchanges	28	29 am Concert of Prayer, Four Mounds
30 8:30a Chapel 9:00a GracePath 10:00a Fellowship Common Grounds Open 10:05a Prayer Room 10:30a Worship 11:45a Woman to Woman Spring Luncheon						

Membership to Date

Active	120
Inactive	6
Perm. Inactive	11
Total	137

Clerk's Report

SEDER MEAL: Good Friday, April 14, 7pm.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: April 16, 6am, at Grand River. No Chapel or GracePath. Easter Breakfast to fundraise for Mission to Mexico will be served at church, 7-9am. Worship Service at 9:30am. Fellowship at 10:40am.

PRESBYTERY MEETING: April 28-29, Highview EPC, Dousman WI.

EASTER OFFERING has been changed from Clarity Clinic to CHRISTIAN AID MISSION.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES will begin on May 28 and end September 3. No Chapel or GracePath. Worship at 9:30am, Fellowship at 10:40am.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK was approved and will be either in June or July.

1st QUARTER MISSION GIVING approved at Session, February 22.

EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bailey, Ben & Monica - Middle East	\$250.00
Furr, Chris & Kirsten – Europe Region	300.00
Hamd, Robert – Lebanon	575.00
Total EPC Giving	\$1,125.00

General Quarterly Giving

Aisenbrey, Lou & Debbie – Wycliffe	\$250.00
Busse, Durwood & Barbara – Allegro Solutions	250.00
Clarity Clinic – Dubuque	200.00
Dios es Amor – Cancun, Mexico	200.00
Dubuque Rescue Mission	225.00
Elangwe, Isaac – Cameroon	250.00
Grote, Scott & Jessica – Mission Air Group (MAG)	600.00
Krohn, Jeff – SIM	250.00
Meyer, Stan – Jews for Jesus	200.00
Leverington, John & Becky – Wycliffe	250.00
Prasad, Elizabeth – Witnessing Ministries	275.00
Schoofs, Sam & Elizabeth – Frontiers	300.00
Shiloh Christian Children's Ministries	175.00
Siloam Eye Hospital – South Korea	250.00
South Sudan Education Mission (SSEM)	200.00
Weber, B. J. – New York Fellowship	250.00
Yeats, Ted & Karey – Navigators	250.00
Total General Quarterly Giving	\$4,375.00

Other Special Giving	0.00
Total Mission Giving for 1 st Quarter	\$5,500.00

Clerk's Report prepared by
Pat Kohler, Clerk of Session

Golden Oldies

Please join us for our first Spring session after a long break!

Date

Wednesday, April 19

Venue

GracePoint Church
Fellowship Center

Time

Noon

Program

Scenic Valley Area Agency
on Aging

*Any one 50 years and older
is welcome.*



** * *This is a
brown bag
lunch. Drinks
provided!*

CORPORATE**TREASURER'S REPORT**

General Fund Beginning Balance, Feb 1, 2017	\$6,001.09
Income	13,558.00
Expense	-18,861.77
Transfer	-833.33
Ending Balance, Feb 28, 2017	<u>\$ -136.01</u>

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Jim Huston
- 5 Tom Scherf
- 5 Betty Muellich
- 5 Kylie Donovan
- 6 Brianna Bell
- 7 Ken Godwin
- 8 Chase Allen Barsema
- 8 Austin Trausch
- 12 Benjamin Godwin
- 14 Glenda Temple
- 17 Sara Scherf
- 17 Melissa Donovan
- 17 Judy Godwin
- 18 Ralph Vandenberg
- 22 Toby McClain
- 24 Steve Roling
- 25 Matthew Duehr
- 26 Dorothy Thomas
- 26 Deb Hakanson
- 27 Diane McIlrath
- 29 Marla Irion



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Ben & Glenda Temple
- 12 Marilyn & Victor Learn
- 27 Jan & Pete Jenner
- 28 Dan & Sharon Baker

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The cold trickle of hurts and disappointments can harden our hearts until we are cold, bitter, and resentful, and close our hearts to others. And honestly, it's hard to *forgive seventy times seven* as Jesus commands, and to do so from the *heart*. But He waits for us at the dry well we visit over and over again to cope, offering over and over again living water that flows in abundance so we can drink deep and receive life. Let us pray, "Water from the side of Jesus, soften my heart that is constantly under attack. Teach me to love as you love."

This is what the Sovereign LORD says, "My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back..." (Ezekiel 37:12). "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised. He is not here." (Mark 16:6). Through *the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*, God demonstrated His power to break the bonds of death and took away the sting of death. Whether we are facing the death of a loved one, a brief flirt with death, sickness, old age, or are literally on our death bed, we can rest in the hope that God wants to welcome us into eternal life. We are then free to abandon ourselves to Divine Providence and cooperate with It's design. No more striving or manipulating. When faced with a cross we can, with confidence, extend our hands, take up the cross, and follow after Christ on His way of the Cross, with full confidence in God because we have witnessed that even though we may fear, tremble, fall, or falter, death does not have the last word. Our Most Loving Father brings good out of every single happening if we but trust in Him, the greatest good being salvation itself, a most sweet and eternal joy!

As we approach the rising of the Christ, what newness is He longing to gift you with? What is He offering you, begging and longing for you to accept? Will you heed His cry, "I thirst"? Don't be afraid. He's a most Gentle Friend. His newness brings lasting vitality with no "adrenaline hangover", even in the drudgery of everyday life. Amen.

In Christ, *Seabelo*

What's Brewing at Common Grounds?



- **Open Hours**

Sundays: 10am-12pm

Watch for *Spirited Exchanges*. Open conversations for young adults.

- **Classes**

Thursdays: 6:30-8:30pm
Crossroads Faith Sharing Group
Hosted by Patti Scheer & Sue Lemon.

- **Live Video Streaming**

Sundays: 10:30am

Watch Worship on TV.

Stories OF Grace

Following the Golden Thread of Hope

The Stations of the Cross

As you journey with Jesus, allow for some time of quiet following each station to hear Jesus speak to you in intimacy.

1ST STN: Jesus Is Condemned to Death (Mk 15:1-15, Mt 27:23-31) *The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did . Did condemning many others to a gruesome death desensitize Pilate? Do I consume that which erodes my conscience (violent and obscene movies, morbid curiosity, gossip)? Do I sacrifice others for my gain? Do I cloak myself with a false sense of innocence? What would I've done as Pilate?*

2ND STN: Jesus Receives the Cross (Jn 19:13-17, 19:5) *They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. (Mt. 23:4) How often do I beat others up with my judgments and lack of kindness, but expect them to walk with dignity?*

3RD STN: Jesus Falls the First Time (Is 53:4-7, Mat 11:28-30) Jesus falls, the wood of the Cross crushes His bruised and cut back. The thorns of our shame go deeper into His head, and His tormentors mercilessly strike Him. Others mock Him. Am I one of them? What am I doing?

4TH STN: Jesus Meets His Mother (Jn 19:25-27) Sometimes we are called to share in the cross by a silent, vulnerable witness; to offer up our loved ones and simply trust. The sorrow and compassion can purify us.

5TH STN: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross (Mk 15:21) *Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus helps Jesus, wondering, "Why me?" Perhaps this is not a case of forced labor but Jesus longing to share Simon's cross of his worries and concerns regarding Alexander and Rufus, as only a parent hurts when their children are in danger or going wayward. Perhaps.*

6TH STN: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus (Jn 14:9, Mat 25:40) It's not so much the greatness of our actions, but the courage to yield to the prick of our conscience when we might be ridiculed, rejected, mocked, or trampled. If we take a risk and wipe away another's sweat, we leave stamped with Christ.

7TH STN: Jesus Falls the Second Time (Heb 4:15, Is 63:9) How often do I fall over the same sin? If Christ can fall, who am I to think I should not be making mistakes? Am I prideful?

8TH STN: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem (Luke 23: 27-31) *Weep not for me . . . for if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?* Jesus sees past His own pain to that of His poor sheep. Selflessness.

9TH STN: Jesus Falls the Third Time (Lk 22:28-32) My dear Jesus, are you delirious with pain? Why aren't your tormentors moved to pity? By now they should've spent all their diabolic fury, no? Our hearts are cold.

10TH STN: Jesus Is Stripped of His Clothing (Jn 19:23-24) Stripped, naked, cold, and humiliated to clothe us with dignity. We cast aside this sacrifice by violating our purity, making a mockery out of love, and defacing humanity for pleasure. Why do I pursue these actions? What is it we are looking to satisfy by these debasing and disordered passions?

11TH STN: Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross (Lk 23:33-43) The fear as You feel the pressure of the nail. Paralyzing pain shoots throughout your entire body as the nail is driven through the palm of Your hand! Does the soldier holding You in place comprehend that he is touching God? What I would give to touch just Your garment, to eat with You, to wash Your feet. . . .

12TH STN: Jesus Dies (Jn 19:28-37, Mat 27:50) You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls. From a distance, you seem lethargic and unresponsive. Up close, Your eyes are tender with mercy. Often I want to help from a distance, give money here and there, say a quick and careless prayer, but You bid me to come closer to You.

13TH STN: Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross (Jn 19:38-40) Can you die to self and surrender to God and allow Him to take care of you, mostly through others?

14TH STN: Jesus is Laid in the Tomb (Mark 15: 46-47) *The Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.* Perhaps God allows Jesus to be laid in a borrowed grave because God knows there is life after the grave? Death does not have the final word!

PRAYER CHAIN

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler.

Daytime Prayer Chain

Pat Kohler 583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg 583-5338

Ramona Hennings 583-8739

Wilma Sanders 582-7346

Mable Boelk 557-9166

Sue Lemon 583-4454

Lois Trausch-Wolfe
583-0534

(Lois starts the evening chain.)

Evening Prayer Chain

Glenda Temple 582-0464

Kim or Jerry Bell 582-4956

Barbara Berg 608-732-3035

Sharon Baker 451-4557

Karen Storlie 556-7548

Volunteers are Priceless at GracePoint!

Worship Venue 10:30am

Communion Preparers (April 2) Shirley VanDuser
Nicole Roling

Communion Servers (April 2) Janet Metelak
Doug Mulder
Ben & Glenda Temple

	Ushers	Greeters	Prayer Room
April 2	Janet Metelak Ed Boettner	Dave Gaylor Lisa Gaylor	Doug Storlie
April 9	Ray Wlochall Robin Wlochall	Rebekah Godwin Sara Scherf	Kevin Hirschey
April 16	LeRoy Berg Barb Berg	Dan Baker Sharon Baker	Beverly VanDerZyl
April 23	Mike Boland Mike Vandenberg	Doug Storlie Karen Storlie	Pauline Brimeyer
April 30	Don Sanders Wilma Sanders	Ben Temple Glenda Temple	Lisa Gaylor

Please find your own subs. Substitute ushers are Mike or Ralph Vandenberg. Substitute greeters are Pat Kohler or Dixie Shaffer.

ChildCare

April 2 J'Neane Briden, Suz Birch
 April 9 Anna English, Sara Scherf
 April 16 Kelly English, Martha Intveld
 April 23 Marilyn Learn, Janet Metelak
 April 30 Pam DeMeester, Judy Godwin

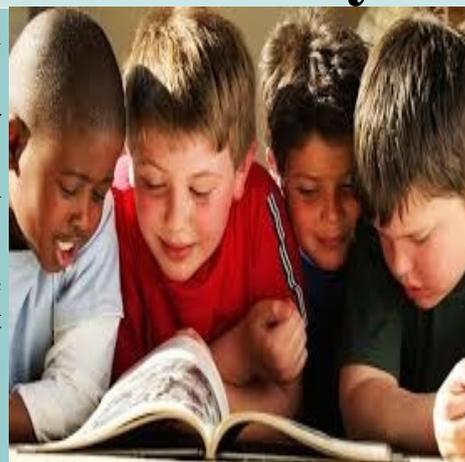
Check Out the Library

The library is open Sundays from 9:00am—noon.

Videos and books are available for checkout.

Stop by on Sunday to see the recently updated library!

Donations of new books or videos are always welcome. Questions? Contact Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



Holy Week

GracePoint is offering worship and praise venues for Holy Week as we enter into the Passion of Christ and celebrate His Resurrection. Please join us as we witness and celebrate this gift of faith.



Seder Passover Meal

Date: Friday, April 14

Venue: GracePoint Church

Time: 6:00pm

Sonrise Service

Date: Sunday, April 16

Venue: Grand River Center—River Room

Time: 6:00am

Resurrection Worship Service

Date: Sunday, April 16

Venue: GracePoint Church

Time: 9:30am

Please join us for a Mission Breakfast Fundraiser at GracePoint on Resurrection Sunday, 7-9am. Worship will follow at 9:30am, then Fellowship at 10:40am. Thank you!

No Maundy Thursday service this year | No Chapel or GracePath on Resurrection Sunday

GracePath for Adults

Module 4 | April 2 - May 21

Bible Survey

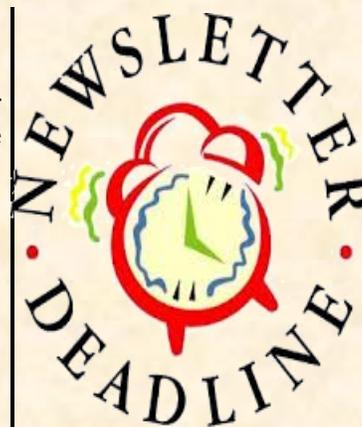
Mary Hirschey, with the help of George Schwartzman, will continue to lead this Bible Survey class in module four. The class will provide a bird's eye view of the entire Scriptures and give an historical perspective that will lay a foundation for interpreting all of Scripture. It will cover the basic themes and general content of the Bible, showing the relationship of books and placing them in historical context. The class will look for Christ in each book of scripture, along with familiar yet hidden gems. We'll explore the types of literature in the Bible, its authors, and the continuity of its story. This small group began in module 3, but participants can join in during module 4.

Teacher: Mary Hirschey | Participant guide: \$12 (optional); *Bible Survey* book \$13.50

All the Places to Go...

Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to "Stay." He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the life we will lead and the person we will become. In *All the Places to Go...*, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them and how to embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await. Using this small group video study, Pastor Chris English will help participants recognize these doors and have faith and courage to walk through them.

Teacher: Pastor Chris English | Participant guide: \$7



Saturday April 15

Don't forget to sign up to bring treats for fellowship time on Sundays.

You may also honor a birthday, anniversary, or special event.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Center.

Contact Elder Robin
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or
Bob Boelk





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Resurrection Sunday

Sunday, April 16

Sonrise Service

Time: 6:00am

Venue: Grand River Center

Worship Service

Time: 9:30am

Venue: GracePoint Church

**Note: No Chapel or GracePath. Mission Breakfast Fundraiser at GracePoint, 7-9am,
for Mission to Mexico Trip. Fellowship at 10:40am.**

Please see page 11 for more information on Holy Week events.

