



Community of Grace Lutheran Church 2020 Annual Report



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Senior Pastor Darrin Vick

What a year!

At the beginning of 2020, I shared with you that change was coming and that we were learning what it meant to be "canoeing the mountains."

That metaphor from Todd Bollinger's book has been a prophetic word to our congregation and to Christ's Church as a whole.

I confess that there were many times when I felt completely overwhelmed, but there were more times when I felt the "peace of God that surpasses understanding."

I owe that peace to the Holy Spirit's presence and to your prayers.

Thank you for living up to your name, friends! This truly is a community of grace. I look forward to where Jesus will lead us next.

By Grace Alone,



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Council President Sandy Anderson

It was Arlene Handlos, whom we lost in January 2021, who first taught me a song based on the parable of the wise and foolish builders in Sunday School.

The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the wise builder's house, yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

This is the image that comes to mind when I look back on 2020 at Community of Grace. Events in the world seemed to come at us from every side, impacting our church family and ministries in ways we could never have foreseen.

CGLC's foundation, built over years of hearing God's words and putting them into

practice, held strong.

Our faithful and innovative staff created new ways for us to worship, learn, serve, and connect. Our congregation gracefully embraced the many changes and found new ways to carry out CGLC's mission.

I am so thankful to be a part of this church family and look forward to building on this foundation with you in 2021!

To Be and Make Disciples,



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Worship & Care

2020 Worship Expense: \$352,978 or 25%

2020 Care Expense: \$120,606 or 8%

Hours of Livestream Worship

150

Celebrations of Life (Funerals)

16

Next Steps Videos From Home

22

Infant Baptisms

11

Sundays With No Guests on Campus

16

Weddings at Church

1

Minutes in Social Media Prayer

4,230

Minutes of Facebook
Video Views

2,228

Worship Team Members
Performed Remotely

21

White Pine Blessings Provided

152

Advent Packets Mailed

1,013

Care Packages Delivered

88

Groups

2020 Groups Expense: \$193,286 or 13%

Grace Gatherings Held at Church

30

Refuge Face Masks Ordered

150

Giant Inflatable Refuge Monster

1

High School Graduates
Celebrated in the Parking Lot

15

Average Refuge Zoom Attendance

65

Students Confirmed

10

Senior Adult Events

8

HISKids

- **158** Facebook Devotions With Victoria

- **48** Facebook Storytimes With Britta

- **6,443** Pieces of Candy Handed Out at Trunk or Treat

- **37** Children's Messages Recorded

- **691** Postcard Greetings Sent Out

Average Number Attended
Refuge Big Nights on Site

62

Service

2020 Service Expense: \$93,735 or 7%

Women of Grace

- **2,040** Face Masks Sewn & Donated
- **503** Quilts Lovingly Crafted
- **82** Dress Kits for Lutheran World Relief
- **118** School Tools Bags for Overseas Students
- **28** Ronald McDonald House Bags
- **100** Newborn Kits for Global Health Missions

Home

- **22** Families Blessed Each Week by Adopt-a-Room Donations
- **410** Laundry Soap Packs Filled by HISKids Trailblazers

*Amount Raising Hope Event
Sent to Mission of Hope: Haiti*

\$40,000

Hood

- **100** Progressive Garage Sale Cars
- **150** Backpacks Filled for WBL Schools
- **6** Number of Fare for All Events

Operations

2020 Operations Expense: \$678,170 or 47%

Installation of Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization Units

To Help Clean Indoor Air in the
Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, Children's
Ministry Center, and Main Office Area

\$14,200

Payroll Protection Grant

Endowment Fund Reached

\$169,200

\$1.2 Million

Hours Spent Editing Video

993 Million (General Guestimate)

Special Projects

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| • Completion of Roof Project (2019 Insurance Claim).....\$104,469 | • Parking Lot Care.....\$7,271 |
| • Heat/AC Units for Commons.....\$34,365 | • Personal Protection Equipment for Protection of Congregation |
| • Miscellaneous Repair & Maintenance of \$15 Million Building.....\$20,042 | • COVID-19 Disinfectant Foggers.....\$513 |
| • Ionization Units.....\$14,200 | |
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Financials

2020 Actuals

Actual Revenue 2020

General Gifts \$1,283,883

Payroll Protection Grant \$169,200

Facility Use/Misc Income \$46,593

Building Fund/Reserve \$48,214

Missions/Service \$33,962

\$1,581,852

Actual Expenses 2020

Worship \$352,978

Care \$120,606

Groups \$193,286

Service \$93,735

Operations \$678,170

\$1,438,775

2021 Budget

Projected Revenue 2021

General Gifts \$1,356,000

Facility Use/Misc Income \$50,000

Building Fund/Reserve \$50,000

Missions/Service \$44,000

\$1,500,000

Budgeted Expenses 2021

Worship \$350,348

Care \$118,270

Groups \$222,543

Service \$140,467

Operations \$667,372

\$1,499,000



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