











Community of Grace Lutheran Church 2019 Annual Report



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Senior Pastor Darrin Vick

Where have you seen grace in our community this past year? Where will you see grace in our community in 2020?

The numbers and images on the following pages are an attempt to quantify some significant ways in which grace has been moving through our congregation over the past 12 months. Some of these numbers are different from last year but they all share something in common: every number is connected to a person and each person has seen God's grace because of you!

As we begin 2020, I believe Jesus wants to give us a vision of even more of his grace at work in our community. That means inviting the Holy Spirit to reveal more of his power in our lives. As it says in Luke 11:13,

"how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

I look forward to seeing more with you in 2020.

By Grace Alone,



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Pari G. Vis

Council President Sandy Anderson

Have you ever ridden a rollercoaster? As the cars slowly climb up the steep track, excitement builds even though you can't see what's ahead. You are along for the ride; experiencing the ups, downs, twists, and turns until the cars come to a stop. You exit feeling relieved to have survived and exhilarated. Then, after a few deep breaths, you're ready to do it again!

That's how I'd describe 2019 at Community of Grace. We started the year in transition, excited but unsure of what was ahead. We climbed as we followed God's leading to call Pastor Darrin and celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our partnership with Mission of Hope.

After a joyous Easter season, we hit the twisty part of the track. We helped Stamp Out Hunger, hosted Vacation Bible School, and the Community Garage Sale. We sent students out on a mission trip while saying farewell to some beloved staff members. Services celebrating God's provision and seeking his vision for our future uplifted us. We filled some key positions, collected diapers, hosted homeless families, beautifully celebrated the birth of Jesus, and came close to meeting the budget.

There's relief for having made it through but, as

we catch our breath, we realize God's steady hand was guiding us through it all. Let's hop back in and go wherever the Holy Spirit leads us in 2020!

To Be and Make Disciples,

Sandy anderson



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Worship & Care

2019 Worship Expense: \$324,097 - 22% 2019 Care Expense: \$115,641- 8%

Average Sunday Attendance

514

Year End Membership

1,950

New Members

23

Infant Baptisms

18

Eggs Used in Potluck

232

Ask Away Participants

260+

Orange Wall

- 80+ New Visitors at Orange Wall
- 70+ People Seeking Next Steps
- 120 Volunteers on Welcome Team

Celebrations of Life (Funerals)

19

Homebound Receiving Care Visits

60

People Visiting the Homebound

20+

Groups

2019 Groups Expense: \$215,581 - 15%

Senior Adult Events

342

Circle Members

79

Meals Packed By Students

9,798

Refuge Average Attendance

65

Refuge Pizza Slices Consumed

480

Confirmations

19

HISKids Volunteers

200

4,875+ Hours Served

HISKids

- 195 Registered for Sunday School
- 240 Attended VBS
- 10 Family Size Boxes of Cereal Consumed by Nursery Students
- 296 Candy Canes
 Handed Out

Children's Bibles Distributed

63

Mission Trip Attendees

26 Students 5 Leaders

Service

2019 Service Expense: \$134,644 - 9%

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- 17 Person Team
 Assisted with Kids'
 Club & Built Benches
 in Source Matelas
- 68 Birthday Gifts
 Sent to Orphanage &
 Senior Housing
- 108,000 Meals Packed for Mission of Hope

Hood

- 126 Garage Sale
 Volunteers
- 1,500 Hotdogs Given
 Away at Garage Sale
- 300 Stamp Out Hunger Volunteer Hours
- 440 School Tools
 Backpacks Donated

Home

- 25 Nights of Shelter Provided
- 950 Volunteer Hours
- \$3,100 Value of Diapers & Wipes Donated to Family Service Center

Here

- 1,820 Sunday
 Welcome Team
 Hours
- 492 Quilts Lovingly Crafted
- 45 Shawls Created& Prayed Over
- 38 Baby Caps Knitted
 Distributed

Operations

2019 Operations Expense: \$677,863 - 46%

Maintained Commercial Insurance Policy

\$18 Million Building

Heated & Cooled

75,000 Sq. Ft.

Savings Added to
Building & Reserve Fund

\$61,128

Endowment Fund Balance

\$1.13 Million

Special Projects

- Funded by Special Gifts, Reserves, & Endowment Fund Proceeds
- Window Replacement \$132,225
- Partial Roof Replacement (Insurance Claim) - \$94,321
- Fellowship Hall Completion - \$21,125
- Sidewalk Replacement \$14,170
- Flat Roof Repair \$6,061
- Cutting Machine \$5,335
- Grounds Work/Repairs \$3,987

- Flooring \$3,887
- Mechanical Contractor \$3,599
- General Maintenance \$1,568
- Landscaping \$1,027
- North Commons Blinds \$956
- Painting \$673

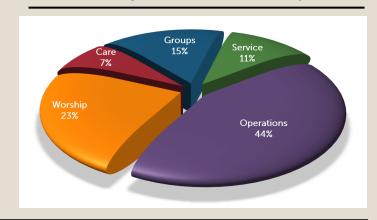
\$288,934

Financials

2019 Expense Breakouts by %

Care 15% Service 9% Worship 22% Operations 46%

2020 Budget Breakouts by %



2019 Actuals

Actual Revenue 2019	Actual Expenses 2019	
General Gifts \$1,315,438	Worship \$324,097	
Facility Use/Misc Income \$49,802	<u>Care \$115,641</u>	
Building Fund/Reserve \$57,750	<u>Groups \$215,581</u>	
Missions/Service \$44,836	<u>Service</u> \$134,644	
\$1,467,826	Operations \$677,863	
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2020 Budget

Projected Revenue 2020	Budgeted Expenses 2020	
General Gifts \$1,396,000	Worship	\$360,074
Facility Use/Misc Income \$50,000	Care	\$109,678
Building Fund/Reserve \$60,000	Groups	\$237,168
Missions/Service \$44,000	Service	\$167,695
\$1,550,000	<u>Operations</u>	\$674,385

\$1,549,000



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