



2025-2026

# Annual Report

*Jesus is our message.*

*Discipleship is our method.*

*Spiritual maturity is our goal.*

We want to encourage all members to come in person to the meeting on August 9, 2026. During the meeting, you are able to create community with others in the church around lunch together and hear in better detail about what is going on in the GracePoint family. There is importance in the gathering of the church together to see how God is moving.

That said, we do understand that life circumstances and health can cause you to miss the meeting even if you would want to be there. We have proxy voting the week before the meeting for this case. Members, please be on the lookout in your emails for the link on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proxy voting will stay open until 11:59 pm on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

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# Agenda

## Congregational Annual Meeting Agenda

August 9, 2026

GracePoint Church

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Ryan Jockers, Chair

Approve Agenda – Ryan Jockers, Chair

Review and Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – Ryan Jockers, Chair

Reading of the Member Agreement- Carey Green, Lead Pastor

Reception of New Members: Vote of Affirmation – Carey Green & Ryan Jockers

*\*Move to gym for remainder of the meeting*

Discussion & Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes – Carey Green & Ryan Jockers

Financial Update – Josh Wiens, Treasurer

Proposed Budget Explanation & Vote – Carey Green & Ryan Jockers

Nominating Committee Members Vote – Ryan Jockers

New Elder Vote – Carey Green & Ryan Jockers

Elder Terms - Reaffirmation Vote – Ryan Jockers

Elder Officer Vote: Ryan Jockers, Chair

Pastoral Update – Carey Green, Lead Pastor

Testimonies of God's faithfulness from GracePoint Members

Closing Prayer and Adjourn

# Last Meeting Minutes

GracePoint Semiannual Meeting Minutes February 15, 2026

Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Chair RYAN JOCKERS opened the meeting in the sanctuary at 10:45 am with prayer after reading from 1 Thess 3: ...*let your love of Jesus abound and overflow...*

- Last Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2025, were approved:

Motion: Tom Wangler; Second: Josh Davis; Voice Vote: All to approve.

Reception of New Members: Vote of Affirmation after they were introduced.

- Our new member candidates stepped out of the meeting room for the vote.
  - Motion: Tom Wangler/Bob Gregoire/all to accept new members.
- We welcomed new members with applause upon their return.

## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

Jim Barnhardt, Sherri Houston, Phyllis Ketterling, Sally Ritz, Cole and Nikki Johnson, Patrick and Sara Schuett, Joe and Morgan Petersen, Jacob and Laura Leier, Tim and Carol Dockter, Randy and Rachel Brag.

## New Elder Vote

- Tom Wangler was introduced.
- vote was by secret ballot:
- Vote: Yes 122 No 3 (announced at luncheon)

At 11:00 am, Pastor prayed for our meal and encouraged all to transition to the gym for food, fellowship and more updates and testimonies.

After some popular (and speedy) box lunches, Ryan and Pastor Carey reopened the meeting and thirteen new and veteran members shared how God had blessed them through their involvement at Gracepoint – the benefits of being active in a small group was mentioned by several.

We then read our Membership Covenant together and the elders read their covenant.

Lead Pastor Update – PASTOR CAREY began by reflecting on our Mission Statement:

- Jesus is our message
- Discipleship is our method
- Spiritual Maturity is our goal

Pastor noted that our Mission Statement is a challenge to put our faith into action – especially in these three ways:

1. **Facilities and Finances.** Pastor noted that we are blessed with a wonderful sanctuary, which can handle significant member growth. Unfortunately, it is a bit “lopsided” in that it does not have classroom space commensurate for our size congregation. This is a challenge now and will only get more difficult with continued growth. While we may be able to raise the substantial capital necessary to enlarge our facility, we must also be able to maintain that larger facility.

This raises the question of finances. We are living within our means at present but are below budget on giving and that will become a problem as we fill our two open staff positions. Pastor noted that this is a challenge to our faithfulness and trust in God. Generous giving is encouraged in scripture both because it allows us to reach more people with the Good News and because it blesses us as givers.

2. **Ministry Involvement.** Pastor noted that increasing member involvement in ministry is our second challenge. He commended the many who give of their time and gifts in various ministries and challenged others to put their gifts to use so that they too can disciple others and grow in spiritual maturity.

Pastor then awarded the first Giant Killer volunteer award to Ken (and Kay) Jongsma in recognition of Ken being Gracepoint’s “full time volunteer” and Kay supporting him in this ministry.

Pastor noted that we could use volunteers in these areas:

- Children’s ministry – especially on Sunday mornings but also Wednesdays with AWANA
- Care Teams – an effort to love people by meeting their immediate needs
- Greeters and Ushers

- Worship and Tech Teams

Pastor said the question we should ask is not “whether to serve but where to serve.”

3. **Spiritual Maturity.** This is our goal and as we progress here our giving and serving will grow also. This begins with prayer and personal time in the Word, continues with fellowship in the Body, and leads to and grows through service to others.

**Pastor then gave some updates:**

- The construction in the sanctuary will allow our sound servants to do their jobs better and potentially make room for a “cry room” for when the pastor is too loud for the infants in the room. The old screens will soon come down and be replaced with something like a backlit cross that will add to the spiritual atmosphere of the space. New flooring will also be coming soon. All of this is being funded through a special gift from some years ago.
- Our search for a new adult ministry pastor has led to a candidate that the search team, pastors, and elders believe is the right man for the job. When he confirms this call, we will schedule a candidating weekend and make his name and other information available to the congregation.
- Zach Fischer has been hired as facilities manager. We are still looking for an office manager as Kate will move to administrative support for the NextGen and Adult pastors.
- The new Adult Pastor will manage young adults
- Pastor Mason will then oversee *Worship and Missions*, which will allow more focus on our local and beyond outreach.
- Pastor reviewed our communication means and methods and encouraged members to use these methods to stay connected to the Body.
- He closed by asking for continued prayer for the pastors and elders.
- In response to a question, Pastor agreed to make the giving options more obvious to members.

Motion was made by Steve Burke/Jefferie Hoffman to adjourn.

That motion carried and we adjourned at 12:34 pm.

# Lead Pastor Report

It's once again been a privilege and a joy to serve the GracePoint family over the past year. It seems the Lord is steadily building the faith of the church family through the ministries and efforts that everyone is making. We've been quite encouraged with the participation and the "tone" of our worship gatherings over the past year. It seems that you are truly encountering our God through songs of praise and reflection, our times of corporate prayer, our study of His word together, and the joyful giving of our financial gifts and service to the body.

We've seen a number of new families join with us regularly for worship this past year, many moving on to become Members of the church family. You'll get the opportunity to meet some of them at our upcoming meetings so please, do your very best to welcome them with the love of Jesus.

In the end, we depend on Jesus to build His church as He promised He would. What is happening at GracePoint is exciting because Jesus is clearly at work in small and large ways.

One of the more exciting things for us is the group of men with whom we've been honored to serve as Elders. Each of them brings a deep love for Jesus and heart for the people of GracePoint to the team and together, we all seek to serve in ways that lead the members of GP to spiritual maturity. This team of faithful men who the Lord has assembled is wonderful to be a part of.

This year the Elders have begun our "shepherding" initiative, an ongoing attempt to reach out to every member of the church, consistently. By now, most of you have likely received a call from one of the Elders, and if you haven't, your turn is on the horizon! We're not calling you to ask anything from you, but to find out how you and your family are doing. We are taking our role as shepherds seriously and want to know how we can pray for you, serve your spiritual growth, and help you and yours move into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

We are also thankful that Jesus has enabled us to fill our staff team over the past year. Everyone is ultra talented, conscientious and diligent in their work on your behalf, and more importantly, of the highest character. We truly feel we have a



genuinely called and committed team who the Lord has appointed to the work He has in view for our church family.

As you are preparing to take part in this year's Annual Meeting, we ask you to do so prayerfully and with an open heart. Jesus will lead us as we humble ourselves before Him and before each other. Seek His Spirit's power to come together in unity and with an eagerness to learn more about what He is doing among us.

Thank you for being such a loving and unified church family. We love being able to support and strengthen you as you move closer to Jesus.

### **A Personal Note from Ryan**

As I step off the Elder Board, I simply want to say thank you. It has been a tremendous privilege to serve the GracePoint family in this role. I am deeply grateful for your love, encouragement, and the opportunity to shepherd this church.

While my role is changing, my commitment to GracePoint is not. I look forward to continuing to worship, serve, and walk alongside you as a member of this church family, using the gifts the Lord has given me wherever He provides opportunities. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as one of your elders. I am excited to see how the Lord will continue His faithful work among us.

Pastor Carey

Ryan Jockers (*Elder Chairman, concluding service*)

# Adult Pastor Report

Niccole and I are excited to be a part of the GracePoint family. The church has been welcoming, and we love Bismarck. Over the past few months, I have learned about the different adult ministries at GracePoint and met with several leaders. Although I was not here for most of the year, our Connect Groups are doing well! I am excited for the upcoming year as we begin our Young Adult Ministry in August! We are also developing workshops for our Connect Group leaders to help them lead their ministries well.

God is doing great things at GracePoint, and I am grateful that God called me here to love and shepherd you for the glory of God.

Pastor Brett

# Worship & Missions Pastor Report

## Worship

Thank you all for being a part of our worship through song this past year! Our hope as a team is to help lead our congregation to where they can freely worship our King. We have made some big strides this year, including adding new faces to all 3 of our teams (Tech, Livestream, Worship) and also adding some new equipment to help improve the worship experience. Some of the most noticeable equipment changes have been a brand-new tech booth, which was built by volunteers, a new speaker system, and removal of the side projection screens that were no longer in use.

Our worship team has done a phenomenal job rolling with the changes, all while learning new software (Playback) and songs of their own. I have been incredibly proud of the way our team has shown humility and joy while devoting numerous hours behind the scenes to help our Sundays run smoothly! We truly have a team that is phenomenal to work with and prioritizes Jesus being at the center of our worship.

The best is yet to come!

## Missions

We are off to a great start with all things Missions here at GracePoint. I have prayed about the direction in which I believe the church needs to shift to in order to better partner with our missionaries, and am excited about the ways the GracePoint family and missionaries have responded. One of the long-term objectives we desire as a church is to be a church that is SENDING people from our body consistently into the mission field. Our hope is that through stronger partnerships, dedicated prayer, sharpened focus, and the active support of our congregation in highlighting God's work, this goal will come to fruition sooner than expected.

This year, we enjoyed hosting families like the Foxes, Mosses, Emches, and Pages at GracePoint. We have been extremely blessed by having our Deacon of Events (Greg Larson) take on the task of cooking a fellowship meal for our staff and these families to commune over during their time at GracePoint.

Our next big step is to build and equip teams to help care, support, and engage with both the missionaries and facilities we support to help grow the kingdom for His namesake. I'm excited for what is to come and hope you consider being a part of it!

### Safety Team

Our safety team has been doing an incredible job over the course of the last few years! We have done some significant upgrades with the help of a previous grant that has enabled us to have new cameras, fobs, and take other preventative security measures that are now fully in place. Just a few months ago, we welcomed Chris Maike as the Deacon of Security. Chris and the team have worked closely together to help ensure the overall safety of our church and to be forward-thinking with safety measures.

We have had numerous members join our team (roughly one a month) and have been making strides with new training, equipment, and data to help keep things running effectively. Continue to pray that the Lord would prepare more women to serve on our team and for the continued growth that would enable us to provide security for Wednesday evening activities!

Pastor Mason

# NextGen Pastor Report

The school year of 2025-2026 was a big pivoting year for the next gen ministries. It was my third school year overseeing the youth ministry and we finally hired a great children's director to serve over the children's ministry. Alea stepped into a difficult situation, one where there had been turnover in the children's ministry every year for the past 4 years. Also, she stepped into a bigger job description than any other children's director in recent history as well. After all that, she has done a great job getting adjusted and understanding the vast scope of her new role. I am proud of the team that serves the children of our church and teaches them about Jesus (Alea, Stacy, Tori).

As for the youth ministry, as I mentioned before, this was my third year overseeing the youth ministry. First, I have to brag about my team that I had serving alongside me. Over my 10 years in youth ministry, they are one of the best teams I have ever had serve the youth and love on them. We started out the year by spending time discussing how Jesus did discipleship in a way that has impacted human history. How He taught other young men to follow God, trust Him, and live with the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the impossible. Then we spend the second semester talking about different ways we could test and approve that it is in fact God who is leading us and not the world. Throughout these series, we saw big changes happen in the hearts of the students and the culture of the youth group continued to shift little by little into a group that cares for one another and Gods word.

Some of the big activities we did throughout the year were our annual pumpkin hunt, fall retreat, Christmas party, district conference, Caramel roll fundraiser, and our Challenge conference this summer.

I am excited for the 4<sup>th</sup> year with the students and see them step into being more mature disciples of Christ.

Pastor Paul

# GPKids Director Report

The past year in children's ministry has been one of many changes, challenges, and new beginnings. I stepped into the role of Children's Director in August. At that time, the role had been filled by many different people over the past 4 years and had been recently filled by a part-time interim director. The role also took on the role of Awana director. Since there was only a month until the school year began at that point, I jumped head on into the Awana program as well as into the Children's Sunday morning programming.

The ministry staff had already decided to change curriculum from ORANGE to a more theologically-based curriculum and together we chose The Gospel Project Curriculum. Although the curriculum is less digitally accessible and a little less volunteer friendly than the previous ORANGE curriculum, I have been happy with the change and with the curriculum overall. It sequentially follows the Bible from beginning to end in a 3 year plan, all the while pointing the children to Jesus and God's plan for humanity without watering down the scripture. Last year we only changed the curriculum for the Elementary students, but this year, in September we will be making the change for the preschool as well and all children will be learning the same lessons in an age-appropriate manner moving forward.

Speaking of the preschool program, the team I have, Tori and Stacy, have been wonderful and helpful throughout my first year at GracePoint. I definitely would not have made it through without them. A big thanks to them. Stacy's organizational skills and Tori's planning abilities along with both of their servant hearts make our preschool program run smoothly. The youngest members of our church are in safe and good hands and are learning about Jesus every week.

Our Awana program started out a little rough, as we had some of our biggest numbers ever for registration and some of our smallest for volunteers. We made things work and recruited more volunteers throughout the year and despite space and volunteer staffing issues, finished the year strong. We look forward to using what we learned this year, to make our GPKids Wednesday nights even better for the upcoming school year. I also look forward to hopefully working with many of the same great volunteers again.

We did three notable events for GPKids this year. In December, we skipped the traditional Christmas program and instead did a fun family inclusive event called Jingle Jammies. It was fun and simple, but we received many compliments.

We had our first year of our “Journey to the Cross,” Easter Event. It was a huge success along with a lot of work and we plan to do it again in the coming year, hopefully making it an annual or bi-annual event.

We also did VBS this summer and, like our Easter event, made it an immersive experience. The event was also a huge hit and we received many compliments, a few suggestions on how to make it better and many requests to do the same type of VBS next year. It was a lot of work and quite volunteer heavy so we will definitely consider it and plan for it if needed. We look forward to possibly adding a Christmas program or event this upcoming year.

I am excited for my next year with GPKids and look forward to helping our children grow in Christ.

Alea

# Membership Agreement

Having received Jesus as my Savior and Lord, and being in agreement with GracePoint Church's statements, strategy, and structure, I now join the GracePoint Church family. In so doing, I commit to the following:

I will contribute to the health of my church...

...by submitting to the Word of God and the Spirit of God.

...by devoting my life to Christ.

...by continuing to grow in grace.

I will preserve the unity of my church...

...by acting in love toward other members.

...by refusing to gossip.

...by submitting to the leadership of the church.

I will help my church WIN people to Christ...

...by building relationships with the unchurched.

...by inviting the unchurched to attend my church.

...by being warm and friendly in church.

I will help my church to BUILD believers in Christ...

...by joining a small group and practicing the "one anothers" of the New Testament.

...by discovering my gifts and being equipped.

...by joining a ministry team and ministering to others.

I will help my church to make disciples of all nations...

...by supporting its missionary enterprise

I will support the ministries of my church...

...by attending church regularly.

...by giving monetarily, aiming to give at least a tithe (10%)

...by doing for others by good deeds and good news.

...by upholding the view that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman.

...by praying for the pastors and leaders of the church.

I make this commitment in dependence on the Lord who wants to work in me mightily to accomplish His good pleasure.



# Members

Alexander, Randy  
Alexander, Raylene  
Andahl, Deb  
Andahl, Paul  
Anderson, Gail  
Arndt, Jordan  
Backhaus, Levi  
Backhaus, Molly  
Backman, Becky  
Backman, Craig  
Backman, Karen  
Backman, Lakin  
Backman, Linda  
Backman, Mark  
Backman, Marlene  
Backman, Rod  
Backman, Sidney  
Backman, Wendy  
Barnhardt, Jim  
Barreth, Steve  
Bates, Jeffrey  
Bates, Kirsten  
Beckman, Kerry  
Beckman, Kim  
Berg, Robert  
Berg, Sheryl  
Bonner, Daryl  
Brag, Rachel  
Brag, Randy  
Broschat, Duane

Broschat, Sandy  
Bryant, Courtney  
Buchholz, Mason  
Buchholz, Nancy  
Buchholz, Robyn  
Buchholz, Russ  
Burke, Steve  
Burke, Trisha  
Butts, Alan  
Butts, Linda  
Christensen, Denise  
Christensen, Jeff  
Cornell, Anita  
Cornell, Nanette  
Cornell, Steve  
Curtiss, Chuck  
Davis, Bill  
Davis, Josh  
Davis, Lyndsey  
Davis, Nancy  
DeKrey, Tom  
DeRosier, Kim  
DeRosier, Matthew  
Dockter, Carol  
Dockter, Tim  
Draganic, Molenko  
Engen, Heidi  
Engen, Kyle  
Eriksmoen, Evan  
Eriksmoen, Jill

Evanger, Jaden  
Evanger, Kirby  
Evanger, Lisa  
Eyers, Josie  
Eyers, Paul  
Fallgatter, Kathy  
Fenstermacker, Kay  
Fenstermacker, Robert  
Fercho, Blaine  
Fitterer, Alen  
Gantzer, Gus  
Gasomora, Freddy  
Gellerman, Carla  
Gellerman, Don  
Gellerman, Sarah  
Gerving, Allan  
Gerving, Ashley  
Gerving, Shana  
Gibson, Amber  
Gibson, Brandon  
Graeber, Jean  
Graeber, Scott  
Green, Carey  
Green, Mindi  
Gregoire, Robert  
Grosz, Denise  
Grosz, Gerald  
Grosz, Laurie  
Grosz, Lisa  
Grosz, Tim

|                   |                      |                    |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Grover, Lisa      | Johnson, Nikki       | Larson, Diane      |
| Gysberg, Deb      | Jongsma, Kay         | Larson, Greg       |
| Gysberg, Russell  | Jongsma, Ken         | Lee, David         |
| Hafey, Keith      | Joregenson, Kathleen | Lee, Donna         |
| Hafey, Teresa     | Just, Alison         | Lee, Jon           |
| Haider, Kathy     | Just, Mike           | Lee, Juanita       |
| Harr, Connie      | Kamrath, Larry       | Leier, Jacob       |
| Harr, Kermit      | Kamrath, Shirley     | Leier, Laura       |
| Haugen, Ardyce    | Kasen, Connie        | Loritz, Loren      |
| Hauser, Hayle     | Kasen, Eric          | Loritz, Renee      |
| Hauser, Zach      | Ketterling, Phyllis  | Lundin, Steve      |
| Heer, Joel        | Kidder, Libby        | Maike, Christopher |
| Heer, Whitney     | Kidder, Travis       | Maike, Kaili       |
| Helgeson, Chad    | Klein, Glenda        | Makeeff, Betty     |
| Helgeson, Missy   | Klein, Lloyd         | Markegard, Susan   |
| Heringer, Heather | Kleinsasser, Alex    | Markegard, Wayne   |
| Heringer, Joe     | Kleinsasser, Jessica | McGraw, Colleen    |
| Hintz, Patricia   | Knutson, Jodi        | McGraw, Paul       |
| Hoffman, Jefferie | Korom, Katheryne     | Meier, Blair       |
| Hoffman, Julie    | Korom, Scott         | Meier, Dawn        |
| Houston, Sherri   | Kosobud, Arnold      | Miller, Todd       |
| Humble, Ellen     | Kroll, Betty         | Nelson, Sharee     |
| Huwe, Susie       | Kurle, Connie        | Nottestad, Brenda  |
| Huwe, Tim         | Kurle, Wayne         | Nottestad, Tim     |
| Jensen, Larry     | Kurtenbach, Gary     | O'Dell, Julie      |
| Jensen, Linda     | Kurtenbach, Susan    | O'Dell, Pat        |
| Jockers, Kate     | Lamon, Jared         | Ogden, Sherri      |
| Jockers, Ryan     | Lamon, Mary          | Parker, Judy       |
| Johannes, Doyle   | Lang, Diana          | Parker, Mike       |
| Johannes, Patsy   | Lang, Randy          | Pederson, David    |
| Johnson, Cole     | Lange, Greg          | Pederson, Lori     |
| Johnson, Dale     | Lange, Laurie        | Petersen, Joe      |

Petersen, Morgan  
Pieterick, Brenda  
Pieterick, Tom  
Prothero, Brad  
Prothero, Wanda  
Rask, Brenda  
Rask, Craig  
Rauser, Gordy  
Rauser, Lindy  
Readel, Marlys  
Renner, Ryan  
Renner, Tori  
Riskedahl, Amy  
Ritz, Sally  
Robberstad, Corbyn  
Robberstad, Taran  
Roe-Gantzer, Allysea  
Sailer, Joan  
Schaible, Matt  
Schaible, Vanessa  
Schelhaas, Doug  
Schelhaas, Elaine  
Schindler, Keith  
Schindler, Lynn  
Schmidt, Bruce  
Schmidt, Pam  
Schmidt, Ranae  
Schuett, Patrick  
Schuett, Sara  
Senga, Angelique  
Senga, Mchungu  
Shirley, Nancy

Shirley, Troy  
Simenson, Jay  
Simenson, Kate  
Sonneson, John  
Sonneson, Sharon  
Sorenson, Burl  
Sorenson, Karen  
Sotebeer, Debbie  
Sotebeer, Dennis  
Strom, Jocelyn  
Sybrant, Eva  
Taylor, Jeromie  
Taylor, Missy  
Taylor, Ron  
Taylor, Sondy  
Trottier, Duane  
Trottier, Jennifer  
Van Beek, Don  
Wagner, Doug  
Wagner, Jeff  
Wagner, Laurie  
Wagner, Patty  
Wait, Sis  
Walker, Gene  
Walker, Nancy  
Walter, Marge  
Wangler, Tom  
Weekes, Anton  
Weibel, Deborah  
Wentz, Jason  
Wentz, Mary  
Wentz, Melanie

Wentz, Ryan  
Wiens, Jayna  
Wiens, Josh  
Winden, Pat  
Zander, Bernie  
Zander, Ken  
Zimmerman, Brooke  
Zimmerman, Wayne  
Zimmermann, Cindy  
Zimmermann, Ray  
Zook, Darlene  
Zook, Merle

Total: 262

# New Members

Foster-Hintz, Angie  
Hintz, Steve  
Karstensen, Erik  
Karstensen, Krista  
Lind, Tori  
Luker, Brett  
Luker, Niccole

McNaughton, Cindy  
McNaughton, Tom  
Netzer, Brianna  
Rau, Fred  
Simon, Brian  
Simon, Kelly  
Storhaug, Jan

# Members to be Removed

Aberle, Shelle  
Bourgeois, David  
Bourgeois, Gretchen  
Fischer, Ali  
Fischer, Jeremy  
Kosobud, Brenda

Jockers, Charlie  
Johnston, Darlena  
Johnston, Kerry  
McPherron, Rebbekah  
Ogden, Pamela  
Radenz, Stephanie

Radenz, Tom  
Seime, Becky  
Seime, Trevor

# Child Dedications

On Sunday, April 26, 2026, we had 10 families dedicate their children at GracePoint:

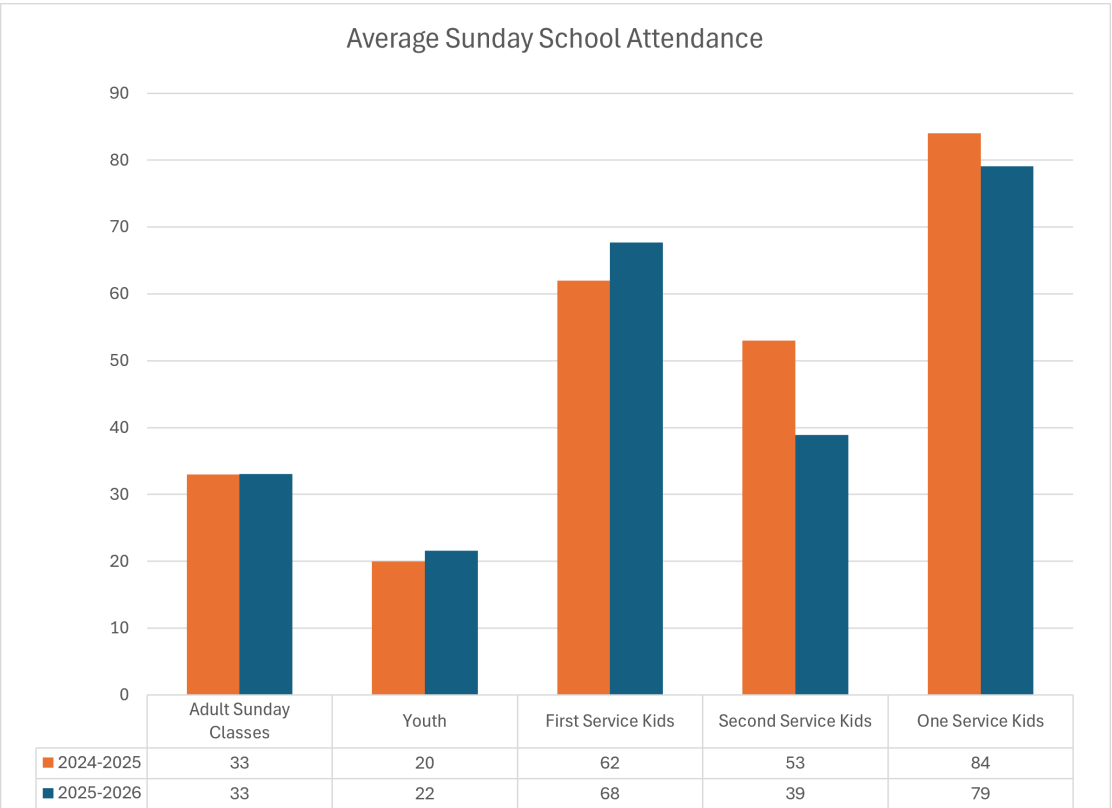
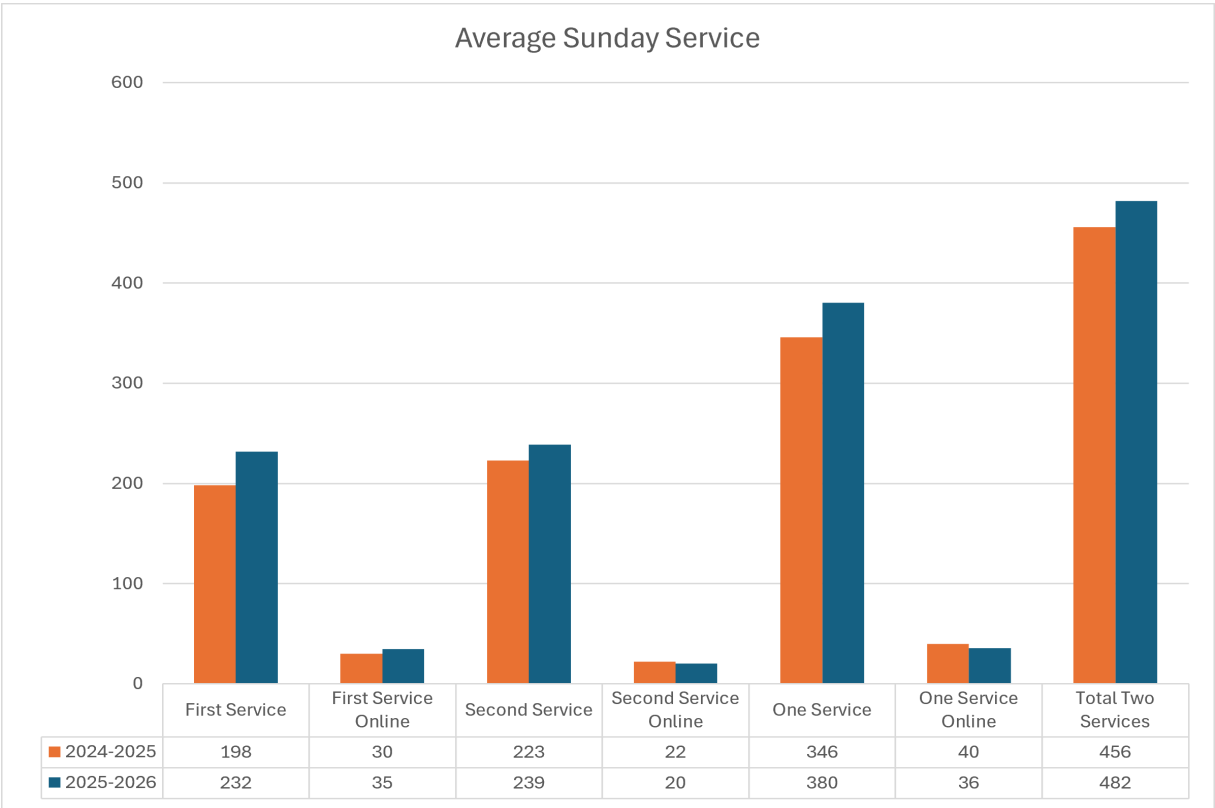
Brent & Kayla Durkin dedicated Eloise  
James & Deanna Wilson dedicated Axel  
Benjamin & Kylie Buchholz dedicated Savannah  
Colton & Brooke Stiefel dedicated McKinnon  
Michael & Allie Dukart dedicated Palmer  
Joshua & Lyndsey Davis dedicated Opal  
Shad & Chelsea Daniels dedicated Callen  
Travis & Libby Kidder dedicated Zachariah  
Ryan & ChelC Erdahl dedicated Eden

# Baptisms

On Sunday, May 10, 2026, we had 10 people participate in baptism, publicly declaring their faith in Jesus:

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Sara Schuett  | Shawna Parsons |
| Sam Jockers   | Kinzi Parsons  |
| Nolan Swenson | Mason Garfield |
| Ella Swenson  | Adeia Erikson  |
| Mason Evanger | Kaylin Chase   |

# Attendance Graphs



# Elder Officers

| <u>Office</u> | <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Up for Election</u> |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Chairman      | Tom Wangler      | Yes                    |
| Vice Chairman | Tim Grosz        | Yes                    |
| Secretary     | Steve Burke      | Yes                    |
| Treasurer     | Josh Wiens       | Yes                    |

# Elder Board

| <u>Elder</u>           | <u>Years Left to Serve</u> | <u>Term</u>               | <u>Up for Election</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Tim Grosz              | 1                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>           | No                     |
| Josh Wiens             | 3                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup>           | Yes                    |
| <del>Scott Korom</del> | <del>3</del>               | <del>2<sup>nd</sup></del> | <del>Yes</del>         |
| Tom Wangler            | 2.5                        | 1 <sup>st</sup>           | No                     |
| <u>Nominee</u>         |                            |                           |                        |
| Steve Burke            | 3                          | 1 <sup>st</sup>           | Yes                    |

*We want to thank Scott Korom for his 3 years and Ryan Jockers and Greg Lange for their 6 years of service as elders.*

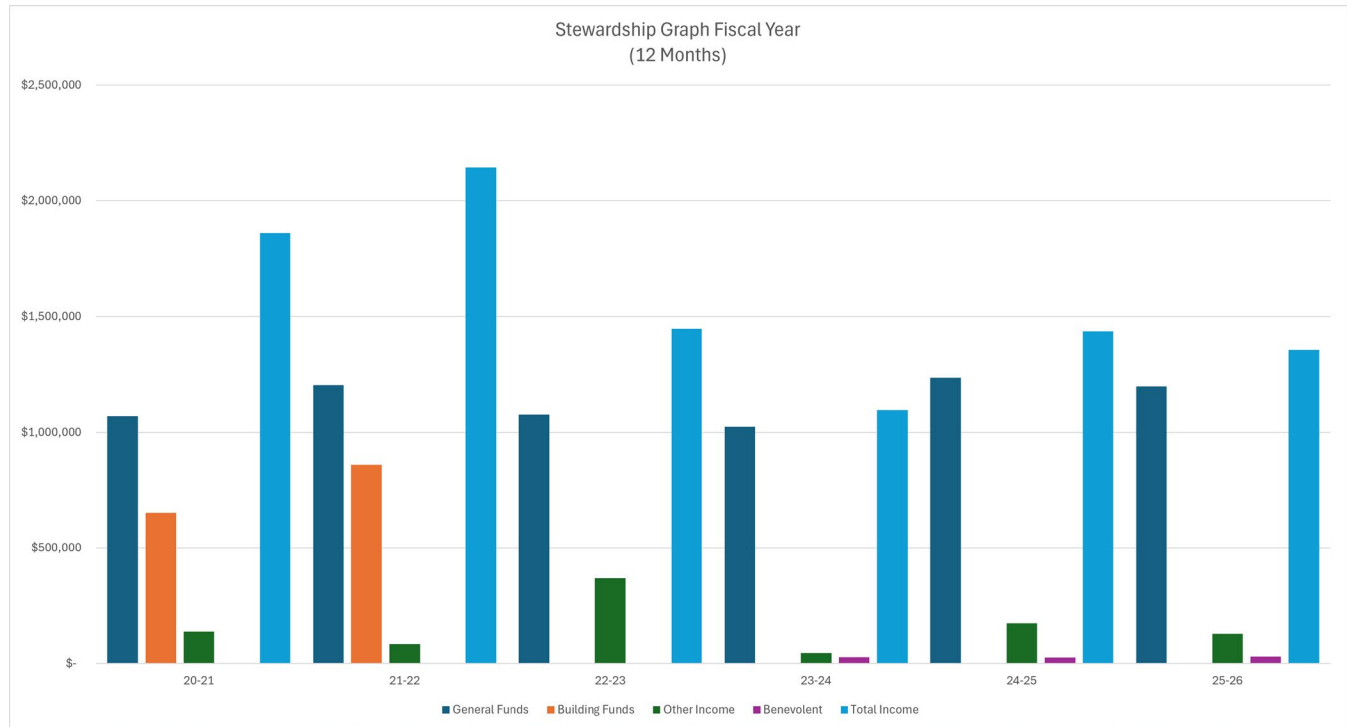
# Balance Sheet

| <b>Assets:</b>                     | 30-JUN-2025           | 30-JUN-2026           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash Unrestricted:                 |                       |                       |
| Petty Cash                         | \$100                 | \$100                 |
| General Fund Checking              | \$115,419.58          | \$100,745.91          |
| General Fund Reserve               |                       |                       |
| Certificate of Deposit             | \$364,364.55          | \$522,312.92          |
| Money Markets                      |                       |                       |
| Cash Restricted:                   |                       |                       |
| Money Market                       | \$52,586.11           | \$18,167.01           |
| Certificates of Deposit - Building | \$314,576.66          | \$77,733.18           |
| Current Assets:                    |                       |                       |
| Prepays                            | \$24,081.32           | \$10,729.94           |
| Subtotal Cash/Current Assets       | \$871,128.22          | \$729,788.96          |
|                                    |                       |                       |
| <b>Fixed Assets:</b>               |                       |                       |
| Land/Building/Equipment:           |                       |                       |
| Land                               | \$103,240             | \$103,240             |
| Buildings                          | \$3,613,989           | \$3,613,989           |
| Equipment                          | \$1,030,313.74        | \$1,030,583.73        |
| Land/Building Improvement          | \$1,408,394.42        | \$1,674,666.52        |
| Special Assessments                | \$541,488.72          | \$541,488.72          |
| Accumulated Depreciation – Assets  | (\$4,482,759.57)      | (\$4,667,828.61)      |
| Subtotal Fixed Assets              | \$2,215,206.31        | \$2,296,139.36        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                | <b>\$3,086,334.53</b> | <b>\$3,025,928.32</b> |
|                                    |                       |                       |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                |                       |                       |
| Current Liabilities:               |                       |                       |
| Outstanding Checks                 | \$6,169.23            |                       |
| General Accounts Payable           |                       | \$26,934.38           |
| Retirement Accounts Payable        | \$1,091.10            |                       |
| Special Assessments Payable        |                       |                       |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>           | <b>\$7,260.33</b>     | <b>\$26,934.38</b>    |
|                                    |                       |                       |
| <b>Equity</b>                      | <b>\$3,079,074.20</b> | <b>\$2,998,905.09</b> |



|                                     |                       |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b> | <b>\$3,086,334.53</b> | <b>\$3,025,839.47</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|

# Stewardship Graph



|                      | 20-21       | 21-22       | 22-23       | 23-24       | 24-25       | 25-26       |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>  | \$1,069,291 | \$1,202,516 | \$1,076,479 | \$1,023,637 | \$1,234,699 | \$1,197,107 |
| <b>Building Fund</b> | \$651,450   | \$858,643   | \$1,090     |             |             |             |
| <b>Other Income</b>  | \$138,886   | \$82,848    | \$369,066   | \$44,611    | \$174,829   | \$129,174   |
| <b>Benevolence</b>   |             |             |             | \$27,213    | \$25,617    | \$29,315    |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | \$1,859,627 | \$2,144,007 | \$1,446,634 | \$1,095,461 | \$1,435,145 | \$1,355,595 |

# 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

For a church family, the budget is more than a financial tool to steward resources and provide accountability – It's a visionary document that highlights how we believe King Jesus wants us to use the resources that He will, by faith, provide for His Kingdom work over the next fiscal year.

The categories and figures shown on this year's proposed budget are a summation of what we prayerfully believe the Lord to be leading us toward in terms of ministry, planning, and support of ministry partners (missions). We wholeheartedly believe that what the Lord desires us to do, He will provide for – through you, His people at GracePoint.

## **A few summary details regarding the proposed budget:**

- The total budget figure is *an increase of 10%* over GracePoint's income/revenue for the previous fiscal year.
- Beyond typical and unavoidable increases due to economic inflation, the *most significant* contributors to the increase are:
  1. Our Treasurer (Josh Wiens) has noted that for the past few years one specific donor who does not attend GracePoint has been donating a significant amount on a monthly basis. That donor chose to stop those donations early into the last fiscal year. This loss of donation income alone impacted the budget significantly.
  2. The Elder team has also prayerfully added one additional staff role – a part-time Office Manager – and have hired a competent individual from the church family, Jeff Essler, to fill that position. With this addition, our previous front-office staff (Kate Jockers) is able to step into a role where her gifts and passion for ministry are better utilized. She's now serving as the Administrative Assistant to *both* the Next Gen Pastor (Paul Evers) and the Pastor of Adult Ministries (Brett Luker). This change is expected to help us maximize the staff we have to further the ministries and mission of the church.
- While an increase, the budget before you is actually *quite lean* considering that the GracePoint facility is aging and will soon require significant Capital Improvements, including parking lot refurbishment and possible expansion,

roofing maintenance and refurbishment, and the replacement of aging HVAC units (our current units are at least 20 years old in most of the building). Rather than include those major expenses in this budget, the Elders have opted to include modest maintenance budgets for those areas and will continue to seek the Lord about how to address those significant needs as they arise.

- The budget is arranged according to major budget categories. We've done our best to make it clear and easy to understand. All figures are *annual* figures that should be seen as “targets” the church family should be praying and giving toward in the coming year.

One last thing... *please keep this budget in your Bible* – as a reminder to **PRAY FOR** the areas of ministry represented by it. God works in and through the prayers of His people to accomplish His will. It's a privilege for us to intentionally and mindfully partner with Him in that way throughout the year.

### **At the annual meeting**

As a member of GracePoint church you will be asked to cast your vote on whether to approve this budget. We will provide time for specific questions and discussion as part of the voting process. Please prepare your questions ahead of time. This will allow for an efficient and helpful meeting for everyone. We as Elders will do our best to be clear and transparent in our responses.

Thank you for your commitment to Jesus through your participation in the GracePoint family. Together we can and will make Jesus our message, actively participate in discipleship, and move toward spiritual maturity together.

Building Kingdom Generations,

Pastor Carey

# '26-'27 Proposed Budget Summary

## REVENUE: 25-26 Actual vs 26-27 Proposed

|                          | 25-26 Actual Revenue | 26-27 Projected Revenue | 26-27 Proposed Budget |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Contributions            | \$ 1,197,106.54      | 1,402,000.00            |                       |
| Non Contribution Revenue | \$ 47,489.58         | 53,000.00               |                       |
| Ministry Revenue         | \$ 22,502.41         | 24,000.00               |                       |
| Grants                   | \$ 11,795.00         |                         |                       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>            | \$ 1,278,893.53      | 1,479,000.00            | \$ 1,449,511.52       |

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>BENEVOLENCE DISBURSEMENTS</b> | \$ 60,104.62 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|

## PROPOSED BUDGET: 2026-2027

|                                          | FY2026 Actual Expenses | Proposed Budget | Increase/Decrease |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Payroll Expenses                         | \$ 30,418              | \$ 35,194       | \$ 4,775          |
| Total Pastoral and Director Compensation | 418,466                | 500,196         | 81,729            |
| Salaries & wages Support Staff           | 239,887                | 289,320         | 49,433            |
| Ministry Staff Resources & Development   | 13,219                 | 49,750          | 36,531            |
| Building                                 | 119,536                | 140,700         | 21,164            |
| Advertising & Communications             | 10,771                 | 8,300           | (2,471)           |
| Computer/IT/Software                     | 44,054                 | 33,200          | (10,854)          |
| Operating Expenses                       | 34,957                 | 65,400          | 30,443            |
| Adult Ministries                         | 33,690                 | 29,500          | (4,190)           |
| Young Adults Ministries                  |                        | 3,500           | 3,500             |
| Worship Ministries                       | 16,501                 | 24,400          | 7,899             |
| GP Kids                                  | 25,181                 | 21,350          | (3,831)           |
| Youth Ministries                         | 11,744                 | 18,000          | 6,256             |
| Missions & Outreach                      | 176,439                | 159,985         | (16,454)          |
| Capital Expenses                         | 1,977                  | 10,000          | 8,023             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                            | \$ 1,176,841.18        | \$ 1,449,511.52 | \$ 272,670.34     |

# Bylaw Changes

## ARTICLE 6, SECTION 1 – Lead Pastor

### EXPLANATION:

***In our last Annual Meeting, it was pointed out that our Bylaws delineated the general responsibilities of all Pastoral Staff except for the Lead Pastor. The proposed modification below is intended to correct that oversight with the addition of one small paragraph at the beginning of the revised version.***

### CURRENT VERSION

The Lead Pastor shall be chosen by a 3/4 vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special business meeting of the Church. He shall be called for an indefinite period of time.

The Lead Pastor and his wife will be considered members of the congregation upon acceptance of their call. He and his wife (if applicable) shall each be required to sign a Membership Covenant at their soonest convenience and shall assume all responsibilities and privileges of such membership.

Three months' notice must be given by the Lead Pastor or the Church for the termination of his ministry, unless waived by mutual consent of both 75% of the Elder Team and the Lead Pastor.

1. The Lead Pastor shall be a voting member of the Elders and an ex-officio member of all other teams and committees, with full voting rights, except where matters of his employment are concerned.
2. He is accountable to the Elders and the congregation.
3. He shall meet the relevant qualifications of an elder under Article V, Section 2.

### RECOMMENDED CHANGE

The Lead Pastor shall be responsible for spiritual leadership in the congregation through the study, preaching, and teaching of the Word of God, discipling the Elders,

Pastoral Staff, individuals and groups, promoting evangelism, counseling, and general pastoral duties.

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## **ARTICLE 6, SECTION 3 - Directors**

### **EXPLANATION:**

***In our last Annual Meeting, it was pointed out that qualifications for a Director role were not delineated according to any sort of biblical qualification. This revision is to correct that oversight with a one-sentence addition.***

### **CURRENT**

Directors are paid staff positions, under the leadership and accountability of the Lead Pastor or his designated Pastoral staff member. Directors shall serve in their area of ministry to fulfill the mission and goals of the Church. Directors may be men or women and do not have to be credentialed as ministers of the gospel.

Qualifications and responsibilities for Director roles are to be outlined in job specific descriptions.

Directors will be hired upon the recommendation of the Lead Pastor and the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the Elders. If the Director candidate is being hired in anticipation that they will be made a Pastor when the proper qualifications are met. A two-thirds majority vote of church members is required for their calling.

Upon acceptance of a job offer, Directors will be required to sign a statement that they will abide by and uphold the Constitution and Bylaws of the Church. All Directors and spouses will be considered members of the congregation upon acceptance of their job offer. They will each be required to sign a Membership Covenant at their soonest convenience and shall assume all responsibilities and privileges of such membership.

Resignations or terminations of Directors shall be acted upon by the Lead Pastor in consultation with and approval of the Executive Committee of the Elder Team, and in accordance with the written personnel policies of the Church.

Active membership for directors and spouses may continue upon employment termination at the discretion of the Elders.

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In terms of character, they shall meet the relevant qualifications of Deacons found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. The specific job-related qualifications and responsibilities for Director roles are to be outlined in job specific descriptions.

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