

METROGRACE

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Changing Direction

A crossroads is a place of decision. Travelers are confronted with options. They must choose the path that will lead them to their destination.

Last month, an old friend began attending Crossroads. Brian had trusted Christ for salvation as a child. As an adult, he made some poor choices and paid the consequences.

The Lord began working in his life through a co-worker who was excited about her relationship with Christ. Brian began reading the Bible in a new way. He began to relate to Jesus personally and was filled with joy. The Lord graciously restored my friend!

Carmen, a faithful sister from Crossroads, invited her niece Evette, the co-worker, to Crossroads. She invited Brian. And after a few weeks, he asked to publicly rededicate his life to Christ! Praise God with us! And, please pray for Brian as he lives out his commitment to the Lord.



Easter Fun

Crossroads hosted an Easter Eggstravaganza last month. Children enjoyed an egg hunt, face painting, crafts, yard games and lunch. It was great to see the church family working together to reach out to neighbors. The congregation



invited family and friends to enjoy a Saturday at the facility. It was fun to meet new children and their parents, inviting them to participate at Crossroads. It was a beautiful day with a good crowd. Please pray for developing relationships that lead some to Christ. Pray for unchurched believers who need a church family.



Thank you for supporting MetroGrace this month! Please include this cut-off with your next gift and use the back to indicate any changes to your contact information.

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- Pete and Danielle Forshtay \$ _____
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Camp Conquest—Crossroads and Word of Grace plan to help children attend Camp Conquest this summer. It is a great ministry! Children come to know Jesus as Savior. They grow in their walk with the Lord. And, they are challenged toward service and leadership. The cost is about \$500. per student. Parents and the congregations will contribute. We'd like to help defray the cost. Could the Lord use you to help children attend a week of camp? Simply mark "**Camp**" under "Other" on your gift. Thanks!



WORD OF GRACE CHURCH

Word of Grace Church had a busy month, too. One Saturday, the church family gathered with friends to make Easter baskets. It was a good opportunity for families to find new friends and build community.

Pastor Pete Forshtay—peteforshtay@gmail.com The congregation worshipped together on Palm Sunday and hosted a threefold communion service.

A group gathered for worship on Good Friday.



And, Word of Grace invited their neighbors to Celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please ask the Lord to add new believers to the church. Please continue to pray for Pete and Danielle Forshtay as they serve the Lord in Wisconsin.



citylight BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Rick Dobrowolski—rickdob7@icloud.com

Winter Encouragement

Towards the end of each winter, we have made it an annual tradition to prepare and deliver meals and survival bags to the homeless we regularly support.



Most of us who are housed struggle towards the end of a long winter — even more so those who are out in the elements through the snow. This year's date fell on a very rainy day, which allowed us to provide a meal at a time when it would have been extra-miserable for them to cook outside. Please pray for a couple of homeless individuals who we are taking next steps with in leading them through a process that could potentially bring them out of homelessness — in order to protect their privacy, please pray for them by their initials — M & G.



Elders & Deacons

We are growing closer to forming our first team of deacons and bringing on an additional leadership. I've been realizing the vital importance of having many leaders to share the load of ministry — please pray that God would continue to grow up leaders in our cities, especially those of the next generation.

Thanks for helping us develop urban churches!