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Last month Crossroads Women gathered to print T-shirts for Souls on Fire, the youth group at Crossroads. The Ladies enjoyed working together to purchase the shirts, create a design, apply the vinyl to the shirts and present them to the students.

The students appreciated the thoughtful service and spent some time connecting with the ladies.



The youth ministry continues to connect young people from several different schools where students learn the Bible, ask deep questions and share life together. Recently, one student shared that it was a great time to discuss ideas freely even if they're wrong. It's a safe environment to test perspectives and hear what the Bible really says.

Please pray for Mike & Margarete Connor and James Arleth as they lead.

You might remember that Mike had surgery to remove cancer last summer. He continues to undergo monthly treatment that makes him feel weak for a couple of days at a time.

Please pray for strength and encouragement.



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Back where We Started

Relationships are so important to furthering Gospel ministry. Paul mentions many people throughout his letters, and I increasingly find that to be no surprise as I continue in ministry. Our family had the opportunity to be back at our sending church for the first time in a long time. COVID and then snow cancellations had kept us from getting back there. While we have been gone for almost 15 years, many were there who have been dear to us. I had the opportunity to preach and fill them in on the latest ministry developments. And I was able to show the kids around the building that they spent much time in when they were young. We also snapped a quick selfie in front of the mural Kristin had made in the children's ministry wing.

While I greatly appreciate new relationships founded during our times in Allentown, there is a comforting feeling of nostalgia when we head back to a familiar place with familiar people. My heart rejoices that many think of us, pray for us, and support our work. Please pray that some new Bible studies and discipleship groups that have started up here at Citylight would develop solid followers of Jesus who pour into others also. Please pray also that I would recognize my limits and seek to find times to step back and refresh myself in times spent with my Lord and also with my family. Owen and I (along with our husky, Khione) will be taking a couple of days soon at a local state park. Pray that we find refreshment & have good spiritual conversations.



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Please continue to Pray for Pastor Pete and Danielle Forshtay as they serve the Lord in Wisconsin.



Last month, the congregation gathered for Spring Cleaning. The Lord has provided a very useful facility in the heart of the neighborhood. Word of Grace does a great job of using the building to welcome family, friends and neighbors. Please ask the Lord to provide all that is necessary to maintain this significant ministry tool.

In addition to Sunday worship and midweek Bible Study, Word of Grace gathers for Threefold Communion on a regular basis. Last month, the followers of Jesus gathered for communion on Palm Sunday, preparing to welcome guest on Easter Sunday. Please pray that neighbors and friends would come to know the hope of eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

