

## Post Sabbatical Update

I realize that we have been back for a few weeks, but I did want to give an update on how our sabbatical over the summer went. As most of you know Michal suffered a herniated disc in the first week. This obviously was not what we had planned for our time away, yet there were still some amazing moments I would like to draw attention to. We began our sabbatical in Arizona. An elder at my dad's church let us stay at their guest house the entire time and it was nice to have our own place. We spent large amounts of time visiting Michal's grandparents, parents and siblings as well as my parents, siblings and nephews. My parents appreciated that my sister was even able to come in from Pennsylvania and all four siblings were in the same place for the first time in several years. Being with family was a blessing as we needed so much help in many different ways. We were able to celebrate Elayna's birthday, visit the Grand Canyon, and visit a couple of churches. While in Arizona I finished a class on Ethics which was a great conversation starter with family. Gary Harrison served as my sabbatical mentor, and we met regularly via zoom. Gary encouraged us through this time, and provided valuable insight that helped us cope with our disappointment of the situation. Unfortunately we had already purchased reservations at a hotel in California as well as our Disneyland tickets which were nonrefundable. We had two options; figure out how to make our Disneyland trip work or lose our money all together. My parents graciously offered to come with us to take care of Michal and her needs the entire time. They helped us with all the ins and outs of traveling with Michal in constant pain. They helped us with the girls and pushed a stroller and wheel chair throughout the entire park. We would not have survived the trip without them. Unbeknownst to us, we booked the same hotel my parents took us to 20 years ago and my parents enjoyed comparing the photos from the trips.

On returning to Wisconsin we were blessed to have Michal set up for surgery fairly quickly. The surgeon was able to fix the issue, and she is now three weeks into her six week recovery. We wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped us with food, cleaning, childcare, and support during this time. We truly felt we had come back home when we returned. My mom was able to come for a couple weeks and help with the most sensitive time of Michal's recovery which was a huge help as well.

While I can pretty much say this did not go at all how we wanted, God clearly had other plans for us and we are still discovering what his plan was behind this. We were disappointed to say the least and are still working through that. While I was excited to refresh and hit the ground running, God wanted us to slow down. He showed me the importance of family and friends, and the blessings that come from being a part of a Christian community. He forced me to rely on others, and accept that I can't do everything in my own strength. During this time we developed an empathy for those struggling with chronic pain or illnesses, and our world has been expanded in terms of how we view those who are suffering.

Thank you for all your prayers and please continue to pray for us during this next season. Michal's recovery is going well but it is a slow process with many restrictions and trying to homeschool, while raising a 2 year old is hard enough under normal circumstances. We are three weeks into youth group and FCA, and I have just started the Greek portion of my seminary degree. We are excited to start this next year and look forward to see what God has in store for Good News Church.

-Pastor Marcus

# GOOD NEWS CHURCH



Sunday October 13th, 10:00 am

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# THE 5-MINUTE PRAYER CHALLENGE

## PRAY GOD'S WORD

“In the same way the spirit also joins to help our weakness. We do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with unspoken groanings.”

-Romans 8:26

### PRAY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

For our Wednesday night programs.  
For our elders & church vision.  
That we become or are a healthy church.  
Our kitchen crew.

### MISSIONARY FOCUS:

Rob & Sandy S.

### Thoughts & Grins

America needs C.P.R.:

Christ

Prayer

Repentance

### PRAY FOR OTHERS & OUR COMMUNITY:

Mosinee Brewing Company—  
Main St

Pray for those affected by the floods & storms.

Pray for those who are delivering help & needed essentials.

Pray for our Police Department

### OUR YOUTH:

Colton Bower

### PRAY FOR OUR GN FAMILY:

Janet Koprowski

Paul & Vicki Kowalchuk

Thank God!

## Upcoming Ministry Activities

- **October 20th**—This will be our next quarterly meeting. It will be shorter than our usual meetings, but we will give you a full update on the business of the church.
- In the coming months we will be having more “10 in 10” meetings. These will be 10 minute meetings, 10 minutes after church ends. We won’t schedule meetings without something important to communicate, but we will be intentional about having more frequent meetings to keep everyone informed as we go through the interim & search process.
- We will no longer be having a formal prayer time on Wednesdays, but the prayer room is always open! If you would like to come and pray, either alone or as a group, please know you are welcome. If you would like to be a part of group prayer, please join us at 9:00 am on Monday mornings.
- The office has been contacted by a female who lives behind the golf course, looking of a ride on Sunday mornings. Please let us know if you are available to serve in this way.
- If you are interested in becoming more involved at Good News, please contact the church office. We can help you find a Life Group, a place to serve, prayer times or other ways to connect.

## Financial Update

(summary as of September 2024 — month 06 of 12)

<u>GENERAL</u>		<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	
<b>Sept</b>	<b>BUDGET:</b> \$ 31,250	<b>ACTUAL:</b> \$ 26,391	-\$ 4,859
<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET:</b> \$162,500	<b>ACTUAL:</b> \$132,779	-\$ 29,720
<u>MISSIONS</u> (based on Faith Promise of \$32,640)			
<b>Sept</b>	<b>BUDGET:</b> \$ 3,138	<b>ACTUAL:</b> \$ 3,010	-\$ 128
<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET:</b> \$ 16,320	<b>ACTUAL:</b> \$ 13,610	-\$ 2,710

Updated on the 15th of each month, for the month prior.

## Ways to Give

- Place in the box labeled “Offering” on the back table.
- Visit the church during office hours and place offering in the secure wall slot outside of the office.
- Give online: Visit Good News Website or scan QR Code and it will take you to our secure giving page.



## Calendar Week of October 13th

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Sunday Worship—In person & live streaming
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	Group Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30-11:30	Women’s Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00-7:30 pm	Hilltop Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00-8:00 am	Men’s Group—Mosinee Café
	1:00 pm	Ladies’ Life Group
<b>Saturday</b>	6:30-8:00 pm	Kept in Stitches
	7:30 am	Men.tor Alliance
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Sunday Worship—In person & live streaming