

GracePoint

50th Anniversary
October 13-14, 2012

Celebrate God's Faithfulness To All Generations



GracePoint Church
2351 Rice Creek Road
New Brighton, MN 55112

50 Years of God's Faithfulness at GracePoint Church

by Pastor Jared Carlson



The Apostle Paul wrote a profound truth, "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass" (**1 Thessalonians 5:24**).

From the founding days of meeting in a home, the members of this church body have been faithful to the work of God. Young couples that were starting families have become Great Grandparents and Grandparents. Children who once played during the breaking ground ceremony of our current location are now parents with their own children. And over these past 50 years we've celebrated as generations have come and gone all serving faithfully to the call of God in their lives and the life of this church!

"O love the LORD, all you His godly ones! The LORD preserves the faithful..." (Psalms 31:23).

As we look into the future it cannot be understated how important it is that we look to Jesus. We will do well for another 50 years if we remember that this is His church, has always been His church, and will forever be His church!
To God be the glory!

*...Reaching out
while transforming within
for the glory of God...*

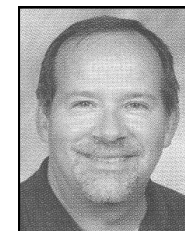
GracePoint Interim Pastors



Rev. Maurice Lawson
1970



Rev. Richard Turnwall
1992



Dr. Dan Rotach
2006



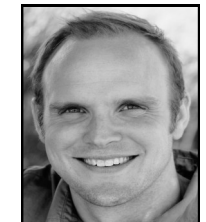
Dr. Lee Eliason
1973



Dr. John Cionca
1999



Dr. Art Lewis
1979



Rev. Jared Carlson
2010

Decades of GracePoint Staff
2002-2012 (continued)



Kevin Osell
Business Administrator



Angie Nelson
Office Support



Casey Osell
Office Support



Amy Fisher
Office Support



Kathy Pals
Office Support



Tammy Tish
Office Support



Sheila Price
Office Support



Ron Carlson
Facilities

Footsteps of Faith

GracePoint Church of New Brighton was born through the vision, commitment and faith of a handful of people. It has continued to grow with those same characteristics. Much early credit belongs to the Rev. John Bergeson, then extension pastor of the Minnesota Baptist Conference, and to

Floyd and Betty Dudrey, who donated the land on which the church building now stands,



and to Philip and Ardis Carlson, who made their own home the first “home” of the church.



the Vision...

Bergeson had carefully watched the growth of the Twin Cities metro area in the late 1950's and early 60's and knew that the planned highway 694 would cross Silver Lake Road not far from the place where Bethel would erect its new campus. New Brighton, with a population of 6,448 in 1960, had only three churches. In May 1961, Rev. Bergeson suggested to Elim Baptist Church and its Pastor Emmet Johnson, that they 'mother' a new work in New Brighton.

At a prayer meeting held in June of 1961, the Dudreys learned of the possible new church and then decided to donate the corner lot next to their home on the corner of Silver Lake Road and Rice Creek Road.

Beginnings at the Carlson home

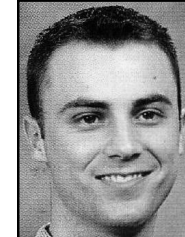
The first prayer meeting was held at the Carlson home on August 31, 1961, with 21 in attendance. Church services and Sunday school for all ages began in January of 1962. Despite a snow storm, 40 people came that first week.



***Decades of GracePoint Staff
2002-2012(continued)***



**Dr. Jon Veenker
Minister of Worship**



**Bjorn Peterson
Worship Ministries**



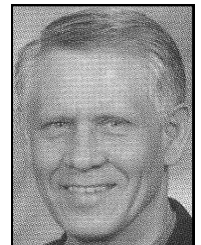
**Vanessa Gamble
Worship Ministries**



**Emily Manders
Worship Ministries**



**Al Manning
Worship Ministries**



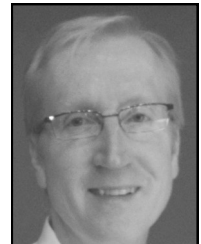
**Dr. Dennis Port
Worship Ministries**



**Rev. Lane Skoglund-Anderson
Worship Ministries**



**Jen Bortel
Worship Ministries**



**Dennis Wickland
Accompanist**

Decades of GracePoint Staff
2002-2012 (continued)



Jeni Carlson
Children's Ministries



David Olson
Children's Ministries



Marie Reynolds
Children's Ministries



Laura Evans
Children's Ministries



Merri Johnson
Children's Ministries



Pam Keske
Children's Ministries



Wendy Dykstra
Children's Ministries



Carolyn Nordquist
Accompanist

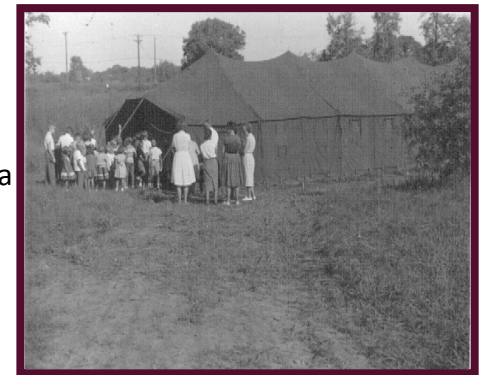


Sue Ohmann
Accompanist

The Knapsack Church

In March, 1962, the group moved into Sunnyside School. Rent was \$15 per week and everything needed to be hauled to the school each Sunday; playpens, the pulpit, hymnals, and all Sunday School materials. Living out of a knapsack had its problems. Minutes from an early committee's report read, "Sharing the school with a Boy Scout dinner next Sunday will be no picnic!"

However, the young congregation was undaunted. They even pitched a large tent to hold a Vacation Bible School that first summer of 1962 with 70 children in attendance.



The fledgling group kept careful records. During 1962, the Sunday School offering averaged \$7.71 per Sunday, but total income for the church was \$5,516. From that small amount, \$1500 was transferred to the Building Fund, and \$1303 was designated to various missions.

Time to make it official...

January 24, 1963, the group voted to incorporate as Salem Baptist Church (Salem comes from the Hebrew term, Shalom, Salem means peace and wholeness, a fitting name for the time of unrest in the world).

There were 23 charter members at the date of organization: Clifford and Alice Anderson, Wendell and Nancy Anderson, Roland and Eunice Barnes, Ward and Alberta Brady, Philip and Ardis Carlson, Russell and Esther Cook, Floyd and Betty Dudley, Larry and Glenice Heineman, Arnold and Muriel Intveld, Ken and Mae Krueger, Edward and Marilyn Meyer, and Jacob Weins. The charter was held open until July 1963, during which eleven others were added: John Hillyard, Edith Krause, Terry Krueger, Tom Krueger, David Martindale, and Walter and Helen Wessel and their four daughters-Deborah, Dorothy, Margaret and Sharyl. Ardis Carlson is still an active member today!

The Dudreys retired and moved to Cambridge, MN in 1974. Their house was used for a youth center for a few years, then torn down to make more space for parking.



GracePoint Calls Its First Pastor



At that first organizing meeting on January 24, 1963, the church also voted to call Rev. Bengt Anderson as part-time Pastor. Pastor Anderson was a retired missionary who had served many years in Nagaland, near Assam, India. His salary was \$100 per month, plus \$50 per month traveling expenses.

Decades of GracePoint Staff

2002— 2012



**Kevin Thomas
Senior Pastor**



**Rev. Dan Young
Senior Pastor**



**Rev. Jared Carlson
Senior Pastor**



**Rev. Mark Watkins
Associate Pastor**



**Phil Dahlof
Youth Ministries**



**Rev. Stephen Smart
Youth Ministries**



**Rev. Nils Friberg
Associate Pastor**



**Nathan Miller
Youth Ministries**



**Rev. Jason Carlson
Associate Pastor**



**Jared Carlson
Youth Ministries**



**Kari Krankkala
Youth Ministries**

Decades of GracePoint Staff
1992— 2001 (continued)



Robyn Doty
Children's Ministries



Jeni Carlson
Children's Ministries



Paula Johnson
Children's Ministries



Brad Kroulik
Children's Ministries



Dr. Jon Veenker
Worship Ministries



Carolyn Nordquist
Accompanist



Sue Ohmann
Accompanist



Angie Nelson
Office Support



Grace Norton
Office Support



Amy Fisher
Office Support



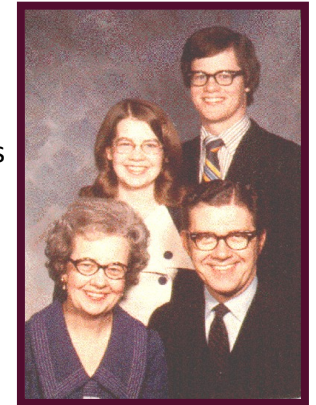
Ron Carlson
Facilities

The church moved to Pike Lake School in November 1968. This was nearer to the site of the future church building.

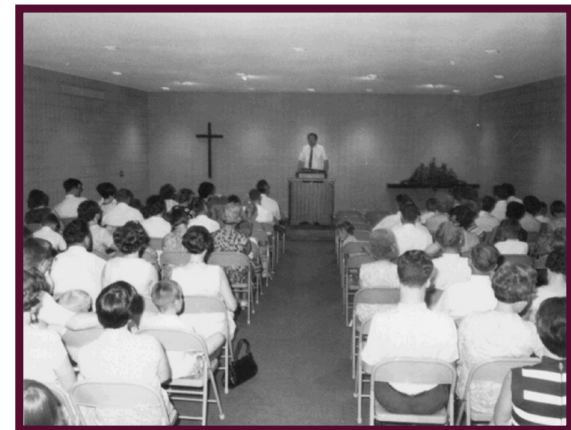
Building Developments

Rev. Richard Turnwall became Salem's first full-time Pastor. The Turnwalls moved into the church's parsonage on Mound Avenue in August 1964.

Bruce Lawson became the Youth Pastor and Nancy Baumann served as Church Secretary.



The first unit of the church would become a temporary chapel, holding about 160 people. The cost of this unit was \$125,000.



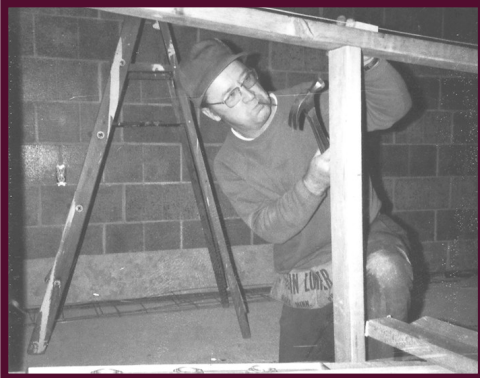
Hard work and donations by many made it possible to move in with spending less than \$1,000 for equipment.

Decades of GracePoint Staff

1992— 2001

Soon Crowded Out

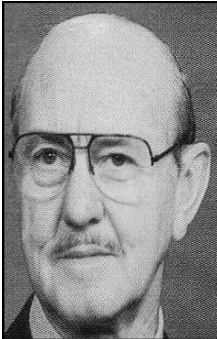
Once in its building, the church grew rapidly and soon was very crowded. Two services were held on Sunday mornings, with Sunday school during each service. Some classes met at the parsonage, more than a block away, and others in the Dudrey living room.



Plans had to be made for an addition to the building, although the first unit was still heavily mortgaged. The original long term plans of the architect were deemed too expensive for the still struggling young church, and plans were drawn for a less costly building.



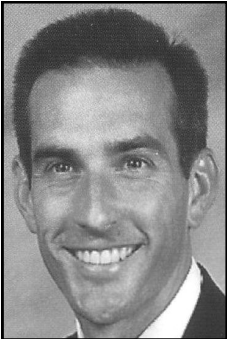
In 1970, Rev. Turnwall resigned to become Executive Director of the Minnesota Baptist Conference, and the church called Rev. Lindon Karo from California to serve as Senior Pastor.



Rev. Robert Brunko
Senior Pastor



Rev. Paul Widen
Senior Pastor



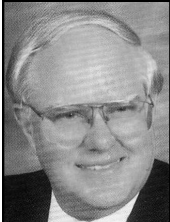
Kevin Thomas
Senior Pastor



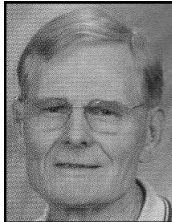
Dan Burka
Youth Ministries



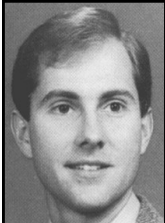
Rev. Ken Kolmodin
Associate Pastor



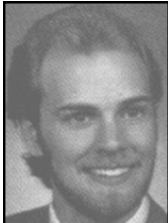
Rev. Bill MacKinney
Associate Pastor



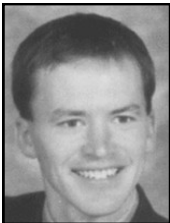
Rev. Nils Friberg
Pastor of Care



Marv Sawtell
Youth Ministries



Rich Larson
Youth Ministries



Brad Reiss
Youth Ministries



Jason Carlson
Youth Ministries



Carrie Chudek
Youth Ministries



Katie Anderson
Youth Ministries

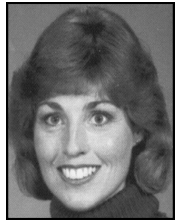


Mike Harder
Youth Ministries



Kari Krankkala
Youth Ministries

Decades of GracePoint Staff
1982— 1991 (continued)



Barb Cionca
Children's Ministries



Joyce Poley
Children's Ministries



Angie Nelson
Office Support



Grace Norton
Office Support

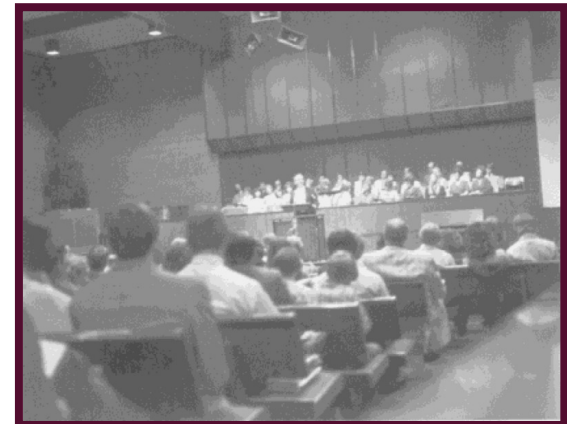
Rev. Karo arrived in August 1971, with his wife Nancy and three young sons.



Work Begun on Sanctuary Building

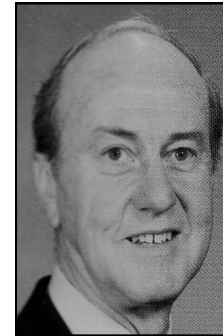
The new building was already under construction when Pastor Karo came. Church members contributed more than 1,200 hours of volunteer labor every Saturday to help keep the costs down.

As a result, the new building was erected at a cost of less than \$200,000. The new sanctuary was to seat 350.

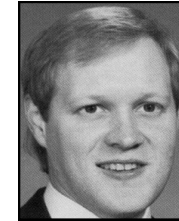


Decades of GracePoint Staff

1982— 1991



Rev. Robert Brunko
Senior Pastor



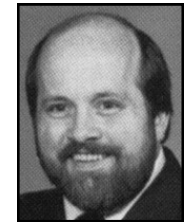
Kevin Johnson
Youth Ministries



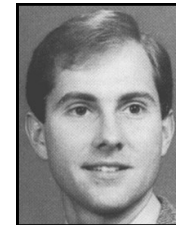
Dan Burka
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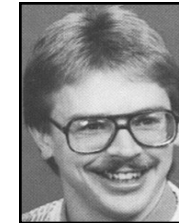
Rich Larson
Youth Ministries



Dave Reno
Youth Ministries



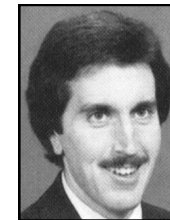
Marv Sawtell
Youth Ministries



Tim Magnuson
Youth Ministries



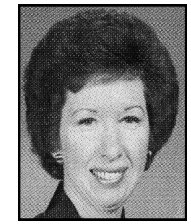
Dr. John Nordquist
Worship Ministries



Randy Brunko
Youth Ministries



Marilyn Kendall
Accompanist



Carolyn Nordquist
Accompanist

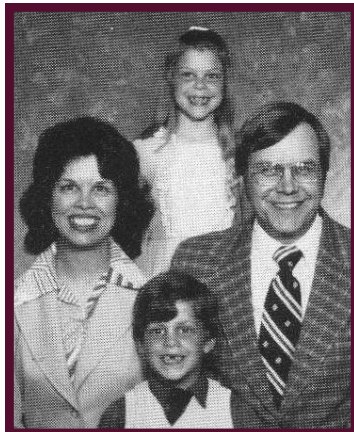


Dr. Jon Veenker
Worship Ministries

Grief that Strained Faith

None could have imagined the struggles and grief the church would carry in the coming year. In August 1972, members learned that their 33-year-old vigorous young pastor had an advanced case of a deadly, rapidly growing cancer. He lived seven months, going through chemotherapy, and preaching when he was well enough.

The church rejoiced that he was able to be present on November 17 when the new sanctuary was dedicated. He passed away on March 21, 1973. The story of those last months was told in *Adventure in Dying*, a book written by his wife Nancy, and GracePoint member Alvera Mickelsen, and published by Moody Press. It included condensations of his sermons on the Apostle's Creed preached while he fought the cancer.



Dr. Lee Eliason, then on staff of Bethel Theological Seminary, preached when Pastor Karo could not. Dr. Eliason continued as Interim Pastor following Pastor Karo's death.

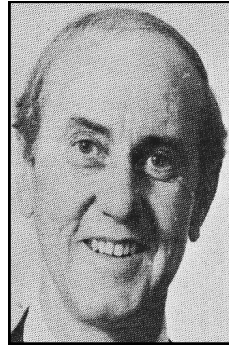
Doris Metoxen also joined the staff this year as Church Secretary.

Decades of GracePoint Staff

1972— 1981



Rev. Michael Halcomb
Senior Pastor



Rev. Robert Brunko
Senior Pastor



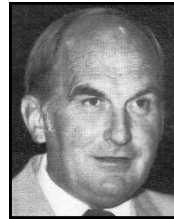
Rev. Glen Ogren
Associate Pastor



Rev. Paul Feiler
Associate Pastor



Dave Reno
Youth Ministries



Rev. Howard Rekstad
Worship Ministries



Marilyn Kendall
Accompanist



Sondra Hausker
Office Support



Doris Metoxen
Office Support

Agape and other fellowship groups

In October 1973, Rev. Michael Halcomb began as Senior Pastor and served until May 1979.

During part of that period Rev. Glen Ogren and Rev. Paul Feiler served as Assistant Pastors.

Small fellowship groups called Agape Groups, were developed to bring a sense of intimacy with others despite the growing size of the congregation.



After Pastor Halcomb's resignation, Dr. Arthur Lewis served as Interim Pastor.

Rev. Robert Brunko serves for 11 years

Early in 1981, Rev. Robert Brunko became Senior Pastor of GracePoint, and served until June 1992. It was a period of growth for the church. Two services were begun to provide worship

opportunities for all. During his pastorate, worship services grew to an average of 600 on Sunday mornings.



Decades of GracePoint Staff

1962— 1971

GracePoint mothered two churches during this time. In 1987, Youth Pastor, Rev. Dave Reno, resigned to plant a new church, 'Grace Fellowship' in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. The second was 'Horizons' in 1992 and is located in Blaine, Minnesota. Both times several GracePoint families left to help begin the new work.

Staff Members Added

As the congregation grew, it was necessary for additional staff. GracePoint added Ministers of Worship, Adults, Youth and Children.

Rev. Dave Reno began in 1981 and focused on college and senior high students. Kevin Johnson joined the staff in 1982 to care for the junior high students. Later in 1985, he became the Adult Ministries Coordinator. Dan Berka started with the junior high students and later became Pastor of Adult Ministries in 1987, where he served until 1992.

Marvin Sawtell was Leader of Youth Ministries from 1988 to 1992. Tim Magnuson served as Junior High Leader from 1987 to 1990. Rich Larson became Junior High Youth Leader in 1990, and in 1992 became Leader of Youth Ministries until 1994.

Barbara Cionca joined the staff in 1987 as Children's Minister. She served until 1989 when Joyce Poley joined the staff until 1991. Robyn Doty became Children's Minister from 1992 until 1996.

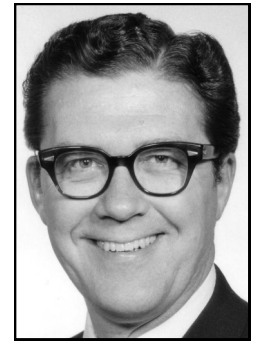
Sondra Hausker, Angie Nelson and Grace Norton served as church secretaries during this time. Grace served until 2001 and Angie until 2003.



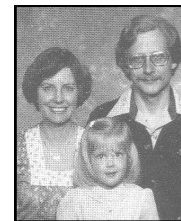
Rev. Bengt Anderson
Senior Pastor



Rev. Lindon Karo
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Rev. Richard Turnwall
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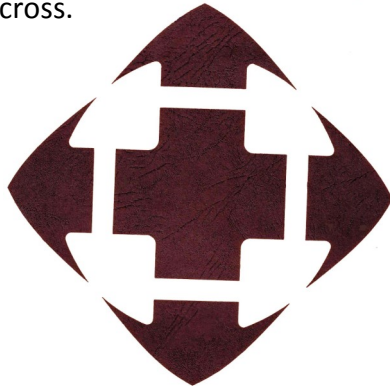
Marilyn Kendall
Accompanist



Nancy Baumann
Office Support

THE KINGDOM...

is only known through Christ. The Kingdom is made up of four ever-growing right relationships...the right relationship to God, to self, to significant others, and to the world. If you will note the design carefully, you will see a cross in the center with an arrow at the end of each point of the cross.



"A church is like a picture of Christ in a stained glass window. It is made up of countless pieces of glass each one a different size, shape and color. Taken alone each one seems quite ordinary, but when coordinated and combined together and illuminated from within they reflect a beautiful likeness of Christ.

So it is here at Salem. We are a body of believers made up of individuals, each one a unique and special original. By ourselves many of us seem very ordinary but when combined and held together by Christ's love and illuminated by his indwelling Spirit we can become to our world and community a living representation of Christ."

Rev. Pastor Brunko

1987

Arson Fires Damage Church Building in 1986.

In April, and again in June of 1986, fire was set to the church. Although New Brighton police believed they knew who set the fires, there was insufficient evidence to indict him.

The first fire, on April 30, caused \$21,000 damage- including choir robes, which were burned on the stove! Smoke damage was heavy but was largely confined to the kitchen area.

On June 16 at 2 a.m. someone set fire in the church offices. The damage was much more extensive, totaling about \$110,000. Nearly all equipment and supplies in the offices were destroyed, including copier, computers, tape recorders, desks, chairs, files, and etc. Smoke damage to the sanctuary and all of the upstairs was extensive.

The rest of the summer, worship services were held in the lower fellowship hall and all Sunday School classes were cancelled.

Because of the extensive damage, plans were quickly made for remodeling the offices, and they were all moved to their present location in the east wing of the building.

Rev. Richard Turnwall returns as Interim Pastor

Pastor Brunko retired in June 1992. The church invited its first full time Pastor, Rev. Richard Turnwall, who had then retired from the Baptist General Conference, to return as Interim Pastor.

Rev. Paul Widen becomes pastor in 1993



Rev. Paul Widen served as Senior Pastor from 1993 to 1999. Soon plans were made to incorporate more contemporary worship styles into the Sunday morning services.

Need for more space for children's and youth activities had become apparent

and plans had been drawn for a new building that would be multipurpose, provide gymnasium space, classrooms, and a new kitchen and serving facilities. It would also have a more inviting entrance and foyer.

Rev. Ken Kolmodin and Rev. William MacKinney served as Associate Pastors with special responsibilities for adult ministries, visitation and some preaching. Paula Johnson became Children's Pastor in August 1997. Ron Carlson joined the staff as Lead Custodian in 1999, taking the newly-created position of Facility Manager in 2004. A number of part-time custodians have helped maintain the property, including current custodians, Collette Balboa and Tom Osgood.

The Bridge is enlarged

In 1979 the house on the east side of the church became available for sale and the church bought it for \$68,000. After extensive renovations it became a youth center for the church.

Praying, Giving, Serving

During all the years of its existence, GracePoint members and friends have given generously and sometimes sacrificially in both time and money for its ministry. The Wednesday night children's activities alone use more than sixty volunteers each week. Since 2005, annual giving has totaled more than a million dollars.

Prayer has underscored all activities, with several prayer groups meeting weekly in support. Praying, giving, and serving are three activities that form the basis of the growth and blessings that have been the history of GracePoint Church of New Brighton, Minnesota.

During its years of existence, GracePoint has touched the lives of hundreds of people with the message of Jesus Christ.



GracePoint's first Council



The GracePoint community also has funded a *Healing Waters* water purifying system in the Dominican Republic.

and a Family of Hope building and staff salaries for a Christian school in rural Zondo, Liberia.



For many years GracePoint has participated in Meals on Wheels, Red Cross Blood Bank, Operation Christmas Child, and has assisted in helping to rebuild communities hit by tornados, floods and hurricanes.

Brad Reis became the Youth Pastor in 1994. Carrie Chudek soon joined him to work with the youth. They turned the Youth House into 'The Bridge'. The building soon became overcrowded with young people and a plea was made to



build an addition. If the building was to be ready by fall, the money needed to be raised immediately. The congregation responded with \$28,000 in pledges in one week! A large meeting room and some other improvements were ready for use in the fall of 1995. Total cost was \$36,000.

Groundbreaking for new addition

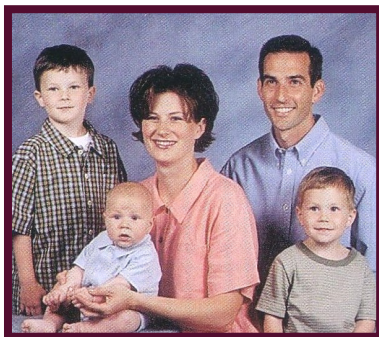
Ground was broken for the new addition in May 1998 and the building was completed with an open house for the community on May 2, 1999.



This addition included a gymnasium, additional classrooms, a more adequate kitchen and serving area, and a new entrance and foyer.



Kevin Thomas becomes Senior Pastor in 2000



Dr. John Cionca served as Interim Pastor until Kevin Thomas began as Senior Pastor in 2000. Rev. Nils Friberg became Pastor of Care following his retirement from Bethel Seminary in 2001. Pastor Friberg began Stephen's Ministry,

which is a one-on-one Christian care-giving program that involves extensive training and supervision of lay ministers. Rev. Mark Watkins became the Associate Pastor in 2003, focusing on Adult Ministries and Missions.

Also in 2000, Jason Carlson took over as Student Ministry Pastor. Katie Blu Anderson and Jason's brother, Jared Carlson, became his assistants. Kari Krankkala was the Junior High Leader from 2000-2002. Phil Dahlof became the Junior High Pastor in 2003.

Jeni Carlson became the Children's Director and Brad Kroulik became her assistant. Marie Reynolds served as the Early Childhood Coordinator. Pam Keske, Merri Johnson, Laura Evans and Wendy Dykstra all served in part time capacities within Children's Ministries.

Amy Fisher joined the office support staff in 2001 and Casey Osell began as Administrative Assistant in 2004.

other mission organizations. Several church families have served God as foreign missionaries in other lands for periods of time.

On the home front, GracePoint has assisted a local Filipino-American church, and several ethnic groups and hosted a local Spanish church in its facilities. The church has sponsored refugee families from Vietnam, Ukraine and Russia.

Youth groups have gone on short-term mission projects to the Dominican Republic, to Mexico, to Indian reservations in Minnesota and to Montana as well as other places of need. Individual young people have gone on other summer missions with the support of the church.



In recent years, GracePoint became a sister church with Mankivka Baptist Church in Ukraine. Many summers, several members of the church went to Ukraine to hold Bible camps, vacation Bible schools and to help our sister church in other ways.



In 1984, Dr. John Nordquist, then Chair of the Music Department at Bethel, became our Minister of Worship and directed the choir. During this time, he helped to locate the pipe organ now at GracePoint. It was in another church where the building was to be destroyed.

The organ was installed the summer after Dr. Nordquist died from a sudden heart attack in November of 1987.

Dr. Jon Veenker, a Professor of Music at Bethel University, became Minister of Worship in 1988. He continued until 2005, when Dr. Port returned to direct the choir he had formed nearly 40 years earlier and to serve as GracePoint's Traditional Worship Leader.

In 2002, Bjorn Peterson joined the staff to serve as the Contemporary Worship Leader. Vanessa Gamble took over the position in 2005 and Emily Manders became the Worship Director in 2006. Al Manning served in this position until Jen Bortel joined the staff in 2007.

Rev. Lane Skoglund-Anderson became the Traditional Worship Leader in 2011 when Dr. Port retired. The Worship Team expanded to include sound technicians, visual communications, and a praise choir.

Missions

Missions have always been at the heart of GracePoint's ministry. Twenty-five percent of the total church income was designated for missions the first year of its existence.

Both home missions and foreign missions have always been a part of GracePoint's life. GracePoint financially and prayerfully supports a number of missionaries, through the church budget, the efforts of Converge, and

With an eye to a future expansion, GracePoint purchased the house two doors east of The Bridge at 2221 Rice Creek Road in 2005. Currently the house is serving as rental property.



Pastor Thomas left GracePoint in 2005 to begin a new Converge Worldwide Conference Church, 'enCompass', in Vadnais Heights, MN.

Rev. Dan Young becomes Senior Pastor in 2007

Dr. Dan Rotach from Bethel University served as Interim Pastor until Rev. Dan Young began in February 2007. Young and his wife, Emily, had previously served at First Baptist Church in Doylestown, Pennsylvania for 27 years.



Pastor Watkins began the Christ Care Program, which is a lay ministry of small groups with both thorough support and outreach elements incorporated.

The Vision Committee proposed a name change for the church as a way to increase outreach by dropping the word Baptist. Through a developed process of exploration of other church names, congregant meetings to voice concerns and objections, the name 'GracePoint Church' was approved by the congregation in November 2008. GracePoint could be defined as 'the point at which people can intersect with the grace of God.'

Kevin Osell was brought on as intern, but kept as the Business Administrator. David Olson became the Children's Pastor and Rev. Stephen Smart became the Junior High Pastor. Kathy Pals served as the Administrative Assistant and Tammy Tish as the Communications Assistant.

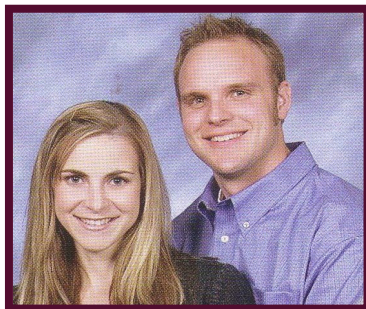
The Salem Foundation was established in 2008 to protect and effectively manage an endowment fund started with a gift from GracePoint member, Leah Ginther. Monies for God honoring projects relating to GracePoint's ministries are accessed through grant confirmation from the Foundation Board.

Also in November of 2009, the church purchased the house directly east of The Bridge. The house serves as rental property, but eventually will be used for campus expansion.



Pastor Young left GracePoint in 2010 to serve another church in Pennsylvania.

Rev. Jared Carlson becomes Senior Pastor in 2011



Student Ministries Pastor, Jared Carlson became GracePoint's Interim Pastor in September 2010.

During this period it became evident to the congregation the search was over for Pastor Young's replacement. Pastor Jared accepted the call of Senior Pastor in April of 2011.

With outreach being at the core of Rev. Carlson's roots, it soon became the main focus of GracePoint. During his first year of service, he spearheaded GracePoint's Block Party, an event for the entire neighborhood. With a record 600 in attendance, this has become an annual event for the church.

He was part of the mission vision team that traveled to Nicaragua in July 2012, to show discipleship at work.

Also in 2011, Marie Reynolds became the Children's Director, Nathan Miller became Student Ministries Pastor and Sheila Price the Office Assistant.

Music Ministers

Music has always been an essential part of the ministry of GracePoint, and the church has been blessed with remarkable leaders.

One of the earliest was Dr. Dennis Port, who as a Bethel College student, directed when the choir sang in the first chapel (which is now office space). Other directors include Dr. Jerry Sundberg and Rev. Howard Rekstad.



Many fine musicians-pianist, organists and vocalists, have been part of the church. Marilyn Kendall began playing the organ when GracePoint moved into the first chapel and continued on a volunteer basis until 1992. After her resignation, Carolyn Nordquist became organist and continued until 1997, when Sue Ohmann took the position until 2009. Carolyn continued as pianist until retiring in 2012. Dennis Wickland is our current organist.