

2023 **IMPACT** REPORT





Our Mission

Our Mission is our purpose as a community of Christ followers. It reminds us why we exist and what we are called to do.


**LOVE GOD,
LOVE NEIGHBOR,
GROW DISCIPLES**

Our Vision

Our vision is the God-given dream that shows us who we are becoming as God's people.

A CROSS GENERATIONAL FAITH FAMILY. We believe that a healthy and vibrant faith community includes and connects people of all ages. New Heights seeks to be a community centered on Jesus, where each generation takes an active role in teaching and sharing the faith across generational lines. Together we are the Body of Christ and the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. It takes all of us actively participating to make this vision a reality.





New Heights Family and Friends,

“How can we picture God’s kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It’s like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it.”

Mark 4:30-32 (MSG)

Isn’t this what we see happening in our congregation? God has taken a tiny seed and is creating a grove of trees! It’s amazing to see God at work among us in such tangible and powerful ways.

In 2023, our long-time dream of a future home, in which our congregation could grow and our community be blessed, finally came to life. We tackled the remodeling effort and moved into our new space at The Grove, all while other ministries continued to flourish. From the beginning to the end of the project we came together using all the gifts we could offer—100’s of mission partners opting into God’s Kingdom.

We now enter 2024 excited for what the future holds. We see almost limitless possibilities with this gift God has blessed us with. May we continue to look for God’s leading as we seek to Love God, Love Our Neighbors and Grow Disciples!

Serving and sharing together,

Pastor Rob



SERVE



Ministry is shared by all who are part of this faith community.

Serve and Care Ministries are a primary way our shared ministry is lived out. We share our gifts to address the social, economic, emotional, and spiritual needs in our community and around the world. Ministry is a way to put faith into action for the benefit of the church and wider community.



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LOCAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS RECEIVED FREE CLASSROOM FURNITURE AND MATERIALS PREVIOUSLY INHERITED FROM WHSD.

121

MISSION PARTNERS VOLUNTEERED REGULARLY FOR TEAMS, TASK FORCES, AND PROGRAMS.

Sugar Creek Quilt Auction

20

QUILTS WERE MADE BY **10** MISSION PARTNERS.



24

PRAYER & BAPTISMAL SHAWLS WERE GIVEN OUT IN 2023.



BACKPACK BUDDIES WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM SERVED 14 FAMILIES (33 CHILDREN) EACH WEEK. THANKS TO THE WISCONSIN HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THIS PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP.



13,770

VOLUNTEER HOURS HELPED TO DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR FAITH FAMILY AND BROADER COMMUNITY

“It blows my mind what we can accomplish when we’re all together!”

Project Volunteer

WISCONSIN HEIGHTS SHARING TREE



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CHILDREN RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFTS THROUGH THE WISCONSIN HEIGHTS SHARING TREE.



HEIGHTS UNLIMITED

In November, Heights Unlimited moved into and began distributing from The Grove!

- **1,157 meals in the parks** in Black Earth and Mazomanie served to children over 12 weeks in the summer
- **71 households** per month received food and clothing
- **88,445 lbs of food** distributed
- **98 volunteers** served over **4,000 hours** in 2023

Partnerships:

- Porchlight for Rental Assistance
- Neighbor in Need for household goods



In the World



20

SCHOOL KITS WERE SENT TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



50

MISSION QUILTS WERE SENT TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FOR DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.



“Thank you for all the great work you do for our communities!”

Heights Unlimited Donor



Changed People Change Lives!

New Heights provides faith formation opportunities for all ages to grow in faith and be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to become more and more of who God has created us to be.



"LAST WEEK MY GRANDSON TOLD ME IT WAS TIME FOR HIS YOUNGER SIBLING TO LEARN ABOUT THE BODY OF CHRIST. SO HE HELD CLASS AND TOLD HIS BABY SIBLING ALL ABOUT JESUS. FFN IS SUCH A BLESSING!"

MISSION PARTNER EMAIL

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

In Spring of 2023, we moved to the 2nd floor of The Grove, now equipped with large, accommodating classrooms; a new large group teaching room; and an interactive, decorated hallway.

- 75** CHILDREN, INCLUDING 8 NEW FAMILIES
- 25** TEACHERS AND CLASSROOM HELPERS (15 OF THEM HS YOUTH!)
- 31** CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS, GROWING TOGETHER IN FAITH
- 22** INTERGENERATIONAL FRIENDS (INCLUDING THOSE HOMEBOUND) PAIRED WITH FFN CLASSES TO CONNECT THROUGH PRAYER, CARDS, CRAFTS, AND MORE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- 5** SKIT TEAM PARTICIPANTS & PUPPETEERS, WITH CHILDREN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE
- 29** MEAL VOLUNTEERS HELPED PREPARE DINNER FOR MORE THAN 120 PARTICIPANTS



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

HIGH SCHOOL:

15 STUDENTS ATTENDED WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

20 STUDENTS AND PARENTS CAME TOGETHER TO MAKE 85 THANKSGIVING PIES

VBS:

15 SENIOR HIGH/YOUNG ADULT COUNSELORS CREATED, HOSTED AND FACILITATED

46 CHILDREN PARTICIPANTS

10 JUNIOR COUNSELORS

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

23 STUDENTS RETREATED AT EXPEDITIONS UNLIMITED

TRUNK OR TREAT:

350+ COMMUNITY-WIDE PARTICIPANTS (70+ VOLUNTEERS)



"Youth Group is a place where I can just be me. Where I can just show up and be supported."

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY IS:
AUTHENTIC, PASSIONATE,
HOPE-FILLED



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



85 ADULTS ATTENDING 7 SMALL GROUPS

68

TEAM MEMBERS GATHERED FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND EQUIPPING





WORSHIP

ENGAGING, FAMILY-FRIENDLY, SPIRIT-FILLED

In worship we connect with God deeply, and are drawn to God's presence through music, prayer, and Spirit-filled teaching.

“People who come into our church feel the Holy Spirit. And what makes you grow? The Holy Spirit.”
Kingdom Story Reflection



Sunday Worship

274

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE WITH
148 IN-PERSON, **126** ONLINE



2023 proved that we really can worship ANYWHERE! The church is the people.

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MISSION PARTNERS SHARED THEIR KINGDOM STORIES IN PRINT AND VIDEO DURING OUR LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES.

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WORSHIP LIFE TEAMS FAITHFULLY SERVED EACH SUNDAY.



DHH Ministry
Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministries



SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER PROVIDED TWICE A MONTH FOR ACTIVE DHH WORSHIP ATTENDEES



90

MISSION PARTNERS GATHERED FOR OUR **HOLY GRAFFITI BLESSING.**



5

MISSION PARTNERS SHARED THEIR STORIES FOR WORSHIP

New Mission Partners in 2023:

7 INDIVIDUALS 3 HOUSEHOLDS

Plus 7 Mission Partners by baptism/dedication



550

GATHERED FOR OUR FIRST WORSHIP IN THE NEW SPACE AT **THE GROVE.**





In 2023 our dreams for our future facility, The Grove, became a reality when we moved in and began renovations on the prior Mazomanie Elementary School building. This 62,000 sq ft, 6.5 acre campus has begun its transformation into our Community Center and Church home. As a central gathering place for the wider community where lives can be touched and transformed, we're so excited to expand our impact on the WI Heights Region in 2024!

The Grove Mission Statement:

A place and space where people: **GATHER, CONNECT, AND THRIVE**

2023 Milestones and Highlights

APRIL: OUR FINAL WORSHIP IN OUR BLACK EARTH FACILITY; THE OFFICIAL MOVE INTO OUR NEW CAMPUS BEGAN!

JUNE: THE PROFESSIONAL REMODEL BEGAN. DEMOLITION DAYS WERE POWERFUL AND UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A PHYSICAL IMPACT!

SUMMER: MISSION PARTNERS PUT THEIR GIFTS OF TIME TALENT AND RESOURCES TO USE THROUGHOUT THE CAMPUS. OUR STAFF AND VISION TEAM BEGAN WORK ON GROVE STRUCTURE, POLICIES, AND CONTENT DEVELOPMENT.

FALL: WE KICKSTARTED REGULAR MINISTRIES IN TEMPORARY SPACES. MISSION PARTNERS OF ALL AGES ENGAGED THROUGH FAMILY FAITH NIGHT, SMALL GROUPS, VARIOUS TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP GATHERINGS, TEAMS, AND ONGOING MOVE-IN PROJECTS.

NOVEMBER: HEIGHTS UNLIMITED HAD THEIR FIRST DISTRIBUTION AT THE GROVE! JOINING FORCES FOR FAMILIES (JFF) COMMITTED TO A NEW LEASE AT THE GROVE BEGINNING IN 2024.

DECEMBER: NHLC HAD OUR FIRST WORSHIP IN THE NEW LARGE GROUP SPACE! WHILE THE PROJECT IS NOT 100% COMPLETE, THE TRANSITION TO NEW PERMANENT SPACES BEGAN.

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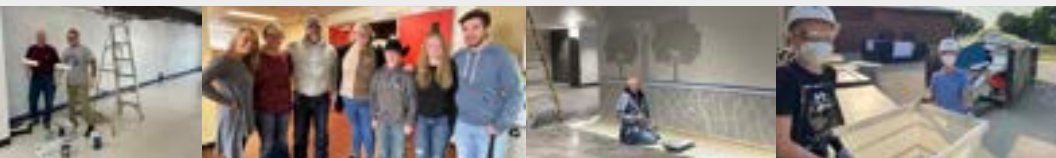
DEMO DAY PARTICIPANTS

\$644,135

SAVED WITH REUSED AND DONATED ITEMS, LABOR, AND MATERIALS

2,533

PROJECT-RELATED SERVICE HOURS



Next steps in 2024

Jan-April:

Final touches from our remodel transition will take place as projects wrap up, storage rooms are reorganized, and new staff and partner spaces are established. Policies and documents will be implemented for facility use and program development planning.

April:

A community grand opening celebration will take place as we celebrate this new resource!

Summer & Fall:

Regular and new ministries will begin! Partnerships with other community organizations will start, and space rentals and reservations will be made available to the WI Heights region.



As New Heights continues to grow and fulfill God's Mission, **your gifts to God's work here are essential** for the health and vitality of our ministry together.

Most importantly, we are able to directly **impact** the lives of hundreds of people of **all** ages in our community. We couldn't do this without you!



YOU CAN GIVE ELECTRONICALLY ON **OUR WEBSITE** OR USE THE **VANCO MOBILE APP**



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