



Annual Report

September 2025-August 2026

A LETTER FROM BETH

As I look back on this past year, I am so thankful for you. I love what we get to do together as a church family.

God is doing a new thing at Prairie Heights. Our mission remains the same: to connect those apart from God with Christ and a church family. But we're discovering new ways to reach the next generation, love our community, and help people grow in their emotional and spiritual health.

Recently, I met a man named Jordan who came to Prairie Heights after eight years away from church. He simply knew he wanted to do something different. After his first Sunday with us, he came back that same evening for our annual Volunteer Prep Rally. He told us he'd be back again.

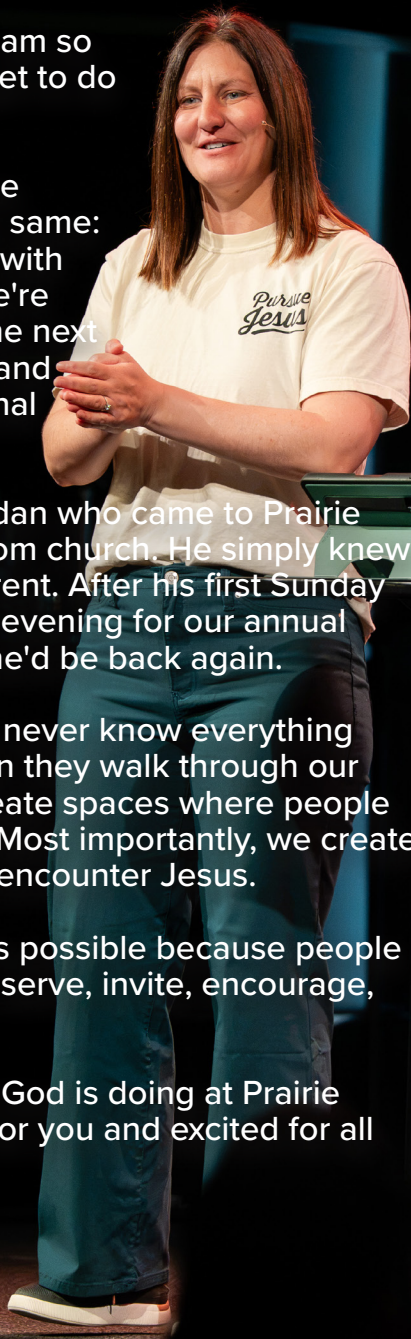
I love that story because we may never know everything happening in someone's life when they walk through our doors. But together, we get to create spaces where people feel seen, loved, and welcomed. Most importantly, we create environments where people can encounter Jesus.

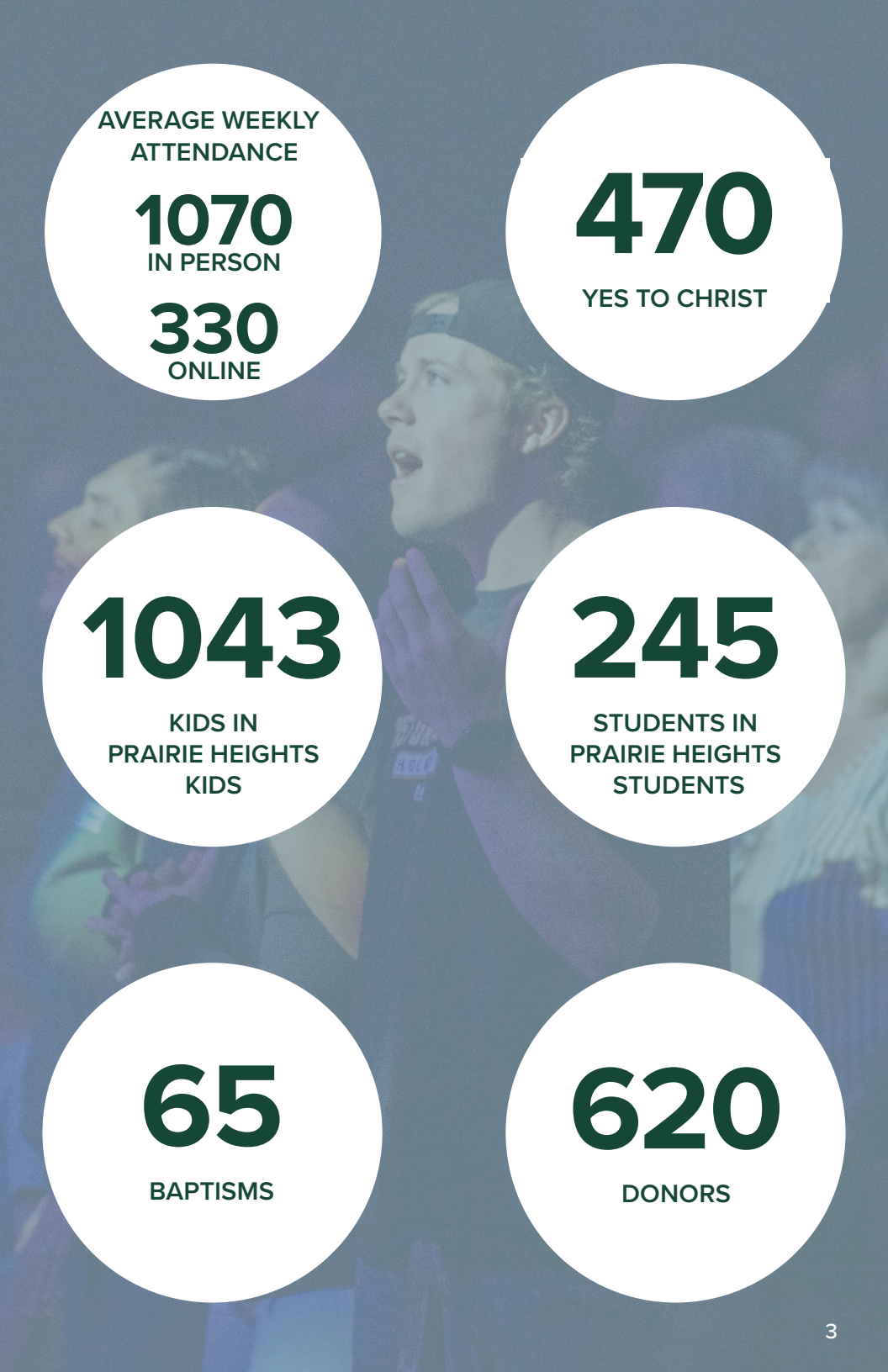
Every story in this annual report is possible because people like you faithfully choose to give, serve, invite, encourage, and love others.

Thank you for being part of what God is doing at Prairie Heights. I am incredibly grateful for you and excited for all that is ahead.



Beth Nelson
Lead Pastor





AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE

1070
IN PERSON

330
ONLINE

470

YES TO CHRIST

1043

KIDS IN
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
KIDS

245

STUDENTS IN
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
STUDENTS

65

BAPTISMS

620

DONORS

LOVE CASS CLAY

This year, Prairie Heights gave \$22,050 through Love Cass Clay to meet real needs and support organizations making a difference in our community.

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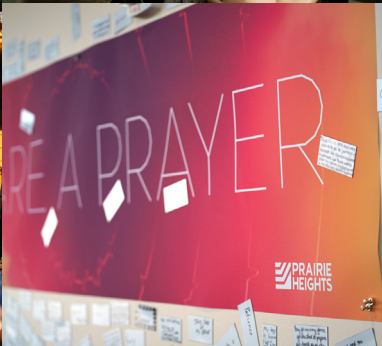
When funding for weekend food bags for West Fargo students was cut, Love Cass Clay provided \$6,250 to cover two weeks of meals, helping make sure students continued to have food for the weekend.

Through our partnership with Down Home, \$5,000 helped a local family move into their new home, providing new mattresses and other essentials they needed to get settled.

Love Cass Clay also gave:

- \$5,000 toward a picnic shelter at Farm in the Dell
- \$5,000 to provide Ramsey Education Curriculum at two schools
- \$800 to provide gifts through the YMCA

Every dollar given through Love Cass Clay is an opportunity to love our neighbors in practical ways and make a meaningful difference right here in our community.







PURSUE JESUS

Healthy relationships require time and effort, including our relationship with God. We are passionate about regularly spending time with Jesus through prayer, study, and personal growth.



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"God is my best friend. He helps me with everything. Prairie Heights Kids helped me learn that saying YES! means accepting Jesus as the leader in my heart and the author of my life."

-Julia H., age 9

"I've learned that I don't want to do things my way anymore. I can pray and know that Jesus hears me. As I've surrendered my plans to Him, I've discovered a purpose in praying for others."

-Jennifer R.

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CHOOSE COMMUNITY

We were never meant to do life alone. At Prairie Heights, community looks like encouragement, accountability, and authentic friendships that point us toward Jesus.

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GROUPS
PARTICIPANTS

1158

NEW PEOPLE TO
PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

"As a newly married couple, we were looking to find more community. We joined a Prairie Heights group with other young married couples and didn't know what to expect. After our first few sessions, we not only found ourselves closer to God, but also made many new friends.

This led us to volunteering in the church coffee shop and continuing to meet other people. It makes us more excited to come to church knowing we are building a community there!" - Ashley & Matt B.



Corey said yes to leading and felt God prompting him to create a group specifically for veterans.

"I continually question my worthiness to write this. But it keeps coming, and I trust in God's plan in this. I am humbled to the core." - Corey A.

SERVE PEOPLE

We live out our faith by meeting the needs of people with no strings attached. We are willing to go above and beyond for people and seek out proactive solutions to the felt needs of our community.

After finding a place to belong at Prairie Heights Students, Kyla took another step by serving others.

"I finally felt welcomed. People never judged when I didn't know things, like stories from the Bible or how to read a Bible."

- Kyla C., age 14



For Colton, serving began by simply saying yes to opportunities and discovering that his time and talents could make a difference for someone else.

"I serve at Prairie Heights because it's not about me. It's about anyone who's trusted me with their hearts when they need prayer. It's about any student that has trusted me to guide them through tough times or be someone to look up to."

- Colton B.

368

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS
VOLUNTEERS

196+

HOURS SERVED IN
THE COMMUNITY

26

MOMS RECEIVED
FREE OIL CHANGES

GIVE GENEROUSLY

We trust God with all our resources: financial, emotional, societal, and giftings. All we have been given is from God; that is why we give generously, as a tangible way to love God and love people.

Chris and Katie W.

Chris and Katie's desire to give generously is deeply personal. Katie grew up in a family with very little, while Chris grew up with many opportunities.

"As we look toward the second half of our lives, we increasingly see ourselves not as owners of what we have been given, but as stewards. We believe God has entrusted us with resources, experiences, talents, and opportunities, and we want to use them wisely."

For Chris and Katie, that means looking beyond their own family and asking how what they've been given could make a difference for someone else. It's become part of their marriage, too. Some of their most meaningful conversations are about where they can serve, who they can help and how they can use what they have to bless others.



They've seen what that can look like through Birthday Bash, and through Down Home. For Katie, those moments have been especially meaningful because she can relate to many of the experiences and challenges those moms have faced.

"Those experiences reinforced our belief that generosity is about far more than meeting a physical need. It is about restoring dignity, creating opportunity, and showing people that they are loved and valued by God."

And it's something they hope their children carry with them, too.

"We want them to understand that a meaningful life is not measured by what we accumulate, but by how we love, serve, and invest in others."





BAPTISM SUNDAYS

This year we celebrated unforgettable baptisms.

We witnessed people from all walks of life take this step of faith, and the joy in the room was unforgettable. Every baptism reminded us that God is writing a unique story in every life, and His goodness has no limits.

Baptism Sundays continue to be some of the most meaningful days in the life of Prairie Heights, where people declare their faith in Jesus and choose to follow Him.



"Now I think about what Jesus would want me to do. I have more compassion for other people, and I try to tell all my friends about Jesus." - Henry S., age 9







Rob and Megan M.

When Rob first asked Megan if she wanted to start going to church, her answer was immediate: no. She was already busy and didn't want "one more thing to have to do."

About a year later, he asked again. This time, Megan said yes. They came to Prairie Heights for Easter 2025, and for Megan, it was different from any church she had experienced before. It made her curious.

That curiosity about Jesus kept growing. She began seeking Him outside of church, and one Sunday when the question was asked, "Will you say YES! to Jesus today?" Megan did.

"In that moment, my heart broke open, and my life has been forever changed."

Rob had also felt like something was missing. As he began following Jesus again, he felt more grounded, and they saw their already strong marriage grow even stronger.

This spring, Megan and Rob were baptized together.

"Finding Christ has changed the trajectory of my life and my family. My prayer is that my children will see and feel the love of Christ so deeply that they never have to feel lost the way I once did."

Today, they've made Christ the center of their home. Their kids are growing in their own relationships with Jesus, Rob has made daily devotionals part of his routine, and Megan is reading through the Bible. They've also leaned into their church family, with Rob serving in the band and Megan serving with Prairie Heights Kids.

"We know we're not perfect and we're not going to get it right all the time, but we also know we have a God that loves us and will help guide us in the right direction."

FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINANCIALS

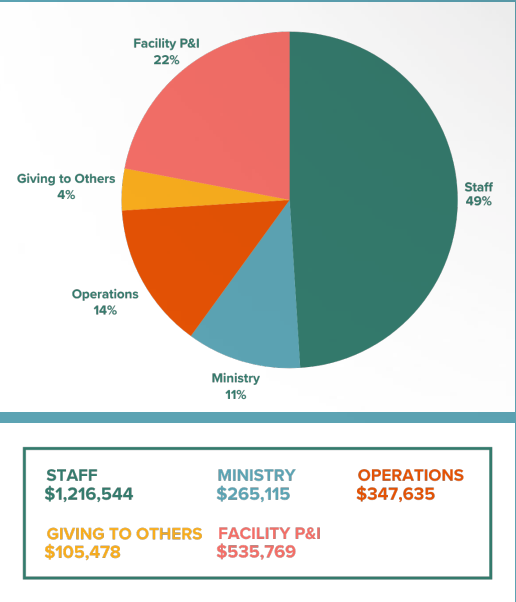
This past ministry year, your generosity supported \$2,188,913 of ministry and impact throughout our church family and community. With total income of \$2,293,957 and expenses of \$2,470,541, we finished the year \$176,584 short.

Thanks to faithful stewardship in years past, we covered that gap from savings and kept every ministry moving forward. Our biggest challenge is cash flow, since giving and expenses don't always line up month to month. To plan wisely, we set our FY27 budget at \$2,455,659 (a 15% reduction from the previous year's approved budget) and conservatively forecasted giving at the same level as this past year.

Your generosity also reached far beyond our walls. Through our *Love Cass Clay* initiative, every dollar given went right back out into our community. Those gifts supported organizations like Farm in the Dell and served students in local schools through back-to-school experiences, much-needed clothing and shoes, and financial literacy curriculum. Thank you for being a church family that loves its community.

I am deeply grateful for the faithfulness and obedience of everyone who gave this year. Your generosity, resulting from your faith and trust in Jesus, makes every baptism, every changed life, and every moment of worship possible. Prairie Heights continues to be a place where people find hope and take next steps with Jesus, and I am excited to see how God will work through our church family in the year ahead. - Doug Peters, Executive Pastor

INCOME FY'26	
Total One Fund Giving	\$2,164,860.30
Total LCC Giving	\$24,052.50
Other Income	\$105,044.08
TOTAL	\$2,293,956.61
LCC Donors	277
One Fund Donors	488
Total One Fund & LCC Donors*	620
*This total is not a LCC + ONE FUND as it represents unique donors across both.	
EXPENSES FY'26	
Staff	\$1,216,544
Ministry	\$265,115
Operations	\$347,635
Giving to Others	\$105,478
Facility P&I	\$535,769
Total	\$2,470,541
DIFFERENCE	(\$176,584.19)



LOOKING AHEAD

As we close this fiscal year, we celebrate the countless lives that have been changed and the growing impact Prairie Heights has in our community. Our mission remains the same: to connect those apart from God with Christ and a church family.

The best is still ahead.



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FROM GOD WITH CHRIST
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