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GENEROSITY

\$1,656,957.70 was given to fuel the mission of Great Lakes Church

1,007 people contributed financially

234 people gave for the first time

127 items were purchased off of our Amazon Wish List as part of our annual Christmas Offering

\$0 in debt was accumulated moving into our new Kenosha Campus facility

In 2009 the average weekly giving per person was \$13... in 2017 it was \$30.

That's a 131% increase!





MISSION

920 pairs of socks and/or underwear were donated for Hurricane Harvey relief

1 new church was sponsored in Budapest, Hungary

2,683 boxes of macaroni & cheese were given to local shelters

191 volunteers participated in one of three *Feed My Starving Children* events





ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

55 full-time volunteers
39 part-time volunteers
36 campers

92% of campers returned from the previous year

232 hours of planning and meetings were needed to pull off camp

1,104 hours of collective training was provided to volunteers
serving at camp

5,900 pictures were taken during the week of camp (by just two
photographers!)

228 gifts were given to campers as we celebrated
all of their birthdays at one huge party

Learn more at kenosha.royalfamilykids.org





A NIGHT TO REMEMBER PROM

for individuals with special needs

120 honored guests

125 volunteers

700 people in a cheering crowd

Learn more at antrprom.com

"My sister, who was the first one down the red carpet, has been talking about and posting her updates until prom on Facebook daily. She is one happy girl. Thank you."

- brother of an honored guest



MISSION UPDATES

charity:water

The water projects we supported with our 2016 Christmas Offering are now bringing clean water to two different villages in Bangladesh!

Blue Ridge Church

A church we helped start in Christiansburg, VA with our 2010 Christmas Offering, now averages over 1,200 people in weekly attendance and owns a 50,000 sq. ft. facility.

Agape House

This ministry, located in Walworth, WI, serves young women and now has a new boiler system thanks in large part to the generosity of Great Lakes Church and our 2016 Christmas Offering.





MUSIC

938 songs were sung

3,128 volunteer hours were given by the music team

33 musicians on our music team



GROUPS

778 people registered for a Group

91 Groups were offered

22 of the 91 Groups are ongoing

200+ people participate in an ongoing group





SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

640 bags of popcorn handed out

656 bottles of root beer consumed

900 bags of pretzels eaten

31 hours of volunteer time to get everything ready

2 football posts created for the event

DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

70 dads attended

89 daughters were honored

500 chicken strips donated
by Chick-Fil-A

39 volunteers made it happen





KIDS CARNIVAL STATS

174 volunteers

274 Kona Ices consumed

60 pounds of candy given away





GREAT LAKES KIDS

93 volunteers check-in, teach,
and keep our children safe every week

27 children were dedicated

We welcome more than 225
children each week





MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

17 adults volunteer with our students
on a weekly basis

60 pumpkins were destroyed during Pumpkin Palooza

55 Student Ministry Pastor candidates were
interviewed for our Kenosha campus

1 Student Ministry Pastor was hired for our Kenosha campus
*Jayson Etchinson will be joining our team on
February 1, 2018. Yaaaaayyyy!*

1 Student Ministries Pastor was interviewed
for our Racine campus

1 Student Ministries Pastor was hired for our
Racine Campus. Bryan Cobley was a natural fit!



FACILITIES

MOVING OUT OF TINSELTOWN

120 hours to coordinate and plan the move

3 hours to execute the move

57 volunteers to make the move happen

26 degrees on the day of the move

MOVING INTO THE FORMER HANSENS POOL & SPA

80 hours to coordinate and plan the move

175 hours to prep the building and
execute the move



FACILITIES

RACINE CAMPUS FACILITY

21,535 sq. feet of kids' space was freshly painted

1 church-owned home completely refurbished

\$63k roof replacement over kids' area

NEW KENOSHA CAMPUS FACILITY

9,000 sq. feet of space for adults

11,000 sq. feet of space for kids

4,000 sq. feet of space for teenagers (former Ops Center)

3 miles of data cables were installed in the building

11,000+ hours of volunteer time to get everything ready

620 hours invested by our tech director,
Gordon Crum, to ensure the new building was
engineered, equipped, and ready to go with the
proper video and audio equipment





2017 TEACHING SERIES FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

By the time a child is 5 years old,
we want them to know:

1. God made me.
2. God loves me.
3. Jesus wants to be my friend forever.





FIX it UP

A Forgiveness Project

BRAIN GAMES

NOW MORE. DO MORE.

BEHIND the SCENES
the love in every

THE AMAZING
MAZE
FIND THE WAY THROUGH

TEACHING SERIES FOR ELEMENTARY

By the time a student finishes
5th grade, we want them to embrace
these three things:

1. I love God because He never stops loving me.
2. I follow Jesus because He knows me better than I know myself.
3. I live out God's story so others can know who Jesus is.

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UNIQUE

discovering who God made you
so you can make a difference

USE IT OR LOSE IT!
DON'T WASTE WHAT YOU'VE GOT

LUNCH ROOM
MAKE SPACE AT THE TABLE

DRUM LINE
Reap the



2017 TEACHING SERIES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

By the time a student finishes
8th grade, we want them to take ownership
of their faith by committing to three things:

1. I will love God because He will never stop loving me.
2. I will follow Jesus because He knows me better than I know myself.
3. I will live out God's story so others can know who Jesus is.

By the time a student graduates high school,
we want them to be following Jesus and living
out their faith by embracing these three truths:

1. I'm created to pursue a relationship with my Creator.
2. I trust what Jesus did to transform who I need to become.
3. I exist to demonstrate God's love to those around me.



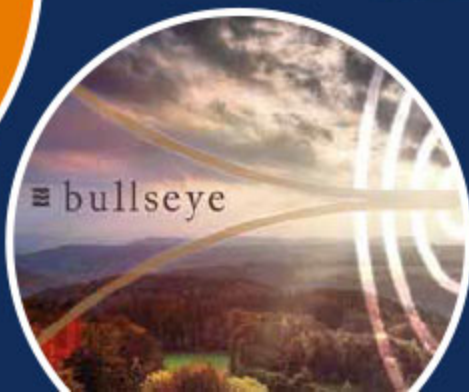
TEACHING SERIES FOR ADULTS

We want all adults at Great Lakes Church to be maturing in five key areas:
Grace, Groups, Growth, Gifts, and Generosity

See greatlakeschurch.com/5G for more information

4 talks were given by Pastor Michelle
11 talks were given by guest speakers
37 talks were given by Pastor Dave

514 pictures were used by Pastor Dave in his talks
(that's an average of 13.89 per talk)





FUN FACTS

7 terabytes of data are now used to store pictures, videos, and graphics on the history of Great Lakes Church. That's the equivalent of 4,984,000 floppy disks!

2,049 prayer requests were written on connection cards and prayed over by staff and volunteers

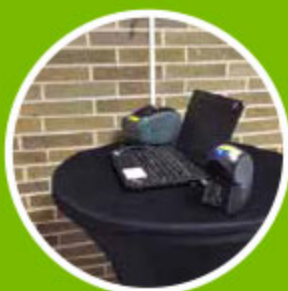
680 more people showed up at our highest attended weekend (Easter) than our lowest attended weekend (Fourth of the July)

2 porta-potties were used all summer long at our Kenosha Campus building

4,800+ people joined us for a virtual Facebook Live tour of our new Kenosha Campus facility

13 couples volunteer as Marriage Mentors at Great Lakes Church

120 pastoral guidance meetings were scheduled with Pastor Marie in just one year. That's on top of everything else she does!





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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Some stories people shared with us this year...

"I attended Great Lakes Church for the first time this year and it felt like home immediately. Attending church every week or watching the message online has become a priority and has changed the way I worship. ...I can't thank you enough and I just wanted you to know that you've changed my life. Thank you!!"

"I had gotten to a point in my life that I didn't even want to attend church any longer. I was so burned out of church! Then I decided to attend Great Lakes. ...God has been chipping away at my heart, week by week, through the consistent, straight forward, no nonsense, honest way our church does ministry... Thanks for being in this community. Thanks for helping me regain my passion for God."



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Some comments from first time guests on what they noticed first.

"The happy parking attendants. They were nice!" -Kenosha

"Very friendly and welcoming. Lots of energy and passion." -Kenosha

"How friendly everyone was. It was absolutely amazing." -Racine

"Not intimidating. It was very welcoming and chill, which I liked." -Racine

"At first I noticed normal people, but it ended up being an experience that was way more than that." -Kenosha

"The bright atmosphere and how clean and happy everyone was. We loved everything, but my in-laws thought it was a little too loud!" -Racine

"The parking lot was crowded, but I enjoyed the free hot tea." -Kenosha

"It was a little chaotic when I first showed up, but then I learned you're in the middle of building transitions and it made sense." -Kenosha

"There were lots of greeters from the parking lot all the way into the building." -Kenosha

"Everyone was warm and welcoming. Someone came up to me within minutes after I walked in, introduced themselves, and helped me find a place to sit." -Kenosha

"Everyone was smiling." -Racine

"The beautiful facility." -Racine

"Greeters and people working with kids were very cheerful." -Racine

"I noticed friendly people and an energetic environment." -Racine

"I noticed music playing in the lobby." -Kenosha



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It's been a memorable year and we
are forever grateful to God for all that
He continues to do in and through
us as a church!

*"Not to us, O Lord, not to us,
but to your name goes
all the glory for your unfailing
love and faithfulness."
Psalm 115:1*