



**2026**  
**RESTORATION HOUSE**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
*Ministry Reports*

# Agenda

Call to Order & Opening Prayer	Rod D.
Pastor of Discipleship & Next Generation Report	Pastor Paul
Senior Pastor Report	Pastor Aidan
Financial Report	Pastor Aidan
Question & Answer	
Closing Prayer	Pastor Aidan

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*Ministry reports are a beautiful snapshot of how God has been at work in and through His people at Restoration House throughout the year! Each Ministry Director was invited to share from their own experiences, and what you'll read reflects their unique hearts and voices (with only minor spelling or formatting edits). We are so grateful for the time and care that went into each one, and we pray they encourage you as much as they've encouraged us! **Soli Deo Gloria.***

## Information & Technology (IT)/Worship/Media

*-Dave Potter*

We bought and completed the following:

- 1 New Cordless Mic
- 3 TV's for Sunday School Classrooms and the Great Room
- Device(s) to put "what's going on" on the stage (a live feed) onto the Great Room TV
- New sanctuary projector
- RH Kidz computer
- Upgraded Youth Room computer
- Carl set up a streaming device using the Linux operating system

To be explored this year:

- Replacement stage lighting
- Stage speakers
- More cordless mics
- Sound system for Youth room
- Replacement iPad for the Worship Team
- Stage pockets to make wiring up the stage easier
- Sound system for the Great Room

# Discipleship

*-Pastor Paul Cochrane*

## Discipleship Groups

- The goal through discipleship groups is to come alongside one another, encouraging each other and supporting one another as we walk with the Lord, growing in our faith and understanding of who God is and His will for our lives, through varying facets.
- Currently we have two different youth discipleship groups going on: a boys' group that meets with Pastor Paul on Wednesday afternoons, and a girls' group that meets with Keisha Cochrane and Aubrey Vanderplas every other Wednesday evening.
  - These groups are both going through the Milestones curriculum which is designed to give students aged 12-18 a solid understanding and foundation for their faith and core doctrines before going off to secondary schools.
- We also have a men's Pure Desire group going on that is walking through the Pure Desire curriculum called the Seven Pillars of Freedom by Dr. Ted Roberts.
  - This group has been going on for nearly a year now, and will come to an end in about a week or so, however the group is planning on continuing to meet weekly for accountability and support.
  - These Pure Desire groups are a great way for men or women (separately), to seek purity in their lives, with a focus on both the spiritual, and clinical, sides of sexual addiction and how to find freedom from it.
  - If anyone has an interest in being a part of a Pure Desire group, whether male or female, please come and speak to me about getting another group put together. Shame is a powerful weapon of the enemy, and keeping your struggles hidden in the dark is only a hindrance, and not just to your spiritual health!
- Pastor Paul has recently put together a discipleship training course to be used here at RH. It is currently in the final stages of completion, and will soon be ready to be deployed here at the church as a course to help guide you and train you to be disciple-makers.
  - If you have any interest in taking this course, which will likely be a 2-3-hour long course on a Saturday afternoon, please speak with Pastor Paul and we will work on setting up a date to do the course all together.
- If you have any interest in leading a discipleship group of any kind, please speak with Pastor Paul and we will get the ball rolling on putting those groups together.

## Care Groups

- We currently do not have any care groups going on at RH.
- In the past we have done Divorce Care and I still have curriculum left over from that if there is an interest to do it again.
- We can definitely look into getting other care groups going if there is an interest for it and people willing to lead/facilitate them.
- Some examples of possible care groups would be Divorce Care, Grief Share, Single & Parenting, Freedom Session, etc.
- If you would be willing to lead/facilitate a care group of any kind, please speak with Pastor Paul and we can get the ball rolling.

## Life Groups

- The goal of Life Groups is to grow together within smaller groups of the Church, and to do life together with a group that can keep you accountable, support you, and encourage you through prayer and other means, as we live out our faith – discipleship in action.
- We currently only have four Life Groups.
  - Rod and Lori Dueck lead a group that meets every other Tuesday evening at the church.
  - James and Laurie Wieler lead a group that meets every Monday evening with rotating hosts or at the church.
  - Greg and Nancy Thoreson lead a group that meets every Tuesday evening at their place.
  - Paul and Keisha Cochrane lead a group that meets every Sunday evening at their place (this is the young adults' group).
- It would be very beneficial to have more groups running, but in order to do that, we need to have leaders. It is my prayer that the Lord will provide leaders for at least one more Life Group. The leaders do not need to be a married couple, we could even have a group led by one person, if they are willing.
  - If you are willing to lead a Life Group, please speak to Pastor Paul at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

# Men's Ministry

*-Rod Dueck & Herman Neufeld*

This past year marked a fresh beginning for our Men's Ministry. After a season of inactivity, we relaunched in the summer of 2025 with a simple but intentional focus: creating consistent space for men to gather, build relationships, and grow in Christ together.

Our primary emphasis has been a monthly Men's Breakfast Fellowship. We chose a format that is uncomplicated and sustainable — sharing a meal together, followed by either a short devotional or a personal testimony.

We are averaging approximately 15 men each month. While our structure has been simple, the impact has been meaningful. Around tables, conversations have deepened. Testimonies have reminded us of God's faithfulness. Devotionals have challenged us to lead well in our homes, church, and community.

This rhythm has allowed us to strengthen brotherhood and authentic connection, encourage spiritual growth through God's Word, and provide opportunity for men to share how the Lord is working in their lives. It has also created a welcoming space for new and younger men to connect.

As we look ahead, our desire is to continue building on this foundation by encouraging greater participation, developing opportunities for men to serve together, and strengthening discipleship and spiritual leadership among the men of our church.

Our prayer is that this ministry would continue to shape men who love Christ deeply, lead their families faithfully, serve the church humbly, and impact our community boldly.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

— 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

# Women's Ministry

*-Aubrey Vanderplas, Lena Janzen, Lori Dueck, Lynn Nash, Nancy Thoreson, & Laurie Wieler*

We did our first baby shower, for Jordan & Rachel Funk. I have spoken with ladies from the church and they are happy Baby showers will be attended in person, not just a box in the back of the sanctuary. Decorations were bought for a Boy & Girl, so we will now have the decorations for future showers. With us providing the treats and drinks. It was a good turnout with both sides of the family attending.

Did one craft Saturday, that ladies came with anything that they wanted to work on. The ladies that came said they would want more of these days.

We had a craft day at the end of November. Had a great turnout! The ladies painted a doormat in a winter theme. Mats & paints were provided by us. Erica Wengel gave her testimony. It was great seeing many ladies come out for this.

We'd like to continue hosting small evening or Saturday events where we just visit, with maybe someone doing their testimony. It would be nice to cultivate new relationships.

Our committee has been trying to plan a Ladies Retreat on a Saturday with a speaker. Haven't found a speaker yet, but will be continuing to search.

Thank you,

***Laurie Wieler***

# Bible Prophecy Ministry

*-Carl Linkletter*

Luke 12:37-38

Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!

This year we have had two prophecy conferences, one on February 1<sup>st</sup> and another on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The February one was a prerecorded conference. October's was a live-stream from a conference in California and we were able to recover all costs of the conference from donations. We had about 40 people from across the city for each event. We also attempted to do a Youth Prophecy Conference in Nov but the timing did not work out.

In September, we started a monthly meeting called Prophecy Connection. Each evening has a video or presentation with a prophecy focus. We showed a video on the Pre-Trib position and another on the Millennium. We also showed an anti-deception video on the NAR (New Apostolic Reformation). Carl Linkletter did a presentation covering the entire book of Revelation in 1 hour. Attendance is approx 35 at each event from various churches in the area.

We also attended prophecy conferences in Saskatoon and Calgary (at our expense) to learn, but also to build contacts of speakers we may to invite to our spring conferences.

In 2026 we plan to continue the Prophecy Connection meetings (taking a break for the summer). We will also be releasing a list of trusted prophecy teachers (and their internet locations) as there are many fake accounts that can lead people astray. We will be having a Prophecy Conference with live speakers on May 9<sup>th</sup> called Hope of Glory and plan to have a video streaming prophecy conference this fall (like we did this year).

# Overseers

*-Paul Cochrane, Rod Dueck, Carl Linkletter, Herman Neufeld, Aidan Wengel, James Wieler*

The year started out with a search committee being formed to search for a Senior Pastor. The search committee consisted of Shonnon Klassen, John Wright, Michael Rutherford, Kevin D. Funk and myself (James Wieler). As the applications came in to us and as we went through the process of conducting interviews with some of these candidates, it was made very clear to us that Aidan Wengel was the man that God had chosen for this church. Pastor Aidan started his ministry here with us July 1<sup>st</sup> and what a blessing it has been for the people of this church to have a strong preacher, teacher, and leader to shepherd this church. He has impressed me time and time again with his knowledge and wisdom on many things that we have dealt with on the Overseer Board over the last 7 months and I know that He has gone above and beyond the call of duty to get things done.

One of the many blessings that I have enjoyed to see is that with only a few months of planning, the church was able to start up Sunday school classes for all ages, and I thank all of you who are involved to make that a reality. Thanks especially goes out to those that plan and teach these classes so that we can all benefit from this teaching.

In January, Kevin Funk came back on the Overseers Board temporarily until June to help us out as I (James) was the only Overseer left on the board at the beginning of the year (other than Pastors). Thank you Kevin for doing this- this was sacrificial giving of yourself and your time to help the church and I am very grateful for that. In March of 2025, Rod Dueck came on the Overseers Board and has been a great asset to the Overseers Board in many ways. Rod is also the new Chairman of the Overseers for this year. Also new to the Overseers Board are Herman Neufeld and Carl Linkletter whom I am very grateful for.

I want to give a very special thank you to our Pastors, I appreciate you both very much and look forward to the years ahead with God as your guide. You have proven to us many times your wisdom and spirit filled lives, to God be the glory for He has blessed you with the gifts for this ministry to Restoration House. I look forward to the years ahead under both of you working together with the gifts and abilities that God has given you.

I will be stepping off the Overseer Board at the end of March for a bit of a rest from the business of the church. The last few years have been very demanding and we have dealt with a lot of tough situations, and God has been faithful to bring us through these tough times. Remember to pray for the leadership in this church, they need your prayers as they lead this church. Thank you for your past support and prayers. You are Loved!

"This is why we work hard and continue to struggle, for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers.

*-1 Timothy 4:10 NLT*

***James Wieler (Overseer chairman for 2025)***

# Treasurer

*-Lorraine Dyck*

First of all, I would like to thank Gerry Schroeder and Nick Schlamp for their contributions this past year in helping me with the finances. Gerry gave me wisdom and then also encouraged me to take on the Treasurer position and his guidance is much appreciated. Nick continues to be my right hand when needed. Thank you very much gentlemen.

My role as treasurer is to ensure that the bills for the church are paid, the staff are paid, the different budget categories and bank accounts are balanced, as well as to provide reports to the Overseers and Deacons as needed.

A challenge that I have had this year is the on-boarding of a new payroll system, which I feel will be a great help to me once it is fully implemented. We received confirmation just this week that all is a go!

God continually shows his faithfulness through you, as a congregation, in your giving. He has blessed this church financially that we have never had to borrow money, the bills have always been paid, and we are able to continue to do renovations, etc as finances allow.

This year now, we are designating more funds to different missions and that is exciting to see where God will lead that!

Thank you for your confidence in my abilities to do this job and please continue to pray for me as I seek to do my best for this church in this department.

<b>Restoration House Budget</b>	<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Actual</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>337,000.00</b>	<b>413,753.57</b>	<b>373,000.00</b>
IT	19,050.00	7,908.34	20,500.00
Discipleship	7,300.00	3,631.95	11,050.00
Office Supplies	6,500.00	7,025.77	7,300.00
Hospitality	20,500.00	25,691.01	37,150.00
<i>Community Outreach &amp; Benevolence</i>	12,500.00	21,541.01	12,150.00
<i>Missions</i>	8,000.00	4,150.00	13,000.00
<i>King's Christian Academy</i>			12,000.00
Building	70,000.00	65,560.64	77,860.00
Management & Administration	166,600.00	172,041.12	190,200.00
Personnel ( <i>Books, Prof Develop., Conferences, etc</i> )	5,300.00	3,511.78	3,250.00
Children & Youth Min	4,250.00	3,429.21	5,250.00
Worship	9,450.00	16,802.25	9,600.00
Capital Assets ( <i>Leasehold Improve., Furnishings, etc</i> )	27,000.00	18,449.33	14,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>33,5950.00</b>	<b>324,051.40</b>	<b>376,660.00</b>

## Deacons

*-Nick Schlamp*

We started the year in April with Dave Potter, Jake Janzen, Jonathan White, and Nick Schlamp. In November, Dave's term ended and Doug Penner joined. We also meet with Trustees John Wright and Dave Dyck.

We have completed various building projects such as finishing the mezzanine, replacing toilets in the upstairs bathrooms, finishing the Great Room, and multiple tech upgrades. Future projects include finishing the gym, installing more reading lights in the sanctuary, and possibly an elevator for wheelchair access.

We would like to thank you as the church for your generosity in giving of your time and finances and encourage you to keep going. We would also like to remind you that we are here to serve you as well, so please let us know of any needs you have and we will do our best to meet them.

On that note, Benevolence is a large part of how we are able to serve the people of Restoration House. There have been families and individuals who attend Restoration House who we have been able to bless through things like items from The Pantry, gift cards to purchase groceries or gas, and helping move from one home to another.

We look forward to another year of following God's lead in serving Him through serving you, His people.

## Hospitality

*-Norene Schroeder*

The Hospitality Team can often be considered to be the "First Impressions" team at a church. In Restoration House's case, that consists of our Kitchen Team and Greeter volunteers. Each week, these men & women arrive early to church to prepare for the morning. They are the "First Face" people see and frequently have encouraging conversations around a cup of coffee in the Great Room, or as they share a bulletin with both long-time attenders and newcomers alike.

The Hospitality Ministry also includes things like potlucks, first-time guest welcome gifts, and reception-type events. Here is a note from Norene:

I would like to thank everyone who provided a wonderful kitchen to work from. Thank you to all who provided food for the morning coffee for church and food for our Potluck dinners we've had. We also provided lunch for one funeral this past year.

I have enjoyed working with you all!

# Missions

*-Pastor Paul Cochrane*

- The goal of our missions committee is to support, both through prayer and finances, missionaries as individuals, and mission's organizations, whom the Lord calls us to support.
- The current members of the Missions Committee are myself, Stephanie Rutherford, John Gonzalez, and Lena Janzen.
- If you would like to join this committee, please speak with Pastor Paul at your earliest convenience.
- We are currently financially supporting:
  - Michael Rutherford, who is with Sports Fan Outreach International (SFOI).
  - Alex and Amber Bojorquez, who are missionaries and ministering in Arizpe, Sonora, in Mexico.
  - Trans World Radio (TWR), which does work all across the globe to transmit Christian radio broadcasts, proclaiming the Gospel in over 200 languages, and 190 countries.
  - Students to Summer Camp. In the spring, we give financial support to youth within RH so they are able to attend Christian, week-long or day camps. Currently, we are sending kids to either West Bank Bible Camp or Cypress Bible Camp.
  - The Swift Current Christian School (King's Christian Academy), which is planning to be operational in the fall this year. It is a private Christian school, and so there are many costs that go along with that, and we want to come alongside them in supporting them and their vision to educate our community's children with a solid, and Christian education. While they are not necessarily a "Mission" to support, financially supporting the school does fall under the missions section of the budget.

# RH Kidz

*-Barb Neufeld & Edith Downey*

In January a new curriculum called "The Biggest Story" was implemented. This curriculum goes from Genesis to Revelation and focuses on Jesus Christ as the Redeemer. There is a total of 104 lessons and as of March 1, 2026, we have completed Lesson 46. It is meant to be a 2- year program.

In January we presented our RH Kids missions statement to the Overseer Board and it was approved. (See below)

In September, the Sunday School format changed from having Sunday School during the morning sermon, to being from 9-9:45 am. All the Sunday School classrooms were moved upstairs including all the supplies and crafts. We appreciate all the help that was given to make that transition.

The Overseer Board has approved a computer and TV for each classroom. The Preschool classroom has received both a TV and computer; we are waiting for the other classrooms to be equipped with a computer and TV.

We would like to recognise and acknowledge all the Sunday School teachers and volunteers that have willingly served in the children's ministry. In particular, we would like to thank the Millar College of the Bible students — Sierra Hemingway, Caroline Richards, Alyssa Carew and Emily Snook for their faithfulness and dedication.

***-Barb Neufeld & Edith Downey***

# Young Adults

*-Pastor Paul Cochrane*

- The goal for our young adults' group is to dive deeper into the Word through our weekly studies, growing in our faith and walks with the Lord. Proverbs 27:17 says that iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. That is our goal in this group - discipleship and growth in understanding the scriptures.
- Our young adults group meets each week on Sunday evenings at 7pm, at Keisha and my apartment. We don't really have an end time, although somewhere between 11pm and midnight seems pretty regular!
- Our current group size is 7 people, again, including my wife and I.
- For the past while in this group, we have been studying through the book of Job using a curriculum called Sacred Suffering. All of us in this group have really enjoyed going through this study and learning how even through our suffering we can glorify God and grow in our relationships with Him through the tough times in life.
- Once we finish our study of Job, we will be going through the Culture Shock curriculum by Chip Ingram, then we plan to get into the book of Isaiah together after that.

# Youth

*-Pastor Paul Cochrane*

- The goal through our youth group is to give the students a solid foundation for their faith. To help them understand why they believe what they believe and to put their faith into practice in their daily lives. To show them that all Scripture is God-breathed and it all points to Christ, our Saviour!
- Our youth group has been studying through the book of Acts for just over a year, beginning in January of 2025. We will have spent a total of 33 weeks in this study, covering all 28 chapters of Acts, finishing the series March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- The plan after Acts is to study through 1 Samuel.
- This year we incorporated worship into our regular youth nights, and the team is solely youth-led and run. I have been selecting the songs for each week, often times with input from the worship team, and then I put the slides together and get the sheet music prepped each week. Other than that, it is totally run by the youth themselves.
- We have Adrielle Wiebe leading the Worship Team, alongside Alex Rutherford, Annabelle Schulz, and Javanah Winsley. We also have Violet Schultz or Harlow Oesch doing the slides each week.
- A regular Youth night begins on Friday evening at 7pm where we start with prayer and Worship, then we get into our Devotional and after that, we break off into small groups which is divided up between guys and girls. These small groups are designed to be a time of reflection and practical application from the lesson we just went through. After small groups, we get back together as a larger group and take prayer requests and spend time praying for those things. Then we have a time for snack and we play a game or two together, before ending the night at 9:30pm.
- Our youth group currently averages about 8 students per week.
- We have 5 Youth Leaders including myself, my wife Keisha, Nick Schlamp, Aubrey Vanderplas, and Leah Janzen. I am very grateful for each one of them and the ways that they invest in the students lives and faithfully serve in our Youth Group each week!
- As a team, we meet each week thirty minutes before Youth to go over the plan for the night and spend time in prayer for the night and for those who are a part of our Youth.
- If you are a parent of one of our Youth kids, you should know that your kids are well loved and covered in prayer each week. And thank you, parents, for faithfully sending your kids to Youth Group each week, and making that a priority in their lives.

- This year, as I'm sure you know, we will be heading to Youth Quake on April 24-26<sup>th</sup> as a youth group, with a total of 11 of us going, including my wife and myself.
- If for some reason you are unaware, we currently have a bottle drive going on for a fundraising event. So, please bring your bottles to the church, in the downstairs storage room, and thank you for doing so!
- We are hoping to have another fundraiser either at the end of this month or early in April depending on how much we will still need after the bottle drive.
- Our Youth Group breaks for the summer months of July and August. One Friday in each of those months we get together as a group to do a bigger event of some kind. Last summer for example, we did a progressive supper in July and then in August we went to Apex Adventure Plex in Regina on a Saturday.
- I have not yet planned this summers' activities, but ideas are brewing!

## Youth Sunday School

- Our Youth Sunday School is studying through The Gospel Project for students. This is a Christ-centered curriculum going from Genesis to Revelation, covering the stories within, giving practical application, and covering deeper questions that all point back to Christ.
- We use workbooks that are provided for the students, which also, if you didn't know, parents, has homework they are to be doing each week 😊
- These workbooks have the Scripture readings each week using the CSB version of the Bible, a theology connection, a Christ connection, a cultural connection, as well as the questions for discussion.
- There is also a leader workbook, which is used to teach out of that also adds context to the stories we cover each week, some fun practical application questions, answers for the questions we discuss during the study, a wrap-up section, and more.
- We currently also have two Millar students helping out with the Youth Sunday School; Ryder and Ciara (you can see their pictures on the whiteboard at the back of the sanctuary). They are both very helpful and do well with our students (Thank you!).
- We are currently nearing the end of the second work book, which means we will have gone through the Torah (Genesis-Deuteronomy), and covered Job in a nutshell as well.

# Administration & Worship Team

*-Stephanie Rutherford*

December of 2025 marked 5 years of working at RH! This has been my favourite job, so far 😊 At that time, the Overseers updated my job title to more accurately reflect the role that I have at Restoration House: Church Administrator and Worship Director. What an honour and blessing it has been for me to fill this roll! No matter what is going on in my life or the life of the Church, it is so encouraging to stand on stage each week and watch you all join us as we approach the Throne of Glory. I do not take lightly the gravity of leading in Worship, so I ask that you would continue (or start!) to pray for the work that I am doing at Restoration House as I pray for you all, as well!

The past few years have been incredibly stretching and at times, very stressful, so taking time to rest was much-needed. I always have a difficult time realising when I'm getting burnt out, so I'm very thankful to the ones who pushed me to recharge! In January of 2025, and then again in September, I was able to take a month off while Lynn Nash took over for me as the Administrative Assistant. There were also a few people who took over leading the Worship Team the times I was away. Thank you to everyone who has helped in both capacities!

In July, we had an all-team meeting for the Worship Team where we discussed various things like personal practice in preparation for team practices, what it means to commit to serving on the team, conduct in our personal lives, why we serve, and the weight of leading God's people. We have had many people come and go from the Worship Team this year, but I am thankful for every single person who has taken the time to learn, faithfully serve, and lead our congregation in Worship as part of this team, both musicians and media! (Including the students who attend RH from Millar who have been able to be a part of the team, or lead worship entirely on their own!)

In November we hosted a Worship Workshop put together by Shonnon Klassen. I was able to record the workshop and have her notes, so a goal of mine this year is to finish editing the video and notes so we are to have new Worship Team Members learn from it.

In 2026, we plan to have a high school student join me once a week to help get some of the administrative work done. I am looking forward to being able to teach this person what it's like to work in ministry and discuss how those skills can be applied to any job. Please pray with me that this would be a blessed time of learning and serving for both this student and any future students we may be able to have join in this capacity.

If there is one thing I've learned over the past year here at RH, it's that God is never finished with us! Time and again, I've been amazed at how a need has arisen, and God has supplied to fill it. Be that through people volunteering, giving financially, or the exorbitant amount of prayer in our church family! I am SO glad that I get to be a small part of what He is doing here at RH and I trust you have that same blessing. If not, reach out to me or someone in leadership so we can get you plugged in!

# Senior Pastor

*-Aidan J Wengel*

I have been enjoying my time here at Restoration House since I began last July. It has been a blessing to be here and to get to know you all, and I look forward to doing so more and more in the future. I thank God for each one of you and how he is mightily working in this church; to him be the praise and the glory forever! Since coming, we have done three sermon series. The first was going through Psalm 23 in July and August, where we looked at what it means for God to be our Shepherd. Ultimately, the LORD is the shepherd of this church, and I am merely a shepherdling under him. In September, we began a series through the book of Ruth, which lasted until midway through the Christmas season. The main themes we discussed in that series were “a change in identity” and “a noble identity.” We looked at how everyone who comes to the Lord is given a new identity—a noble one—and God asks that we live in accordance with our new identity. Even though I have only been here for 8 or so months, I have witnessed a church full of people who take that call seriously, so I thank you and encourage you to do so all the more. In January of this year, we did a three-week series on evangelism. I picked this topic in particular because it was requested numerous times on the surveys and because it is a good topic to revisit somewhat regularly; we all need to be sharing our faith with others. We have just begun our series on the book of Romans, which leads well into my plans for the pulpit in 2026. In preparing for this series, I drafted an outline of the book to determine approximately how long it would take. My estimation was that it will take at least 65 weeks, if not more. That means we will be in Romans for close to a year and a half, accounting for periodical one-off sermons on other topics and special events like Easter and Christmas. Personally, I do not like taking breaks within a series to do mini-series, nor do I believe it is beneficial to take regular breaks or have many one-off sermons for holidays and such, since it drags out the series longer than needed and breaks the natural flow of thought within a book. Therefore, I generally won't be preaching dedicated sermons for special days like Mother's Day or Father's Day, at least not on a yearly basis. This will allow us to spend more time in our dedicated book and better avoid a “book burnout” from being in a series too long. Something new to Restoration House this year is Sunday school classes before the service. Prior to this past September, all of our Sunday school classes were during the service. While there are some benefits to having

Sunday school during the service (primarily for those with younger kids), it prevents the older elementary grades, youth, and adults from benefiting from a Sunday school program. By offering classes before the service, it allows those ages to attend classes they otherwise could not. Additionally, having Sunday school during the service requires volunteers to miss the service, or at the very least, the sermon portion, whereas having classes before the service allows for volunteers to worship with our church body every service. Another benefit of this change is that we have dedicated teachers for our classes, which provides a regular face for our kids to become familiar with and to trust. This was a point raised by Barb Neufeld and Edith Downey when I discussed making this change. So, overall, I believe the change has been a positive one. Sunday school will run until the end of May, meaning we will have the summer off.

One item I have spent some time working on recently is creating a resource wall. This will be located on the west wall in the sanctuary and will contain four sections. The first section will contain evangelism tracts, which will be a combination of tracts we create and some we purchase. The second section will contain small booklets and resources for common questions people could have, such as "Why should I get baptized?", "What is communion?", "Why should I join a local church?", "Can I trust the Bible?", and many more. This will also contain some discipleship and new Christian resources. The third and fourth sections will contain information about missionaries and organizations that we support, either financially or through prayer. Most of the resources for the wall have come in, and we are just waiting on a few more things before we install it and stock it. It is my hope that we will have it up and ready sometime this month. I am excited for it, and I believe that it will be a great benefit for our church. There are many areas of the church that I am involved in and/or oversee. Since these areas have their own reports, I won't be redundant by including additional details within mine. I have been greatly encouraged by the ministry being done here at Restoration House, and I would like to deeply thank everyone who makes it possible. Take some time to read through the reports and see what God has done here in 2025 and what is planned for 2026. Praise him for how he has blessed us and pray that he would continue to do so, and that we would continue to be faithful. *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."*  
- 1 Corinthians 15:58

Blessings,

-Pastor Aidan J Wengel

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The past few years have shaped us in ways we could not have anticipated. Through challenge and change, God has been faithful to steady our steps, clarify our direction, and deepen our foundation. This year, we have leaned into truth, sought His leading with humility, and worked to build structures that will serve well into the future. We are grateful for His guidance and for the many faithful hands that continue to serve, trusting that He is the One who supplies all we need.

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*And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*

-2 Corinthians 9:8-12