



Becoming a  
*Starfish Church*

2021-2022 Annual Report

## *A message from Aaron Winowski*

**Thousands of our neighbors have walked away from God and the Church over the last ten years. What will it take to reach into the 47,000+ disconnected people in Marathon County in order to reverse that trend?**

That is the question that drives me. The answers are becoming clearer as we learn from people in places where that kind of reversal is happening—disciples are making disciple-making disciples in Spirit-fueled,



multiplying movements. It's already clear that the conventional way of "doing church" isn't going to solve the problem. God has put New Day in a unique position to be unconventional, to seek His will and experiment with different ways of *being* the Church on mission for Him in Marathon County and beyond.

With that in mind, New Day continued our three-fold Overflow vision in 2021: to (1) put our stake in the ground, (2) pray for multiplication, and (3) pour out blessings. While our mission, vision and values haven't changed, our methods have as we reorganize in a way that is designed to reach into the 47,000+ disconnected people in Marathon County.



I'm so glad that even as we make progress on renovating the building, God is making progress renovating us. We are investing more in prayer. We are having spiritual discussions around tables and in online chats. We have built a relationship with one of the most dynamic disciple making movements in the world (Dr. Aila Tasse and Lifeway Missions, International in Kenya).

In the upcoming fiscal year, New Day's Church Board will study, discuss and apply principles of a "starfish" church ([thestarfishandthespirit.com](http://thestarfishandthespirit.com)). Unlike a spider, which is crippled when a part of it is removed, you can



remove a leg from a starfish and find a very different result. The starfish grows a new leg, and the leg grows a new starfish! That's because every part of the starfish has what it needs in order to become a whole starfish. As each of us sits with people around tables in our homes, workplaces,

schools, parks, bars and restaurants, we can do something more than invite people to go to church; we can be the Church going to them. Every

disciple has the Holy Spirit living in them and carries the DNA of the Church with them.

Among the 47,000+ disconnected people in Marathon County, God is preparing some to discover the Good News of Jesus, to bring Christ's love into their sphere of influence, and to be the Church where they are. My goal is to help you find those people and equip them to find and equip others. Only through that kind of multiplication will we see thousands of people becoming disciples who make disciple-makers in Marathon County and beyond.



**-Aaron Winowski, Pastor**

## *A message from the Board Chairperson*

I'm blessed to walk with Christ at New Day. The commons area at the Ministry Center has made leaps and bounds towards completion. Thanks for all the time and effort everyone has contributed in renovating this space.

We continue to have outreach missions with our Backyard Missions initiative, using it as an amazing tool to bring Jesus into the community. I also find joy seeing the steady stream of people on Sunday mornings.

This past summer Aaron was able to go on sabbatical and take some time to reflect and rejuvenate. Following his sabbatical, Aaron then left for Kenya with Rus and Marci Wiegand to visit eight remote villages to see what God is doing there. They received a clearer vision of how God will work here as we pray and prepare ourselves.

Whether you are hearing the message in person or online, continue to use the power of prayer.



***Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.  
-Jeremiah 17:7***

Pray for people and for anything God brings to your mind. The church is in all of us and we can share Jesus with anyone.

As Anne Wilson sings in her song, "Sunday Sermons": "Devil gon' try and take me out of that church, but you can't take the church out of me."

**-Mike Volkers,**  
*Chairman of the Board*

## Prayer Initiative



The 24 Hours of Prayer initiative has continued the second weekend of each month from 9 a.m. Saturday through 9 a.m. Sunday. As we have joined together in prayer over the past year, participants have shared with one another specific things they have been praying for, praise reports, songs, and scripture. We have prayed for and prayed with neighbors in our

backyard and disciples across the world in places like Ukraine, Kenya and India. Together, we have prayed for leaders, for family and friends, and for people who are suffering. We have prayed for one another, we have prayed for God's will to be done, and for God to be glorified through all things we do as his disciples. We have prayed for the Office and Ministry Center (OMC), and for the various ministries at New Day. May His will be done!

**-Jaclyn Zastrow**  
*Prayer Coordinator*





## Family Ministry:

Horses and starfish and dragons, OH MY!

Over the past year we have been going through the Book of Revelation and will continue through the summer. This is a tough book for kids (and adults!) to understand. As families have been joining in-person Sunday morning worship, there has been an incredible amount of discussion that happens in the Ministry Center. If you are joining us via livestream, are you having discussions at home? I encourage you



to do so if you currently are not! Ask each other: "What is God teaching you through what you just heard and what are you going to do about it?"

Before Easter we created a safe space for our wiggly ones in the area that will eventually become our office. It's a great area for wiggles and still allows you to listen to the message.



Additionally, we have a great resource available to everyone with RightNow Media. It is a streaming library of Bible study videos that inspire faith throughout the week. There are more than 2,000 wholesome, educational and entertaining videos for your kids! If you don't have a login for RightNow Media, please contact us. It's free!

Honestly, I'm itching to get the kids space ready (I have SO MANY IDEAS!!) and to start having conversations with them again. Continue to ask them how they see God working and when they hear His Word how they can obey it.

**-Heidi Miller**

*Family Ministry Coordinator*

## Small Groups:

The 2021-2022 year has been about experimenting and rebuilding. The goal has been to rebuild in a way that is both helpful and sustainable for each group, every leader/host, and every member involved.



This year, small groups have been encouraged to look at their lives and schedules, talk amongst their group, and find a format that fits well for everyone. This has branched out in a lot of directions! One group has opted for an online format, some groups meet biweekly, some meet at different locations weekly, & some rely on text chat threads. There are some groups that have continued meeting over the summer, and others that decided to take a break until fall.

Something that I have discovered over the past couple of years with all the changes that New Day has undergone: every person and situation is different, and different methods are going to work for some and not for others, depending on many factors (how that person operates, life circumstances, etc.) The

last thing I want to do is force each group to fit into a mold. Rather, my goal is to empower each group to discover what works best for them, and then help them do it!

I am praising God for how he can work wonders through anything we are able to offer up to him. The goal for small groups is "to grow together over God's word." While the methods may look a bit different, each small group saw that this goal was accomplished. There were also so many service projects that each group undertook, from writing encouragement to school employees, to yard projects, to helping out at Bridge Street Mission! Thank you so much to all of the small group leaders and hosts who worked so hard to cultivate a safe atmosphere of growth in Christ.



Prayers for continued guidance for 2022-2023 would be appreciated!

Much love,

**- Rachael Allen**

Office Admin  
Extraordinaire

## 4.12 Youth Group:

2021-2022 has been a great year for 4.12 Youth Group! Over the last couple of years, 4.12 has shifted: while before there was a majority of high schoolers, now, much of the makeup of the group is younger students of 6-8th grade. It was a privilege to watch the group grow together over the year, make new friendships and bonds, and learn how to love and respect each other.



4.12 also began meeting in the recently redone youth room in the basement of Bethany Church, a first for us! It was good for the group to be able to feel like they had ownership of a space. Another exciting event that happened this year was our Spring Retreat, where 14 students went to Crescent Lake Bible camp for a weekend in April and spent time growing together as a group and worshipping Jesus.

As for lessons, this year 4.12 Youth Group went through discussing the Fruit of the Spirit, as well as talking about motivation to follow God. A notebook was purchased for each student, and during lesson time, they were

encouraged to take notes as to what stood out to them and what they felt like God was teaching them. After the lesson, we had a small discussion where students were encouraged to share. This ended up being some of the best parts of our Wednesday nights as students listened, related, and helped each other to grow in their relationship with God and with each other.

Please pray for a restful summer for both our students and leaders, as well as for connections between students and leaders in individual meetings throughout the summer. Please also pray for our upcoming school year, and for all of our new students that will join us.

**-Mark Allen, Youth Pastor**





INCOME & EXPENSE COMPARISON	FY 2021-2022	FY 2020-2021
Income (General Offering, Missions, Interest)	\$173,008.22	\$199,959.19
Overflow Campaign	\$45,232.00	\$47,584.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$218,240.22	\$247,543.19
Ministry Expenses (Discipleship, Family, Audio/Video, etc)	\$5,798.25	\$9,003.16
Administrative Expenses (Salaries, Supplies, Utilities, Insurance, etc)	\$124,705.29	\$122,444.74
Missions (Converge, Backyard Missions, Kenya, etc)	\$20,687.60	\$17,466.35
Banking, Online Giving Fees, Interest Expense	\$16,154.15	\$22,315.79
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$167,345.29	\$171,230.04
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$50,894.93</b>	<b>\$76,313.15</b>

BUILDING PURCHASE & RENOVATIONS AS OF June 3, 2022	
Building Fund/Overflow (Includes \$65,000 from Office Sale)	\$157,826.75
Costs (Purchase, Roofing, Drywall, Furnace, etc)	\$178,760.94
Net	(\$20,934.19)

## Financial Report (For Fiscal Year 7/1/2021-6/30/2022)

Dear New Day Family,

Thank you for your support with prayer, time and finances. God has used all you have given to continue to show how great our God is, and that He WILL build His church.

The new Office and Ministry Center (OMC) is still going through transformation with your help, and some special project teams, including a Converge church from Stevens Point. We have been able to open our doors for live services, the blood drive, and staff office work.

More importantly, while progress is being made, we can see how Church is not just within our walls. Your support has allowed New Day to continue our mission of loving people here, in church plants, and across the globe.

Although giving is down from last year, we are staying within budget (not spending more than we have). We pray and trust for all that we are blessed to do. God's blessing to you as you continue to be part of His plan.

**-Michelle Terrio, Bookkeeper**

## Backyard Missions 2021:

As a refresher, the objective of Backyard Missions is – to reach out into the local community to spread the gospel and to love our neighbor through project work and establishing relationships.

In 2021 the number of volunteers increased from the previous year to 33. Praise God for the 33 individuals that chose to say yes to God's calling to serve him and share Jesus in our community!



Due to the pandemic, it was still not a normal year for Backyard Missions. Because of that, we had to find new and creative ways to reach out to the community as a whole. Our approach was to reach out to former families that we had served in the past. Some of them had additional project work for us and others had suggestions

of new families to bless during our outreach. We had a total of nine projects that included two new families, six returning families and a Blood Drive held at the Ministry Center during Backyard Missions week. Over 630 volunteer hours were served for the week!

One thing that has remained constant every year is God showing up in the midst of our week with a display of his power and love.

The format for the 2022 outreach is similar to 2021, where we reach out to former families and extensions







of their families. However, we have also reinstituted the nomination forms for any family to fill out anonymously for a need they see in the Wausau/Schofield/Rothschild/Kronenwetter community.

We have a balance of \$2,422.21 from 2021 to use for funding the 2022 mission.

**-Tammie King**

*Backyard Missions Coordinator*

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*the building.*



