



#### **OUR VISION:**

Grace Evergreen exists to bring glory to God through lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### WHO WE ARE:

Grace Evergreen is a part of Grace Fellowship: a Gospel-Centered family of churches who desire to know the Gospel, live the Gospel, and advance the Gospel.

#### **OUR MISSION:**

To live out our Gospel identity as disciple-making disciples who exist as a family of missionary servants called to: Love Jesus, Love People, and Help People Love Jesus.

## **Our Leadership Team**



#### Sam Whitehawk Lead Pastor and Church Planter

Sam Whitehawk is a bi-vocational Pastor of Grace Evergreen in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. He and his wife, Allison, have been married since 2009 and have three wonderful daughters (Eva, Norah, and Isla). In 2019, Grace Fellowship of Saskatoon commissioned Sam to be sent out as the lead Pastor and Church Planter in their community of Evergreen.

Growing up in Saskatchewan with First Nations parents, Sam developed a heart to reach the cities, towns, and First Nations communities in Saskatchewan with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After two years at Briercrest



College studying theology, he began an internship with Grace Fellowship in 2008. There he joined a leadership team that would plant churches in downtown Saskatoon, SK in 2011 and Warman, SK in 2015. During this time, he also completed his Journeyperson Electrical Certificate and he is currently working for a First Nations Post-Secondary School as a Program Coordinator with access and training in almost all of the 70+ First Nations communities in Saskatchewan.

After being ordained as a Pastor at Grace Fellowship in 2017, God called him to plant in Evergreen; a new, unchurched, and culturally diverse area of Saskatoon. Soon after, Sam and Allison went to assessment and were approved as a Church Planter Apprentice with the C2C church planting network in 2017 and Acts 29 church planting network in 2018.

Sam and Allison have spent the last two years leading a Missional community in the neighbourhood in order to reach out to neighbours, build relationships with the school, and serve the community association, and are currently training and equipping a core team in order to launch (Grace Evergreen) Sunday services in the fall of 2019.



# **Jeff Froese**Pastoral Apprentice and Church Planter

Jeff Froese is an elder apprentice with Grace Fellowship. He and his wife Jocelyn have four children (Aiden, Tristen, Rylen and Nickiya). He and his family have been partners with Grace Fellowship for two and a half years.

Before coming to Saskatoon, Jeff pastored a church in Meadow Lake Saskatchewan for 7 years. It was during his time in Meadow Lake that Jeff felt called to church plant. He and his wife were sent out as church planting apprentices with C2C in 2016.



Jeff works as a constituency assistant for Member of Parliament Kevin Waugh. Jeff and Jocelyn have been co-leading a missional community in the community of Evergreen and have a strong heart to serve the people of the community and to see lives transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Evan Wegner Intern

Evan joined the Grace Fellowship Internship Training in 2019. As an intern he will be learning how to preach, teach, and lead people in the Gospel. He also committed to be on the Evergreen core team as a church planter. Evan's top motivation for church planting is help grow God's kingdom and to expand His Church.

As a recent graduate of the RAIS (Recording Arts Institute of Saskatoon) in Audio Engineering, Evan will be leading our sound team at Grace Evergreen as well as assisting Sam and Jeff in overall leadership of the church.

### **Evergreen**

The community we are desiring to reach is a new neighbourhood in the city of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Overall, the City of Saskatoon has 272,200 people and is growing every year. However, there are statistically few churches in the city and only small minority of those churches even plan on planting new churches. There is need for more churches in Saskatoon.

The neighbourhood of Evergreen is our home and mission field. As of 2018 there have been over 7,000 people in this new community and yet there is still not a single church. The neighbourhood at full build out will house nearly 13,000 people (more than the majority of cities across our province).

#### **Cultural Information:**

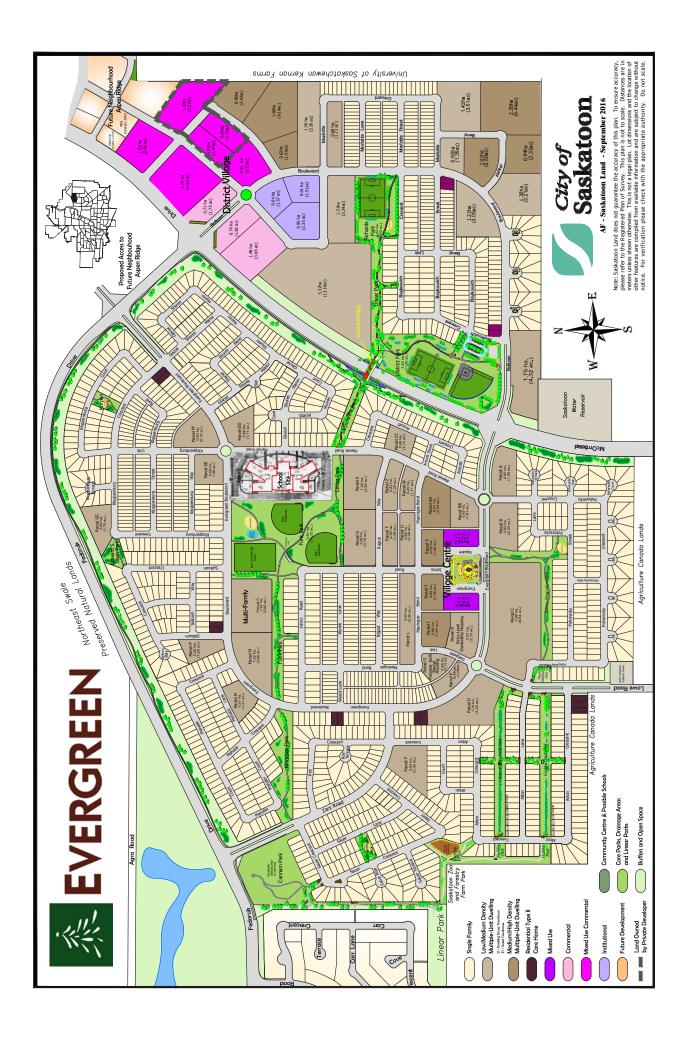
Our children are attending the brand new public elementary school (kindergarten to grade 8) that opened in the area in 2017. It already has 500 children enrolled. The principal of the public school has said that 1/3 of the children are new to Canada. In 2017, the second largest spoken language (English is #1) was Urdu (which is an official language in Pakistan). And in 2018, it was Mandarin (which is an official language in China).

#### Age Demographics:

Evergreen is home to a lot of young families. The largest age groups are the ages 0 to 4, with 800 children being in that age group. There are approximately 1,500 children ages 5-19 as well. There are also an estimated 1,800 men and women between the ages of 25-35 according to the 2018 census and only 400 people ages 55 and older.

#### **Housing Demographics:**

At full build out, 35% of the neighbourhood will be single family homes, and 65% will be multi-family units (apartments, condominiums, and town homes). Evergreen is home to one of largest number of basement suites in Saskatoon, which house many University students.



# **Church Planting Goals**

**Goals Before Launch:** 25+ on launch team, \$25,000 minimum raised for the plant, and 75+ people for launch Sunday.

- **1. Informal Neighbouring:** Meals with neighbours, shared activities, block party, community school enrollment, prayer, serve the community association, and call people to move into neighbourhood. (2016-2017)
- **2. Vision Casting/Assessment:** Prayer walks, casting the vision of the church plant to local Christians, start a prayer Facebook page for Christians in neighbourhood, gather core team, start missional community meeting in Evergreen to serve the community, and pastoral ordination. (Completed Dec 2017)
- **3. Core Team Leadership:** Select denomination to partner with, weekly prayer/planning meetings, theological/missional training for core team members and continued serving the neighbourhood with the missional community, and media: website, cards and pamphlets completed. (Completed Mar 2019)
- **4. Launch Team Training:** Fundraising for our church plant, weekly prayer and planning sessions, continued serving in the community, equipment purchased, baptisms, training coordinator roles of different ministry areas (music, kids, etc.), ongoing neighbouring and evangelism.

(Training completed Aug 2019; Fundraising on-going)

**5. Soft Launch:** Preview services and commissioning service at the sending church.

(Sept 2019)

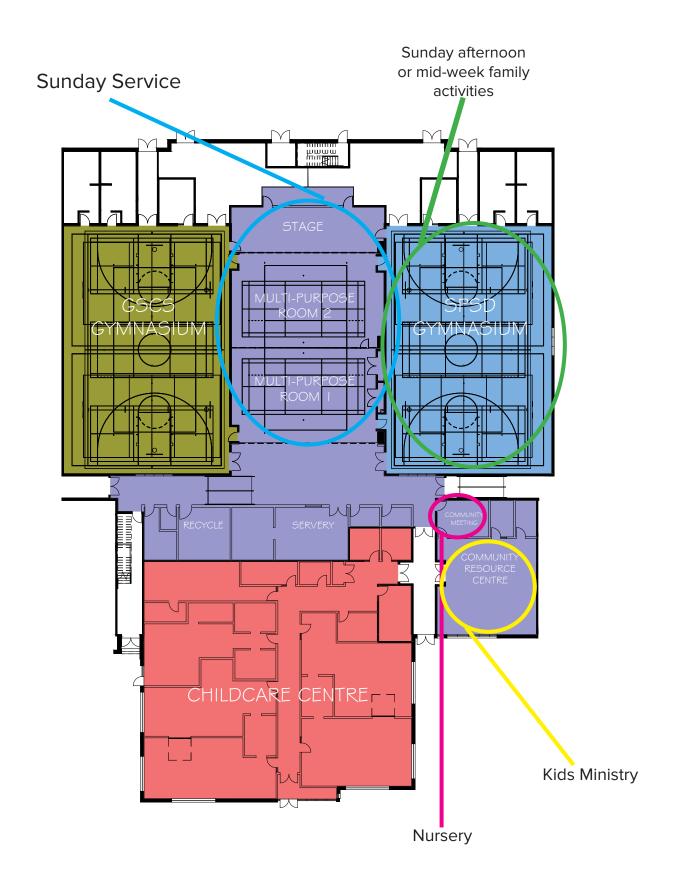
**6. Launch Sunday:** Invite the whole community and surrounding areas to our launch service by mail out invitations.

(Sept 2019)

**7. Church Plant:** Cast vision, raise up leaders, pray, repeat previous steps and send out the next church plant. (TBD)

# **Evergreen School Site**

Sylvia Fedoruk School (SPS) St. Nicholas School (GSCS)

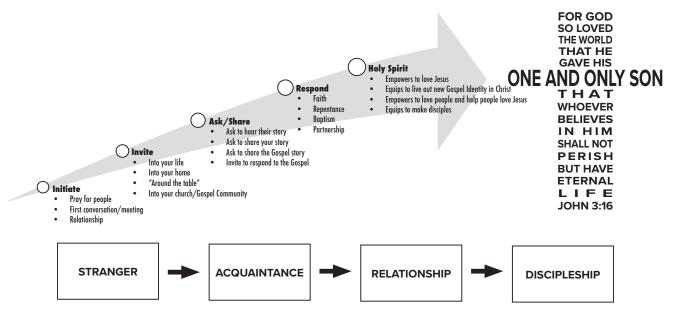


# Help People Love Jesus - Advance the Gospel

**Go therefore and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them to observe** all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)

To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have **become all things to all people**, that by all means I **might save some**. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. (1 Corinthians 9:22-23 ESV)

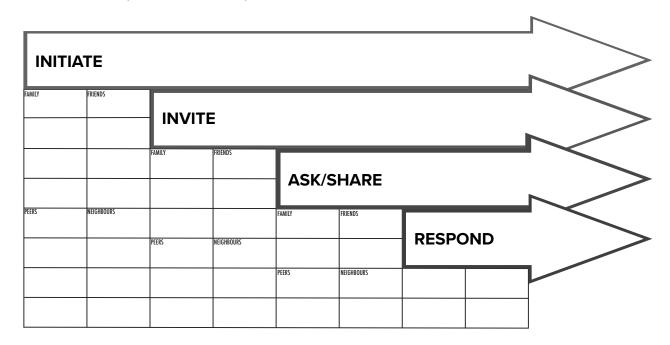
Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. (Romans 10:1 ESV)



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As **the Father has sent me**, even so **I am sending you**." (John 20:21 ESV)

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. (Luke 10:2 ESV)

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20 ESV)





#### OUR MISSION: LOVE JESUS - LOVE PEOPLE - HELP PEOPLE LOVE JESUS

#### **LOVE JESUS**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38 (ESV)



Communion with God in prayerful meditation in the Scriptures



A daily Spirit-dependent, prayer-saturated life



Gathering on Sunday with the Church

#### **LOVE PEOPLE**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

John 13:34 (ESV)



Praying weekly for everyone in your group



Weekly communication and encouragement with those in your group



Gathering weekly with your Gospel Community

#### **HELP PEOPLE LOVE JESUS**

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me**, even so **I am sending you**."

John 20:21 (ESV)



Praying weekly for those you know who don't yet know Jesus



Initiate and grow your relationships with those who don't yet know Jesus



Sharing the Gospel or inviting someone to a Sunday gathering

# KNOW THE GOSPEL

"We love him because he first loved us" 1 John 4:19 (ESV)

Find identity in the **Story of God** A child of God the Father - who was pursued by the love of the servant King Jesus and granted the Spirit to lead and empower and reveal Jesus

#### LIVE THE GOSPEL

"Love one another as I have loved you" John 13:24 (ESV)

Love, serve, pray for, and encourage the family we are a part of; and as servants we serve our community (service project)

# ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

"Go and make disciples..."

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

Keep track of your "5+" on the *Help People Love Jesus* sheet. Having been pursued and loved, we now pursue others in love. Go and Tell. Come and See.

\*Don't forget the three minute rule

### **OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS:**





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