

Hello GCC family!

I am happy to share a bit about who I am. I was born and raised as a local neighbor of GCC right here in Green Mountain. My dad has owned that house my entire life so I have driven right by GCC more times than I can count. I grew up being a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and School and attended Denver Lutheran High School. When I graduated I juggled the option to pursue becoming an Engineer or go into full time ministry. I chose to pursue ministry and went to Moody Bible Institute to study to be a pastor. I graduated from Moody in 2006 and transplanted to Los Angeles to work on my tan and continue to pursue education in ministry through Talbot Seminary which is a part of Biola University.

It was while I was at Talbot that I met my beautiful wife Breanna in a class. As I recall the story of our meeting, Breanna was the most beautiful girl in the entire class and I asked her to go to a movie with me. She remembers something about her being the ONLY girl in class but that isn't an important part of the story. We just celebrated our 10 year anniversary and our marriage continues to be one of the most joyful elements of my life. We lived in Los Angeles for the first 8 years of our marriage where we started foster parenting and had our first kids, Ashley and Yvette, who were 14 and 17 when we first met them on December 26, 2014. A few years later we had our first biological son Zion in 2016 and Elias the ornery youngest child was born in 2019.

I served in ministry together with Breanna at Redeemer Covenant Church in Downey, CA for almost 10 years and then went to Newsong Church in Santa Ana, CA for about a year and a half. We moved back to Colorado in June of 2019 and spent time with my mom who was suffering from Alzheimer's before she passed away in November 2019. I then started working for my friend's basement remodel company and have been there for about two years while simultaneously serving bi-vocationally at a small Lutheran church in Golden called New Hope.

A couple personal notes about me, I love Grace. I mean the gift of God when I say that, but don't get me wrong, I love the Church GCC too. Grace has been the heartbeat of my life and I see it as the most powerful moving force in the world. I think your church is named appropriately. I also love bike riding so if anyone wants to go on a ride I am more than interested. I look forward to meeting you all.

There have been so many sovereign and profound moments of God's hand in bringing my family and I into connection with your community. I am excited to get to know you more, to see where God leads us together in the future, and experience the joy of walking with each other on our journey of faith.

- Nick von Stein