

Light of Grace

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Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

Jesus last words, "it is finished," take on a slightly different meaning for pastors when the last service on Easter Sunday wraps up. Holy Thursday I had three services (two out in the community). 45 attended at Grace. Del worked with the youth for a Good Friday. Over 50 attended. Stephanie worked with the youth for Easter Sunrise where 75 attended. And, 98 attended the 10 AM Easter Service. If you're counting that's six worship services in four days: deep breath and a sigh. There, now things can get back to normal. NO. I SINCERELY HOPE NOT. God forbid things go "Back to Normal."

If you were at the Good Friday service or the Easter Sunrise service you likely saw people whose names you didn't know—families and extended families of the youth. In fact, we recently put together a list of "Households New to Grace in the Last 2 Years." There are 20 households newly participating at Grace in the last two years. Our HCI coach pointed out that's a household a month. His challenge, "create a hospitality plan to add two households a month." Why? NOT because it feels good to grow, although it does. NOT because it's nice to see children up front during children's moments, although it is. The point of "adding households" is changing lives.

Transforming lives begins with building relationships and teaching the stories of faith. Good Friday the youth had a chance to put on costumes and re-enact the crucifixion and burial—complete with wrapping up the person who played Jesus and carrying him 'to the tomb.' It's one way of intimately learning the story of Jesus' love for us—for the youth, for their families and for us. One 'regular'

said the 'new people' outnumbered the 'regulars' at Good Friday. Fantastic! Most of our regulars simply chose Holy Thursday.

During the Easter Sunrise service the youth shared about how God's love through Grace has helped them face challenges like being bullied, watching a loved one die, undergoing surgery, and more. At another point in the service, a couple of the youth shared a liturgical dance to the hymn "Blessed Assurance." One of the youth, Graci Chandler choreographed the dance—which means she studied the words and shaped movements to fit. I think of it as "prayer in motion." Simply put, Easter Sunrise was a celebration of God moving in and transforming lives right here at Grace UMC.

NO, please God, do NOT let things go back to normal. Easter is an extraordinary, life-giving event. We have the high and holy privilege of sharing its hope and power. As Jesus' followers we're meant to share that hope each and every day. **We're meant to celebrate Easter each and every Sunday. We're invited to give our best—the best of our time, the first fruits of our resources (our tithes), the focus of our prayers, and the service of our hands every chance we get.**

As Grace does grow, please take time each day to ask God how you can help bless lives through making sure the hope of Easter is shared—over and over again. **Know your support and gifts are part of a saving Grace.**



In Service of a Risen Christ,
Pastor Roger



PRAYER LIST at Care Facilities

Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
 Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
 Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
 Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
 Hyacinth Kronbeck (Eventide)
 Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
 Tom Collins (Eventide)
 Delores Dronen (Jamestown)
 Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
 Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)
 Clara Krook (Bethany)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
 Ruth Opp Eleanor Payton
 Cullen Fraundorfer

If you have any prayer concerns, call Paula Horner, 218-790-2141 to start a prayer chain.



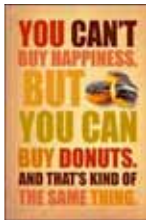
Ministry TEAM Program.. A Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation . TEAM #4 (Apr/Oct) TEAM Coordinators are T. and P. Newgard and P. and K. Anderson

218-299-2022—J. & L. Denny
 218-287-3404—J. & J. Eide,
 218-236-8820—B. & S. Frangsrud & Family
 218-236-7319—C. & R. Goldade
 218-233-1969—D. & J. Graning
 218-233-6411—B. & C. Krogen
 218-790-1162—N. McCaskell
 701-478-1410—B. Paulson & B. Rowland
 701-212-8783—J. Stuart
 218-236-9212—B. Wagner
 701-388-6690—M. & R. Wagner
 218-233-6709—D. Dronen,
 218-236-7780—E. Elliott
 218-236-1643—I. Koenning
 218-233-1690—H.
 701-282-7007—C. Krook
 218-287-4316—B. & S. Martin
 218-236-7136— E. Payton
 701-235-5413—M. J. Phillips
 701-364-3940—P. & D. Walter
 763-438-6746— P. Welsh & Family



APRIL Birthdays

3- E. Fangsrud
 8—R. Herman
 11—S. Gedrose
 J. Burkhardt
 17—M. Borgen
 19— L. Davis
 23—E. Thiseth
 25—A. Severson



DONUTS

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, April 6th and April 20th, 2016, To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, by Monday the week donuts are made.



April Anniversaries

11—J. & B. Fraundorfer
 15—S. & N. Grow
 29—L. & S. Simmons



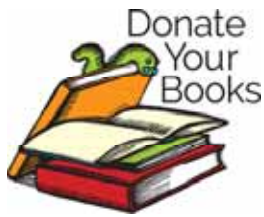
CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to J. Anderson, D. Stead and W. Walseth who were commissioned Stephen Ministers on Sunday, March 13th.



THANK YOU

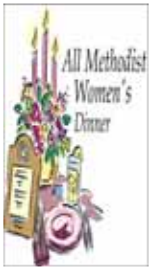
To everyone who donated a pan of bars during the Lenten season thank you and also a big thank you to I. Smith for cooking the soup and all the ladies that helped prepare and serve the evening meal.



ALL BOOK LOVERS

The Little Free Library has provided 336 books in our neighborhood! We would appreciate donations of new and used books in good condition. Please leave any book donations on the church library counter. If you have any questions, talk with S. Martin, W. Walseth, or L. Davis.

ALL WOMEN OF GRACE



The All Women's United Methodist Fellowship Dinner is Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Fargo First United Methodist Church. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Punch will be served during registration and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a time for socializing, before dinner followed by a program of music. A free-will donation will be taken to cover expenses with the remainder to a chosen organizations. Reservations are due by Wed., April 13, 2016, so please call the church office at 218-233-1857 between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. if you plan on attending. You may also contact members of Martha Circle, Lydia Circle, or P. Murray (218-236-0141), for questions, reservations, and car pooling. Come join us!

QUILTERS



The Quilters have delivered 13 quilts. Ronald McDonald House received 4 small and 2 large quilts and 7 large quilts were given to Youth Works. Thank you ladies for making and donating these beautiful quilts.



OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2016 Offutt Scholarship are now available.

These scholarships are available to members of Grace UMC and their families for post-secondary education for the coming academic year. Applications are due in the office by May 1, 2016. These funds are generated by a generous gift from the Ron and Lidia Offutt family to the Grace UMC Endowment Fund. The applications are available in the Church office and at the Church website:

www.graceumcmoorhead.org under forms. If you have any questions about the Scholarships or about the Grace UMC Endowment and its activities, please contact P. Anderson.

ORGAN REPAIRS



Gifts and Memorials have raised \$5,795.00 of \$12,530.00. If you have been blessed by music and are able to contribute or pledge above and beyond your weekly giving, please consider this opportunity.

SOMETHING BORROWED

When a Sunday school teacher told her class that Jesus was buried in a borrowed tomb, one girl raised her hand to share an insight. "I know why," the girl said, "it's because Jesus only used it for three days."



New Life Center

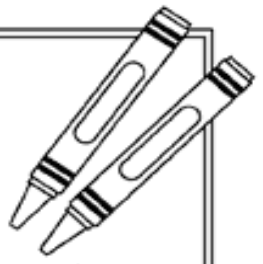
The New Life Center Auxiliary's annual Prayer Breakfast and Evening Dessert is on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fargo. The Prayer Breakfast is at 9:30 am and the Evening Dessert is at 7:30 pm. River Jordan, author of **Praying for Strangers, An Adventure of the Human Spirit** will deliver an inspirational message at both events. Tickets go on sale February 29th. For more ticket information call the NLC at 701-235-4453 or go online at www.fargonlc.org

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Fri, Apr 1	am: 136, pm: 118	Exod 13:1-2, 11-16	1 Cor 15:51-58	Luke 24:1-12
Sat, Apr 2	am: 145, pm: 104	Exod 13:17-14:4	2 Cor 4:16-5:10	Mark 12:18-27
Sun, Apr 3	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Exod 14:5-22	1 John 1:1-7	John 14:1-7
Mon, Apr 4	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Exod 14:21-31	1 Peter 1:1-12	John 14:1-17
Tues, Apr 5	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Exod 15:1-21	1 Peter 1:13-25	John 14:18-31
Wed, Apr 6	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Exod 15:22-16:10	1 Peter 2:1-10	John 15:1-11
Thur, Apr 7	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Exod 16:10-22	1 Peter 2:11-25	John 15:12-27
Fri, Apr 8	am: 16, 17, pm: 134, 135	Exod 16:23-36	1 Peter 3:13-4:6	John 16:1-15
Sat, Apr 9	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Exod 17:1-16	1 Peter 4:7-19	John 16:16-33
Sun, Apr 10	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Exod 18:1-12	1 John 2:7-17	Mark 16:9-20
Mon, Apr 11	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Exod 18:13-27	1 Peter 5:1-14	Matt 1:1-17
Tue, Apr 12	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Exod 19:1-16	Col 1:1-14	Matt 3:1-12
Wed, Apr 13	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Exod 19:16-25	Col 1:15-23	Matt 3:13-17
Thur, Apr 14	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Exod 20:1-21	Col 1:24-2:7	Matt 4:1-11
Fri, Apr 15	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Exod 24:1-18	Col 2:8-23	Matt 4:12-17
Sat, Apr 16	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Exod 24:1-22	Col 3:1-17	Matt 4:18-25
Sun, Apr 17	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Exod 28:1-4, 30-38	1 John 2:18-29	Mark 6:30-44
Mon, Apr 18	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Exod 32:1-20	Col 3:18-4:18	Matt 5:1-10
Tue, Apr 19	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Exod 32:21-34	1 Thess 1:1-10	Matt 5:11-16
Wed, Apr 20	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Exod 33:1-23	1 Thess 2:1-12	Matt 5:17-20
Thur, Apr 21	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 114, 115	Exod 34:1-17	1 Thess 2:13-20	Matt 5:21-26
Fri, Apr 22	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Exod 34:18-35	1 Thess 3:1-13	Matt 5:27-37
Sat, Apr 23	am: 55, pm: 138	Exod 40:18-38	1 Thess 4:1-12	Matt 5:38-48
Sun, Apr 24	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 4:16-30
Mon, Apr 25	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Lev 16:1-19	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matt 6:1-15
Tues, Apr 26	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Lev 16:20-34	1 Thess 5:1-11	Matt 6:16-18
Wed, Apr 27	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Lev 19:1-8	1 Thess 5:12-28	Matt 6:19-24
Thur, Apr 28	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Lev 19:26-37	2 Thess 1:1-12	Matt 6:25-34
Fri, Apr 29	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Lev 23:1-22	2 Thess 2:1-17	Matt 7:1-12
Sat, Apr 30	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Lev 23:23-44	2 Thess 3:1-18	Matt 7:13-21

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	4 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	5 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 6:am Donut making 8:00 am ELR 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	7 6:59 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 10:30 am HCI Pastor's Seminar 1:30 pm Martha Circle	8	9
10 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	11 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	12 7:00 pm Operating and Resources	13 8:00 am ELR 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	14 6:59 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision 9:00 am Dist. Committee on Ministry Retreat	15 9:00 am Dist. Committee on Ministry Retreat	16
17 4th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School Camp Sunday	18 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	19	20 8:00 am ELR 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	21 6:59 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Lydia Circle	22	23
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Just for KIDS



Remember to Pray

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philimon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

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... Philimon 1:4, NIV

Answer:
I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED