

All *prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in the narthex.*

**MEMBERS:** Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again.

**VISITORS:** Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. **North Star District** Prayer List for this week includes:

Long Prairie Peace—Gary Taylor

### FIRST MILE MISSION



First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$19,860.00 or \$106.25 each member based on a membership of 187. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$2,004.11 given to date.

### 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. The applications are available in the Church officer and at the Church website:

[www.graceumcmoorhead.org](http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org), under forms. If you have any questions about the Scholarships please contact Paul Anderson.

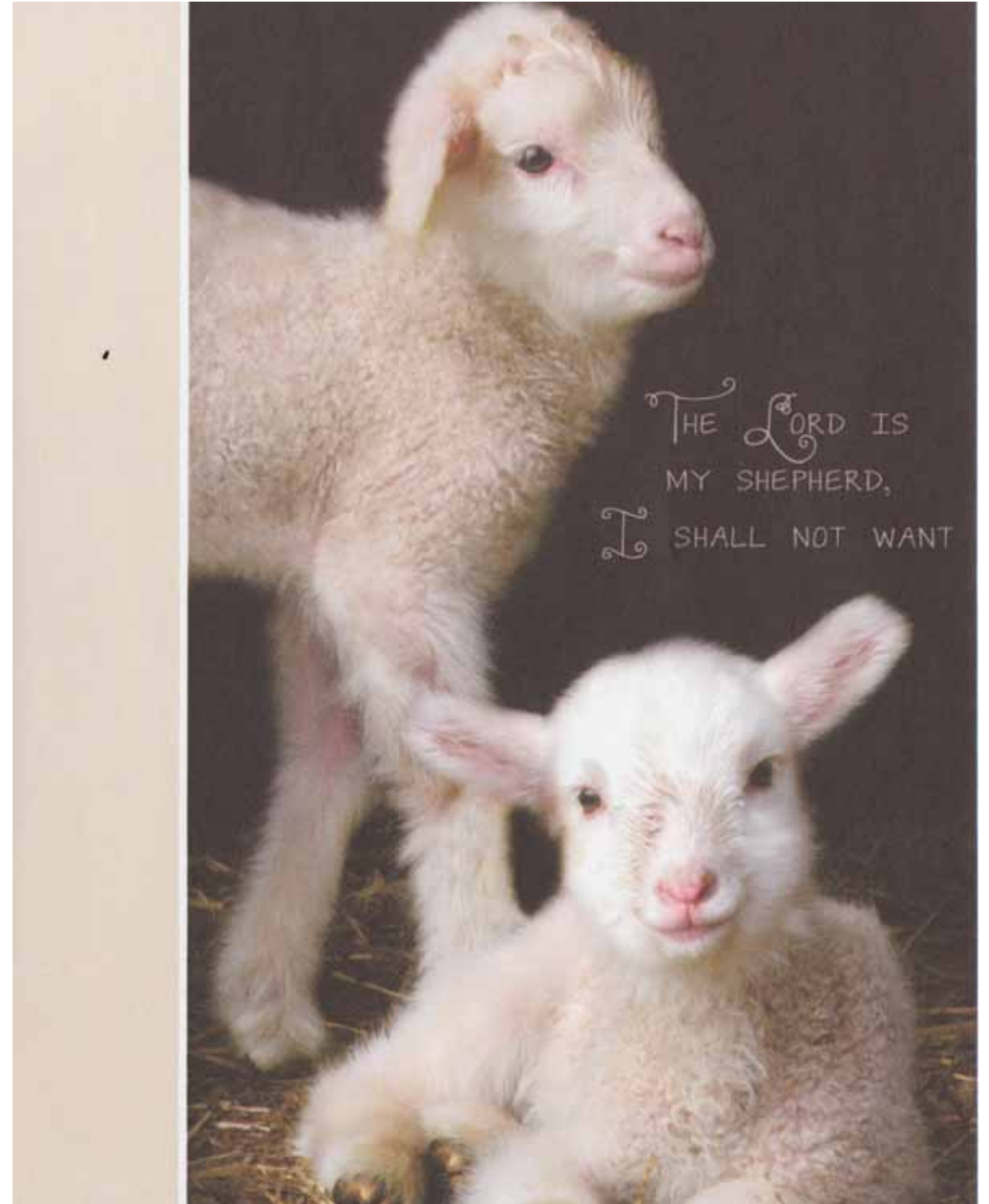
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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 17, 2016

4th Sunday after Easter

10:00 AM

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The Church of the Neighborhood

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Making Disciples of Christ to Transform the World.

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY**

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

Three Chimes calls us to our gathering announcements and Worship  
**Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

**PRAYER PRELUDE:**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 7:16-17**

“They won’t hunger or thirst any more. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of them will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear.”

**This is the promise of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**HYMN: #140 (Blue Hymnal) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

\***PSALM 23: #137 (Blue Hymnal)**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 9:36-43 (CEB)**

**HYMN: #177 (Blue Hymnal) “He Is Lord” 3 times**

**GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:22-30 (CEB)**

**CHOIR: “River in Judea” arr. John Leavitt**

**MESSAGE: “Lift Others to Life”**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: “You Raise Me Up”**

**Kyle Schwartz, Soloist**

**TO RESPOND AND GIVE**

**SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -**

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

**THE LORD’S PRAYER: #895 (Blue Hymnal)**

**OFFERING:**

\***DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”**

**OFFERING PRAYER:**

“Will you support the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?”

**Gracious God, May our offerings honor you. May our offerings reflect the promise we made by joining this church—to support it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Help us find ways every day to show our love for you and fulfill the mission of Grace Church. Help us every day to be part of “making followers of Christ to transform the world.” Amen.**

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

\***HYMN: #707 (Blue Hymnal) “Hymn of Promise”**

\***BLESSING: Based on Psalm 23:5b-6**

North Side: May you feel God’s anointing upon your life.

South Side: **May your cup overflow.**

North Side: May goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life.

South Side: **May you live in the house of the Lord now and forever.**

All: **Amen.**

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**PRAYER FOCUS**

Please pray for Christ’s church: that followers of Christ might be signs of Life, Light, Love and Hope. Pray that we may have a contagious peace in our hearts in an often troubled world

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Guest Organist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Kyle Schwartz**

**Reader: Esther Vollbarecht**

**Ushers:**