

Light of Grace

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

Dear Friends,

Three women began their journey under the cover of darkness, the first threads of sunlight beginning to stretch across the eastern horizon. Their plan was to honor a memory. Their expectation was to touch and tend to a lifeless body by adding a fragrant aroma. It was their way of saying goodbye and finding closure after the horrors of Good Friday's cross. However, when the women reached the tomb, they found they'd been robbed of their hope. The body was gone.

Fast forward two thousand years and we claim to know what the women did not know when they discovered Jesus' body was missing. Fast forward just a few moments in that empty tomb and what began to dawn on the women were two powerful truths. **First, their hope had been too small.** Their morning plan had been thwarted and their basic hope had been dashed. And, it was a good thing—because God wanted so much more for them. The most they could dream was to touch a corpse and say goodbye to what was.

What are you asking God for in your life these days? Does it seem as if your prayer is going unanswered? **What if your hopes and dreams are too small?** What if God wants so much more for you than you've even dared to dream or ask? If you're like me, you include Grace UMC in your prayers—what if God wants so much more for Grace UMC than we've dared to ask?

To touch a corpse and say goodbye to what was is so much less than God wants for us. **The second powerful truth, God wants us to glimpse new life**

and say hello to what is yet to come. The message on the 10 AM Easter bulletin cover proclaims, "Easter Changes Everything." We haven't reached Easter yet in the Church year. Further, I expect if our Lenten journey reminds us of anything, it reminds us we haven't claimed the full, freed from all fear, power of Easter in our day to day living.

Bishop Ough, Our Minnesota and Dakota Bishop invited us to commit ourselves to a daily prayer rooted in huge hopes and dreams. I've shared the invitation before and I wish to share it again.

"A Prayer for Unleashing New Life."

I will pray daily for the Holy Spirit to:

- >**Break through to renew and revitalize our churches, unleashing new life;**
- >**Empower our clergy and lay leadership to proclaim Jesus' resurrection power;**
- >**Transform and boldly use us, without limits, delays or excuses, to reach and make new followers of Jesus Christ and to transform the world;**
- >**To work through me to raise the dead to new life.**

This Lent and Easter: Will we exchange our small hopes and limited vision for God's grand hopes and dreams? Will we let the Easter God change everything in our day-to-day lives? Will we dare believe "The best is yet to come"? Will we ask God how we can devote our lives fully to making God's dreams come true?

In the Spirit of Our Risen Lord,

Pastor Roger





Ministry TEAM Program. The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation .
 TEAM #1 (Apr/Oct) TEAM Coordinator is Naomi Grow, 701-541-4136

PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)**
- Elouise Brendemuhl (Kind-er Care)**
- Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)**
- Lois Ferguson (Eventide)**
- Hyacinth Kronbeck (Park View)**
- Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)**
- Tom Collins (Eventide)**
- Mabel Johnson (Fairmont)**
- Delores Dronen (Fairmont)**
- Ruth Ann Kruta (Elim)**
- Jim Johnson (Golden Living)**
- Mary Jane Phillips (Eventide)**
- Jeanne Schwager (Sheyenne Crossings)**
- Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)**

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Janet Wilson Vicky Westra**
- Roger Opp Duane Enkers**
- Charlie Bowman Dale Smith**
- Rae Offutt Shirley Mohr**
- Larry Possehl Linda Collins**

- 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
- 218-233-5428—T. & M. Kley
- 218-236-1643—I. Koenning
- 218-233-1690—H. Kronbeck
- 701-282-7007—C. Krook
- 218-287-4316—B. & S. Martin
- 218-236-7136— E. Payton
- 701-235-5413—M. Phillips
- 701-364-3940—P. & D. Walter
- 701-361-4278—B. Weik & family



April Birthdays

- 3—E. Fangsrud
- 8—R. Herman
C. Ollestad
- 11—S. Gedrose
J. Burkhardt
- 17—M. Borgen
- 18—S. Weik
- 19—C. Behrens
L. Davis
- 21—B. Egerdahl
- 23—E. Thiseth
- 25—A. Severson



April Anniversaries

- 3—DC & K. Cole
- 11—J. & B. Fraundorfer
- 15—S. & N. Grow
- 29—T. & B. Egerdahl
L. & S. Simmons



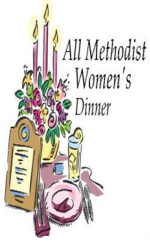
I want to thank everyone for the many cards, and phone calls I received while I was a shut-in in my home. Thanks to Pastor Roger for the visits Also thanks for the many prayers. God Bless each and everyone.— E. Vollbrecht

A big big thank you to all of the workers this past week that helped with the funerals of J. Ostile and B. Jensen.
 Workers: J. Anderson, C. Miller, J. Miller, D. and J. Ganning, K. Anderson, L. Davis, C. Goldade, L. Burkhardt, B. and C. Krogen, T. Grow, P. and T. Newgard, J. and J. Eide, B. Hopkins, E. Vollbrecht, P. and R. Murray. Thanks also for those that brought cakes, set up tables, washed table clothes and put everything away. Many thanks to past workers as well. This makes a church family we can be proud of. God bless each of you. — Thanks, J. Oelke

**FINANCIAL UPDATE
MARCH**



INCOME: \$ 9,425.25
EXPENSES: \$13,188.02
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 904.34

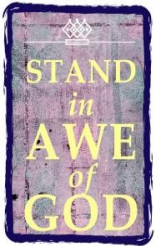


ALL METHODIST WOMENT

The Moorhead-Fargo-West Fargo, five-church All Women's UM Fellowship Dinner will be held Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at Grace Fellowship Hall. Registration begins at 6 p.m. Punch will be served during registration and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. You will enjoy socializing, dinner with dessert, and a program. There is a free-will donation for this event. The money covers the dinner expenses and the rest goes to chosen organizations helping others in need. Reservations should be made by **April 15, 2014**. Please call the church office at [218-233-1857](tel:218-233-1857) between 9 a.m.-1 p.m., or members of Martha and Lydia Circles, or P. ([218-236-0141](tel:218-236-0141)), for questions or reservations.

Where is God in your life?

by Del Larson, CLM



It has been an interesting and inspiring winter. We have felt the presence of God with us constantly. First, God awoke us in the middle of the night when our furnace caught fire and I was able to put it out before doing a lot of damage. Later in January, Luann was stricken with a small stroke, but recovered with no side-effects. Most of you can relate to this with your own Awe-God-moments. However, we also need to look for God in the small stuff because he is a part of our lives constantly. If we let him in to our lives, we can have a complete relationship with him, and many more Awe-God-moments.

I have been teaching a video Bible study this winter called "The Truth Project". It asks the question, "Do you really believe, what you believe?" Now admit, there are times we all have had questions or doubts. This video study corrects the lies that have taken over our lives for centuries. Theories about evolution have been proven to be untrue. If our world was created out of the death of other stars and planets, who created those stars and planets?

This study has really made me even more aware how awesome our God is in his creation. Just look at yourself and what a fantastic creation we are. Think about a cut on your finger. What makes the blood clot? Clots just don't happen. It didn't take thousands of years for God to make this evolve. There are hundreds of scientific steps that must happen in minutes for blood to clot. Isn't God amazing. Science is constantly changing its theories, most recently on how dark chocolate is even better for your heart than previously thought. Can you see me smile.

God's presence has been very evident this winter here in Tucson. People cloaked in Christ are helping one another, repairing homes for those too weak, feeding the hungry, building for the homeless, lending a hand to show a Norwegian how to work with wood, or caring for someone who is ill. God is seeking a close relationship with you and by helping those in need you are building that partnership.

God chose a runt named David to be the future king of Israel. God's vision for his church was this little shepherd boy. He also has chosen you and has big plans for you. It may not be as a king, or even a leader, he may not even ask you to preach or sing. I do know that he wants you to be a Christian by doing what Jesus would do if he met someone in need. It starts with remembering God every day, all day long. How does God relate to you each day? What are the whispers you hear? Count your blessings each day and remember God. When you count your blessing you realize just how powerful God is. You have no need to worry when you have a trusting relationship with God.

God has called you to be the salt and light of the world. Salt adds flavor and so can we by how we encourage others. As Christ brought the light into the world, he wants us to be the light to those around us.

May your life preach more loudly than your lips



SHARE FLOWERS WITH GRACE



To help decorate the altar area, fill out this form (PLEASE PRINT) and place in the offering plate by Sunday, April 13th. Cost: \$8.50 each for Easter Lily or \$13.50 for Tulips.

Your Name: _____

In Honor : _____

In Memory: _____

Attached is \$ ____ for ____ Easter Lilies @8.50

Attached is \$ ____ for ____ Tulips @ 13.50

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Tues, Apr 1	am: 93, 98, pm: 66	Jon 2:1-9	Acts 2:14, 22-32	John 14:1-14
Wed, Apr 2	am: 103. pm: 111, 114	Isa 30:18-21	Acts 2:26-47	John 14:15-31
Thur, Apr 3	am: 97, 99, pm: 115	Mic 7:7-15a	Acts 3:1-10	John 15:1-11
Fri, Apr 4	am: 146, 147, pm: 148, 149	Eze 37:1-14	Acts 3:11-26	John 15:12-27
Sat, Apr 5	am: 136, pm: 118	Dan 12:1-4, 13	Acts 4:1-12	John 16:1-15
Sun., Apr 6	am: 145. pm: 104	Isa 25:1-9	Acts 4:13-31	John 16:16-33
Mon. Apr 7	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 43:8-13	1 Pet 2:2-10	John 14:1-7
Tues, Apr 8	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Dan 1:1-21	1 Jn 1:1-10	John 17:1-11
Wed, Apr 9	am: 5, 6 ,pm: 10, 11	Dan 2:1-16	1 Jn 2:1-11	John 17:12-19
Thur, Apr 10	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Dan 2:17-30	1 Jn 2:12-17	John 17:20-26
Fri, Apr 11	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Dan 2:31-49	1 Jn 2:18-29	Luke 3:1-14
Sat, Apr 12	am: 16, 17, pm: 134, 135	Dan 3:1-18	1 Jn 3:1-10	Luke 3:15-22
Sun, Apr 13	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Dan 3:19-30	1 Jn 3:11-18	Luke 4:1-13
Mon, Apr 14	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Dan 4:1-18	1 Pet 4:7-11	John 21:15-25
Tue, Apr 15	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Dan 4:19-27	1 Jn 3:19-4:6	Luke 4:14-30
Wed, Apr 16	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Dan 4:28-37	1 Jn 4:7-21	Luke 4:31-37
Thur, Apr 17	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Dan 5:1-12	1 Jn 5:1-12	Luke 4:38-44
Fri, Apr 18	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Dan 5:13-21	1 Jn 5:13-21	Luke 5:1-11
Sat, Apr 19	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Dan 6:1-15	2 Jn 1-13	Luke 5:12-26
Sun, Apr 20	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Dan 6:16-28	3 Jn 1-15	Luke 5:27-39
Mon, Apr 21	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Josh 4:19-24, 5:1-9	1 Pet 5:1-11	Matt 7:15-29
Tue, Apr 22	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Josh 10:16-27	Col 1:1-14	Luke 6:1-11
Wed, Apr 23	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Josh 10:28-43	Col 1:15-23	Luke 6:12-26
Thur, Apr 24	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Josh 11:1-23	Col 1:24-2:7	Luke 6:27-38
Fri, Apr 25	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 114, 115	Josh 13:1-13	Col 2:8-23	Luke 6:39-49
Sat, Apr 26	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Josh 13:14-32	Col 3:1-11	Luke 7:1-17
Sun, Apr 27	am: 55, pm: 138	Josh 14:1-15	Col 3:12-17	Luke 7:18-35
Mon, Apr 28	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Josh 17:14-18	2 Thes 2:13-17	Matt 7:7-14
Tues, Apr 29	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Josh 18:1-10	Col 3:18-4:18	Luke 7:36-50
Wed. Apr 30	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Josh 20:1-9	Rom 12:1-21	Luke 8:1-15

Grace UMC

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 AM Donut Making 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:30 PM Choir	3 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 1:30 PM Martha Circle 7 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Pastor Roger at District Committee on Ministry @ Northern Pines	4	5 3:30 PM Bishop Ough Mtg with Clergy in Detroit Lakes
6 5th Sunday in Lent 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School	7 1 PM Quilters	8 Pastor Roger at Spiritual Mentor Training	9 5:00 PM Soup Supper 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM Lent Services 7:30 PM Choir	10 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9:30 AM NLC Breakfast 7 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM NLC Dessert	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School	14 1 PM Quilters 6 PM Trustee	15 7 PM Ad Council	16 6:15 PM Hand Bell 6:30 PM AWANA 7:00 PM No Lent Services 7:15 PM Choir	17 Maundy Thursday 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Worship Sharpview 7 PM Worship Holy Thursday Services	18 Good Friday 7 PM Joint UMC Service at First UMC Grace/Greeters	19
20 Easter Sunday 8 AM Sun Rise 9 AM NO Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM No Children's Sunday School	21 1 PM Quilters	22 10 AM North Star Clergy in Detroit Lakes 6 PM All UM Women's Dinner 7:30 PM Finance Committee	23 6:00 AM Donut Making 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir PASTOR ROGER ON VACATION THRU MARCH 30TH	24 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 2 PM River Pointe 7 PM Cub Scouts	25	26
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship W/ Angie Horn Preaching 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School	28 1 PM Quilters	29	30 5 PM Serve Churches United dinner 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir			

Scholarship OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2014 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, 2014. The applications are available in the Church officer and at the Church website

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

DONUTS



Donuts will be made on Wednesday, April 2nd and Wednesday, April 23rd beginning at 6:00 a.m. Please place your orders with J. Anderson, 236-0183 or the office, 233-1857. Donuts are to be picked up by 9:00 a.m.



NEW LIFE CENTER

Plans now to attend the New Life Center Prayer Breakfast/Evening Dessert! Both events will be held on Thursday, April 10th at the Fargo Hilton Garden Inn. The Prayer Breakfast is at 9:30 AM and the Evening Dessert is at 7:30 PM. The speaker is Marie Monville, author of One Light Still Shines and the wife of the man who took 10 girls hostage, killing five and then himself, at an Amish school in Pennsylvania in October 2006. Tickets for the event are \$20 for the breakfast and \$15 for the dessert. For more information and tickets go to www.fargonlc.org or call (701)235-4453.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM Worship Service
Good Friday, 7:00 PM Joint UMC Service at
First UMC.—Grace to provide
Greeters
Easter Sun Rise, 8:00 AM
Easter Worship 10:00 AM—NO Sunday
School



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