

# Light of Grace

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

Dear Friends,

The last line of July 18<sup>th</sup>'s Upper Room devotional read, "John Wesley said long ago, 'Whether you like it or no, read and pray daily. It is for your life.' The earlier we learn this, the richer our lives will be." If you're anything like me, there are parts of life that are like a plane taking off smoothly then stalling out. There may be other parts that are bumpy each step of the journey. While attempting to save for the future the unseen emergency unfolds. While working on a seemingly straightforward project the unexpected complication pops into view. One father described his newly married daughter and son-in-law first newlywed challenge. The couple bought a dog; within six months it decided to eat a pair of underwear: and the newlyweds were greeted with a \$2,000 vet bill.

Our spiritual lives aren't much different. There are setbacks—times when the daily reading is forgotten, or done perfunctorily. There are times we find it difficult to pray, forget to pray, or our heart just isn't in it. Sometimes it's neglect on our part. Other times it's the very challenges of life itself that become the whirlwind in our spiritual journey and we just can't focus.

Still, John Wesley's words speak a truth across the centuries: "Whether you like it or no, read and pray daily. It is for your life." I believe we live in a day and age when it is easy to become discouraged. News from around the globe describes terrible conflicts. Our leadership in Washington DC is usually at an impasse. The national economy is stumbling along—and even if it were not, the ups and downs of other nations affect us more than ever. And, then, we have sons and daughters, brothers and



sisters, fathers and mothers, friends and co-workers. Every one of us has at least one of those people whose hearts are aching as they face life's challenges. And, we all have human bodies—amazing and strong, but vulnerable and at times fragile. Cynicism or weariness, anger or apathy, can creep in around the edges of our lives. That is why John Wesley's truth is so important. Whether it seems helpful at the moment or not—tend to your spiritual life every day. It is for the sake of your soul—not just eternally, but here and now.

If you are in the midst of one of those challenging times, if life seems like two steps forward and one step back please **remember two steps forward and one step back is still one step forward.**

The Apostle Paul put it this way, "One day we will find ourselves standing where we always hoped we might stand—out in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting our praise. There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope, never puts us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into us."

If your summer is going great—praise God. If you've bumped into some hurdles along the way—remember you are not alone and God still wants to be your strength. If you are walking with another and their journey has blown their life a step backward, let God use you an anchor in their lives until that next step forward.

I hope to see you in church this busy summer. Whether I see you in church or not, I pray God will keep you and me faithful in making time for daily prayer and spiritual reflection—so our lives are grounded in hope.

God's Blessings and Strength,  
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 (Park View)
- Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
- Tom Collins (Eventide)
- Mabel Johnson (Bethany)
- Delores Dronen (Fairmont)
- Ruth Ann Krutz (Elim)
- Jim Johnson (Golden Living)
- Mary Jane Phillips (Eventide)
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)
- Clara Krook (Bethany)
- Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)
- Mary Ann Held (Bethany)

**PRAYER LIST at Home**

- Vicky Westra Roger Opp
- Dale Smith Rae Offutt
- Linda Collins Shirley Mohr
- Lois Norby Bill O'Brian
- Sheila Reep
- Amanda Loeks & Ravan
- The Stalboerger Family



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 #5 (Aug/Feb) TEAM Coordinator is N. Grow.

- 218-236-0135—C. & R. Abel
- 701-261-9009—M. Akin
- 218-236-0183—J. Anderson
- 218-287-4534—B. & T. Egerdahl
- 218-236-8836—D. Enkers
- 218-233-6915—J. & K. Enkers
- 218-233-0255—R. & C. Grafenstein
- 218-233-1875—J. Gustavson
- 218-329-6199—M. & M. Hamm & Family
- 701-361-7576—B. & Z. Hanna & Family
- 701-238-2328—K. Mann
- 218-236-7366—G. & S. Mohr
- 701-361-8785—L. & A. Monge
- 218-236-5520—B. & M. Port
- 218-790-2950—S. Schindler & Family
- 218-233-3947—J. Schwager
- 218-498-2312—S. Simmons
- 701-866-6884—D. Stead & Family
- 218-236-8327—W. & W. Walseth,
- 218-233-3341—M. Wright



**August Birthdays**

- 1—T. Church
- 3—T. Grow
- R. Opp
- 4—P. Moon
- B. Naasz
- 5—C. Abel
- 8—J. Sedivec
- 13—J. Gustavson
- 16—J. Rzaszutak
- P. Walter
- 18—P. Murray
- 23—R. Grafenstein
- R. Helland
- 25—Z. Hanna
- 28—C. Krogen
- 29—O. Alvshere



**August Anniversaries**

- 2—R. & C. Grafenstein
- 9—B. & C. Krogen
- 15—J. & L. Denny
- 19—R. & B. Christopherson
- D. & W. Walseth
- 25—M. & M. Hamm
- 30—D. & J. Graning
- G. & S. Mohr



**FINANCIAL UPDATE JULY**

INCOME \$ 7,507.86  
 EXPENSES: \$10,407.04  
 APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 156.34



**THANK YOU**

The Duane Enkers family wishes to extend a heart-felt "thank you" to the Grace UMC Church. Thank you to everyone who visited Duane and prayed for him while he resided at Eventide. Thank you to those who attended the funeral, prayer service, sent cards, gave memorials, and provided flowers. Thank you to the musicians and to S. Fangsrud for her lovely solo. Thank you to all the people who served the lunch. And, thank you to Pastor Roger for ministering to us, his services were very comforting. We appreciate everything that was done for us. -

D. Enkers and family



Pastor Roger will be on vacation from July 23— August 6<sup>th</sup>. D. Larson. CLM or Rev. D. Walter, 364-3950, will be available for hospital visits, Rev, Thom Bowsher, 721-3066, Flame of Faith UMC will be available for funerals. **Please call the Church Office, 233-1857 for assistance.**

# SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM



## SUMMER VBS -

When: August 12th—15th  
 Time: 6:30 PM—8:00 PM  
 Where: Grace UMC Church  
 Who: Children 3 yrs old through completion of 5th Grade  
 Registration: Contact Mackenzie., 218-329-6199

Volunteers are needed to help provide this fun and spiritual learning experience for the

children. If you are able to help with this program, please let Mackenzie know.



## Our Booth at Rollag

### ROLLAG! ROLLAG! ROLLAG!!

Well, the round-up call for Rollag has been shouted to all. You are running out of time to join us in this fundraising get-together. Many of us say it is a great fellowship with other members from Grace and also a chance to work with Christ the King. We know we have been serving up meatballs at Rollag for over 12 years and have raised over a \$100,000 in that time period. What a difference it has been for our church. Some might say it has saved our church from financial disaster a few times, but I would rather say it has created a closer relationship with other members of our church.

Making meatballs just right, include those at the table with their ice cream scoops, or cooking them to the correct temperature is usually filled with laughter and good-hearted teasing. At Rollag, there is the early morning smell of coffee brewing and sizzling sausages as you step into the hall. The rush of folks after the first parade lining up for meatballs and gravy add to the excitement. Hearing the call from the fast-food stand shouting more hot dogs followed by a reply asking if they are giving them away creates smiles. Then there is someone always asking if everyone is having a good time. I won't mention names. That is fellowship, working together with other Christians serving Christ Jesus.

If you haven't been to Rollag, please make this year your year for you to experience the fellowship. We reimburse you for gate fees and there are rides available. Come during a time when you can see one of the two parades so you can enjoy that as well. But please come! We are a community serving together *learning to live and love like Jesus*. If you can't come because of illness or age, please consider donating to help cover the expenses of others. Everyone, please pray for us as

we move forward on this endeavor to help support our church, its members, and out mission. Christ the King is waiting to fill up the schedule for Rollag if we don't, so please don't wait.

Child-care is available this year. N. Grow and D. Grow will be taking care of those duties. More information will be available as we get closer to Labor Day Weekend.

Please call Del Larson at 701-238-2223 or email [larsondel@gmail.com](mailto:larsondel@gmail.com) to sign up.

## MEATBALL MAKING

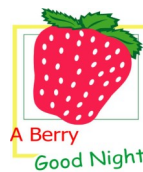
A tentative date of Wednesday, August 20th has been set for making meatball's for Rollag at Lutheran Church of Christ the King, 1900 14th Street S., Moorhead. You will be contacted when the date has been confirmed. If you have any questions, contact B. Krogen, 233-6411.

## TRUSTEE'S PROJECT



The Trustee's are still accepting pledges for new carpeting, handicap door openers and a new ADA compliant handicap accessible family bathroom. Please watch the video at: [www.graceumcnoorhead.org](http://www.graceumcnoorhead.org) or speak to B. Hanna if you have any questions. To date \$14,500 has been pledged.

## A BERRY GOOD NIGHT



The next "Berry Good Night" will be Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 PM. There will be ice cream cake from the DQ to celebrate Pastor Roger's 50th Birthday. Can he blow out the candles before the cake melts?

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Charlie Bowman's family. Charlie passed away on Monday, July 28th. The funeral is on Friday, August 1st at 11:00 am at St. Anthony of Padua, 710 10th St S., Fargo.

<u>Date</u>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Fri, Aug 1	am: 69; pm: 73	Jud 5:1-18	Acts 2:1-21	Matt 28:1-10
Sat, Aug 2	am: 75, 76; pm: 23, 27	Jud 5:19-31	Acts 2:22-36	Matt 28:11-20
Sun, Aug 3	am: 93, 96; pm: 34	Jud 6:1-24	2 Cor 9:6-15	Mark 3:20-30
Mon, Aug 4	am: 80; pm: 77, 19	Jud 6:25-40	Acts 2:37-47	John 1:1-18
Tue, Aug 5	am: 78:1-39; pm: 78:40-72	Jud 7:1-18	Acts 3:1-11	John 1:19-28
Wed, Aug 6	am: 119:97-120; pm: 81, 82	Jud 7:19-8:12	Acts 3:12-26	John 1:29-42
Thur, Aug 7	am: 83; pm: 85, 86	Jud 8:22-35	Acts 4:1-12	John 1:43-51
Fri, Aug 8	am: 88; pm: 91, 92	Jud 9:1-16, 19-21	Acts 4:13-31	John 2:2-12
Sat, Aug 9	am: 87, 90; pm: 136	Jud 9:22-25, 50-57	Acts 4:32-5:11	John 2:13-25
Sun, Aug 10	am: 66, 67; pm: 19, 46	Jud 11:1-11, 29-40	2 Cor 11:21b-31	Mark 4:35-41
Mon, Aug 11	am: 89:1-18; pm: 89:19-52	Jud 12:1-7	Acts 5:12-26	John 3:1-21
Tue, Aug 12	am: 97, 99, 100; pm: 94, 95	Jud 13:1-15	Acts 5:27-42	John 3:22-36
Wed, Aug 13	am: 101, 109; pm: 119:121-144	Jud 13:15-24	Acts 6:1-15	John 4:1-26
Thur, Aug 14	am: 105:1-22; pm: 105:23-45	Jud 14:1-19	Acts 6:15-7:16	John 4:27-42
Fri, Aug 15	am: 102; pm: 107:1-32	Jud 14:20-15:20	Acts 7:17-29	John 4:43-54
Sat, Aug 16	am: 107:33-43, 108; pm: 33	Jud 16:1-14	Acts 7:30-43	John 5:1-18
Sun, Aug 17	am: 118; pm: 145	Jud 16:15-31	2 Cor 13:1-11	Mark 5:25-34
Mon, Aug 18	am: 106:1-18; pm: 106:19-48	Jud 17:1-13	Acts 7:44-8:1a	John 5:19-29
Tue, Aug 19	am: 121, 122, 123; pm: 124, 125, 126	Jud 18:1-15	Acts 8:1-13	John 5:30-47
Wed, Aug 20	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	Jud 18:16-31	Acts 8:14-25	John 6:1-15
Thur, Aug 21	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	Job 1:1-22	Acts 8:26-40	John 6:16-27
Fri, Aug 22	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	Job 2:1-13	Acts 9:1-9	John 6:27-40
Sat, Aug 23	am: 137, 144; pm: 104	Job 3:1-26	Acts 9:10-19a	John 6:41-51
Sun, Aug 24	am: 146, 147; pm: 111, 112, 113	Job 4:1-6, 12-21	Rev 4:1-11	Mark 6:1-6a
Mon, Aug 25	am: 1, 2, 3; pm: 4, 7	Job 4:1, 5:1-11, 17-21, 26-27	Acts 9:19b-31	John 6:52-59
Tue, Aug 26	am: 5, 6; pm: 10, 11	Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21	Acts 9:32-43	John 6:60-71
Wed, Aug 27	am: 119:1-24; pm: 12, 13, 14	Job 6:1, 7:1-21	Acts 10:1-16	John 7:1-13
Thur, Aug 28	am: 18:1-20; pm: 18:21-50	Job 8:1-7, 11-19	Acts 10:17-33	John 7:14-36
Fri, Aug 29	am: 16, 17; pm: 22	Job 9:1-15, 32-35	Acts 10:34-48	John 7:37-52
Sat, Aug 30	am: 20, 21; pm: 110, 116, 117	Job 9:1, 10:1-9, 16-22	Acts 11:1-18	John 8:12-20
Sun, Aug 31	am: 148, 149, 150; pm: 114, 115	Job 11:1-9, 13-20	Rev 5:1-14	Matt 5:1-12

# GRACE UNITED METHODIST

## August 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship -</b> <b>Angela Horn</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> <b>Donut Making</b>	<b>7</b> <b>9 AM</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship w/</b> <b>Communion &amp;</b> <b>Baptism</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 AM—</b> <b>Election</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> VBS	<b>13</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> VBS	<b>14</b> <b>9 AM</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>6:30 PM</b> VBS	<b>15</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> VBS	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Trustees <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Ad Council</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Meatball making ????? <b>6:30 PM</b> A Berry Good Night	<b>21</b> <b>9 AM</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>27</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> <b>Donut Making</b>  <b>Rollag Clean up</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9 AM</b> Bulletin Deadline  Meatballs Transported	<b>29</b>  Gravy Making	<b>30</b>  Rollag equip- ment and food Transported
<b>31</b> <b>6:00 AM</b> Rollag Opens  <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>ROLLAG! ROLLAG! ROLLOG!</b>					





## DONUTS

Donuts will be made during August on Wednesday, August 6th, to be picked up by 9:00 AM. The last day to order is, Monday, August 4th. Donuts will also be made on Wednesday, August 27th, to be picked up by 9:00 AM. The last day to order, is Monday, August 26th. Please place your orders with J. Anderson, 218-236-0183, or the office, 218-233-1857.

## THE TRUTH PROJECT

Del Larson, CLM

This past winter in Tucson, I was asked to lead the weekly Bible Study on The Truth Project using DVDs. They sent it to me in November to review and I had many questions. First, as a teacher, I thought the format was wrong and that this was more of a college class. I changed the presentation and although I admitted to the group of 20 that it would be an in-depth study, I was very pleased with the results. The participants jumped on board and our Bible Study was

a great learning experience that we will finish this coming winter.

The Truth Project, takes the sciences of psychology, biology, astronomy, and history to prove that the Bible is truth, and that man has may have ideas about our world, but God's plan still stands on a solid foundation and is rock solid. Scientists believe that we live in a box with everything we need to know inside that box and only in that box. However, God is not included in that box, which automatically leads to questions about their thinking.

I will be sharing some of the DVDs with the congregation this summer and early fall so that you can see what we will be studying. Just like the previews of the fall TV lineup, but this one is more for you to better understand God's plan. I will be offering one session on Sunday morning, one during the weekday, and one at night. Meeting days and times will be decided by you. The length of each session will be 90 minutes. If you would like to learn more about it, or see it personally, please get in touch with me. 701-238-2223 [larsondel@gmail.com](mailto:larsondel@gmail.com)



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