

Events for the week of August 31, - September 7, 2014

Sunday, August 31, 2014—12th Sunday after Pentecost

6:00 AM Breakfast at Rollag

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, September 1, 2014

6:00 AM Breakfast at Rollag
Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

1:30 PM Martha Circle

6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

7:15 PM Choir

Thursday, September 4, 2014

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, September 5, 2014

Saturday, September 6, 2014

Sunday, September 7, 2014—13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion

10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

11:00 AM Rally Sunday Potluck

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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



For those who want to save their life
will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake
will find it.

Matthew 16:25, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Mark Forkner

Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl

Scripture Reader: Naomi Grow

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Violinist: Kay Forkner

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

Ushers: Tony Rocha

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 31, 2014

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

Nurturing Hope - Building Christ-like Community

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.
We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Three Chimes call us to gather and worship.

Gathering & Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

PRELUDE:

***CALL TO WORSHIP: #791 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 67:1-7**

***HYMN: #2164 (Black Hymnal) “Sanctuary”**
(please sing three times—the third time a cappella)

LABOR DAY PRAYER:

O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of endless people doing their work well. In this complex world where there is so much we do not do for ourselves—may we find ways to appreciate the work each person does to make the world a better place. Help us to appreciate the myriad of talents and skills of those around us—whatever job they do. Most of all, let the work we do always reflect a bit of your love and goodness in the world. Amen.

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 19:1-14 (NRSV)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)

HYMN: #347 (Blue Hymnal) “Spirit Song”

Grace UMC has many serving at our Rollag food booth today. As we sing Spirit Song, please sing not only as a prayer for us gathered here, but for those of our congregation and the “Christ the King” congregation members who are serving with us at the Rollag site.

MESSAGE: “The Work of Our Hands”

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND SHARED PRAYERS: -

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

THE LORDS PRAYER:- #895 (Blue Hymnal)

OFFERING: When we become members of a United Methodist Church we promise to uphold it with our **prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.** One of the many ways we fulfill those vows is through our offerings. Let our giving flow from a Spirit-filled place in our lives. May we find that as we empty ourselves God’s Spirit has room to dwell more fully in our lives.

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

HYMN # 593 (Blue Hymnal) ‘Here I Am, Lord”

TO BE SENT FORTH

***BLESSING:** (quoted portion from Psalm 19:14)

“Let the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts,” and the works of our hands, “be acceptable in your sight, O God, our rock and our redeemer.” Amen.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend. We’re pleased that you have joined us as fellow workers in God’s kingdom.

We gather, Lord of all, to worship you today. Strengthen us so we maybe your faithful servants all our lives.