

Light of Grace

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

Dear Friends,

A few of you may remember last year we took a video journey through the Holy Land with Adam Hamilton. That journey focused on the last week of Jesus' life—and it shaped our Wednesday 7 – 7:30 PM Lenten reflections. This year, you are invited to travel through the Holy Land with Adam Hamilton again—but on a wider journey. Jesus' life was more than his last week.

Wednesday nights during Lent we'll travel to where Jesus was likely baptized in the River Jordan. We'll see the ancient ruins of Capernaum where Jesus healed many. We'll see where the Sermon on the Mount was given, cross the Sea of Galilee where the wind and waves were calmed. We'll even get the chance to visit the last community of Samaritans in the entire world. Jesus ministered for three years before his crucifixion and this year we'll have the chance to dig deeper into what that ministry included. It's more than a sightseeing tour: it's a chance to learn how Jesus understood his purpose in this world, so we can better understand our purpose as followers of Jesus. We've all heard the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" This year we start by learning more about What Jesus Did Do—every Wednesday 7 – 7:30 PM. The series is called "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus."

There's more. Each of you is invited to get a Study Book and a Lenten Weekly Devotional Book as part of the journey—much like we did a few years ago with "The Three Rules." However, this year we're adding Lenten Classes to the mix. One or two

classes will meet Sunday morning at 9 AM—depending upon the numbers. Another class will meet Sunday evening at 7 PM. We may have a Saturday morning class, too. (It turns out there's even children and youth materials that we may be using).

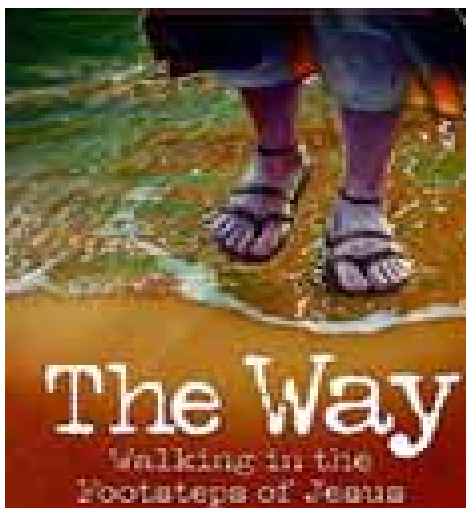
Our Healthy Church Initiative Coach frequently asks a question. "What For?" The point of all this is simple—**"to get to know Jesus better and to deepen our relationships for strength on the journey."** If we want to share Jesus love as a church of the neighborhood, the better we know Jesus the more effective we can be. If we want to make

followers of Christ and be part of transforming the world, the better we actually know Jesus the more potential we have to make a difference in the world. One of the things our Healthy Church Consultants heard over and over again was people's desire to deepen their spiritual lives. What better way to start than to walk where Jesus walked and focus on the main events of his three years of ministry.

My hope as your pastor is that each of you will 1) see how Jesus ministered to someone like you and 2) see a part of Jesus' ministry that you're called to help him with in 2016.

Call the office 218-233-1857 to order books, or place your order on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$20 if you're able, but we don't want the cost to prohibit anyone from participating. Talk with Pastor Roger if that's a concern. For more details – take a look at the church calendar.

God's Peace,
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)
 Delores Dronen (Jamestown)
 Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
 Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)
 Clara Krook (Bethany)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
 Ruth Opp Luann Larson
 Dale Smith Eleanor Payton
 Bonnie Wagner

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 (Feb/Aug) TEAM Coordinators are B, & S, Fangsrud and J, Miller & Family.

218-236-0135—C, & R, Abel
 701-261-9009—M, Akin
 218-236-0183—J, Anderson
 218-236-8836—D, Enkers
 218-233-6915—J, & K, Enkers
 218-233-0255—R, & C, Grafenstein
 218-329-6199—M, & M, Hamm & Family
 701-361-7576—B, & Z, Hanna & Family
 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



February Birthdays

- 1—J, Denny
- 2— L, Larson
- 4—R, Lofgren
- 5—C, Welsh
- 6—C, Goldade
- 8—K, Baker
- L, Gedose
- 13— E, Brown
- 15—J, Anderson
- 16—G, Chandler
- 17—J, Miller
- K, Beck
- 19—F, Hamm
- 20—L, Denny
- B, Burkhardt
- 22—H, Hamm
- R, Murray
- 23—N, Lofgren
- D, Burkhardt



DONUTS

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, February 10th, and February 24th, 2016, To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, by the Monday. Before the day donuts are made.



CONDOLENCES

Our Sympathies to the family of June Gustavson, who passed away on Wednesday, January 20th. There will be a celebration of her life on Saturday, February 20th here at Grace at 2:00 pm.

THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone at Grace for the prayers, cards, telephone calls and visits during my recent hospitalization and stay in transitional care. - D, Enkers

Always set a place in your life for the unexpected guest.

My Strength Comes From the Lord

by Del Larson, CLM



Pastor Roger has been doing a series of sermons on fear that have been excellent. If the weather has prevented you from attending church, check them out on the church website. They have given me much to ponder as we spend our first winter here in the Minnesota warmth because of Luann's broken leg. We both miss the many positives of going to Tucson for a few months. First, there are all the great people we celebrate the sun with in our little village. They keep calling or emailing asking when we are coming. I see pictures of the new \$15,000 bocce courts I helped move forward this fall and sigh sadly. Then, there is the missed quiet time that I think grandparents can relate to. However, we get cards, calls, emails, and visits from friends staying here. Just not as many quiet moments, if you get my drift.

Having taken over more duties in the house has been interesting and challenging. Working with Maliek until he returns to school in February is a full-time job. Time for my activities have changed and there are those occasions that I get frustrated. Whether it be unable to find things in the kitchen; mixing colors and whites in the wash; pushing Luann to exercise; or trying to get Maliek to write, there are moments when we forget that these setbacks are the small stuff in our lives. A great suggestion that I recently read said, "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind, always." We all face these times of challenges, and although we sometimes really struggle, it is these times that we must go to for our strength in God. By sharing these tough times with God, the load is immediately lighter. Luke 12:25 says: *And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?* I know that I have lost

a few hours of sleep. I think back to all the struggles I have faced in my life, and the credit for surviving and becoming successful is because I asked the Lord for help. Unfortunately, I sometimes am a little slow to follow this advice because I think I can do it myself. Without God we simply can't be as successful and troubles become heartaches. Heartaches become disasters.

Take the time to look back over your life and reflect how God has worked in your life. Many people take credit for their success. For me, my success, forgiveness, and strength comes from the Lord. Proverbs 3:6 says "*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*" May God be with you on your journeys, including your struggles and success. AMEN.

PIE SALE



Lydia circle will be making pies for delivery on Sunday, February 28th. Please order your Pumpkin, Apple, Rhubarb, Cherry Cream or Pecan pie by Wednesday, February 24th. You can place your order after church on Sunday or by calling P, Newgard at 701-367-0574.

WOMEN OF GRACE



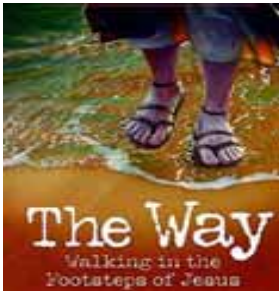
A meeting for all Women of Grace will be held on Sunday, February 21st at 11:00 pm in the lounge. All women are invited to attend this meeting.

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Mon, Feb 1	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Gen 19:1-29	Heb 11:1-12	John 6:27-40
Tue, Feb 2	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Gen 21:1-21	Heb 11:13-22	John 6:41-51
Wed, Feb 3	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Gen 22:1-18	Heb 11:23-31	John 6:52-59
Thur, Feb 4	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Gen 23:1-20	Heb 11:32-12:2	John 6:60-71
Fri, Feb 5	am: 69, pm: 73	Gen 24:1-27	Heb 12:3-11	John 7:1-13
Sat, Feb 6	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Gen 24:28-38, 49-51	Heb 12:12-29	John 7:14-36
Sun, Feb 7	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Prov 26:1-23	2 Cor 3:7-18	Luke 9:18-27
Mon, Feb 8	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Prov 27:1-6, 10-12	Phil 2:1-13	John 18:15-18, 25-27
Tues, Feb 9	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Prov 30:1-4, 24-33	Phil 3:1-11	John 18:28-38
Wed, Feb 10	am: 95, 32, 143, pm: 102, 130	Amos 5:6-15	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 18:9-14
Thur, Feb 11	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Hab 3:1-18	Phil 3:12-21	John 17:1-8
Fri, Feb 12	am: 95, 31, pm: 35	Eze 18:1-4, 25-32	Phil 4:1-9	John 17:9-19
Sat, Feb 13	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Eze 39:21-29	Phil 4:10-20	John 17:20-26
Sun, Feb 14	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Dan 9:3-10	Heb 2:10-18	John 12:44-50
Mon, Feb 15	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Gen 37:1-11	1 Cor 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
Tues, Feb 16	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Gen 37:12-24	1 Cor 1:20-31	Mark 1:14-28
Wed, Feb 17	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Gen 37:25-36	1 Cor 2:1-13	Mark 1:29-45
Thur, Feb 18	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 19, 46	Gen 39:1-23	1 Cor 2:14-3:15	Mark 2:1-12
Fri, Feb 19	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Gen 40:1-23	1 Cor 3:16-23	Mark 2:13-22
Sat, Feb 20	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Gen 41:1-13	1 Cor 4:1-7	Mark 2:23-3:6
Sun, Feb 21	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Gen 41:14-45	Rom 6:3-14	John 5:19-24
Mon, Feb 22	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Gen 41:46-57	1 Cor 4:8-21	Mark 3:7-19a
Tues, Feb 23	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Gen 42:1-17	1 Cor 5:1-8	Mark 3:19b-35
Wed, Feb 24	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Gen 42:18-28	1 Cor 5:6-6:8	Mark 4:1-20
Thur, Feb 25	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Gen 42:29-38	1 Cor 6:12-30	Mark 4:21-34
Fri, Feb 26	am: 69, pm: 73	Gen 43:1-15	1 Cor 7:1-9	Mark 4:35-41
Sat, Feb 27	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Gen 43:16-34	1 Cor 7:10-24	Mark 5:1-20
Sun, Feb 28	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Gen 44:1-17	Rom 8:1-10	John 5:25-29
Mon, Feb 29	am: 80, pm: 77, 79	Gen 44:18-34	1 Cor 7:25-31	Mark 5:21-43

GRACE UNITED METHODIST FEBRUARY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	2 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	3 8:00 am ELR 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:00 pm Choir	4 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	5	6
7 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	8 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	9 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Operations & Resources	10 6:00 am Donut Making 8:00 am ELR 5:00 pm Soup Supper 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:30 pm Choir	11 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 11:30 am Fargo- Moorhead UM Clergy	12	13
14 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am "The Way" 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 7:00 pm "The Way"	15 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	16 6:00 pm HCI Team w/ Coach J. Haun 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	17 8:00 am ELR 5:00 pm Soup Supper 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:30 pm Choir	18 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision Pastor @HCI Pastor's Training	19	20 June Gustavson Funeral 1:00 pm Visitation 2:00 pm Funeral
21 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am "The Way" 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am Women of Grace—Lounge 7:00 pm "The Way"	22 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting	23 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry	24 6:00 am Donut Making 8:00 am ELR 5:00 pm Soup Supper 5:45 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA 7:30 pm Choir Last day to order Pie	25 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living 2:00 pm River Pointe	26	27 9:00 am Lydia Circle Pie baking
28 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00 am "The Way" 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 7:00 pm "The Way" Pie Pickup	29 8:00 am ELR 1:00 pm Quilting					



LENT

Ash Wednesday is February 10th with services beginning at 7:00 pm. The theme this year is “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”. Adam Hamilton retraces the life and ministry of Jesus

Christ. This 40-day focus will help you grow deeper in your faith, learn more about the life of Christ in the daily reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures.

Before services the Smith's are making soup to go with a sandwich and bar. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you would like to bring a pan of bars.

COMPLAINT DISSIPATED

A woman called a newspaper office to complain that her Sunday paper hadn't arrived. Trying to calm her, the man at the office pointed out that the paper hadn't arrived because it was Saturday.

After a brief silence, the women said meekly, “Well, that explains why there was no one in church today.”



WHAT IS LENT?

It is forty days of stripping down to the living essentials;

It is forty days of facing truth about one's self-indulgent evasions;

It is forty days of fellowshiping with Christ in the desert;

It is forty days of rejoicing in God's mercy and forgiveness.



WHY ASHES?

On Ash Wednesday many pastors dip a finger or thumb in black ashes and make the form of a cross on the foreheads of worshipers. Many

Christians keep the symbol on their head for the entire day. It is a reminder of one's sorrow for one's sins. It is a sign of humility and the need for forgiveness. Also, the cross on the forehead reminds us of the death of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

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