

# Light of Grace

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## Dear Friends,

A year ago I gave each of my adult children a canoe paddle. My daughter received a paddle I'd painted a nature scene on. My Son received a paddle I'd wrapped with a red and gold thread design similar to fishing poles wraps around the ferrules. They have canoe memories. Now that they both have their own homes I wanted them to know they were always in their Dad's thoughts. Moreover, canoe paddles represent some basic values I treasure: the beauty found in nature, silence, simplicity and contemplation.

Recently, I sold a 42 year old Honda 125 that had been in the family 42 years. It found its place in my home for the last 10. Amazingly, old Hondas keep appreciating in value. I would have not let it go because it reminded me of time spent with my Mom and Dad when I was a teen. But, Dad decided he didn't need two motorcycles and Mom decided she wasn't going to ride again after having both hips replaced. So, the money from the sale of the 42 year old cycle bought Dad's 8 year old cycle—partially in hopes that we can take a few rides together yet. Long story short—the motorcycle is a tangible piece of my Dad and Mom's lives that reminds me of the values they passed on to me over the years—family, mutual support, sacrifice, nurture, being part of a faith community, pausing for spiritual reading and prayer every day.



What are the things you treasure? What have you passed on and received from those you love?

June 2017 Grace UMC will host a couple of "Focus Groups." A few of us are going to be asking grandparents what "spiritual-values" they most hope their grandchildren will acquire. We will start with a group from Grace UMC - June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. (If you're a grandparent and want to be part of it, let me know). Another group will be grandparents who aren't a part of a church but have grandchildren they hope will learn spiritual values along the way. Part of what we'll be asking Grandparents is, "do you know other grandparents who have grandchildren they wish were connected to a church?"

Spiritual values are passed on person to person. Some of the traditional ways of passing on faith don't succeed like they used to. That doesn't mean people aren't interested sharing values. Naming the most important spiritual-values, identifying obstacles to sharing them, and brainstorming new ways of sharing have the potential to help Grace Church connect with more people and new people. Our basic calling is to make followers of Christ.

I invite you to pray for this endeavor and to let me know if you wish to be part of it in any way.

Blessings,  
Pastor Roger



**PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities**

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
- Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
- Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
- Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
- Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
- Tom Collins (Eventide)
- Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany))
- Clara Krook (Bethany)
- Eleanor Payton (River Pointe)
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
- Reeta Herman (Fairmont)
- Pat Walter (Elim)
- Myrna Swan (Elim)
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)



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 #3 (June/Dec) TEAM coordinators are E. & A. Ybarra and L. & J. Beck

- 701-297-5983—L. Andel
- 701-297-5983—L. Gibson
- 701-866-0686—C. & D. Burkhardt & Family
- 218-329-6750—J. Burkhardt
- 701-293-9270—R. & L. Burkhardt
- 218-236-9453—B. Hopkins
- 701-540-8155—E. and A. Ybarra & Family
- 218-233-3642—L. & P. Horner
- 218-236-8056—P. & T. Newgard, & Family
- 218-233-5836—L. Norby
- 701-239-9453—J. & K. Thiseth,
- 701-280-2097—J. Devine
- E. Hilgers
- 218-236-7579—J. Oelke
- 218-233-3969—R. Richman
- 218-342-3851—M. Swan

**PRAYER LIST at Home**

- Vicky Westra Ruth Opp
- JoAnn Oelke Cullen Fraundorfer
- Shirley Mohr Linda Collins
- Roger Helland Al Maksymchuk



**June Birthdays**

- 1—C. Lindner
- 7—J. Ladwig
- 10—C. Williams
- 12—T. Anderson
- 14—T. Ladwig
- R. Maag
- 15—A. Gumto
- 16—B. Christopherson
- T. Newgard
- 18— I. Beving
- R. Burkhardt
- 21—L. Collins
- 24— A. Monge
- 26—J. Devine
- 29— I. Koenning



**June Anniversaries**

- 1—C. & D. Burkhardt
- 3—M. & A. Gumto
- 4—S. & L. Gedrose
- 7—C. & P. Welsh
- 13—B. & S. Martin
- 19—J. & K. Thiseth
- 25—D. & I. Smith
- 26—D. & L. Larson
- 27—R. & M. Wagner



**DONUTS**

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on Wednesday, June 7th and 21st, 2017. To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, the Monday prior to the day donuts are made. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**CONDOLENCES**

Our sympathies to the family of Tami Enkers. Tami passed away on Wednesday, May 17th. Her funeral was Tuesday, May 23rd at Trinity Lutheran in Moorhead.

**LEMONADE**

When donating or purchasing lemonade for use in the fellowship hall, please get ONLY lemonade and absolutely no pink lemonade or colored kool aid is to be used in the fellowship hall.



## SMILES AND HAPPINESS AT GRACE

Del Larson, CLM

The excitement of children in our church continues to grow. Something different has happened this year, as the excitement has spread. Yes, there are new youth participating, but there are also new faces of adults getting involved. In mid-May, for their last Wednesday night meeting they all went bowling. There were those who used ramps to those who threw it as hard as they could. I was stationed on two middle lanes directing traffic, helping to keep them focused and give encouragement. I tried to give some prolific advice on how to get more pins, but that basically flew out the door as soon as they picked up their ball and rushed to throw, hoping to roll a strike.



It was enjoyable to watch them, but it was the adults helping, where they could, that gave me the most joy. The adults weren't trying to keep up with the kids on the lanes, they were there for encouragement and support. They laughed and shared pizza and pop with them. This scene of adults is a testament to our commitment to be a community church. The children and the adults don't all come from our neighborhood. Many of the children face issues that you can't imagine; heavy loads for any kid, but especially hard when you want to live like other children who have a stable home-life.

In April, one older youth was struggling on a Wednesday night. He felt left out from the group and was struggling with self-control. As I attempted multiple ways to connect with him, I asked him why he was there.

"I am a man-of-God and I want to learn," was his sincere reply. Every Sunday we hear the call for help during services. This was the connection he needed. He and other youth would be the worship servants the last Sunday of April. Pastor Roger and I promised him we would get him the scripture and directions. He couldn't wait. The result was fantastic. There were many compliments of their involvement, but unfortunately also a couple of disgruntled worshipers. Let's

remember that in **Matt: 19:14** Jesus told his disciples to let the children come to him, which is also shown in one of our stained glass windows. To be more like Christ, we need to help all the children become closer to God. There is another chance by helping serve a meal Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at Churches United for Homeless.

I have heard a few people say they are scared of the kids and the neighborhood. I don't understand. A couple of the kids call me pops and Luann grandma, and come out to greet us each Sunday. I heard one of our seniors say last Sunday that they too had received assistance from a young man. Many of these children struggle at home. Some are hungry. Some are scared too. Grace UMC is committed to making a difference in their lives. Take time to talk with them. Get to know them. There are so many God moments because of this program. Thanks to those who heard Christ's call and made a difference for these children. If you haven't gotten involved, it is time to fulfill the words of our profession of faith by uplifting these children of God. The Vision and Ministry team will have sessions to help you develop those relationships. Watch the calendar and thank you for sharing your love of Christ with these important children.



Graduation

### CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES

*Jake Swan, son of T.*

*Bedford and grandson of M. Swan graduated from MSUM with an RN degree. His future plans are uncertain, but would like to pursue the area of home health.*

*Taylor Rapske, Grandson of E.*

*Vollbrecht will graduate from Moorhead High School. He plans to attend NDSU in the Fall.*


*Le Ante' Baldwin, son of M. (K.) and D. Reed will graduate from Moorhead High School. He plans to attend Mayville State University.*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalms</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Thur, Jun 1</b>	am: 105:1-22, m: 105:23-45	Eze 18:1-4, 19-32	Heb 7:18-28	Luke 10:25-37
<b>Fri, Jun 2</b>	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Eze 34:17-31	Heb 8:1-13	Luke 10:38-42
<b>Sat, Jun 3</b>	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	am: Eze 43:1-12, , pm: Exod 19:3-8a, 16-20	am: Heb 9:1-14, pm: 1 Pet 2:4-10	Luke 11:14-23
<b>Sun, Jun 4</b>	am: 118, pm: 145	Isa 11:1-9	1 Cor 2:1-13	John 14:21-29
<b>Mon, Jun 5</b>	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Deut 11:13-19	2 Cor 5:11-6:2	Luke 17:1-10
<b>Tues, Jun 6</b>	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Deut 12:1-12	2 Cor 6:3-7:1	Luke 17:11-19
<b>Wed, Jun 7</b>	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Deut 13:1-11	2 Cor 7:2-16	Luke 17:20-37
<b>Thur, Jun 8</b>	am: 50, pm: 59, 60	Deut: 16:18-20, 17:14-20	2 Cor 8:1-16	Luke 18:1-8
<b>Fri, Jun 9</b>	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Deut 26:1-11	2 Cor 8:16-24	Luke 18:9-14
<b>Sat, Jun 10</b>	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Deut 29:2-15	2 Cor 9:1-15	Luke 18:15-30
<b>Sun, Jun 11</b>	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Deut 6:4-9	Eph. 4:1-16	John 1:1-18
<b>Mon, Jun 12</b>	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Deut 30:1-10	2 Cor 10:1-18	Luke 18:31-43
<b>Tues, Jun 13</b>	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Deut 30:11-20	2 Cor 11:1-21	Luke 19:1-10
<b>Wed, Jun 14</b>	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Deut 31:30-32:14	2 Cor 11: 21-33	Luke 19:11-27
<b>Thur, Jun 15</b>	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Hab 1:1-17	2 Cor 12:1-10	Luke 19:28-40
<b>Fri, Jun 16</b>	am: 69, pm: 73	Hab 2:1-14	2 Cor 12:11-21	Luke 19:41-48
<b>Sat, Jun 17</b>	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Hab 2:15-20	2 Cor 13:1-14	Luke 20:1-8
<b>Sun, Jun 18</b>	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Hab 3:1-19	Rev 15:1-8	Matt 18:1-14
<b>Mon, Jun 19</b>	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	1 Sam 1:1-20	Acts 1:1-14	Luke 20:9-19
<b>Tue, Jun 20</b>	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	1 Sam 1:21-2:11	Acts 1:15-26	Luke 20:19-26
<b>Wed, Jun 21</b>	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	1 Sam 2:12-26	Acts 2:1-21	Luke 20:27-40
<b>Thur, Jun 22</b>	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	1 Sam 2:27-36	Acts 2:22-36	Luke 20:41-21:4
<b>Fri, Jun 23</b>	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	1 Sam 4:1b-11	Acts 4:32-5:11	Luke 21:20-28
<b>Sat, Jun 24</b>	am: 88, pm: 91, 92, 104	1 Sam 3:1-21	Acts 2:37-4, pm: Eph 3:14-21	Luke 21:5-19
<b>Sun, Jun 25</b>	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Deut 11:1-12	Eph 4:1-16	John 1:1-18
<b>Mon, Jun 26</b>	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	1 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 5:12-26	Luke 21:29-36
<b>Tue, Jun 27</b>	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	1 Sam 6:1-16	Acts 5:27-42	Luke 21:37-22:13
<b>Wed, Jun 28</b>	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	1 Sam 7:2-17	Acts 6:1-15	Luke 22:14-23
<b>Thur, Jun 29</b>	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	1 Sam 8:1-22	Acts 6:15-7:16	Luke 22:24-30
<b>Fri, Jun 30</b>	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	1 Sam 9:1-14	Acts 7:17-29	Luke 22:31-38



# Grace United Methodist

## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am Bulletin Deadline	2	3
4 <small>Day of Pentecost</small> 10:00 Worship w/ Communion Prayer for Graduates  Please wear RED for Pentecost	5	6 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	7 6 am Donut Making	8 9 am Bulletin Deadline  District Committee on Ordained Ministry @ Alexandria	9	10
11 <small>1st Sunday after Pentecost</small> 10:00 Worship	12 7:00 pm Grandparents Focus Group	13 7:00 pm Operations & Resources	14 Flag Day 	15 9 am Bulletin Deadline	16  Pastor Roger on Vacation thru June 18th	17
18 <small>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</small> 10:00 Worship Child Friendly Worship	19	20  MN UMC Annual Conference @ St. Cloud Pastor Roger, and Del Larson	21 6 am Donut Making	22 9 am Bulletin Deadline	23	24
25 <small>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</small> 10:00 Worship	26	27 6:30 pm Vision & Ministry	28	29 9 am Bulletin Deadline 1:00 pm Police Chaplains	30	



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2017 Vacation Bible School will be held during August. We will be recruiting volunteers for VBS. Please watch the bulletin and newsletter for details. If you have any questions, please see S. Grow or M. Hamm

## THE POWER OF PENTECOST

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1-12).

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power. Worship services sometimes include hymns, prayers and Scriptures in various tongues. To simulate the original Pentecost experience, congregations may say the Lord's Prayer in several languages at once.

### "ONLY A DAD"



Only a dad, but he gives his all to smooth the way for his children small, doing, with courage stern and grim, The deeds that his father did for him. This is the line that for him I pen, Only a dad, *but the best of men.*

—Edgar A. Guest

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