

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

During the May Church Council we had a bit of comic relief. A wry truth was spoken after this long, hard, cold, persistent winter.

"The Birds are singing; the sun is shining. Now we're in trouble." After a few years in Moorhead I now know what that means. It's Lake Season! It's the season of recovering from the winter, embracing the warmth, and soaking in nature's summertime beauty. These are good things—unless you're a pastor counting worship attendance, or a finance committee counting offerings, and sorting through Church bills, or part of any church group trying to communicate news of an upcoming event. Truth is, with the advent of summer, attendance and offerings go down and it creates fiscal challenges. But, it also creates spiritual challenges. It also can create a feeling of being disconnected from one another—even while feeling connected to nature and family. When traveling, how do we keep one another in prayer? How do we feed our souls and nurture one another when we're apart?

Last month, you may recall, I was thinking of strawberries and shortcake. I couldn't get it out of my mind; so, we talked about my sweet obsession at the May Church Council meeting: and came up with a plan. **The 3rd Wednesdays of June, July and August we invite all of you to a "Berry Good Night."** Each 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 we'll gather around a tasty treat (likely with berries or rhubarb and ice cream). At 7:30 we'll have an informal ½ hour worship. We'll catch up on prayer joys and concerns, hear about how our summers are going, see one another's faces, and stay connected. Our theme will be, "An Inviting & Welcoming Church."



>Yes, these will be perfect nights to invite a person without a church home.

>Please call the church office if you'd like a ride. We'll create a list and get drivers.

>Please call the church office if you can provide a "Berry Good Treat" for

June 18th

July 16th or

August 20th

I happen to turn 50 on August 23rd – so, the 20th I'll bring three Dairy Queen Ice Cream Cakes. I can't eat them all and stay well. So, come help out!

"The birds are singing; the sun is shining. Now we could be trouble-free." Attendance doesn't need to go down—we can simply find other times to be together. Offerings don't need to go down. We can simply treat our offerings as our Thank You notes to God—for tulips in bloom, warbler's songs, and gentle summer breezes complete with glorious sunsets shimmering on the ripples of the water. We could even gather with pictures in hand and stories in mind of our best summer moments. We can add ways to celebrate and share.

Summer is God giving God's best to us. Summer is our chance to give our best to God. When we find ways to tangibly thank God for the good things God has given us—those things become all the sweeter, and our souls become all the larger. A grateful mind is a healthy mind. **I invite you to take summer to the next level!** There is no need for summer to spell trouble any more. I also invite you to enjoy some "Berry Good Nights."

God's Peace,
Pastor Roger



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 Kruta (Elim)
 Jim Johnson (Golden Living)
 Mary Jane Phillips (Eventide)
 Jeanne Schwager (Sheyenne Crossing)
 Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)
 Mary Ann Held (Bethany)
 Clara Krook (Bethany)
 Duane Enkers (Eventide)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Roger Opp
 Charlie Bowman Dale Smith
 Duane Enkers Grant Mohr
 Larry Possehl Janet Wilson
 Rae Offutt Shirley Mohr
 Luann Larson



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 coordinator is N. Grow, 701-541-4136

701-297-5983—L. Anzel
 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—A. Horn & 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,
 218-236-1126—C. Behrens
 701-280-2097—J. Devine
 E. Hilgers
 218-233-6386—N. Howe
 218-236-7579—J. Oelke
 218-233-3969—R. & R. Richman
 218-342-3851—M. Swan



June Birthdays

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



June Anniversaries

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



DONUTS

The Ladies will be making donuts on Wednesday, June 4th and June 25th beginning at 6:00 AM. Please place your orders with J. Anderson, 218-236-0183, or the office, 218-233-1857. Donuts are to be picked up by 9:00 AM Wednesday. The last day to place your order is the Monday before they make donuts.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. It was so nice and thank you so very much—E. Payton.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

MAY

INCOME: \$ 8,370.75
EXPENSES: \$12,125.35
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 344.34





ROLLAG! ROLLAG! ROLLAG!

It is that time of year again, warmer temperatures are around the corner, but it is also time to start planning for Rollag. Rollag, is the “Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion” (WMSTR) and has been part of the life of

GUMC since 1954. Every Labor Day, generations of thresher men & women get together to relive the tradition of the good ol’ days and bring the past to life for the enjoyment of young and old alike. Grace has a food stand next to the carousel for two days and this is the biggest fundraiser for our church.

There are sign-up sheets for each of the areas that need volunteers so you can sign up for a job that interests you. Don’t wait, as once they are full you will have to sign up for another area. Also, please be flexible as changes may be needed to help our success.

There are important activities the week before Rollag so don’t be afraid to sign up for those as well. The hardest job is getting members to sign up. Without support from the congregation we can’t do this project. We are a family and everyone needs to pitch in to continue the success. If you are physically unable to help, can you donate money to cover gate fees for those who do work? There should be something to do for everyone.

Past success at Rollag has helped Grace Church meet its financial commitments and also create a bond of fellowship, not to mention the stomach aches from all the laughter. Those who serve at Rollag know that it is a fun experience. Please help our church keep this tradition alive.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Please welcome new member E. Ybarra who joined Grace on Sunday, May 18th.

HIGH POWER SOCCER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held August 11—14, 2014, ending with a mini camp adventure at Northern Pines Saturday, August 16th & 17th. Watch for registration dates.



Graduation

CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATE

Brianne Jean Forman, granddaughter of J. Stuart and great granddaughter of N. McCaskell will graduate from A Beka Academy. She plans to work for Fluid Power Consulting and pursue a degree in Business.

Marissa Suzanne Christopherson, granddaughter of R. and B. Christopherson will earn her CNA. She plans to attend MState in the fall majoring in nursing.

TRUSTEE’S PROJECT

Over a period of the last three years, the Trustees have been primarily focused on identifying and correcting safety hazards and physical barriers of access at Grace Church.

Our building has physical barriers that limit access and use by members and non-members that may have ambulatory challenges. There are also a number of safety hazards within the building such as water, snow, and/or ice on the tile floor at the North-east entrance and the Sanctuary. Flooring transitions from tile to carpet, carpet to carpet, carpet seams and metal carpet trim are also hazards.

To solve these issues the trustees have recommended to both the finance committee and the church council that we install carpet tile, handicap door openers, and a new ADA compliant handicap accessible family bathroom.

The total cost to complete these projects is \$61,731. Please go to the web site at: www.graceumcmoorhead.org to watch a video of the Trustee presentation and to download a copy of the pledge card. Pledged to date is: \$9,000.00 If you have any questions, please contact B. Hanna, Trustee Chair.

Grace United Methodist

June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7th Sunday of Easter 10 AM Worship w/ Communion - Graduate recognition Sunday	2 1 PM Quilting	3 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 6 AM Donut Making	5 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7 PM Stephen Ministry Class	6	7
8 Day of Pentecost 10 AM Worship	9 1 PM Quilting	10	11	12 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7 PM Stephen Ministry Class	13	14  Flag Day
15 1st Sunday after Pentecost  Happy Father's Day 10 AM Worship	16 1 PM Quilting	17 6 PM Trustees 7 PM Ad Council	18 6:30-8 PM "A Berry Good Night" Strawberry Short- cake	19 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Newsletter Deadline 7 PM Stephen Ministry Class	20	21
22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship	23 1 PM Quilting	24 7:30 PM Finance Committee	25 6 AM Donut Making	26 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Park View 10 AM Golden Living 2 PM River Pointe 7 PM Stephen Ministry Class	27	28
29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship	30 1 PM Quilting					

<u>Date</u>	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Jun 1	am: 66, 67; pm: 19, 46	Exod 3:1-12	Heb 12:18-29	Matt 10:17-24
Mon, Jun 2	am: 89:1-18; pm: 89:19-52	Josh 1:1-9	Eph 3:1-13	Matt 8:5-17
Tue, Jun 3	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	1 Sam 16:1-13	Eph 3:14-21	Matt 8:18-27
Wed, Jun 4	am: 101,109:1-30, pm: 119:121-144	Isa 4:2-6	Eph 4:1-16	Matt 8:28-34
Thur, Jun 5	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Zech 4:1-14	Eph 4:17-32	Matt 9:1-8
Fri, Jun 6	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Jere 31:27-34	Eph 5:1-20	Matt 9:9-17
Sat, Jun 7	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	am: Eze 36:22-27 pm: Exod 19:3-8, 16-20	am: Eph 6:10-24 pm: 1 Pet 2:4-10	Matt 9:18-26
Sun, Jun 8	am: 118, pm: 145	Deut 16:9-12	Acts 4:18-33	John 4:19-26
Mon, Jun 9	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Eccles 7:1-14	Gal 4:12-20	Matt 15:21-28
Tue, Jun 10	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Eccles 8:14-9:10	Gal 4:21-31	Matt 15:29-39
Wed, Jun 11	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Eccles 9:11-18	Gal 5:1-15	Matt 16:1-12
Thur, Jun 12	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Eccles 11:1-8	Gal 5:16-24	Matt 16:13-20
Fri, Jun 13	am: 69, pm: 73	Eccles 11:9-12:14	Gal 5:25-6:10	Matt 16:21-28
Sat, Jun 14	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Num 3:1-13	Gal 6:11-18	Matt 17:1-13
Sun, Jun 15	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5	Rev 19:4-6	John 1:29-34
Mon, Jun 16	am: 80, pm: 77, 79	Num 9:15-23, 10:29-36	Rom 1:1-15	Matt 17:14-21
Tue, Jun 17	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Num 11:1-23	Rom 1:16-25	Matt 17:22-27
Wed, Jun 18	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Num 11:24-35	Rom 1:28-2:11	Matt 18:1-9
Thur, Jun 19	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	Num 12:1-16	Rom 2:12-24	Matt 18:10-20
Fr, Jun 20	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Num 13:1-3, 21-30	Rom 2:25-3:8	Matt 18:21-35
Sat, Jun 21	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Num 13:31-14:25	Rom 3:9-20	Matt 19:1-12
Sun, Jun 22	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Num 14:26-45	Acts 15:1-12	Luke 12:49-56
Mon, Jun 23	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Num 16:1-19	Rom 3:21-31	Matt 19:13-22
Tues, Jun 24	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	Num 16:20-35	Rom 4:1-12	Matt 19:23-30
Wed, Jun 25	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	Num 16:36-50	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 20:1-16
Thur, Jun 26	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Num 17:1-11	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 20:17-28
Fri, Jun 27	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Num 20:1-13	Rom 5:12-21	Matt 20:29-34
Sat, Jun 28	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	Num 20:14-29	Rom 6:1-11	Matt 21:1-11
Sun, Jun 29	am: 118, pm: 145	Num 21:4-9, 21-35	Acts 17:12-34	Luke 13:10-17
Mon, Jun 30	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Num 22:1-21	Rom 6:12-23	Matt 21:12-22



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Is God asking you to be a Stephen Minister? A Stephen Ministry training course will begin here at Grace on Thursday evening, June 5th at

7 pm. Classes will continue on Thursday evenings through the summer. New Stephen Ministers will be commissioned in September. What is a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation trained to give high quality Christian care one-on-one to individuals who are going through a crisis or challenge in life.

After training, Stephen Ministers are assigned one care receiver and meet with that person for about an hour a week. If you would like to have more information on how to become a Stephen Minister, or to receive care from one, please speak to Pastor Roger or call P. Horner, Stephen Leader, at 218-790-2141.

ROLLAG CHANGES COMING

It has become apparent that we, along with the other churches, will need to make some changes in operating our stand at Rollag. As we know, each year is an adventure working with the stoves at Rollag. After a meeting with other churches and management of Rollag this past week, all churches are going to need to immediately start a "capital improvements" fund. For this year, the stoves will be gone through completely and repaired if possible. However, we will begin our search for used stoves at the same time. We need your assistance in finding stoves. We are looking for commercial grade gas stoves. We all know that the stories of someone who knew somebody who has a connection in finding something really needed. As we have heard numerous times in the past, the Rollag fundraising is very important and needed to help support our church. The Ad Council will review all of our options, and establish the capital improvement amount if necessary. Those decisions will be made after the Rollag churches meet to discuss options. However, we are not waiting until late August to get started. Since we have started to look at all options, we need your help. Please, keep your eyes and ears open for used commercial gas stoves.

D. Larson, Rollag Chairperson



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