

All *prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in the narthex.*

**MEMBERS:** Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again.

**VISITORS:** Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate.

**NORTH STAR DISTRICT:** Prayer List for this week includes:  
Clarissa—Kali Christensen

First Mile  
MISSION



### FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$21,646.00 or \$123.00 each member based on a membership of 176. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$1,281.73 given to date.

### PRAYER FOCUS

For those carrying burdens from the past. We pray their load may be lightened and their hearts set free by God's forgiveness and the blessing of a fresh start.

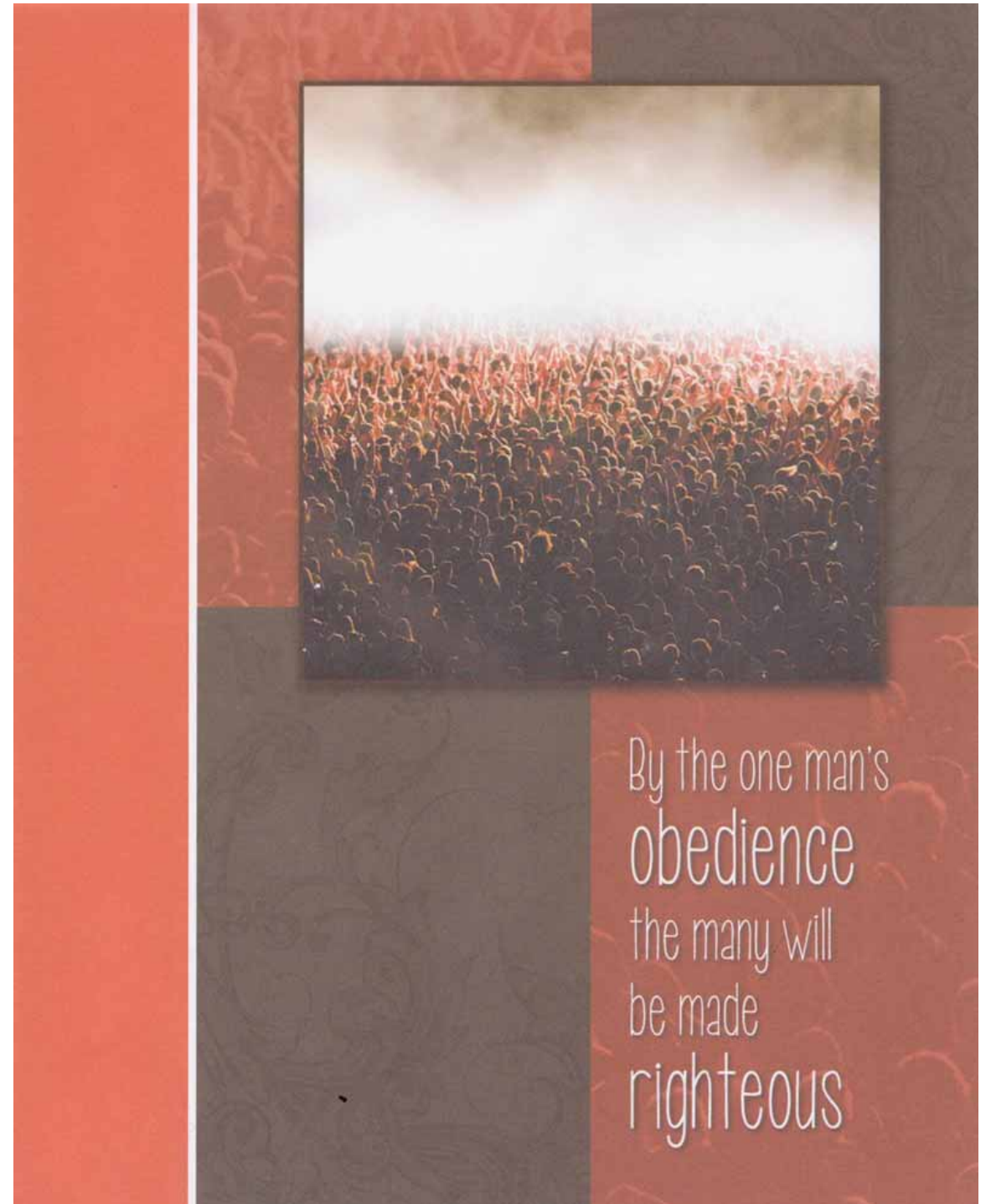
### PIE SALE



Lydia circle will be making pies for delivery on Sunday, March 19th. Please place your order by Wednesday, March 15th. You can place your order after church on Sunday or by calling Pat Newgard at 701-367-0574.

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GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2017

1st Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

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The Church of the Neighborhood  
Making followers of Christ to Transform the World.

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE, PRAY AND BLESS**

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship

**GATHERING PRELUDE:**

**Announcements**

\*Indicates those able may stand

**PRAYER PRELUDE:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Quotation from Psalm 32:1-5)**

“Blessed are those whose sins are forgiven.

**Blessed are those the Lord relieves of guilt and whose spirits hold no deceit.**

Before I acknowledged my sin, even my body was weighed down with pain.

**Day and night the weight of judgment burdened me.**

Then, I was honest about my failings with God; I ceased to hide.

**I said, “I confess my transgressions to the Lord.”**

You, mighty God, lifted my guilt and forgave my sin.”

**Let us praise the Lord who seeks to lift our burdens, forgive our sins, and grant us new beginnings. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #131 (Blue Hymnal) “We Gather Together”**

**TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17 & 3:1-13 (CEB)**

**CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:**

**HYMN: #2129 (Black Hymnal) “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

**GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11 (CEB)**

**MESSAGE: “Invitation to Live Forgiven”**

**TO SHARE AT CHRIST’S TABLE**

**SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -**

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**INVITATION:**

All are welcome at Christ’s table. You do not need to be a member of this church to share in communion with Christ. All who desire to love God and love others as they love themselves are welcome at Jesus’ table.

**REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER:**

**CHOIR: “A Communion Invitation”** arr. P. Martin & C. Courtney

**OFFERING OUR LIFES TO CHRIST:**

As you come forward this morning, you may receive at the rail kneeling or standing. Or, you may receive from the servers on either side of the platform. If you need Gluten-free please come to the rail. Offerings may be left in the plates on the front pews.

By coming forward for the bread and cup, we not only ask to receive from God, we are also asking God to receive us—our hopes, dreams, prayers, hurts, and offerings. You may wish to pray silently a prayer similar to, “Jesus, today I offer you all of me, my wounds, my mistakes and my hopes. I empty myself before you. Fill my life with your forgiveness and love. Amen.”

**TO BE SENT FORTH**

**\*HYMN: #389 (Blue Hymnal) “Freely, Freely”**

**\*BLESSING: (Romans 5:21)**

May Grace rule in our lives through God’s righteousness—leading us to live as faithful followers of Christ and leading us to eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**POSTUDE:**

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Blessings and greetings to one and all. In the name of Christ, you are welcome today and every day!

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Ministers: All the People**

**Pastor: Roger Grafenstein**

**Keyboardist: Sharon Fangsrud**

**Choir Director: Tyler Eliason**

**Readers: Bonnie Christopherson**

**Ushers: Bill and Carol Krogen**