

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

I find myself thinking back to Easter Sunrise service this year. As many of you know, Grace's mission of "making followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world" seems to be bearing the most fruit in the area of kid's ministry. Easter Sunrise the youngest portion of Grace Church shared about the difference Grace is making in their lives. **One repeated theme I noticed can basically be summed up as, "At School I am bullied, but at Grace the other kids accept me as I am."**

That single statement is one of many other statements like: "at Grace I've learned Jesus saves me from my sins." "At Grace I've learned to forgive and that I am forgiven." "At Grace I've learned to be more patient with others and myself." However, I'm stuck on the bullying versus acceptance sentence because there is so much more packed into it. At Grace the children and youth are basically saying,

- > "At Grace I'm free to be me."
- > "I've found a place I know I am safe."
- > "I've found other kids I can count on to support me."
- > "I know I'm valued."
- > "I get a reprieve from worrying who will say the next mean thing."
- > "I can let my guard down."
- > "I am experiencing what heaven must be like."
- > "I discovered there's kindness and caring--so I have reason to hope."
- > "I see what Jesus way of life looks like in the children and adults."

Talk about wonderful Easter statements: life-saving statements. You and I, get to be part of creating a "bullying-free-zone," through our prayers, presence, gifts and service. As people who follow a bullied-to-death but raised-to-new-life savior, I believe we are doing God's work. We may even be saving a life or two. As we approach mother's day and father's day—what better gift could we offer Moms and Dads (and grandpas and grandmas) than a place for their children to be accepted and learn about God's love?

Honestly, all God's children from 1 day to 100 years deserve a place where they know they are valued. All God's people need a place where they are able to share their unique God-given gifts.

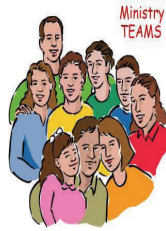
For the month of May I invite each of us to come to church with a question. The question is not, "what will I get out of this?" **Please pray before you enter the building, "Loving God, how can you use me to bless someone here today?"**

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)
- 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 (Eventide)
- Pat Walter (Elim)
- Myrna Swan (Elim)



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 # 2 (May/Nov) TEAM Coordinators are: R. & C. Goldade and J. & J. Eide

- 701-237-6738—C. Anderson
- 218-233-5347—G. & T. Anderson,
- 218-236-5753—P. & K. Anderson
- 218-287-1676—I. Beving
- 218-359-9000—E. Brendemuhl
- 218-233-8038—G. Clifton
- 218-287-1969—B. & J. Fraundorfer & Family
- 701-541-2490—S. & L. Gedrose & Family
- 218-233-4054—L. Jensen
- 218-233-8746—B. Johnson,
- 218-236-1747—J. & C. Ladwig
- 701-205-1645—R. Opp
- 218-233-3888—E. Volbrecht
- 218-233-5392—C. & D. Williams

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra Ruth Opp
- JoAnn Oelke Cullen Fraundorfer
- Shirley Mohr Tami Enkers
- Roger Helland Emily Elliott

May Birthdays



- 1—B. Krogen
- 2—K. Anderson
- 3—A. Gumto
- 4—J. Miller
- 6—O. Larson
- 11—E. Hilgers
- 14—J. Burkhardt
W. Brown
- 15—J. Gould
- 19—E. Vollbrecht
- 24—L. Andel
- 25—T. Schindler
- 27—G. Mohr
- 29—M. Burkhardt
- 30—N. Grow
- 31—C. Naasz



DONUTS

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on Wednesday, May 10th and 24th, 2017, to place you 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 J. Thiseth and his family on the death of Jon's father who passed away on March 28th.

Our sympathies to Pastor J. Jameson and his family on the death of his daughter who passed away on April 2nd.

Our sympathies to L. Larson and her family on the death of her brother, who passed away on March 30th.

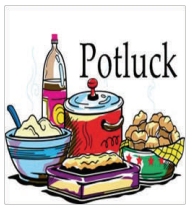
CONGRATULATIONS

Joselynn Ash Enkers, was born on Friday, April 7. daughter of G. and N. Enkers, Sister Allie, Grandparents J. and K. Enkers, Great Grandmother D. Enkers.



May Anniversaries

- 22—B. & Z. Hanna
- 27—R. & C. Abel
- 31—V. & S. Fangsrud



POTLUCK

All Women of Grace, you are invited to a potluck meal and fellowship on Tuesday, May 9th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please bring a dish to share. Dishes and silverware will be provided. We hope to see you then!"



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who helped make my birthday party successful and fun. A special thanks to the Martha and Lydia Circles, the

Barnesville DQ, the Tremble Clef Choir and my family. I enjoyed seeing many friends who I have known for 60 years and some for only a year and opening all the cards. The money gifts will be donated to charity.—M. Wagner

GRADUATION



Do you know a High School Student or College Student who is a member and/or a friend of the congregation who is going to graduate this year? Please let the office know by June 1st the name of the graduate and their future plans. Grace UMC would like to recognize these young adults for their successes and accomplishments.

LOVE OFFERING



On Sunday, May 14th the Fellowship Coffee fund will go to the Love Offering. Each year at the Annual Conference a Love offering is taken for missions to benefit international, national, and local mission projects.

BENEFIT



There will be a benefit at the American Legion in Lake Park, MN on Saturday, May 20th, 2017 from 4:00 pm—8:00 pm for Keaton and Kai Rope. There will be hot sandwiches and sides

plus a silent auction, bake sale, kids giveaways and multiple gun giveaways.

Keaton and Kai are the twin grandson's of O. and L. Rope. The twins were born premature and spent many days in the NICU at Essential and Sanford Health. Monies from the benefit will be for uncovered medical expenses, travel, and unpaid leave from work. A flyer is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall with ways to donate.

OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP



Applications for the 2017 Offutt Scholarship are now available. These scholarships are available to members of Grace UMC and their families for post-secondary education for the coming academic year.

Applications are due in the office by June 1, 2017. These funds are generated by a generous gift from the Ron and Lidia Offutt family to the Grace UMC Endowment Fund. The applications are available in the Church officer and at the Church website:

www.graceumcmoorhead.org. under forms. If you have any questions about the Scholarships or about the Grace UMC Endowment and its activities, please contact P. Anderson.


CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

CPS will conduct an information meeting on Monday, May 1st at 6:30 pm. This meeting will help in understanding what happens during a child protection service assessment, It will provide answers to the questions about making a report to CPS and what happens after a report of suspected child abuse or neglect has been received. If you would like additional information, please contact S. Grow.

| Date | Psalm | OT | Epistle | Gospel |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Mon, May 1 | am: 25, pm: 9, 15 | Dan 4:19-27 | 1 Jn 3:19-4:6 | Luke 4:14-30 |
| Tue, May 2 | am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39 | Dan 4:28-37 | 1 Jn 4:7-21 | Luke 4:31-37 |
| Wed, May 3 | am: 38, pm: 119:25-48 | Dan 5:1-12 | 1 Jn 5:1-12 | Luke 4:38-44 |
| Thur, May 4 | am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42 | Dan 5:13-21 | 1 Jn 5:13-21 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Fri, May 5 | am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45 | Dan 6:1-15 | 2 Jn 1-13 | Luke 5:12-26 |
| Sat, May 6 | am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43 | Dan 6:16-28 | 3 Jn 1-15 | Luke 5:27-39 |
| Sun , May 7 | am: 63, 98, pm: 103 | Josh 4:19-24, 5:1-9 | 1 Pet 5:1-11 | Matt 7:15-29 |
| Mon, May 8 | am: 41, 52, pm: 44 | Josh 10:16-27 | Col 1:1-14 | Luke 6:1-11 |
| Tue, May 9 | am: 45, pm: 47, 48 | Josh 10:28-43 | Col 1:15-23 | Luke 6:12-26 |
| Wed, May 10 | am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53 | Josh 11:1-23 | Col 1:24-2:7 | Luke 6:27-38 |
| Thur, May 11 | am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 114, 115 | Josh 13:1-13 | Col 2:8-23 | Luke 6:39-49 |
| Fri, May 12 | am: 40, 54, pm: 51 | Josh 13:14-32 | Col 3:1-11 | Luke 7:1-17 |
| Sat, May 13 | am: 55, pm: 138 | Josh 14:1-15 | Col 3:12-17 | Luke 7:18-35 |
| Sun , May 14 | am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84 | Josh 17:14-18 | 2 Thes 2:13-17 | Matt 7:7-14 |
| Mon, May 15 | am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65 | Josh 18:1-10 | Col 3:18-4:18 | Luke 7:36-50 |
| Tues, May 16 | am: 61, 62, pm: 68 | Josh 20:1-9 | Rom 12:1-21 | Luke 8:1-15 |
| Wed, May 17 | am: 72, pm: 119:73-96 | Josh 21:43-45, 22:1-6 | Rom 13:1-14 | Luke 8:16-25 |
| Thur, May 18 | am: 70, 71, pm: 74 | Josh 22:7-20 | Rom 14:1-12 | Luke 8:26-39 |
| Fri, May 19 | am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48 | Josh 22:21-34 | Rom 14:13-23 | Luke 8:40-56 |
| Sat, May 20 | am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27 | Josh 23:1-16 | Rom 15:1-13 | Luke 9:1-17 |
| Sun , May 21 | am: 93, 96, pm: 34 | Josh 24:1-28 | 1 Tim 3:14-4:5 | Matt 13:24-34a |
| Mon, May 22 | am: 80, pm: 77, 79 | Deut 8:1-10 | Jam 1:1-15 | Luke 9:18-27 |
| Tue, May 23 | am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72 | Deut 8:11-20 | Jam 1:16-27 | Luke 11:1-13 |
| Wed, May 24 | am: 119:97-120, pm: 68:1-20 | am: Lev 26:27-42 pm: 2 Kng 2:1-15 | am: Jam 5:13-18 pm: Rev 5:1-14 | Luke 12:22-31 |
| Thur, May 25 | am: 8, 47, pm: 24, 96 | Eze 1:1-28b | Heb 2:5-18 | Matt 28:16-20 |
| Fri, May 26 | am: 85, 86, pm: 91, 92 | Eze 1:28-3:3 | Heb 4:14-5:6 | Luke 9:28-36 |
| Sat, May 27 | am: 87, 90, pm: 136 | Eze 3:4-17 | Heb 5:7-14 | Luke 9:37-50 |
| Sun , May 28 | am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46 | Eze 3:16-27 | Eph 2:1-10 | Matt 10:24-33, 40-42 |
| Mon, May 29 | am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52 | Eze 4:1-17 | Heb 6:1-12 | Luke 9:51-62 |
| Tue, May 30 | am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95 | Eze 7:10-15, 23b-27 | Heb 6:13-20 | Luke 10:1-17 |
| Wed, May 31 | am: 101, 109:1-30, pm: 119:121-144 | Eze 11:14-25 | Heb 7:1-17 | Luke 10:17-24 |

Grace United Methodist

May 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|---|---|-----------|-----------|
| | 1 1:00 pm ELR 1:00 pm Quilting 6:30 pm Child Protection Services Mtg. Carpet Laying | 2 6:00 pm Worship Team 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry | 3 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm Youth Group/Children's ministries w/ Communion | 4 7:00 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle | 5 | 6 |
| 7 4th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School | 8 1:00 pm ELR 1:00 pm Quilting | 9 6:00 pm WOG Spring Potluck 7:00 pm Operations and Resources | 10 6:00 am Donut making 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm Youth Group | 11 7:00 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline | 12 | 13 |
| 14 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School  | 15 1:00 pm ELR 1:00 pm Quilting | 16 7:00 pm Children's Ministries Workshop De-escalation | 17 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm Youth Group | 18 7:00 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:30 pm Lydia Circle | 19 | 20 |
| 21 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School | 22 1:00 pm ELR 1:00 pm Quilting | 23 6:30 pm Vision and Ministry | 24 6:00 am Donut Making 1:00 pm ELR 1:00 pm Police Chaplin's 6:00 pm Youth Group | 25 7:00 am Book Study 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living | 26 | 27 |
| 28 7th Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Worship |  MEMORIAL DAY Holiday - Office Closed 3:30 pm Set up to Serve at Churches United | 30 | 31 1:00 pm ELR 3:30 pm Set up to Serve at Churches United 6:00 pm Youth Group | | | |



A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.



God uses every small act of love for larger purposes.

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day weekend, it's a time to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

CHURCHES UNITED UPDATE

Sheltered Today: 53 Adults; 22 Children
Year to Date Sheltered: 202 Adults; 46 Children
Households Turned Away: 35

DONATE

Bikes United! Join Churches United on June 11th, at Great Northern Bicycle Company, for a 53 mile ride that departs at 8 am and an easy, family friendly ride will begin at 11 am. For more information, <https://bikesunited.eventbrite.com>

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