

Light of Grace

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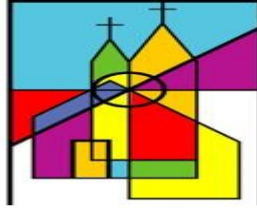
Sunday School 9:00 AM
Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

Last week a usually respectable online news source had this little query to keep its readers engaged. **“Which is worse for you: Pizza that’s been left out overnight or Pizza that’s been dropped on the floor?”** It’s a great discussion starter. **However, I found myself asking “is it a discussion really worth having?”**

Grace’s Healthy Church Initiative team has shared that they’ve heard some very good questions about the HCI process. One of those questions goes something like this. “We’ve tried lots of programs before, had surveys, and worked with consultants. Nothing came of it. What makes the Healthy Church Initiative different? That is a fantastic question. **The Healthy Church Initiative is unique because:**

- >It’s not a program but a process of learning, discerning and implementing.
- >It’s not being sold by any company that makes money off of it—though certain resources are strategically provided and utilized to help us learn and grow.
- >It’s not a “here’s what you should do, thanks for the check, goodbye” process.
- >A Prayer team is an integral part of the process because prayer makes a difference.
- >**Healthy Church Initiative begins by having the discussions that are worth having.**
- >There are churches that are growing and there are reasons for their growth. HCI provides proven insights for having a healthy, vital church.
- >The Healthy Church Initiative process has an extremely strong record in growing churches



Healthy Church Initiative

The two keys I see are: **1) Prayer & 2) HCI is about having discussions worth having!** The learning team has been going to Savage to be guided in learning what matters. We’ll have coaches to help keep us focused on what’s vital. The leaders coming to our Church will also help

us hone in on what makes a difference. When we enter the implementation stage, we’ll be given a list of the five critical things Grace can do to grow in its ministry. If we choose to embrace those goals, coaches will be provided to help us continue in the implementation process. Much is interesting and important. But, not everything is vital.

So, here’s a choice. If you wish, engage someone in the “which is worse?” pizza discussion. Or, take a few moments to pray for the Healthy Church Initiative process at Grace UMC. One prayer for the HCI process (or for yourself if you seek clarity and direction today) would be to sing a familiar tune. While you sing it, imagine the others who are singing it in their homes as well. The prayer team will sing it as well.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.
Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Together, may we find what we seek...God alive and working mightily through Grace UMC to bless others with the love of Jesus.

God’s Peace and Hope,
Pastor Roger



PRAYER LIST At Care Facilities

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)**
- Elouise Brendemuhl (4 Seasons)**
- Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)**
- Lois Ferguson (Eventide)**
- Hyacinth Kronbeck (Park View)**
- Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)**
- Tom Collins (Eventide)**
- Mabel Johnson (Fairmont)**
- Delores Dronen (Fairmont)**
- Ruth Ann Krutz (Eilm)**
- Clara Krook (Bethany)**
- Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)**
- Mary Jane Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)**
- Jeanne Schwager Bethany**

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra Roger Opp**
- Dale Smith Linda Collins**
- Wally Walseth Rae Offutt**
- Lois Norby Reeta Herman**



Ministry TEAM Program.. A New Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and leaders to our congregation . TEAM #2 (May/Nov) N. Grow, Ministry TEAM Coordinator

- 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
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- 701-541-2490—S. & L. Gedrose & Family
- 701-238-5025—L. Jensen
- 218-233-8746—B. Johnson,
- 218-236-4814—M. Johnson
- 218-236-1747—J. & C. Ladwig
- 218-287-2639—D. LeQuire
- 218-236-0434—J. & T. Lindblad
- 701-271-9270—C. Ollestad
- 701-205-1645—R. Opp
- 218-236-5746—J. Ostlie,
- 701-280-2173—G. & K. Triptow
- 218-233-3888—E. Volbrecht
- 218-233-5392—C. & D. Williams

DONUTS



Donuts will be made on Wednesday, November 19th. at 6:00 AM. Please place your orders with the office, 218-233-1857. The last time to order donuts until 2015.

Donuts are to be picked up by 9:00 AM . In the past donut sales have helped in our first-mile mission giving (Apportionments).



November Birthdays

- 5—S. Burkhardt
- 8—J. Alveshere
- 10—B. Beck
- 12—J. Thiessen
- 19—C. Krook
- M. Akin
- 28—R. Christopheron
- S. Mohr
- C. Borgen
- A. Loeks
- 29—D. Williams
- J. Thiseth
- 30—D. Horn

November Anniversaries

- 18—L. & A. Monge



CONTRIBUTIONS



All contributions must be received in the office by 10:00 AM, on December 31, 2014 to be counted as a 2014 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2015 contribution.

FINANCIAL UPDATE OCTOBER	
INCOME:	\$ 9,634.97
EXPENSES:	\$ 12,452.50
APPORTIONMENTS:	\$ 380.48



ROLLAG! ROLLAGE! ROLLAG!

Another year at the Rollag Steam Thrashers Reunion food stand has ended. This year was not a banner year due to the weather conditions which lowered Sunday attendance. This was a combined effort again between Grace and Christ the King churches. We are grateful for their participation as they give us the needed people power.

Some of the facts regarding the 2014 endeavor are as follows:

WORKERS:

Grace Provided 44 people to the work force
Christ the King provided 37 people.

HOURS:

Total hours worked by both churches was 904.
Grace worked 641 hours for 71%
Christ the King worked 263 hours for 29%

INCOME:

Gross Income:	\$16,929.29
Total Expenses	<u>\$10,698.29</u>
Net Profit	\$ 6,231.00

PROFIT SHARING:

Grace—71% of \$6,231 for \$ 4,424.00
Christ the King—29% for \$1,807.00
Expenses were higher this year and a large part of that was the repair of the stoves that the Western Steam Thrashers Reunion felt was our responsibility to replace. The LP Gas tank was replaced and a new vendor was contracted to supply the gas.

Thank you again for your support and help to make this a successful year.



CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, December 7th at 12:15 PM to approve the budget for 2015 and hear the 2014 committee reports.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Women of Grace Advent Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 6, at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$7. Anne Kaese, a local calligrapher and artist, will be speaking during this event. Anne was born and raised in South Africa and is a fifth generation African with Irish, English, and Scottish roots. She began her love of calligraphy at the age of 12. Anne and her family now reside in Fargo. Anne has pre-sented free public lec- tures on the St. John's Bible project at the Hjemkomst Center and for many other area organizations. Anne teaches calligraphy, watercolor, and bookmaking to beginners and intermediates through community education and classes in her home. Anne is a member of First United Methodist Church in Fargo. Tickets will be available on Sunday Mornings. All Women of Grace are invited to attend the luncheon. Contact P. Murray or J. Anderson if you have questions.



WORLD THANK OFFERING

October was World Thank Offering month. If you took one of the jars from a table in the Fellowship, please return your offering jar to L. Norby as soon as possible.



<u>Date</u>	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sat, Nov 1	am: 55; pm: 138, 139	Ezek 20:1-17	Rev 13:11-18	Luke 12:32-48
Sun, Nov 2	am: 24, 291 pm: 8, 84	Ezek 20:18-26	1 Cor 12:27-13:13	Matt 18:21-35
Mon, Nov 3	am: 56, 57, 581 pm: 64, 65	Ezek 20:27-44	am: Rev 14:1-13 pm: Rev 19:1-10	Luke 12:49-59
Tue, Nov 4	am: 61, 621 pm: 68	Ezek 24:1-14	Rev 14:14-15:8	Luke 13:1-9
Wed, Nov 5	am: 721 pm: 119:73-96	Ezek 26:1-14	Rev 16:1-11	Luke 13:10-17
Thur, Nov 6	am: 70, 71; pm: 74	Ezek 29:17-21	Rev 16:12-21	Luke 14:18-30
Fri, Nov 7	am: 69; pm: 73	Ezek 12:12-28	Rev 17:1-18	Luke 13:31-35
Sat, Nov 8	am: 75, 76; pm: 23, 27	Ezek 13:1-16	Rev 18:1-14	Luke 14:1-11
Sun, Nov 9	am: 93, 96; pm: 34	Ezek 14:1-14	1 Cor 14:1-12	Matt 20:1-16
Mon, Nov 10	am: 80; pm: 77, 19	Joel 1:1-13	Rev 18:15-24	Luke 14:12-24
Tue, Nov 11	am: 78:1-39; pm: 78:40-72	Joel 1:15-2:11	Rev 19:1-10	Luke 14:25-35
Wed, Nov 12	am: 119:97-120; pm: 81, 82	Joel 2:12-19	Rev 19:11-21	Luke 15:1-10
Thur, Nov 13	am: 83; pm: 85, 86	Joel 2:21-27	Jam 1:1-15	Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
Fri, Nov 14	am: 88; pm: 91, 92	Joel 2:28-3:8	Jam 1:16-27	Luke 16:1-9
Sat, Nov 15	am: 87, 90; pm: 136	Joel 3:9-17	Jam 2:1-13	Luke 16:10-18
Sun, Nov 16	am: 66, 67; pm: 19, 46	Hab 1:1-2:1	Phil 3:13-4:1	Matt 23:13-24
Mon, Nov 17	am: 89:1-18; pm: 89:19-52	Hab 2:1-4, 9-20	Jam 2:14-26	Luke 16:19-31
Tue, Nov 18	am: 97, 99, 100; pm: 94, 95	Hab 3:2-19	Jam 3:1-12	Luke 17:1-10
Wed, Nov 19	am: 101, 109; pm: 119:121-144	Mal 1:1, 6-14	Jam 3:13-4:12	Luke 17:11-19
Thur, Nov 20	am: 105:1-22; pm: 105:23-45	Mal 2:1-16	Jam 4:13-5:6	Luke 17:20-37
Fri, Nov 21	am: 102; pm: 107:1-32	Mal 3:1-12	Jam 5:7-12	Luke 18:1-8
Sat, Nov 22	am: 107:33-43, 108; pm: 33	Mal 3:13-4:6	Jam 5:13-20	Luke 18:9-14
Sun, Nov 23	am: 118; pm: 145	Zech 9:9-16	1 Pet 3:13-22	Matt 21:1-13
Mon, Nov 24	am: 106:1-18; pm: 106:19-48	Zech 10:1-12	Gal 6:1-10	Luke 18:15-30
Tue, Nov 25	am: 120-123; pm: 124, 125, 126	Zech 11:4-17	1 Cor 3:10-23	Luke 18:31-43
Wed, Nov 26	am: 119:145-176; pm: 128, 129, 130	Zech 12:1-10	Eph 1:3-14	Luke 19:1-10
Thur, Nov 27	am: 131, 132, 133; pm: 134, 135	Zech 13:1-9	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 19:11-27
Fri, Nov 28	am: 140, 142; pm: 141, 143	Zech 14:1-11	Rom 15:7-13	Luke 19:28-40
Sat, Nov 29	am: 137, 144; pm: 104	Zech 14:12-21	Phil 2:1-11	Luke 19:41-48
Sun, Nov 30	am: 146, 147; pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 1:1-9	2 Pet 3:1-10	Matt 25:1-13

Grace United Methodist

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00 AM Fall Festival and Country Store
2 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	3 1:00 pm NO Quilting	4 Election Site 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:15 pm Choir	5 6:00 am Donut Making 1:30 pm Martha Circle 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA	6 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 5:30 pm HCI Prayer Team 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Den Meeting	7	8
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship / Laity Sunday 10:15 am Children's Sunday	10 1:00 pm Quilting	11 6:00 pm Full Council Leadership Meeting 7:15 PM Choir	12 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA	13 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 5:30 pm HCI Prayer Team 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Den Meeting	14	15 HCI Team Seminar— Savage, MN
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday 2:30 pm Pastor Roger Presentation—Fergus Falls	17 1:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Trustees	18 7:00 pm Ad Council 7:15 PM Choir	19 6:00 am Donut Making 6:15 pm Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm AWANA	20 9:00 am BulletinDeadline 11:30 am FM UMC Pastors at Grace 5:30 pm HCI Prayer Team 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 7:00 pm Lydia Circle 7:00 pm Pack Mtg	21	22
23 Last Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday 11:15 am District Supervisor w/ SPRC	24 1:00 pm Quilting	25 7:15 pm No Choir 7:30 pm Financial Committee	26 6:15 pm No Hand Bell Choir 6:30 pm No AWANA	27 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 am No Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Hanging of the Green 10:15 am No Children's Sunday				 <i>Advent Luncheon</i>	Advent Luncheon is coming—Save the Date—December 6th.	

NEW LIFE CENTER

At the last meeting of the New Life Center Auxiliary, Grace donated five sets of twin size sheets. With the cold weather coming prayers are needed that there will be sufficient bed space with help from the overflow shelters

If a grant from Bremer Bank is received another case manager can be hired. There is currently an opening for a maintenance man, with light work for repairs.

Vouchers are given to the men to purchase clothing at the New Lift Thrift store. The Thrift Store has a need for Men's jackets. Last year \$56,000 in clothing was given out from the Thrift Store and accepts all clothing donations.

All area churches are encouraged to send a representative to the New Life Auxiliary meeting.



Church Conference

The reports for the Annual Charge Conference are due in the office by November 17th, at 9 AM. for the meeting on December 7th.

BREAKFAST

There will be a pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 9th beginning at 8:00 am and continue during the fellowship time following worship. If you have any questions, please contact Del, 233-2223.



CHURCHES UNITED

Churches United for Homeless would like to meet with members of Grace United Methodist Church to discuss our role in helping the homeless. please contact D. Larson, [701-238-2223](tel:701-238-2223) or larsondel@gmail.com if interested in attending the meeting.



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