

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

When I was first appointed to Grace just over three years ago we created listening posts. We got to know each other a bit better. We also had a history and hopes Sunday where we looked back over Grace's life and named some future hopes. Even though Grace was working through a parsonage project it was clear there were a myriad of others hopes and concerns. ***Among the initial hopes named: 1) resolution of a flag concern, 2) desire to add visual warmth to the sanctuary 3) completion of Safe Sanctuaries policy and the start of trainings 4) fostering communication 5) growing our children's programming.*** There were others but these five seemed to have the most energy around them.

Even as the big ticket parsonage project took up a great deal Grace's time and energy, we began addressing what I would call our ministry hopes and concerns. We discussed 1) flag placement within a church building that lead to a voting process where we were able to come to a conclusion that worked for Grace as a whole and allowed us to move forward. We completed a 2) stained-glass project in the sanctuary that honored a woman whose funeral folder had these prophetic words, **"I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done."** The windows communicate visual and emotional warmth. Jesus with children and Ruth's faithfulness to her mother Naomi are examples for faithfulness in our relationship with God. They are **"the afterglow:"** and images of healthy, safe relationships. That brings us to 3) Safe Sanctuaries—a policy with practices for ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable within our congregation. We've completed the policy and have had two trainings. We're due for another. We've background checks for those who teach.

To 4) foster communication we had a Rules of Christ Training. As the Council continued its discussion we created our own centerpiece for church council meetings—the ROBE cube, which reminds us **we are called to put on Christ through Respect, Ownership of our**

statements, Boundaries that are appropriate and being Examples of Christ's own ways. We also revamped our website—in an attempt to be more guest-friendly and saved \$25/month besides. Plus, we've been striving to communicate our presence beyond our doors. That brings us to 5) Growing Children's programming. In the last three years Vacation Bible School grew from 8 to 26 children--through the power of committed VBS leaders and their willingness to "invite."

Along the way other concerns arose. In response, we've created a lectern for our Sunday readers so they don't need to contend with steps onto the chancel area. The parking lot has been resurfaced to do battle for a few more years with northland winters. Also, like a fresh coat of paint, it communicates "welcome to this place we care about" to guests. The entire education wing underwent a major spring cleaning. The children's Sunday school room is freshly painted and has brand new, really cool curtains. During a prayer walk, the group stopped in the nursery and began speaking, 'Wow': "it's beautiful," "it's clean," "who painted the lovely wall murals?"

Every 3 – 4 years it is important for a church to re-visit their hopes, look back over their history, listen for where God is tugging at their hearts. So, as pastor and on behalf of the Church Council I invite you to a **"History, Hopes, & Heart Tugs" 4th Sunday Potluck. October 27th** following worship. We'll eat and have some focused conversation together. We'll remember. We'll dream. We'll listen for where God may be calling us to serve others. The Church Council will use our large group thoughts and prayers to help it create some options for our Grace UMC 4 year vision. The Council will update our vision (seek to discern God's hopes for us) and create specific goals. We'll seek input on those goals again by the congregation.

God's Blessings,
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 (Fairmont)
 Delores Dronen (Fairmont)
 Ruth Ann Krutz (Elim)
 Jim Johnson (Manor Care)
 Clara Krook (Bethany)
 Vi Williams (Bethany on 42nd)
 Mary Jane Phillips (Eventide)
 Jeanne Schwager (Sheyenne Crossing)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra Roger Opp
 Jackie Kopp Charlie Bowman
 Dale Smith Grant Mohr
 Joan Ostlie



October Birthdays

5— J. Graning
 7—B. Burkhardt
 12—D. Walter
 13—J. Egerdahl
 19—D. Horn
 21—M. Held
 22—A. Larson
 27—K. Enkers
 M. Hamm
 L. Gibson
 29—L. Jensen



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

3—J. & C. Ladwig
 5—P. & K. Anderson
 12—N. & T. Moore
 22—O. & J. Alveshere



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 #1 (Oct/Apr)

218-299-2022 J. & L. Denny
 218-233-6709 D. Dronen
 218-287-3404 J. & J. Eide
 218-236-7780 E. Elliott
 218-236-8820 B. & S. Frangsrud & Family
 218-236-7319 C. & R. Goldade
 218-233-1969 D. & J. Granting
 218-233-5428 T.& M. Kley
 218-236-1643 I. Koenning
 218-233-6411 B. & C. Krogen
 218-233-1690 H. Kronbeck
 701-282-7007 C. Krook
 218-287-4316 B. & Sarah Martin
 218-790-1162 N. McCaskell
 701-478-1410 B. Paulson & B. Rowland
 218-236-7136 E. Payton
 701-235-5413 M. Phillips
 701-212-8783 J. Stuart
 218-236-9212 B. Wagner
 701-388-6690 M. & R. Wagner
 701-364-3940 P. & D. Walter
 701-361-4278 B. Weik & Family
 763-438-6746 P. Welsh & Family



DONUTS

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, October 9th, and Wednesday, October 30th 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.

CONDOLENCE

Our Sympathies to the family of Michelle Stensgard, daughter of M. Swan , who passed away on September 22, 2013.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE
 SEPTEMBER**

INCOME: \$ 10,003.75
EXPENSES: \$ 10,741.64
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 102.64



FALL FESTIVAL



The Women of Grace's, Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 26th. The doors will be open from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. A soup, sandwich, and dessert lunch will be served from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Country Store items will be available. Needed are 7 pans of 9x13 uncut desserts for the soup/sandwich luncheon. Please bring to the church kitchen by 8 AM on October 26th. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the Narthex. Also please bring any craft items or baked items you wish to donate to the sale. L. Horner will also have his "Books Are Fun" for sale. If you have any questions, please call J. Anderson or J. Granning



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 6th. Imagine a day set aside for Christians to join in a world-wide awareness that whatever one's skin color, language, or economic situation we are all sharing in the bread and cup of communion that unites us. Welcome to World Communion Sunday. On October 6th we will celebrate the meal that unites us as a Christian family where ever we are living on this planet. Each year United Methodists are invited to give toward a special offering to help with Ethnic scholarships in the US and abroad. Since apportionments (first mile mission giving) are also a part of our world-wide outreach, designating a gift to this ministry would also fit the spirit of World Communion. "For God so loved the world that God gave God's only son... that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God so loved the world...and invites us to do the same. Amen.

START COLLECTING!!



As part of the Women of Grace annual Fall Bazaar, there will once again be a Country Store. Please bring books, household décor, toys, jewelry, dishes, pots and pans to the Quilters room. Please NO clothing.

TO MY FAMILY AT GRACE:

As I start yet another year at North Central University you all have been on my heart and I decided to do something:

I want to send out a huge thank you for all the prayers and support I have received the past few years while away at college. By not only the Offutt Scholarship, but to a few surprise blessings of care packages, warm heart felt emails, and last but certainly not least the warm welcomes I always come home to. Your smiles and hugs always lift up my heart and spirit. As you all well know, every bit helps while attending college, so thank you again. I am truly blessed to say I have a church family that have such loving and giving hearts, for I know not every person can say they have that. I appreciate everything. You are the very people who planted the seed and fueled my heart towards ministry. All starting in youth group, then onto the Youth In Action Team (YIAT), to urban ministry now. I do not have the words to muster up to express my gratitude toward all of this, so thank you again.

To give you all a bit of an update to my life in the big city, I would like to share some of what's on my heart. Going from being on the board of directors of my college and starting the non-profit coffee shop on campus, (The Basement Coffee) to this year where I have been asked to lead a bike co-mission team. We will find funds to donate so much for every mile we ride each semester, we will pick a different ministry/charity each year to send the donations to. A long ride that I will still be volunteering in the Basement Coffee where all profits will be going to Feed My Starving Children.

And of course, with all this going on, I am working. It's sometimes hard to keep up with the pace of Minneapolis, but I thank God for the calling toward Urban Ministries. As crazy as it seems I feel quite at home at the end of the day.

So thank you again for planting this seed and all we support.

I love you all and send blessings.—Joanna Loeks

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 \$20,813 or \$104.07 each member. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$6,455.34 given to date: about 31% of our goal.

NEW LIFE CENTER

The New Life Center is in need of the following paper products: Toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cup (hot & cold), and plastic silverware. Please leave these donations in the collection box in the Narthex. The gifts for October to the mission are white twin fitted or flat sheets.

Evening meals are served to the men Monday thru Friday at 5:00 pm—5:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 4:30 pm—5:00 pm. Help is needed beginning Monday, October 14th for 5 weeks. If you are able to help serve a meal, please let Jennifer Swiers know. She can be contacted by calling 701-235-4453 or by Email: Jennifer.swiers@fargolc.org.

ROLLAG, ROLLAG, ROLLAG

by Del Larson CLM and team manager of Rollag

I want you to know, that I only wrote the words Rollag, but did not say them. As I stated in church a week ago, I wasn't going to talk about that little town south of Hawley any more this year. However, I just want to make sure you know what is on my mind about this year's fundraiser. P. Anderson mentioned in church, about a couple of great changes in Rollag over the years that made a tremendous difference. One major change was going from one day to two days; another was how we now prep the food. Finally, this year we took a giant leap and added 30 helpers from another church; a Lutheran church of all choices. I agree, but there is one more great change that we should applaud, and that is working as a team to manage the fundraiser. To put it mildly, my wife was not overly thrilled with the idea that I would be a team manager. However, I was very surprised when I called on people to step up and take a part of running the Rollag Adventure. Most said yes, and survived my alternative offer of painting their garages PINK! We had a team! Unfortunately, we have begun to notice over the past few years, we are getting fewer people from Grace to volunteer for a 5-hour shift. All of our workers who attend the Steam Threshers Reunion enjoy the time and the company of fellow Christians in service for God. When July 1st came, I saw we had over 40 open slots yet to fill. As part of our preparation, the team managers decided to look beyond Grace to find like-minded Christians who could work with us,

and us with them. After approaching other Methodist churches and no takers, John Hostile suggested Christ the King. I approached a mutual friend, Eldon Wolman, and asked him to see if anyone was interested. It was a week later when I was invited to a men's breakfast, which was delicious, and gave my first presentation. I was invited back a second time with a plan that was approved by the Ad Council on how to share the profits. We would divide the profits by the number of hours each church put in. Our team managers were given an extra half hour for each hour they put in. These are only preliminary figures, but we grossed over \$21,000, which is a new high for us. However, we ran out of a lot of food on the first morning and noon, and I spent another \$500 restocking essentials. The number of hours for the entire project were about 1000. Grace church will receive almost 84% of the profits; Christ the King will receive just over 16%. After all expenses are tallied and the Rollag books are closed for the year, we will announce the exact amounts. There is something very important here that we need to remember. Team-work! Grace reached out of its comfort zone and tried something new and completely different. It worked and created great success. I am very proud of what we all have done, but let's not stop there. What else can we accomplish in our church and community if we work together. I have total faith and trust in our Lord and Savior that He will guide us to more success and happiness, but we must be willing to try. We must come together to seek out a new vision for Grace Methodist. Open your minds and your hearts for what is the next new idea in our great church.

LOCK IN

Any Youth Planning to attend the Perham Lock In, October 17th & 18th for grades 6th—12th, please let Pastor Roger or the Office know ASAP. Drivers and Chaprones may be needed.



CHURCHES UNITED

Del Larson, CLM

Grace members, it is time to start planning for our responsibility to serve at Churches United for the Homeless four times over the coming year. This definitely should not be looked at as a chore, but rather as a duty to serve Christ. As Christ asked his followers, "If I am hungry, will you feed me?" so too we should do as Christ asks and feed those who are hungry. Last year we had different church groups help out. I hope they will stand up again and say "Here I am Lord". The first meal will be on the Wednesday, October 30. Usually we start around 3-4:00.

Not everyone can come at that time but come when you can. Also, I would like to see children get involved with the kids that are there.

Perhaps we can plan an activity for them to share with the young ones. A couple of my grandchildren helped once, and it was a neat experience they talked about. Our mission is to serve and Christ asks us to help the least of these. What better way.

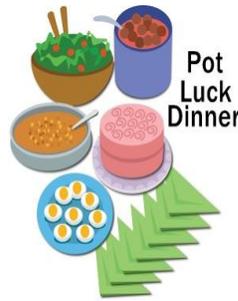
TALENT SHOW



Unearth Your Talents

Have we got a show for you. Everyone is busy rehearsing and getting ready for the talent show on Saturday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. There is still

time for anyone who wants to share their talent. A coordinator is needed to assist in arranging the talent acts. Please let J. Eide or Pastor Roger know what God given gifts you are willing to share so your name may be added to the program.



POTLUCK

There will be a potluck dinner following worship services on Sunday, October 27th at 11:00 am. Please bring a family size dish to share.

PRAYER FOR UNLEASHING NEW LIFE

I will pray daily for the Holy Spirit to:

- Break through to renew and revive our churches, unleashing new life
- Empower our clergy and lay leadership to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' resurrection power and promise
- Transform and boldly use us, without limits, delays, or excuses, to reach and make new disciples of Jesus Christ and to transform the world
- Work through me to raise the dead to new life

I pray for this in the precious and holy name of Jesus.

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Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Tue, Oct 1	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	2 Ch 29:1-3, 30:1-27	1 Cor 7:32-40	Matt 7:1-12
Wed, Oct 2	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	2 Kng 18:9-25	1 Cor 8:1-13	Matt 7:13-21
Thur, Oct 3	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	2 Kng 18:28-37	1 Cor 9:1-15	Matt 7:22-29
Fri, Oct 4	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	2 Kng 19:1-20	1 Cor 9:16-27	Matt 8:1-17
Sat, Oct 5	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	2 Kng 19:21-36	1 Cor 10:1-13	Matt 8:18-27
Sun, Oct 6	am: 118, pm: 145	2 Kng 20:1-21	Acts 12:1-17	Luke 7:11-17
Mon, Oct 7	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	2 Kng 21:1-18	1 Cor 10:14-11:1	Matt 8:28-34
Tue, Oct 8	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	2 Kng 22:1-13	1 Cor 11:2, 17-22	Matt 9:1-8
Wed, Oct 9	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	2 Kng 22:14-23:3	1 Cor 11:23-34	Matt 9:9-17
Thur, Oct 10	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	2 Kng 23:4-25	1 Cor 12:1-11	Matt 9:18-26
Fri, Oct 11	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	2 Kng 23:36-24:17	1 Cor 12:12-26	Matt 9:27-34
Sat, Oct 12	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	Jer 35:1-19	1 Cor 12:27-13:3	Matt 9:35-10:4
Sun, Oct 13	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Jer 36:1-10	Acts 14:8-18	Luke 7:36-50
Mon, Oct 14	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Jer 36:11-26	1 Cor 13:1-13	Matt 10:5-15
Tue, Oct 15	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Jer 36:27-37:2	1 Cor 14:1-12	Matt 10:16-23
Wed, Oct 16	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Jer 37:3-21	1 Cor 14:13-25	Matt 10:24-33
Thur, Oct 17	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Jer 38:1-13	1 Cor 14:26-33a 37-40	Matt 10:34-42
Fri, Oct 18	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Jer 38:14-28	1 Cor 15:1-11	Matt 11:1-6
Sat, Oct 19	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	2 Kng 25:8-12, 22-26	1 Cor 15:12-29	Matt 11:7-15
Sun, Oct 20	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Jer 29:1, 4-14	Acts 16:6-15	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Mon, Oct 21	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Jer 44:1-14	1 Cor 15:30-41	Matt 11:16-24
Tue, Oct 22	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Lam 1:1-12	1 Cor 15:41-50	Matt 11:25-30
Wed, Oct 23	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Lam 2:8-15	1 Cor 15:51-58	Matt 12:1-14
Thur, Oct 24	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	1 Cor 16:1-9	Matt 12:15-21
Fri, Oct 25	am: 31, pm: 35	Ezra 3:1-13	1 Cor 16:10-24	Matt 12:22-32
Sat, Oct 26	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Ezra 4:7, 11-24	Philemon 1-25	Matt 12:33-42
Sun, Oct 27	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Hag 1:1-2:9	Acts 18:24-19:7	Luke 10:25-37
Mon, Oct 28	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Zech 1:7-17	Rev 1:4-20	Matt 12:43-50
Tue, Oct 29	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Ezra 5:1-17	Rev 4:1-11	Matt 13:1-9
Wed, Oct 30	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Ezra 6:1-22	Rev 5:1-10	Matt 13:10-17
Thur, Oct 31	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	Neh 1:1-11	Rev 5:11-6:11 pm: Rev 19:1-10	Matt 13:18-23

Grace United Methodist

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 10:15 AM Carriage House 6:15 PM Hand Bell choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7: 15 PM Choir	3 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 1:30 PM Martha Circle 7 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	4	5
6 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship w/ Communion 10:15 AM Children's Sunday school	7 1 PM Quilting	8	9 6:00 AM Donut Making 6:15 PM Hand Bell choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7: 15 PM Choir	10 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	11	12
13 21st Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday school	14 1 PM Quilting 10:00 AM PEO Chapter — Lounge	15 6 PM Trustees 7 PM Ad Council	16 6:15 PM Hand Bell choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7: 15 PM Choir	17 9: AM Sharp View Apt. 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	18	19
20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday school	21 1 PM Quilting	22 7 PM Budget Meeting	23 6:15 PM Hand Bell choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7: 15 PM Choir	24 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Parkview 10 AM Golden Living 2 PM River Pointe 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	25	26 10 AM Fall Festival
27 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Sunday school 11:00 AM Potluck Dinner	28 1 PM Quilting	29	30 6:00 AM Donut Making 5 PM Churches United Dinner 6:15 PM Hand Bell choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7: 15 PM Choir	31 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Cub Scouts		

WHAT WE'D LIKE TO HEAR IN CHURCH

- Hey, it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon ran longer than usual.
- I'll volunteer to be the permanent junior high Sunday school teacher
- I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before.
- Because we're all here, let's start the worship service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign.

PACKED WITH PURPOSE

In Cure for the Common Life (W Publishing Group), Max Lucado recounts grabbing the wrong suitcase at an airport, not realizing the mistake until he'd reached his hotel room. "No one wants to live out of someone else's bag," he writes, yet that's what many people do with their career choices.

An estimated 70 percent of people go to work without enthusiasm or passion because they've been urged to force themselves into roles that aren't the right fit. "You cannot be anything you want to be," Lucado writes, "but you can be everything God wants you to be."

By living out of the "bag" that God packed specially for you, you'll experience fulfillment and joy—in your work and in your life



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