

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

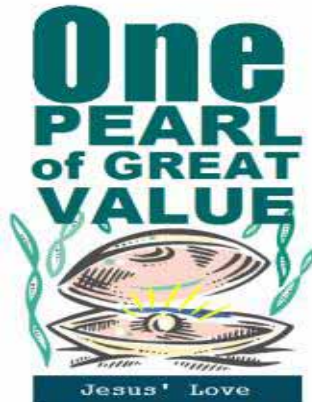
Dear Friends,

After I got home from work I changed shirts. As I put on my orange T-shirt it started me thinking. I usually wear the orange T-shirt disc golfing because all my discs are orange. They're much easier to find when they curve off into the rough that way. A tinge of sadness went through me as I put on the orange shirt. I've only been out disc golfing a couple times this year.

Where has the summer gone?

Same with fishing: only out two or three times. It was the same with a lot of "summer activities" this year. I could create a list of "Things I never got around too." Where has the summer gone?

Hmm? I was at Northern Pines and got to lead campfire singing with the VBS crew. My wife and I had the chance to camp out a few nights at Two Harbors on Superior's shore with my daughter and her guy. We did play disc golf on the Detroit Lakes course with our little granddaughter Aubry holding onto the dogs leash the entire while. Every moment there was something new and interesting she saw. There were outdoor baptisms and baptismal renewals at Grace one Sunday morning—12 of them in all. We had a weekend houseful—4 generations worth of fun—mostly letting the "grand-toddler" entertain us all. There was a Labor Day movie with my son and a friend, followed by a bit of rain and another movie with good pizza and lots of laughter. It turns out I have some great "summer things" that I did get around to and I've barely begun listing them.



Still, wearing my orange T-shirt, looking at the red sunset and the yellow leaves, I was reminded of what Fall always whispers. "Life's seasons go by quickly. Make the most of each one. Prioritize!" Jesus has seemingly endless advice on how to live well. Living well includes forgiveness, loving God and loving neighbor, and being kind to strangers. At one point Jesus speaks of what it is like to live life as if God's kingdom was coming to earth just like it is in heaven. Jesus said, "Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all he had and bought that pearl." (Matthew 13:45-46). Ask God to help us focus on what is truly important every day and we may not get to do everything we want...but we will be do those things that are truly important—those things that whisper of "eternal value."

If you know the tune I invite you to sing the words from Mathew 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu. Alleluia." If you have internet access feel free to click on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HniSUB3Qh0&pbjreload=10> The song and some prayerful images will greet you there. God willing it will help you prioritize your day and reconnect you with a desire to focus on the "pearl of great price": Jesus' love for you and Jesus' will for your life.

I look forward to seeing you in church.

Blessings,
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 (Fairmont)
- Pat Walter (Elim)
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)
- Roger Helland (Fairmont)



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 #5 (Oct/Apr) TEAM coordinators are R. & L. Burkhardt and C. & D. Burkhardt

- 218-299-2022 J. & L. Denny
- 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. Graning
- 218-236-1643 I. Koenning
- 218-233-6411 B. & C. Krogen
- 701-282-7007 C. Krook
- 218-287-4316 B. & S. Martin
- 218-790-1162 N. McCaskell
- 218-233-1409 B. Paulson
- 218-236-7136 E. Payton
- 701-235-5413 M. J. Phillips
- 218-790-6829 B. Rowland
- 701-212-8783 J. Stuart
- 218-236-9212 B. Wagner
- 701-388-6690 M. & R. Wagner
- 701-364-3940 P. & D. Walter
- 763-438-6746 P. Welsh & Family

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra Ruth Opp
- Cullen Fraundorfer ArNetta Monge
- John Ladwig

OCTOBER Birthdays



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



DONUTS

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on Wednesday, October 4th, and October 18th, 2017. To place your 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.

HELP! HELP!

An **e-mail prayer chain coordinator** is needed. Paula Horner will help and answer any questions. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Roger or Paula Horner.

A **funeral coordinator** is needed. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Pastor Roger.

OCTOBER Anniversaries



- 3—J. & C. Ladwig
- E. & A. Ybarra
- 5—P. & K. Anderson
- 22—O. & J. Alveshire

MOVING

Lydia Circle has moved their meeting date to Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30 pm. This is also a new time. The Circle will be meet this month at J. Graning's, Please call the office, 233-1978 for the address.

FINANCIAL UPDATE SEPTEMBER

INCOME: \$ 17,150.77
EXPENSES: \$ 12,646.90
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 178.34





WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 1st. Around the globe, What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men-especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Will you give generously on World Communion Sunday to make education and vocational impact possible for more students? Will you equip gifted and qualified students from around the globe to become the world-changers God created them to be?

Please note World Communion Sunday on the memo line of your check.



FALL FESTIVAL

The Women of Grace Fall Festival will be held on Sat., November 4th. Doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch of homemade soup, sandwich, and dessert will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Left over soup will be sold by the quart and pint after 1 p.m. We need your support and donations of craft items, bake sale goods, desserts and Country Store used items. Join in the fellowship by helping with this event. Sign-up sheets will be on the narthex table. If you have any questions, please contact . P. Murray, J. Graning or J. Anderson.



START COLLECTING!!

As part of the annual Women of Grace Fall Festival, we will open our Country Store of used items on Nov. 4th. Please bring books, household and holiday décor, toys, jewelry, stationery, dishes and kitchen items. Please NO clothing. Bring your items to the old coat closet next to the kitchen. there will be a sign on the wall, "Country Store Donations."

REFORMATION



October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany.

This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ ("the priesthood of all believers"), so there's no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults "with the best of them"; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: "In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years."

Grace United Methodist

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion World Communion Sunday 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	2 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	3 6:30 pm Operations and Resources 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	4 6:00 am Donut Making 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Confirmation	5 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 7:00 pm Choir	6	7
8 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Children's Sabbath Family Friendly Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	9 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	10	11 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Confirmation	12 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Choir	13	14
15 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	16 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	17 6:30 pm Lydia Circle at J. Graning's	18 6:00 am Donut Making 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm No Youth Group 6:15 pm Confirmation	19 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Choir	20	21
22 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	23 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR	24 6:30 pm Vision and Ministry Newsletter deadline	25 1:00 pm ELR 6:00 pm Youth Group 6:15 pm Confirmation	26 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View 10:00 am Golden Living 7:00 pm Choir	27 Youth Halloween Party	28
29 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	30 1:00 pm Quilting 1:00 pm ELR 3:30 pm Set up to serve at Churches United	31				

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Oct 1	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	2 Kng 17:1-18	Acts 9:36-43	Luke 5:1-11
Mon, Oct 2	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	2 Kng 17:24-41	1 Cor 7:25-31	Matt 6:25-34
Tue, Oct 3	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 4	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	2 Kng 18:9-25	1 Cor 8:1-13	Matt 7:13-21
Thur, Oct 5	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	2 Kng 18:28-37	1 Cor 9:1-15	Matt 7:22-29
Fri, Oct 6	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	2 Kng 19:1-20	1 Cor 9:16-27	Matt 8:1-17
Sat, Oct 7	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	2 Kng 19:21-36	1 Cor 10:1-13	Matt 8:18-27
Sun, Oct 8	am: 118, pm: 145	2 Kng 20:1-21	Acts 12:1-17	Luke 7:11-17
Mon, Oct 9	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 10	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 11	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 12	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	2 Kng 23:4-25	1 Cor 12:1-11	Matt 9:18-26
Fri, Oct 13	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	2 Kng 23:36-24:17	1 Cor 12:12-26	Matt 9:27-34
Sat, Oct 14	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	Jer 35:1-19	1 Cor 12:27-13:3	Matt 9:35-10:4
Sun, Oct 15	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Jer 36:1-10	Acts 14:8-18	Luke 7:36-50
Mon, Oct 16	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	Jer 36:11-26	1 Cor 13:1-13	Matt 10:5-15
Tue, Oct 17	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	Jer 36:27-37:2	1 Cor 14:1-12	Matt 10:16-23
Wed, Oct 18	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Jer 37:3-21	1 Cor 14:13-25	Matt 10:24-33
Thur, Oct 19	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 20	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Jer 38:14-28	1 Cor 15:1-11	Matt 11:1-6
Sat, Oct 21	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 22	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Jer 29:1, 4-14	Acts 16:6-15	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Mon, Oct 23	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Jer 44:1-14	1 Cor 15:30-41	Matt 11:16-24
Tue, Oct 24	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Lam 1:1-12	1 Cor 15:41-50	Matt 11:25-30
Wed, Oct 25	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Lam 2:8-15	1 Cor 15:51-58	Matt 12:1-14
Thur, Oct 26	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	1 Cor 16:1-9	Matt 12:15-21
Fri, Oct 27	am: 31, pm: 35	Ezra 3:1-13	1 Cor 16:10-24	Matt 12:22-32
Sat, Oct 28	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Ezra 4:7, 11-24	Philemon 1-25	Matt 12:33-42
Sun, Oct 29	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Hag 1:1-2:9	Acts 18:24-19:7	Luke 10:25-37
Mon, Oct 30	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Zech 1:7-17	Rev 1:4-20	Matt 12:43-50
Tue, Oct 31	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Ezra 5:1-17	Rev 4:1-11	Matt 13:1-9



NEW LIFE CENTER FUNDRAISER

“Same Kind of Different As Me” the story of hope and redemption. International art dealer, Ron Hall, befriends a homeless man, Denver Moore, and how the life-changing encounter inspired Ron to write his first

book. The movie will be shown at West Acres Cinema in Fargo on October 18th at 7:00 & 7:30 pm., tickets are \$12.00 or you can meet Ron at a Dessert Social at the Avalon Event Center, Fargo on November 16th at 6:30 pm, tickets are \$30.00. Tickets for both events can be purchased at www.fargonlc.org or by calling 701-729-6637.



THANK OFFERING

Since 1881 members of UM Women and its predecessor organizations have had the opportunity to contribute to an offering response to God’s grace. Some women drop a coin in a box daily as an expression of thankfulness. Others add coins and dollars in celebration or special occasions in their lives.

The World Thank Offering is a part of UM Women’s Mission. Giving that supports national and international programs working with women, children and youth in the United States and around the world. The World Thank Offering gives a face to our faith. It is hope and love in action. Please take one of the small jars on the table in the Fellowship Hall and fill it with your donation before returning to the Women of Grace. Look for the jars on October 15th.

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