

Light of Grace

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

Dear Friends,

The days of summer are about to end. One last free weekend by the time you get this. Labor Day nears. But, wait! What's this? It can't be true. Report is there are people, lots of people, who have been busy, busy, this last month. There are people who are saying, "Labor Day I'll be working. The Sabbath before Labor day, I'll work that too." Some are saying, "I may even move some meatballs and more, much more on Saturday. Some will have worked enough making gravy and meatballs, hauling stuff and baking goodies that they may feel the need for a break before they even reach Rollag. Why in the world would these unusual people be giving up a perfectly good Holiday Weekend? Sorry, I just called a good share of you reading this "unusual." I know a good share of you reading this are about to embark on the adventure called Rollag, remember the days when you were able to help others with donations to cover the costs of tickets, or provide donuts or baked goods or prayers. If you're reading this and wondering, "what is Rollag?" Truth is "doing Rollag" is a tad crazy, a bit counter-cultural, and a lot like what Jesus called his followers to do. Learning to live and love like Jesus involves self-sacrifice. Self sacrifice always involves giving up something. But, as we learn over time, giving always has its share of rewards. Rollag is a huge fundraiser AND MORE.

Why give up a perfectly good weekend? To help the church's general fund, I know. But, why? It's not just Rollag. Jesus' followers give time, energy, dollars and prayers all through the year. A lot of perfectly good evenings were given up by VBS volunteers August 20th - 22nd. Why?

C.. Goldade shared at the last Church Council meeting what she tells people who ask why Church is important to her. She said, "I tell them, 'It gives

me Hope.'" Why invest a weekend in Rollag? We need only think of all the times God has been there for us. Life has its mountains—sometimes beautiful, especially from a distance. Sometimes, though, mountains are treacherous, wrought with fickle weather, rough characters, and opportunities for injury. But, God has carried us through. Some work Rollag as a way of thanking God.

I think of C.'s words and imagine a bumper sticker. "Grace Church – It Gives Me Hope." I hope that Rollag is about more than paying bills and showing thanks. I hope we are also thinking about those still searching for hope. Some have yet to find that Jesus provides hope—no matter the circumstances. Our work at Rollag is a way of being present in Moorhead for:

- Students new to college and community who may be feeling a bit homesick,
- Individuals in town struggling through chronic illness or loss of a companion,
- FM people feeling trapped in habits or situations that grind them down each day,
- Those looking for ways to serve others or searching for answers to tough questions,
- Men and women in our backyard searching for the miracle of God's presence.

Rollag helps Grace Church's doors be open for those beyond our congregation—as well as for each of us who have found Grace is a place where we find Hope. If you wish to get a flesh and blood glimpse of hope, pause in the hallway across from the Church Office and look at the Vacation Bible School pictures. 26 kids and their families taught the stories of God's love. Every time you do something for the church—even serving mountains of meatballs—you become part of telling the stories of hope. Well Done! God can use all gifts generously given. Well Done!

Until We Meet at the Meatballs,
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 Crossings)



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 6 (Sept/Mar)

TEAM coordinator is N. Grow.
 218-512-0395—L. & J. Beck
 701-205-7268—S. Grow & Family
 701-306-4382—T. Grow
 701-403-9063—T. & D. Grow
 701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow
 701-850-5938—S. & D. Hiedeman
 701-426-9206—C. Holden
 701-412-3833—A. Larson & Family
 218-236-5031—D. & L. Larson
 701-212-3587—A. Loeks
 701-237-9055—N. & R. Lofgren
 218-233-3917—C. & B. Miller
 218-329-1835—J. Miller
 218-233-3917—J. Miller
 218-233-3405—C. & B. Naasz
 218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe
 218-287-1189—J. Rzaszutak & L. Smith
 701-238-9731—D. & R. Shaw
 218-236-7848—D. & I. Smith & Family
 218-236-8773—T. Weik
 218-287-6501—V. Williams
 218-227-5723—J. & T. Wilson

PRAYER LIST at Home

Vicky Westra **Roger Opp**
Jackie Kopp **Charlie Bowman**
Dale Smith **Chester Naasz**
Rae Offutt **Linda Collins**
Grant Mohr **Amy Gumto**
Linda Gibson **Joan Ostlie**



September Birthdays

1—D. Burkhardt
 3—J. Fraundorfer
 4—S. Lindner
 5—L. Monge
 A. Grafenstein
 6—C. Miller
 D. Grow
 9—D. Smith
 12—M. Gumto
 13—B. Hanna
 14—P. Anderson
 16—B. Rowand
 19—T. Collins
 J. Schwager
 S. Fraundorfer
 20—P. Newgard
 M. Larson
 21—J. Egerdahl
 26—C. Hilgers
 L. Beck
 30—A. Horn



September Anniversaries

2—T. & P. Newgard
 D. & R. Shaw
 5—C. & B. Naasz
 8—D. & S. Hiedeman
 16—T. & D. Grow
 27—D. & C. Borgen

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to S. and L. Gedrose on the birth of their Son on August 4th. Grandparents, J. & B. Fraundorfer and Great Grandparents L. and B. Jensen

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to C. Bowman and is family on the death of his mother, Dee.

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| <p>FINANCIAL UPDATE AUGUST</p> <p>INCOME: \$ 8,198.82 EXPENSES: \$ 11,215.35 APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 190.34</p> | GENERAL OPERATING FUND |
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REMEMBER TO VOLUNTEER FOR ROLLAG ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST AND MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

PRIDE IS NOT BOASTFUL

by Del Larson, CLM

Rollag Weekend is upon us once again. What started this spring as an experiment in management for Rollag, is now ready to bring forth fruit. At the Ad Council meeting in May, the urgency to find someone to manage Rollag was building fast. I can't remember what it was that Pastor Roger was saying exactly, but suddenly an idea popped into my head from those words. In one of those "ah ha" moments, I shared the idea with the rest of the committee. We met again a week later with a rough draft and then shared it with Rollag leaders, and a new management plan was developed.

By the end of June, and our sign-up time nearing completion, we realized that we would have to invite another organization to help us in this fundraiser. In July, Christ the King Church joined us as partners in this journey. People have asked me often how things are going with Rollag. My reply has always been pretty smooth. Whenever there has been a problem or hiccup, someone has stepped forward to help solve it.

Pride, that is something we have heard since we are children. Our parents and grandparents were proud of us. Teachers, coaches, and just maybe a boss or two have expressed pride in you in a variety of ways. I, too, want to express my pride for Grace Church and its members. When the summer started, I was proud of how our church was willing to change how we operate Rollag. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says: ***So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*** As the summer continued and we were short of people to fill assignments, we made the

connection with Christ the King. As you have often heard at a wedding the same goes with this relationship. 1 Corinthians 13:4 ***Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant.***

I want to make this clear, that this pride is not just about Rollag, but about our church in all that we do. I am sure many will share my pride when I talk about the people who have stepped forward this summer to lead when many of us are missing. We should be proud of the leaders each month that find people to help in our worship service, and also for the people who have served. We should be proud of our leaders for the VBS program that had 26 little ones learning about trusting in God. This past week a situation arose in our church that needed immediate attention. A few discussed the individual situation and came up with a plan on how we could help. I went home afterwards with such joy from that experience. I know there have been examples of how Grace has helped in situations over the years, but frankly, I have been concerned about our church filling our mission and God's expectations of us with others.

As it says in Romans 15:17--*Because of Christ Jesus, I can take pride in my service to God.* I think all of us can say that. If we continue to focus on the sparrow and work for the glory of God, we can celebrate the miracles that surround us and allow this feeling to grow. Working together and not for our own personal pride, will make God proud and us stronger.

Tickets are available for Rollag in the church office if needed in advance as well as parking passes. Those going two days can get a wrist band with one ticket.

| Date | Psalm | OT | Epistle | Gospel |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sun, Sept 1 | am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115 | 1 Kng 8:22-40 | 1 Tim 4:7b-16 | John 8:47-59 |
| Mon, Sept 2 | am: 25, pm: 9, 15 | 2 Ch 6:32-7:7 | Jam 2:1-13 | Mark 14:53-65 |
| Tue, Sept 3 | am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39 | 1 Kng 8:65-9:9 | Jam 2:14-26 | Mark 14:66-72 |
| Wed, Sept 4 | am: 38, pm: 119:25-48 | 1 Kng 9:24-10:13 | Jam 3:1-12 | Mark 15:1-11 |
| Thur, Sept 5 | am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42 | 1 Kng 11:1-13 | Jam 3:13-4:12 | Mark 15:12-21 |
| Fri, Sept 6 | am: 31, pm: 35 | 1 Kng 11:26-43 | Jam 4:13-5:6 | Mark 15:22-32 |
| Sat, Sept 7 | am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43 | 1 Kng 12:1-20 | Jam 5:7-12, 19-20 | Mark 15:33-39 |
| Sun, Sept 8 | am: 63, 98, pm: 103 | 1 Kng 12:21-33 | Acts 4:18-31 | John 10:31-42 |
| Mon, Sept 9 | am: 41, 52, pm: 44 | 1 Kng 13:1-10 | Phil 1:1-11 | Mark 15:40-47 |
| Tue, Sept 10 | am: 45, pm: 47, 48 | 1 Kng 16:23-34 | Phil 1:12-30 | Mark 16:1-20 |
| Wed, Sept 11 | am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53 | 1 Kng 17:1-24 | Phil 2:1-11 | Matt 2:1-12 |
| Thur, Sept 12 | am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67 | 1 Kng 18:1-19 | Phil 2:12-30 | Matt 2:13-23 |
| Fri, Sept 13 | am: 40, 54, pm: 51 | 1 Kng 18:20-40 | Phil 3:1-16 | Matt 3:1-12 |
| Sat, Sept 14 | am: 55, pm: 138, 139 | 1 Kng 18:41-19:8 | Phil 3:17-4:7 | Matt 3:13-17 |
| Sun, Sept 15 | am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84 | 1 Kng 19:8-21 | Acts 5:34-42 | John 11:45-57 |
| Mon, Sept 16 | am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65 | 1 Kng 21:1-16 | 1 Cor 1:1-19 | Matt 4:1-11 |
| Tue, Sept 17 | am: 61, 62, pm: 68 | 1 Kng 21:17-29 | 1 Cor 1:20-31 | Matt 4:12-17 |
| Wed, Sept 18 | am: 72, pm: 119:73-96 | 1 Kng 22:1-28 | 1 Cor 2:1-13 | Matt 4:18-25 |
| Thur, Sept 19 | am: 70, 71, pm: 74 | 1 Kng 22:29-45 | 1 Cor 2:14-3:15 | Matt 5:1-10 |
| Fri, Sept 20 | am: 69, pm: 73 | 2 Kng 1:2-17 | 1 Cor 3:16-23 | Matt 5:11-16 |
| Sat, Sept 21 | am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27 | 2 Kng 2:1-18 | 1 Cor 4:1-7 | Matt 5:17-20 |
| Sun, Sept 22 | am: 93, 96, pm: 34 | 2 Kng 4:8-37 | Acts 9:10-31 | Luke 3:7-18 |
| Mon, Sept 23 | am: 80, pm: 77, 19 | 2 Kng 5:1-19 | 1 Cor 4:8-21 | Matt 5:21-26 |
| Tue, Sept 24 | am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72 | 2 Kng 5:19-27 | 1 Cor 5:1-8 | Matt 5:27-37 |
| Wed, Sept 25 | am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82 | 2 Kng 6:1-23 | 1 Cor 5:9-6:8 | Matt 5:38-48 |
| Thur, Sept 26 | am: 83, pm: 85, 86 | 2 Kng 9:1-16 | 1 Cor 6:12-20 | Matt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Fri, Sept 27 | am: 88, pm: 91, 92 | 2 Kng 9:17-37 | 1 Cor 7:1-9 | Matt 6:7-15 |
| Sat, Sept 28 | am: 87, 90, pm: 136 | 2 Kng 11:1-20a | 1 Cor 7:10-24 | Matt 6:19-24 |
| Sun, Sept 29 | am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46 | 2 Kng 17:1-18 | Acts 9:36-43 | Luke 5:1-11 |
| Mon, Sept 30 | am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52 | 2 Kng 17:24-41 | 1 Cor 7:25-31 | Matt 6:25-34 |

Grace United Methodist

September 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:00 AM Worship ROLLAG! ROLLAG! ROLLAG! | 2 LABOR DAY Office Closed | 3 | 4 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir | 5 9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 1:45 PM Martha Circle 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Cub Scouts | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> Rally Sunday 10:00 AM Worship w/ Communion 11:00 AM Potluck 12:30 PM Baby Shower | 9 1:00 PM Quilters | 10 | 11 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir | 12 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 6:00 PM Trustees 7:00 PM Cub Scouts | 13 | 14 |
| 15 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church | 16 1:00 PM Quilters | 17 7:00 PM Ad Council | 18 6:00 AM Donut Making 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir | 19 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Lydia Circle 7:00 PM Cub Scouts | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church 11:00 PM Women of Grace— | 23 Floor Cleaning | 24 | 25 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir 6:30 PM AWANA 7:15 PM Choir | 22 9 AM Bulletin Deadline 9 AM Park View 10 AM Golden Living 2 PM River Pointe 7:00 PM Cub Scouts | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 10:15 AM Children's Church | 30 1:00 PM Quilters | | | | | |

FLOOR CLEANING

On Monday, September 23rd the floors are scheduled to be waxed and polished, the church facilities will have limited access that day. So please make plans accordingly.

ROLLAG!ROLLAG!ROLLAG!

DONUTS



Donuts will be made on Wednesday, September 18th, 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.

HERO

Grace UMC is now the HERO collection site for Moorhead for unused medical equipment in working condition.



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RALLY SUNDAY

Rally Sunday is September 8th. This is the day that we kick off Sunday School for the new year. A potluck dinner will follow Worship Services. Please bring a family size dish to share as this takes the place of the fellowship coffee.

JUMY's

There will be a JUMY's Gathering on November 8th—10th for all 6th thru 8th graders. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Roger.

BABY SHOWER

It's a Boy! Everyone is invited to a Baby Shower for Avril Williams on Sunday, September 8th following the potluck dinner.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED