

# Light of Grace

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

Dear Friends,

I awoke this morning to find myself surrounded by gifts. Perhaps the words blessings or mini-miracles might be more descriptive. I lifted a tiny handle and had running water, hot running water. I flipped a switch and had light to see by. I flipped a lever to let the dog out, a lever that had been part of securing my safety by night. I noted my garbage had been picked up from the curb. I drove to work on paved roads—boulevards filled with trees and grass. (Look back at the early pictures of Moorhead or Dilworth and it'll quickly become clear that paved roads are a huge blessing). I had my annual diabetic physical—thanks to a doctor who had invested many years learning the art and science of medicine. Every day we are surrounded by blessings—blessings that others have bestowed upon our lives. It takes people to keep clean, safe water flowing into our homes. It takes people to keep electricity flowing through our lives. It takes people to plant trees and create the infrastructure that makes our lives safer and easier. It takes people to produce and package the “Milk Bone” treat my dog had after her morning outing.

The first three Sundays in September we will be Counting Our Blessings. We'll also ask, “Where do we fit into God's plan of people blessing people?” Labor Day Sunday (Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>) we'll celebrate the often forgotten folks who make our world a better place through

their daily labors. Kick Off Sunday (Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>) we'll celebrate teachers and the children's ministries of Grace. Mission Sunday (Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>) we'll celebrate mission ministries of Grace UMC. Each Sunday we will pray a blessing upon those who are serving the world through the work of their hands and hearts. What better way to work with God in this world than to bless those who are blessing others?

Then, September 25<sup>th</sup> we'll begin a church-wide study: “Revival: Faith as John Wesley Lived It.” In essence we'll be inviting the Spirit to energize our hearts and lives so we may share even more blessings with a world in need of hope, love and signs of a gracious God. You'll want to invite a friend on September 25<sup>th</sup> – the local Bluegrass Band ‘Beyond Blue’ will lead us in song during much of the service.

Join us on every Sunday of September and let a sense of blessing fill your life and overflow through your life.

God's Peace,  
Pastor Roger



BLESSINGS  
FROM  
GOD



**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 #4 (Sept/March) Ministry TEAM coordinators are: L. & P. Horner and R. & B. Christopherson

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
- Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)
- Mabel Burkhardt (Bethany)
- Lois Ferguson (Eventide)
- Marjorie Ladwig (Eventide)
- Tom Collins (Eventide)
- Delores Dronen (Jamestown)
- Mary J. Phillips (Sheyenne Crossing)
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany))
- Clara Krook (Bethany)
- Eleanor Payton (River Pointe)

- 218-512-0395—L. & J. Beck
- 701-403-9063—C. Devine
- 701-205-7268—S. Grow & Family
- 701-306-4382—T. Grow
- 701-403-9063—T. & D. Grow
- 701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow
- 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
- 701-306-1705—L. Smith
- 218-236-7848—D. & I. Smith & Family

**PRAYER LIST at Home**

- Vicky Westra Rae Offutt
- Ruth Opp Steve Hartog
- Bonnie Wagner Cullen Fraundorfer



**September Birthdays**

- 1—D. Burkhardt
- 3—J. Fraundorfer
- 4—S. Lindner
- 5—A. Grafenstein
- 6—C. Miller
- D. Grow
- L. Beck
- 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
- 26—C. Hilgers
- 30—A. Ybarra



**DONUTS**

Donuts will be made on Wednesday, September 7th and 21st. Please call 218-233-1857 to place your orders. Donuts are to be picked up between 8:00 am and noon. The last day to place your order is the Monday before donuts are made. There is also a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



*Women of Grace*

**CALLING ALL WOMEN**

All Women of Grace are invited to attend the quarterly meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 11:15 am in the Lounge.

**LYDIA CIRCLE**

Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 pm at the home of J. Graning, 3918 6th street S in Moorhead. We would love for you to attend and become a part of our circle of friends. Any questions call, 233-1969.



**September Anniversaries**

- 2—Thomas & Patricia Newgard
- 5—Chet & Betty Naasz
- 16—Todd & Doyne Grow
- 27—Doug & Cheryl Borgen

**CONDOLENCE**

Our sympathies to D. Graning and family on the death of his mother on Thursday, August 25th.



## IMAGINE

By Del Larson, CLM

Imagine if you will a homeless person who has lived in shelter-care for over a year. Ryan has a bed, but in a room with 11 other men. He must guard all his valuables, which are in a garbage bag lying next to him. He must be up before 6:00 AM, clean his area on the floor, have breakfast, and leave the shelter by 8:00 AM except for the days he has chores. A

few of the men have jobs, but today he will go to Job-Ready to see if he can get work. A couple of his room-mates have given up trying to find work. Their bodies have been ravaged over the years from poor nutrition, disease, and some from overdoses of alcohol and drugs. Sometimes, these unwanted souls are the very ones that we see, and we believe they have created their own problems. We believe they are lazy and never could hold a job because of their attitude or drug disease.

Go back in time to the recession of the early 1080s. A young family of five, living in an apartment, struggle to survive. The father, a trained welder, has lost his job. No one is hiring. The mother, worked as a stylist, but all her earnings went for child care and groceries. To keep up with the rent payment, they sell their car for less than what it is worth. Mom takes the bus to her job, and dad searches for work. Soon dad is forced to stay at home with the children to save money and looks for work during the night. One night he gets mugged and is injured badly. His mind is not what it once was. A year later the wife and children leave and move back with her parents. That only lasts a few months before confrontation sends them on their way to a shelter. They are homeless. The children miss school too often and the toys they play with must be shared with other kids. When the youngest one, now 3, cries, the mother feels despair that her children must wait until 6:00 to get something to eat. Worn from weariness, she gets angry at the child, but knows there is nothing she can do. She has a

roof over her head and food a couple of times a day. She is alone and trust no one.

Back to the present, and that 5-year-old, named Ryan returns to the shelter by 4:00 PM to reclaim his bed for the night. No job today, but maybe tomorrow is his hope. Ryan's older brother died on the streets in his 20's and his sister is in prison for selling drugs. Ryan left the military in 2007. He was diagnosed with PTSD. He has spent time in treatment, but is very nervous and untrusting. He has worked a few jobs over the years, but just can't hold onto them.

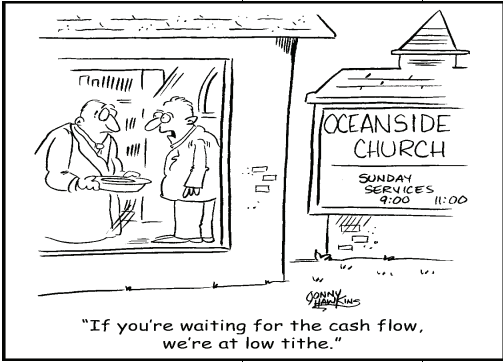

He is in the same place his mother and siblings were when he was young.

This was a story, perhaps true. Sometimes we judge when we shouldn't, and find our thoughts were wrong. Yes, there are some that could work and a few that take advantage of the system. However, most are truly needy people who are trying to get out of the deep hole of mental illness, uneducated, PTSD, and yes drugs caused by the previously mentioned causes. The cycle of life goes on. What if a church had stepped in when Ryan's father lost his job? What if someone would have helped with daycare? What if someone gave them a ride to work or helped the children with school work? One act of generosity can make a huge difference. A difference that can change a life for a life-time. I'm guessing that you are like me. You haven't gone broke by giving money to those in need. In fact, I know that I have wasted a lot more money on my children, or grandchildren, than what I have given to the poor. Those of you who know me, understand that I'll probably be busy my whole life; so if giving some of my time to serve those in need, might give me a few more days to finish what I didn't get done while helping others. Imagine if everyone just gave a little? What a difference we could make. Your generosity might make a difference for a child continuing a life of homelessness, or perhaps saving your life someday as an EMT, or as a mechanic finding a crack in a tire rod on your car. Your acts of generosity have profound affects on the world. What a feeling it is to help someone else. Feel the warmth of compassion by being generous. AMEN

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Thur, Sept 1	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16	Acts 13:1-12	John 9:1-17
Fri, Sept 2	am: 31, pm: 35	Job 19:1-7, 14-27	Acts 13:13-25	John 9:18-41
Sat, Sept 3	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Job 22:1-4, 21 23:1-7	Acts 13:26-43	John 10:1-18
Sun, Sept 4	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6	Rev 14:1-7, 13	Matt 5:13-20
Mon, Sept 5	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Job 32:1-10, 19, 33:1, 19-28	Acts 13:44-52	John 10:19-30
Tue, Sept 6	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Job 29:1-20	Acts 14:1-18	John 10:31-42
Wed, Sept 7	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31	Acts 14:19-28	John 11:1-16
Thur, Sept 8	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	Job 29:1, 31:1-23	Acts 15:1-11	John 11:17-29
Fri, Sept 9	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Job 29:1, 31:24-40	Acts 15:12-21	John 11:30-44
Sat, Sept 10	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Job 38:1-17	Acts 15:22-35	John 11:45-54
Sun, Sept 11	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Job 38:1, 18-41	Rev 18:1-8	Matt 5:21-26
Mon, Sept 12	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Job 40:1-24	Acts 15:36-16:5	John 11:55-12:8
Tue, Sept 13	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Job 40:1, 41:1-11	Acts 16:6-15	John 12:9-19
Wed, Sept 14	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Job 42:1-17	Acts 16:16-24	John 12:20-26
Thur, Sept 15	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Job 28:1-28	Acts 16:25-40	John 12:27-36a
Fri, Sept 16	am: 69, pm: 73	Est 1:1-4, 10-19	Acts 17:1-15	John 12:36b-43
Sat, Sept 17	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Est 2:5-8, 15-23	Acts 17:16-34	John 12:44-50
Sun, Sept 18	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Est 3:1-4:3	Jam 1:19-27	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Mon, Sept 19	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	Est 4:4-17	Acts 18:1-11	Luke 1:1-4, 3:1-14
Tue, Sept 20	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Est 5:1-14	Acts 18:12-28	Luke 3:15-22
Wed, Sept 21	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Est 6:1-14	Acts 19:1-10	Luke 4:1-13
Thur, Sept 22	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	Est 7:1-10	Acts 19:11-20	Luke 4:14-30
Fri, Sept 23	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Est 8:1-8, 15-17	Acts 19:21-41	Luke 4:31-37
Sat, Sept 24	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Hos 1:1-2:1	Acts 20:1-16	Luke 4:38-44
Sun, Sept 25	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Hos 2:2-14	Jam 3:1-13	Matt 13:44-52
Mon, Sept 26	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Hos 2:14-23	Acts 20:17-38	Luke 5:1-11
Tue, Sept 27	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	Hos 4:1-10	Acts 21:1-14	Luke 5:12-26
Wed, Sept 28	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	Hos 4:11-19	Acts 21:15-26	Luke 5:27-39
Thur, Sept 29	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Hos 5:8-6:6	Acts 21:27-36	Luke 6:1-11
Fri, Sept 30	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Hos 10:1-15	Acts 21:37-22:16	Luke 6:12-26

# Grace United Methodist

## September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>1:30 pm</b> Martha Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> HCI Strategy Planning	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 16th Sunday after Pentecost  <b>10:00 am</b> Worship	<b>Labor Day</b>   <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>7</b>  <b>6:00 am</b> Donut Making <b>6:15 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>8</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 17th Sunday after Pentecost  <b>Kick-off Sunday</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Potluck Dinner & Carnival	<b>12</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>13</b>  <b>6:00 pm</b> HCI	<b>14</b>  <b>6:15 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>15</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>6:00 pm</b> Pastor Roger @ Citizens Police Academy <b>7:00 pm</b> Lydia Circle at J. Graning's	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School <b>11:15 am</b> All Women of Grace - Lounge	<b>19</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>6:00 am</b> Donut Making <b>6:15 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>22</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>9:00 am</b> Parkview Terrace <b>10:00 am</b> Golden Living <b>6:00 pm</b> Pastor Roger @ Citizens Police	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>26</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>6:15 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group <b>7:15 PM</b> Choir	<b>29</b>  <b>8:30 am</b> District Committee Meeting <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>6:00 pm</b> Pastor Roger @ Citizens Police Academy	<b>30</b>	



## KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Kick-off Sunday is September 13th. This is the day that we kick off Sunday School for the adults and children for the new year. A potluck dinner will follow Worship Services.

### Rally Day

Please bring a family size dish to share as this takes the place of the fellowship coffee. Following the potluck carnival activities will be set up outside for kids to enjoy. Feel free to wear your favorite sports team jersey.

## NEEDED

One nice person is wanted to help represent Grace UMC at the Auxiliary Meetings at the New Life Center. The Auxiliary meet once a month. Please contact S. Mohr or J. Oelke for more information. You will receive many blessing each month.

## CHURCHES UNITED

Churches United needs all kinds and sizes of underwear and socks for men, women, and children. Please continue sending toiletries. They can be dropped off in the box in narthex.

## CHOIR

**WANTED:** Choir Members—  
whereabouts unknown

**LAST SEEN:** Hiding out in the congregation.

**DESCRIPTION:** Male and female,  
young and old, musical and cheerful, may be armed and desperate for a robe

**REWARD:** "Give and you shall receive."

**SURRENDER TO:** Your friendly choir Director.



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