

Events for the week of September 21—September 28, 2014

Sunday, September 21, 2014—15th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School

Monday, September 22, 2014

- 1:00 PM Quilting

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

- 7:15 PM Choir
- 7:30 PM Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

- 6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir
- 6:30 PM AWANA

Thursday, September 25, 2014

- 9:00 AM District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Friday, September 26, 2014

Saturday, September 27, 2014

- 9:00 AM Hands 4 Serving Day
Healthy Church Initiative Team—Twin Cities

Sunday, September 28, 2014—16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 AM All Women of Grace meeting—Lounge

North Star District Prayer List for this week includes:
Litchfield UMC—Bill Kerr

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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



Reach • Renew • Rejoice is a Minnesota Conference initiative to fund a 7-year plan for congregational development. As spiritual vision partners, our church can support this effort in many ways.

RENEW

Isaiah 40:31

Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People
Organist: Mark Forkner
Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl
Scripture Reader: Angie Horn

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein
Violinist: Kay Forkner
Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud
Ushers: Mike Hamm and
Lee Jensen

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 21, 2014 15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM

Nurturing Hope - Building Christ-like Community

*You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.
We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.*

RENEW SUNDAY

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Three Chimes call us to our gathering announcements and worship.

Gathering & Announcements

*Indicates those able may stand

**PRELUDE: “Strength Is Perfect” Piano/Organ Duet
“On Eagle’s Wings” arr. J. Wilson**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.
For those who sat under death’s shadow, light has dawned.
When Jesus began his ministry he proclaimed, ‘Repent, the
kingdom of heaven has come near.’” (Matthew 4:16-17)

We gather to turn toward Jesus.

We gather to turn our lives over to God.

We gather to turn over our worries and pain.

We gather to turn over our hopes and dreams.

**We gather to turn our attention and devotion toward God’s
plans for us.**

May we sense God’s leading.

May we be faithful to God’s life-giving call. Amen.

***HTMN: - #98 (Blue Hymnal) “To God Be the Glory”**

TO HEAR GOD’S WORD & RESPOND

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:27-31 (NRSV)

**SUNG RESPONSE: - #143 (Blue Hymnal)
“On Eagle’s Wings” (refrain)**

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

HYMN: #368 (Blue Hymnal) “My Hope Is Built”

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:12-17 & 5:1-10 (NRSV)

CHOIR: “Thanks Be To God” by Stanley Dickson

MESSAGE: “Time for Renewal”

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND SHARED PRAYERS: -

*(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping
it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)*

THE LORDS PRAYER:- #895 (Blue Hymnal)

OFFERTORY: “Love of God” - Sharon Fangsrud, soloist

DOXOLOGY: #95 (Blue Hymnal) “Praise God”

***HYMN: - # 2173 (Black Hymnal) “Shine, Jesus Shine”**

TO BE SENT FORTH

***BLESSING:**

Go forth with grateful hearts for all God has already given you.

**We give thanks for God’s goodness. We seek to serve God
and support our church through our prayers, presence, gifts,
service and witness.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in
Christ, strengthen us all and keep us hope-filled and faithful.

Amen.

***RESPONSE: #673 (Blue Hymnal) (vv. 1 & 3)**

“God Be with You...”

POSTLUDE:

*All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the
book on the desk in the narthex.*

MEMBERS: Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the
pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the
sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be pro-
tected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address.
If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not
necessary to write it in again.

VISITORS: Please fill out a yellow card found in the
pew and place it in the offering place.