

Events for the week of September 28—October 5, 2014
Sunday, September 28, 2014—16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, September 29, 2014

- 1:00 PM NO Quilting

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

- 6:00 AM Donut Making
7:15 PM Choir

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

- 6:00 AM Donut Making
6:15 PM Hand Bell Choir
6:30 PM AWANA

Thursday, October 2, 2014

- 6:00 AM Donut Making
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry

Friday, October 3, 2014

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Sunday, October 5, 2014—17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

North Star District Prayer List for this week includes:
Peace United—Long Prairie—Gary Taylor

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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.

REJOICE

I Thessalonians 5:16-19

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People
Organist: Mark Forkner
Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl
Scripture Reader: Judith Eide

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein
Violinist: Kay Forkner
Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud
Ushers: Jerry Eide

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 28, 2014 16th 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.*

REJOICE 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:

***CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 92:1-5a**

“What a beautiful thing to offer thanks to God.

What is more uplifting than an anthem sung to our Lord?

God announces love for the world each dawn.

Why not sing and offer our praise all day and into the night?

Our Lord has given us happiness—endless daily joys.

How magnificent is God’s work!”

Let our hearts be glad. Let our eyes see God’s blessings all around.

All thanks be to God. Amen.

***HYMN: - #92 (Blue Hymnal) “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

PRAYER:

God of great rejoicing, let us always be rooted in you so that we may live in you and you in us. Bless us so that your grace may overflow through us, allowing us to bear your fruit to a hurting and hope-starved world. As we wander, prune us of all that inhibits your growth in us. Let us do nothing apart from you so that your joy may be complete in us. May the promise of Christ’s life be known by the dance of our lives! Amen.

(used w/permission - Graham Standish, ‘Becoming a Blessed Church’)

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS:

HYMN: #2036 (Black Hymnal) “Give Thanks”

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-7 (NRSV)

CHOIR: “I’ve Got to Raise a Song of Praise”

MESSAGE: “Rejoice: Say ‘Yes’ to God’s Purposes”

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:

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

TO BE SENT FORTH

***HYMN: - #715 (Blue Hymnal) “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**

***BLESSING: Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always.

Again I will say Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything.

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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 protected 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.