

Light of Grace

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Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

One of the evenings during Vacation Bible School all the kids and leaders were asked to sit in the front two pews. Then a list was shared with an invitation to move back a pew if: "I have stolen something from someone." "I have lied." "I have cheated." "I have been mean to another person." The list went on. The children and leaders moved back pew by pew.

In church-talk, the list was a "litany of sins." It was a reminder that we all make mistakes and fail from time to time. Relationships are harmed. We feel heavy. It moves us further from the God who made us and loves us. So, together we simply acknowledged what we already knew—we are less than perfect.

Then the lights were dimmed. Kids were given glow sticks and a lovely, gentle song was played: "Rescue Me" worth a listen click on the link if you are receiving this newsletter via e-mail. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJes6qZMGBc>

During the middle of the song a Jesus figure carried a cross to the front of the sanctuary. The reminder was issued—Jesus Rescues us from our failings. Come up to the front of the church because you are loved. My prayer is that the moment will be a life lesson that sticks with those at VBS, and you as you imagine the moment. Unfortunately we sometimes do

things that we don't feel very good about. But, Jesus' love lights the way and calls us back. Actually every night VBS had some reminders that Life isn't easy, but Jesus Rescues.



It's a powerful message worth repeating—even now that VBS 2018 is over. We live in a hurting world longing for hope and healing. I invite you to: 1) pause to think of a way Jesus has been hope and healing for you. Have a private moment of thanks. Then, 2) make a commitment to be part of Grace Church offering hope and healing to the world. September nears—Kick Off Sunday for Sunday School September 9th, choir resuming, small groups resuming, oodles of ways to support one another and support the ministries of Grace UMC.

Now that you've thanked God for being your hope and healing, made a commitment to being part of God's hope and healing for the world, I invite you to

3) conclude your prayer by asking God how you can be part of another's hope and healing. (And if you haven't clicked on the link for the song or gone to you YouTube to type in Rescue Me Shipwrecked VBS remember to do so. The song will bless your heart).

I look forward to seeing you at church. I also would love to hear a story of how Jesus has "rescued you" along life's journey.

Blessings,

Pastor Roger



PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)**
- Elouise Brendemuhl (Kinder Care)**
- Tom Collins (Eventide)**
- Mary J. Phillips**
- Jeanne Schwager (Bethany)**
- Clara Krook (Bethany)**
- Eleanor Payton (Eventide)**
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)**
- Reeta Herman (Fairmont)**
- Pat Walter (Elim)**
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)**
- Roger Helland (Eventide)**
- Ruth Opp (Edgewood Vista)**
- Al Maksymchuk (Bethany on 42nd)**
- Jim Jameson (River Pointe)**
- Leonard Wollitz (Eventide)**

PRAYER LIST at Home

- Vicky Westra ArNetta Monge
- Kitty Reed David Reed
- Roger Richman Eddie Ybarra
- Kiara Reed Jerry Eide
- Amy Erickson Caliann Gedrose
- Shirley Mohr Grant Mohr



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 (Sept/Mar) TEAM coordinators are L. and P. Horner and R. and B. Christopherson

- 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— D. & Maag
- 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. Naasz
- 218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe

DONUTS



Buttermilk Donuts will be made on September 5th and 19th. To place an order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- 1—D. Burkhardt
- 3—J. Fraundorfer
- 4—S. Lindner
- 5—A. Grafenstein
- 6—C. Miller
- D. Grow
- L. Beck
- 12—M. Gumto
- 13—B. Hanna
- 14—P. Anderson
- 16—B. Rowand
- 19—T. Collins
- J. Schwager
- S. Fraundorfer
- 20—P. Newgard
- M. Larson
- 30—A. Ybarra



SALES OPPORTUNITY

Grace will be having a sales table at the Moorhead Center Mall's Church Bazaar on November 9th and 10th. This will be an opportunity to sell craftss, baked goods and james with the income going to Grace Ministries. If you are working towards selling items for your Grace Talent Project this is a great venue . Everyone is invited to take part. If you have questions, contact J. Graning, 218-233-1969.

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries



- 2—T. & P. Newgard
- 16—T. & D. Grow
- 27—D. & C. Borgen

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday is October 7th. around the world. Your giving provides scholarship for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. Please note World Communion Sunday on the memo line of your check.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

July

INCOME: \$ 10,551.47
EXPENSES: \$ 10,969.20
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 213.34



FINANCIAL UPDATE

August

INCOME: \$ 6,971.79
EXPENSES: \$ 11,052/33
APPORTIONMENTS: \$ 38.34



GOD IS CALLING

Del Larson

While unpacking boxes in our new apartment, I thought that I had thinned my collection of books by giving some away. However, I found that I must not have been in the right frame of mind to get rid of many books. I found a first edition of Norman Vincent Peale's book, *The Power of Positive Thinking*. First written in 1952, a year after my birth, I sat for a long time trying to remember where this book came from and why did I keep it. My conclusion was Eleanor Payton gave it to me when she moved to Eventide this spring. I opened the book to the third chapter, "How To Have Constant Energy." Being diagnosed by my wife with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) a few years after we were married, I was reminded of all the people who have told me that I am always on the go. As I would tell parents of ADHD children, they have their foot on the gas pedal and never on the brake. Now, as I ponder the later years of my life, I realize sitting still continues to be a problem, but now I'm looking for energy to accomplish all the things I feel called to do. Peale's book told the story of a major league baseball pitcher, who in one game, with the temperature soaring over triple digits, lost several pounds from his afternoon exertion. As the innings continued in the hot sun, he noticed his energy sagging. He remembered an Old Testament passage from Isaiah 40 and repeated it back before he pitched each inning: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." When I was younger, it felt like I could do anything and worked hard to accomplish all that needed to be done, plus a few other tasks. Today, the many plates that I balanced have diminished to one or two. I keep asking God, what is it that you want me to do, rather than tell God what I want. Thanks to my mentoring team here at

church, family, and friends, I've been reminded I can't do everything and do it well. Although God works often through other people to guide you, sometimes it takes time to see what God really wants from you. I have cut back with my ministry with seniors and at retirement homes, but what I find amazing is how others have stepped up to answer God's call. In fact, at one location, they found another pastor to cover one week of the month, and when I was gone the first couple of weeks in August for eye surgery, two residents volunteered to do testimonials. They heard the message from Mark's gospel this summer and came forth and shared God's word. Yes, it is true that we get slower as we age, but as long as we are on this earth, God has a purpose for us. Look at the wonderful ladies and men who make doughnuts so very early in the morning. It's hard to know what God wants from you when you struggle with issues, but when He asks you to do something, He is right there with us. God will never give you more than you can handle. As long as we are waiting for Heaven, all that we do should be to glorify God, not our selves. This book that suddenly appeared was God's assignment for me, to share with you. It was a whisper from God for me, so now I tap you on the shoulder. Now its your turn because God is calling you.



START COLLECTING!!

As part of the annual Women of Grace Fall Festival, we will open our Country Store of used items on October 13th. Please bring books, household, holiday décor, toys, jewelry, stationery, dishes, kitchen items, and furniture. Items not sold will be donated to the New Life Center. Please NO clothing. Bring your items to the old coat closet next to the kitchen.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sat, Sept 1	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	Job 9:1, 10:1-9, 16-22	Acts 11:1-18	John 8:12-20
Sun, Sept 2	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	Job 11:1-9, 13-20	Rev 5:1-14	Matt 5:1-12
Mon, Sept 3	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Job 12:1-6, 13-25	Acts 11:19-30	John 8:21-32
Tue, Sept 4	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27	Acts 12:1-17	John 8:33-47
Wed, Sept 5	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	Job 12:1, 14:1-22	Acts 12:18-25	John 8:47-59
Thur, Sept 6	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 7	am: 31, pm: 35	Job 19:1-7, 14-27	Acts 13:13-25	John 9:18-41
Sat, Sept 8	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	Job 22:1-4, 21 23:1-7	Acts 13:26-43	John 10:1-18
Sun, Sept 9	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6	Rev 14:1-7, 13	Matt 5:13-20
Mon, Sept 10	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Job 32:1-10, 19, 33:1, 19-28	Acts 13:44-52	John 10:19-30
Tue, Sept 11	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Job 29:1-20	Acts 14:1-18	John 10:31-42
Wed, Sept 12	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 3	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	Job 29:1, 31:1-23	Acts 15:1-11	John 11:17-29
Fri, Sept 14	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Job 29:1, 31:24-40	Acts 15:12-21	John 11:30-44
Sat, Sept 15	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Job 38:1-17	Acts 15:22-35	John 11:45-54
Sun, Sept 16	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Job 38:1, 18-41	Rev 18:1-8	Matt 5:21-26
Mon, Sept 17	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Job 40:1-24	Acts 15:36-16:5	John 11:55-12:8
Tue, Sept 18	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Job 40:1, 41:1-11	Acts 16:6-15	John 12:9-19
Wed, Sept 19	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Job 42:1-17	Acts 16:16-24	John 12:20-26
Thur, Sept 20	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Job 28:1-28	Acts 16:25-40	John 12:27-36a
Fri, Sept 21	am: 69, pm: 73	Est 1:1-4, 10-19	Acts 17:1-15	John 12:36b-43
Sat, Sept 22	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Est 2:5-8, 15-23	Acts 17:16-34	John 12:44-50
Sun, Sept 23	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Est 3:1-4:3	Jam 1:19-27	Matt 6:1-6, 16-18
Mon, Sept 24	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	Est 4:4-17	Acts 18:1-11	Luke 1:1-4, 3:1-14
Tue, Sept 25	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Est 5:1-14	Acts 18:12-28	Luke 3:15-22
Wed, Sept 26	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Est 6:1-14	Acts 19:1-10	Luke 4:1-13
Thur, Sept 27	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	Est 7:1-10	Acts 19:11-20	Luke 4:14-30
Fri, Sept 28	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Est 8:1-8, 15-17	Acts 19:21-41	Luke 4:31-37
Sat, Sept 29	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Hos 1:1-2:1	Acts 20:1-16	Luke 4:38-44
Sun, Sept 30	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Hos 2:2-14	Jam 3:1-13	Matt 13:44-52

Grace United Methodist

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	3	4 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	5 6:00 am Donut Making	6 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle	7	8
9 16th Sunday after Pentecost Kick-off Sunday 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am Peace Financial University Preview	10 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm MD/MS Caregivers	11 6:30 pm Operations and Resources and Vision and Ministry	12 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Choir	13 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Scouts	14	15
16 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School 11:00 am Peace Financial University Preview 11:15 am All Women of Grace - Lounge	17 1:00 pm Quilting	18	19 6:00 am Donut Making 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Choir	20 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Lydia Circle at J. Graning's 7:00 pm Scouts	21	22
23 18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	24 1:00 pm Quilting	25	26 5:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm Choir	27 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Parkview Terrace 10:00 am Golden Living	28	29
30 19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School						

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

"I am tired of living from paycheck to paycheck." "There's no money left in my checking account, where did it all go?" "How am I going to afford to live when I reach retirement?"

We will have a preview, which lasts about half an hour, after church on Sunday, Sept. 9, and again on Sunday, Sept 16, so you can grab some treats and join us to learn more about what the process looks like. Our hope is that you will consider a transformation that may lead you to be able to live your dreams and away from living a nightmare. If you have any questions about this class, feel free to visit with T. or D. Grow, or email them to our FPU mailbox at moorheadgraceFPU@gmail.com.

FALL FESTIVAL



The Women of Grace Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13th. Doors will be open from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch of homemade soup, sandwich, and dessert will be served from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Donations of craft items, bake sale goods, desserts and Country Store used items are needed. For questions, call P. Murray, J. Graning or J. Anderson.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school registration will be done on Sunday, September 9th.

- o Please come visit the classrooms and fill out family information forms.
- o Classes will continue on Sundays following the Children's Moments in worship

graceKIDS Youth Night will be on Wednesday the 12th

- o Each night will start with supper at 5:30, Worship Gathering experience at 6:00 pm and programming at 6:30-7:30
- o Youth Night is for 7th grade and older
- o Family nights for all ages PLUS families will be the 12th, 26th, October 10th and 24th.
- o Family night will be every other Wednesday and specified on our monthly calendars.

We are always looking for volunteers to be the 2nd "helper" in each class. Please contact S Grow if this interests you.

MORE NEWS TO COME

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