

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

First, **thank you for celebrating the anniversary of my 30th year in ministry with me.** I deeply appreciated all the good wishes, those who served the cake, and so many of you who shared ways God has changed and blessed your lives over the years.

For instance, J. Graning shared that over the years God has taught her it's important to *"focus what really matters in life...loving and serving others. Even doing little things matters to someone. 'If you can't be the rock, be the ripple.'"* Rev. J. Jameson shared, *"when I think I've done something really meaningful I feel the nudge that reminds me to say, 'Thank you Lord!'"* None of our journeys through life is exactly the same. What is the same is that God is always near—teaching, growing and changing us.

I'm thankful for all those who wrote down thoughts on how God has changed, transformed and grown them over the years. We'll have a chance to hear more thoughts from the people of Grace in September as we focus on "The Difference It Makes" to follow Jesus. A great question for everyone who seeks to follow Jesus is "What difference does Jesus want to make in my life?"

We live in a world that is challenging. Many days, the United States doesn't feel united. The United Methodist Church sometimes feels more "untied than united." We're always living in the aftermath of the last mass shooting it seems. Being bullied for kids, and adults, has become a 24/7 experience with the

advent of social media. Plus, there are all the familiar challenges of making a living, healing relationships, overcoming illnesses and coping with losses. Plus, we're in the middle of an excruciatingly long election cycle. Life has never been easy, but for many it's seeming less easy of late. Maybe it's a perfect time to re-connect with our roots: During September we'll ask God, "What difference do you want to make in my life and the world?"

Grace Children's Sunday School will be focused on a similar theme in September: How to 1) read the Bible, 2) build a devotional life rooted in God's word, and 3) know where to turn in the Bible when facing challenges.

I believe God has a word to sustain, comfort and guide us in these challenging times. I believe we hear that word best by sharing, listening and growing together. I hope to you see you at worship as we kick off Fall 2019 at Grace.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Roger





PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities

- Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)
- Clara Krook (Bethany)
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
- Reeta Herman (Eventide)
- Pat Walter (Elim)
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)
- Roger Helland (Eventide)
- Myrna Swan (Elim)
- Don Walter (Elim)
- Al Maksymchuk (Bethany on 42nd)
- Marilyn Wollitz (Fairmont)

PRAYER LIST at Home

- ArNetta Monge Caliann Gedrose
- Jean Mann Myron Mann



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 N. and S. Grow, 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—A. Maas
- 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
- 701-306-1705—L. Smith
- 218-236-7848—I. Smith



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 1—D. Burkhardt
- 3—J. Fraundorfer
- 4—S. Lindner
- 5—A. Grafenstein
- 6—C. Miller
- D. Grow
- 8 - M. Larson
- 10 - C. Gedrose
- 12—M. Gumto
- 13—B. Hanna
- 14—P. Anderson
- 16—B. Rowand
- 19— S. Fraundorfer
- 20—P. Newgard
- 24 - Z. Brown
- M. Chandler
- 26 - L. Beck
- 30—A. Ybarra



DONUTS

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on Wednesday, September 4th, and September 18th 2019.

To place your order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857, the Monday prior to the day donuts are made. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



Women of Grace

ALL WOMEN

All Women of Grace are invited to attend the fall meeting on Sunday, September 29th at 11:15 am in the Lounge.



SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

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



The Office will be closed Monday, September 2nd.



LOVE BOLDLY

We have received a "Love Boldly" grant from the Minnesota Annual Conference, to use for sending a message of welcoming to our neighbors and community. We have designed new banners and a door hanger with the message of: "Loving God and Neighbor, you are welcome at Grace United Methodist Church".

You can get involved in this exciting project by helping on Wed., Sept. 4th at 6:00 PM, to deliver the door hangers to the neighborhoods, 3 blocks west and 3 blocks south of Grace. You can sign up in the Narthex or call Jean Graning at 233-1969, Phyllis Murray at 236-0141, or Pastor Roger at 233-1857. We have approximately 400 homes to reach with our message and fall events. You will receive a map of the blocks you will canvas and the door hangers. The more people we have, the less work it will be, so please consider this opportunity for Grace's mission of being "A church of the neighborhood".

There will also be flyers available for you to take and give to people you know on the table in the Narthex.

CAREGIVERS

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is a free workshop being presented at Touchmark at Harwood Groves on Wednesdays, September 11th - October 16th at 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

QUILTERS



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilters will resume quilting on Monday Afternoons at 1:00 pm on September 9th. There is a lot of fabric to sew and your help is needed. Please come and join in the fellowship of making quilts.

START COLLECTING

As part of the annual Women of Grace Fall Festival, we will open our Country Store of used items on October 12. Please bring books, household and holiday décor, toys, jewelry, stationery, dishes, kitchen items, and furniture. Items not sold will be donated to the New Life Center. NO clothing. Bring your items to the former coat closet next to the kitchen pantry.



FALL FESTIVAL

The Women of Grace Fall Festival will be held on Sat., October 12. Doors will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch of homemade soup, sandwich, and dessert will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Soup will be sold by the quart and pint. We need your donations of silent auction items, craft items, bake sale goods, desserts and Country Store used items. A sign-up sheet to help during the event or bring a 9X13 pan of dessert is on the table in the gathering space. Join in the fellowship by helping. As this event is a major fundraiser for Grace, we encourage your support and attendance to this event. Be sure to invite your friends. For questions, please contact P. Murray, J. Graning or J. Anderson.

Silent Auction: If you have a unique item – one that will have no competition from our general craft sale – please let Judith know: juditheide@midco.net. Example of silent auction items: art work, unique books, hand carved items, services such as a home cooked dinner for x number of people, x number of hours babysitting or dog walking. Please indicate your reserve – the minimum acceptable bid – to start the bidding. You may bring your items or description of service, clearly marked "Silent Auction" to the church during set-up on Fri., Oct 11.

SALES OPPORTUNITY



Grace will be having a sales table at the Moorhead Center Mall's Church Bazaar on Nov. 8 and 9. This will be an opportunity to sell crafts, baked goods and jams. Everyone is invited to take part. If you have questions, contact J. Graning, 218-233-1969.

KICK-OFF SUNDAY



Sunday, September 8th is Rally Day which is the start of a new year of teaching and learning in Sunday School. This is a day to celebrate the ministry of Christian education.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Sep 1	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	1 Kng 8:22-40	1 Tim 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon, Sep 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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion	2 Office Closed	3	4 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm Door Hanger Distribution 7:00 pm Choir	5 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 1:30 pm Martha Circle 5:30 pm Cub Scouts Welcome Potluck	6	7 Financial Peace University Preview
8 13th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Sunday 9:00 am Financial Peace Information Session 10:00 am Worship 10:15 am Children's Sunday School	9 1:00 pm Quilters	10 6:30 pm Vision and Operations and Resources Committee	11 6:00 pm GraceKids Ministry 7:00 pm Choir	12 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 12:00 pm Break Through Workshop @ Hubbard	13 9:00 am Break Through Workshop @ Hubbard	14 9:00 am Financial Peace University
15 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 Children's Sunday School Bible Sunday	16 1:00 pm Quilters	17	18 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm GraceKids Ministry 7:00 pm Choir	19 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 7:00 pm Lydia Circle	20	21
22 15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 Children's Sunday	23 1:00 pm Quilters	24 Newsletter deadline 6:30 PM Active Shooter Presentation	25 6:00 pm GraceKids Ministry 7:00 pm Choir	26 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Parkview Terrace 10:00 am Moorhead Rehab Center	27	28
29 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 10:15 Children's Sunday School 11:15 am All Women of Grace - Lounge	30 1:00 pm Quilters					



ARE YOU PREPARED?

“Save the date, Tuesday, Sept. 24th at 6:30 PM at Grace. A presentation by Lt. Chris Carey, Moorhead Police dept., on “Preparing for the Active Shooter”. Knowing the 5 stages of an Active Shooter can assist in prevention. How to harden a target, and prevent from being a target of a Shooter in your business, church, or out in the community. RUN-HIDE-FIGHT!”

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

- Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!
- "Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken." (Bill Dodds)
- Receiving new textbooks, one student to another: "Psst. How do you turn this thing on?"
- Parent: "What did you learn today?" Kindergartner: "Not enough, I have to go back tomorrow."



LABOR OF LOVE

During Labor Day weekend worship many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs - pastor, missionary, bishop - are holier than others. But in his classic book *the Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God]," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name to his glory is holy.

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