

# Light of Grace

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

## Dear Friends,

Lately, I find myself thinking about the people I've had the privilege to share life with over the years. Moments of ministry, moments of laughter and tears, moments of giving and receiving. I shared at our last leadership team meeting that I recently remembered Delores Enker's words to me at a time when I was carrying a burden. Her words were perfect and the way she spoke them was gracious. Most importantly, she reminded me I would be in her prayers. My hope is always that there are times in my ministry with others that I will have the needed words, graciousness with others, and most importantly that others will know they are in my prayers. As Jesus' followers we are called to create relationships and communities where kind words, deep grace and caring prayer abound.

I am blessed to have seven more Sundays with you. I've no doubt many memories will be coming to my mind, along with prayers for Grace's ongoing ministry. My prayers now include Pastor Taylor and his family. In fact, we had them over at the parsonage a few days ago: a chance for me to share with Pastor Taylor and answer questions he might have, and a chance for my wife to visit with Kiersten and to open the cedar chest to pull out toys for their son Dexson to play with, toys that our grandkids also like to play with. I am sure their family will be a blessing to Grace.

During the month of May I'll have a sermon series entitled "Your Part in God's Family." We all have multiple roles to play as brothers and sisters in the family of Christ. Many roles are tied to giving and receiving.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – We Are Guides and Guided  
May 9<sup>th</sup> – We Are Children and Parents (nurtured and nurturers)  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – We Are Family Together or Distanced  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> – We Are Passionate and Gentle  
May 30<sup>th</sup> – We Remember and Hope

One of the things I remember at Grace is when the boiler went down in the midst of adding an accessible bathroom, automatic accessible outside entrance doors and carpeting. Grace paid for the boiler but ending up needing to take out a loan as well. Now we are in the midst of a different struggle with the pandemic. As I remember I have hope for Grace's future, because I also remember just last month, in the midst of the pandemic, Grace paid off the loan, the last \$9,800 in a lump sum. This last year Grace has also paid off many of the city's special assessments on the property. Your faithful giving and belief in the future has made that possible, along with two special gifts of stock—one \$65,000 in 2020 and one \$40,000 in 2021. To me those are signs of hope, signs that God has a future for Grace—specific ministries Grace needs to do in this world to bless others and remind them they are part brothers and sisters in Christ's family—even if they don't know it yet. I look forward to seeing you online or in-person (albeit masked) at worship.

God's Peace,

Pastor Roger





**PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities**

**Peggy Anderson (R.E.M. House)**  
**Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)**  
**Pat Walter (Villa Marie)**  
**Don Walter (Villa Marie)**

**PRAYER LIST at Home**

**Carol Devine Linda Beck**  
**Luann Larson Del Larson**  
**Richard Wagner John Fraundorfer**  
**Eddie Ybarra Myron Mann**  
**Rick Abel Laura Roppe**  
**Amanda Larson Lynette Andel**  
**Harvey Beck Bob Wright**



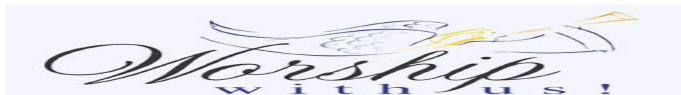
**Ministry TEAM Program. A Way of Being the Church at GUMC! The TEAM's mission is to provide ushers, greeters, opening welcome and readers to our congregation. TEAM # 2 (May/Nov). TEAM coordinators are J. & J. Eide**

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218-236-5753—P. & K. Anderson  
218-287-1676—I. Beving  
218-233-8038—G. Clifton  
218-287-1969—B. & J. Fraundorfer & Family  
701-541-2490—S. & L. Gedrose & Family  
218-233-4054—L. Jensen  
218-233-8746—B. Johnson  
218-236-1747—C. Ladwig  
218-233-3888—E. Volbrecht  
218-233-5392—D. Williams



**May Birthdays**

- 1—B. Krogen
- 2—K. Anderson
- 3—A. Gumto
- 4—J. Miller
- 6—O. Larson
- 8 - L. Dick
- 14—J. Burkhardt  
W. Brown
- 15—J. Gould
- 19—E. Vollbrecht
- 24—L. Andel
- 25—T. Schindler
- 29—M. Burkhardt
- 30—N. Grow
- 31—C. Naasz



**WORSHIP AT GRACE**

**FACEBOOK: Grace UM Church Moorhead**  
**LIVESTREAM: Roger Grafenstein**

**WORSHIP ALSO ON THE WEBSITE**

**Kids Devotions on the Website**  
**and on**

**FACEBOOK: Grace UM Church Moorhead**

**LECTINARY TEXTS**

- May 2 - Acts 8:26-40, Ps 22:25-31; I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
- May 9 - Acts 10:44-48; Ps 98; I John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
- May 16 - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1; I John 5:9-13; John 17:6-9
- May 23 - Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Rom 8:22-27;  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
- May 30 - Isa 6:1-8; Ps 29; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

**May Anniversaries**



- 22—B. & Z. Hanna
- 27—R. & C. Abel
- 31—V. & S. Fangsrud

**MOWING**



Spring rain brings green grass and lawn mowing. If you can mow the Church lawn, please call the church office, 218-233-1857 to schedule a time.



## OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2021 Offutt Scholarship are now available. These scholarships are available to members of Grace UMC and their families for post-secondary education for the coming academic year. Applications are due in the office by July 1, 2021. These funds are generated by a generous gift from the Ron and Lidia Offutt family to the Grace UMC Endowment Fund. The applications are available on the Church website:

[www.graceumcmoorhead.org](http://www.graceumcmoorhead.org). under forms. If you have any questions about the Scholarships or about the Grace UMC Endowment and its activities, please contact P. Anderson.

## GRADUATION



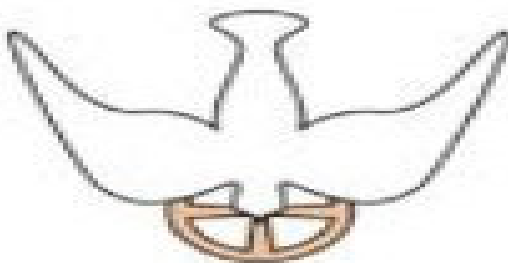
Congratulations to all the students who are graduating in May.

Please let the office know by May 21st if anyone in your family is graduating to be listed in the June

Newsletter. We wish all graduates much success on their future plans of furthering their education or beginning their working career.

## DESCENDING DOVE

The descending dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. "As soon as Jesus was baptized, he ...saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove" (Matthew 3:16, NIV). The three-rayed nimbus around the dove's head identifies the Spirit as a member of the Trinity. A dove shown without the nimbus is a symbol of peace.



## AN UNFORGETTABLE DATE

A woman told her husband, George, that she wanted him to take another woman on a date. "I love you," she said, "but the woman I have in mind loves you, too, and needs to spend some time with you. It's your mother."

Dutifully, George called his mom and made a date. For the special evening, she chose the dress she'd worn to the last anniversary she and her late husband had celebrated. Mother and son enjoyed chatting so much that they missed their movie. Both left feeling joyous and fulfilled.

Sadly, George's mother died only a few days after their date. He was so happy he'd been able to spend that special time with her.

Right before she died, George's mother sent him this note: "enclosed are two prepaid tickets for you to have dinner where we had such a pleasant evening together. You'll never know what that night meant for me. I love you, Son."

## SEVEN THINGS YOU'LL NEVER REGRET



1. Feeling reverence for your Maker.
2. Showing kindness to an aged person.
3. Destroying a letter - or not sending an e-mail - written in anger.
4. Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
5. Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
6. Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
7. Accepting the judgment of God on any question.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sat, May 1	am: 55; pm: 138	Exod 40:18-38	1 Thess 4:1-12	Matt 5:38-48
Sun, May 2	am: 24, 29; pm: 8, 84	Lev 8:1-13, 30-36	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 4:16-30
Mon, May 3	am: 56, 57, 58; pm: 64, 65	Lev 16:1-19	1 Thess 4:13-18	Matt 6:1-15
Tues, May 4	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Lev 16:20-34	1 Thess 5:1-11	Matt 6:16-18
Wed, May 5	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Lev 19:1-8	1 Thess 5:12-28	Matt 6:19-24
Thur, May 6	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Lev 19:26-37	2 Thess 1:1-12	Matt 6:25-34
Fri, May 7	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	Lev 23:1-22	2 Thess 2:1-17	Matt 7:1-12
Sat, May 8	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Lev 23:23-44	2 Thess 3:1-18	Matt 7:13-21
Sun, May 9	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Lev 25:1-17	James 1:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Mon, May 10	am: 80, pm: 77, 79	Lev 25:35-55	James 1:12-18	Matt 13:1-16
Tue, May 11	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Lev 26:1-20	1 Tim 2:1-6	Matt 13:18-23
Wed, May 12	am: 119:97-120, pm: 68:1-20	Lev 26:27-42	Eph 1:1-10	Matt 22:41-46
Thur, May 13	am: 8, 47, pm: 24, 96	Dan 7:9-14	Heb 2:5-18	Matt 28:16-20
Fri, May 14	am: 85, 86, pm: 91, 92	1 Sam 2:1-10	Eph 2:1-10	Matt 7:22-27
Sat, May 15	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Num 11:16-17, 24-29	Eph 2:11-22	Matt 7:28-8:4
Sun, May 16	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Exod 3:1-12	Heb 12:18-29	Matt 10:17-24
Mon, May 17	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Josh 1:1-9	Eph 3:1-13	Matt 8:5-17
Tue, May 17	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	1 Sam 16:1-13	Eph 3:14-21	Matt 8:18-27
Wed, May 19	am: 101,109:1-30, pm: 119:121-144	Isa 4:2-6	Eph 4:1-16	Matt 8:28-34
Thur, May 20	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	Zech 4:1-14	Eph 4:17-32	Matt 9:1-8
Fri, May 21	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	Jere 31:27-34	Eph 5:1-20	Matt 9:9-17
Sat, May 22	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	Eze 36:22-27	Eph 6:10-24	Matt 9:18-26
Sun, May 23	am: 118, pm: 145	Deut 16:9-12	Acts 4:18-33	John 4:19-26
Mon, May 24	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4,7	Prov 3:11-20	1 John 3:19-4:6	Matt 11:1-6
Tue, May 25	am: 5,6, pm: 10, 11	Prov 4:1-27	1 John 4:7-21	Matt 11:7-15
Wed, May 26	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	Prov 6:1-19	1 John 5:1-12	Matt 11:16-24
Thur, May 27	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	Prov 7:1-27	1 John 5:13-21	Matt 11:25-30
Fri, May 28	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	Prov 8:1-21	2 John 1-13	Matt 12:1-14
Sat, May 29	am: 20, 21:1-14, pm: 104	Prov 8:22-36	3 John 1-15	Matt 12:15-21
Sun, May 30	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5	Rev 19:4-6	John 1:29-34
Mon, May 31	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	Prov 10:1-12	1 Tim 1:1-17	Matt 12:22-32

# Grace United Methodist

## May 2021

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<b>2</b> 5th Sunday of Easter <b>10:00 am</b> in person Worship w/ Communion or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	3	4	<b>5</b> Pastor leads District Committee Interviews - out of the office	6	7	8
<b>9</b> 6th Sunday of Easter <b>10:00 am</b> in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship  Happy Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>16</b> 7th Sunday of Easter <b>10:00 am</b> in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	17	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Vision and Operations and Resources	19 Best Practices	20	21	22
<b>23</b> Pentecost Sunday <b>10:00 am</b> in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	24	25	26	27 MAC Clergy Session online	28	29
<b>30</b> Trinity Sunday <b>10:00 am</b> in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	<b>31</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>  <b>Office  Closed</b>					



## MOTHER PASSED HER TEST

Twelve-year-old Daniel was acting very contrary to the wishes of his mother, the Rev. Ann Lewis.

The tension kept rising as Daniel insisted on being uncooperative. Finally, the mother said to him firmly, "Daniel! You have tested me to my limits!"

Without a second's hesitation, Daniel replied, "Yes! And you get an A-plus."

That bit of wit made both of them laugh. The problem was quickly resolved.

## EYE OF GOD

This symbol represents our "all-seeing" God, who is present everywhere and is always watching over us. ("The eyes of the Lord are in every place," Proverbs 15:3, NRSV.) The eye is inside an equilateral triangle, which is associated with the Holy Trinity.



## YOUR FAITH CAN GROW

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite floated across the water to the other side. Workers then attached a string to the thread and pulled it across. To the string, they attached a rope and pulled it back. By this slow-but-sure method, the bridge was built.

Out faith may be just a little thread or no longer than a mustard seed, but we must act on it (see James 2:14-18). Through action, our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23) as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (II Thessalonians 1:3). And in this slow-but-sure way, our faith can grow



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