

Light of Grace

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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

As June 13th nears and I ponder leaving all of you who are Grace UMC I know there is much I will miss. P. Murray's wonderful laugh, D. LaQuire's quick wit, and the banter between she and B. Krogen at coffee after making donuts. I'll miss Bill's devotion to Grace and willing, ever-present service wherever help is needed. Honestly, I could go through your names in the directory and just keep writing and writing about the things I've grown to love and appreciate about the people of Grace. Whoever you are reading this, please know you are on the list of "the loved and appreciated." That is what makes saying "goodbye" difficult.

At the same time, these are the very things that fill my heart with gratitude for the last eleven years with you. I will treasure the relationships; they are the gravy on the meat and potatoes. As for the meat and potatoes, they are the mission and outreach of Grace. Pre-pandemic, I had the privilege of watching the church turn its concern from looking within to looking beyond the doors. Even in the midst of having to replace a boiler and funerals of dear members, God worked through Grace to bring children, families, and others into the church. It was a miracle to watch VBS grow in numbers and transition from a handful of children up front on Sunday to having 30+ kids for children's moments. Sunday school classrooms that were being used for storage were cleaned out and filled with children again.

A list of people new to Grace developed and that list is too long for this letter. The first year I was at Grace we had virtually no visitors on Sunday mornings. Then, it was like God started

nudging hearts; people started visiting again. Those who stayed became involved in quilting, circles, children's ministries, and after-worship fellowship. I am not sure exactly what each person found. I am sure the people of Grace, whether newer to Grace or part of Grace for decades, seem to value holding each other in prayer, feeling known, and Sunday's music. And, I'm humbled that some feel their spiritual lives enriched by the Sunday messages.

I've no doubt I've made some mistakes on my journey with you. Wherever I may have caused hurt or misunderstanding, know it was not my intent. Also know, whenever there was success to celebrate it took all of us together with God's help. I am grateful for my years with you. I treasure the relationships and the opportunity to work together to be a sign of Christ's love for the world. I deeply believe Grace's mission to be a "church of the neighborhood" that "makes

followers of Christ for the transformation of the world" has blessed many. As Grace begins to re-gather, re-build its programming after Covid-19, and re-start its in-person life with Pastor Taylor, I believe God has even more wonderful opportunities for the people called Grace to bless others beyond the doors and nurture those who are already part of Grace. "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those called to God's purposes." (Romans 8:28) I trust God will continue to share Christ's love through Grace UMC for years to come. Thank you for the years and ministry we shared together.

In Christ's Love,
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)
Jim Jameson (River Pointe)

PRAYER LIST at Home

Carol Devine Luann Larson
Linda Beck Del Larson
John Fraundorfer Richard Wagner
Eddie Ybarra Myron Mann
Rick Abel Laura Roppe
Lynette Anel 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 (June/Dec). TEAM coordinators are E. & A. Ybarra and L. & J. Beck

701-297-5983—L. Anel
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701-866-0686—C. & D. Burkhardt & Family
701-293-9270—R. & L. Burkhardt
218-236-9453—B. Hopkins
701-540-8155—E. and A. Ybarra & Family
218-233-3642—L. & P. Horner
218-236-8056—P. & T. Newgard, & Family
218-233-5836—L. Norby
701-239-9453—J. & K. Thiseth,
701-280-2097—J. Devine
218-236-7579—J. Oelke
218-233-3969—R. Richman



June Birthdays

1—C. Lindner
12—T. Anderson
14—R. Maag
15—A. Gumto
16—B. Christopherson
T. Newgard
18- I. Beving
R. Burkhardt
21—L. Collins
26 - J. Devine
29- I. Koenning
C. Anderson

WORSHIP AT GRACE
INPERSON: 10:00 am (face masks optional if vaccinated)
FACEBOOK: Grace UM Church Moorhead
LIVESTREAM: Roger Grafenstein
WORSHIP ALSO ON THE WEBSITE

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JUNE
Sunday, June 6 - I Sam 8:4-20; Ps 138; II Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
Sunday, June 13 -I Sam 15:34-16:13; Ps 20; II Cor 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
Sunday, June 20 - I Sam 17:32-49; Ps 9:9-20; II Cor 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
Sunday, June 27 - II Sam 1:1, 17-27; Ps 130; II Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



June Anniversaries

1 —C. & D. Burkhardt
3—M. & A. Gumto
4—S. & L. Gedrose
7—C. & P. Welsh
13—B. & S. Martin
19—J. & K. Thiseth
26—D. & L. Larson

MOWING



Summer is here and that means the church lawn will need to be mowed. Must be 18 years or older to use the riding mower. If you can mow the Church lawn, please call the church office, 281-233-1857, to make arrangements to get the key.



OFFUTT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2021 Offutt Scholarship are 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 in the Church officer and at the Church website:

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.



"O WATER-BORN"

I've loved this anonymous invitation since I first read it: "O water-born, go where the Spirit calls." It's part of an early Christian prayer

(fifth century or older), perhaps used by bishops performing baptisms.

When I Googled the phrase to learn more about it, the search engine asked if I meant "water-borne," No, I didn't: We are born of water and the Holy Spirit through baptism.

Then it dawned on me: Aren't we also borne on that baptismal water infused with the Word of God? The grace of baptism carries us through the ups and downs of life. When we rest in it (like floating on our back in a summer lake), rather than struggling (swimming) against it, we let the water take us gently wherever God's Spirit would have us go. - Heidi Mann



"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!"

- Lydia M. Child

A NEW OLD WAY TO PRAY

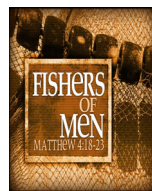
An ancient Jewish form of prayer, still in use today, involves sprinkling one's day with short prayers of gratitude to God. The prayer typically begins: "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who ..." and concludes with a phrase that fits the specific situation. Such as prayer works well in good circumstances and bad. For example:

- * "Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has provided clean water for my shower this morning."
- * "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who brings friends to support me in my grief,"
- * "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who has blessed me with a keen mind; please help me focus while I take this test."
- * "Blessed are you, O Lord ... who holds my children in unconditional love."

Try using this form of prayer liberally as a way to "pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17) and to weave your faith throughout each day.

FISHING ADVICE

The topic for the children's message was Matthew 4:19, when Jesus told his disciples to become fishers of men.



The woman giving the message asked the children if they'd ever been fishing - and what they used for bait.

"Worms!" the children answered.

Then the woman explained that Jesus wants his friends to follow him and tell others about him. "How would you catch men?" she asked.

One little girl piped up, "With cologne!"

- Faith Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa

Grace United Methodist

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Hello June www.lovethepic.com</p>		1	2	3 6:30 - 8:00 pm Pre-Conference	4	5
<p>6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am in person Worship w/ Communion or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship</p> <p>Pastor Roger's Last Sunday at Grace</p>	14 Moving Truck arrives	15 NO Vision and Operations or Resources Meeting				
		<p>6:30 - 8:00 pm Pre-Conference</p>				
<p>20 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>Worship with feature message by Rev. Fred Vanderwerf</p>	21	22 Annual Conference - virtual	23 Annual Conference - In-person @ Hubbard UMC Small Gathering	24 Annual Conference - virtual	25	26
<p>27 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>10:00 am in person Worship or WWW. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship</p> <p>Pastor Taylor Johnson's First Sunday at Grace - WELCOME!</p>	28	29	30			

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Tues, Jun 1	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Deut 12:1-12	2 Cor 6:3-7:1	Luke 17:11-19
Wed, Jun 2	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Deut 13:1-11	2 Cor 7:2-16	Luke 17:20-37
Thur, Jun 3	am: 5, pm: 59, 60	Deut: 16:18-20, 17:14-20	2 Cor 8:1-16	Luke 18:1-8
Fri, Jun 4	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Deut 26:1-11	2 Cor 8:16-24	Luke 18:9-14
Sat, Jun 5	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Deut 29:2-15	2 Cor 9:1-15	Luke 18:15-30
Sun, June 6	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Deut 29:16-29	Rev 12:1-12	Matt 15:29-39
Mon, Jun 7	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Deut 30:1-10	2 Cor 10:1-18	Luke 18:31-43
Tues, Jun 8	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Deut 30:11-20	2 Cor 11:1-21	Luke 19:1-10
Wed, Jun 9	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Deut 31:30-32:14	2 Cor 11: 21-33	Luke 19:11-27
Thur, Jun 10	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Hab 1:1-17	2 Cor 12:1-10	Luke 19:28-40
Fri, Jun 11	am: 69, pm: 73	Hab 2:1-14	2 Cor 12:11-21	Luke 19:41-48
Sat, Jun 12	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Hab 2:15-20	2 Cor 13:1-14	Luke 20:1-8
Sun, Jun 13	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Hab 3:1-19	Rev 15:1-8	Matt 18:1-14
Mon, Jun 14	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	1 Sam 1:1-20	Acts 1:1-14	Luke 20:9-19
Tue, Jun 15	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	1 Sam 1:21-2:11	Acts 1:15-26	Luke 20:19-26
Wed, Jun 16	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	1 Sam 2:12-26	Acts 2:1-21	Luke 20:27-40
Thur, Jun 17	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	1 Sam 2:27-36	Acts 2:22-36	Luke 20:41-21:4
Fri, Jun 18	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	1 Sam 4:1b-11	Acts 4:32-5:11	Luke 21:20-28
Sat, Jun 19	am: 88, pm: 91, 92, 104	1 Sam 3:1-21	Acts 2:37-47	Luke 21:5-19
Sun, Jun 20	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	Deut 11:1-12	Eph 4:1-16	John 1:1-18
Mon, Jun 21	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	1 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 5:12-26	Luke 21:29-36
Tue, Jun 22	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	1 Sam 6:1-16	Acts 5:27-42	Luke 21:37-22:13
Wed, Jun 23	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	1 Sam 7:2-17	Acts 6:1-15	Luke 22:14-23
Thur, Jun 24	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	1 Sam 8:1-22	Acts 6:15-7:16	Luke 22:24-30
Fri, Jun 25	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	1 Sam 9:1-14	Acts 7:17-29	Luke 22:31-38
Sat, Jun 26	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	1 Sam 9:15-10:1	Acts 7:30-43	Luke 22:39-51
Sun, Jun 27	am: 118, pm: 145	1 Sam 10:1-16	Rom 4:13-25	Matt 21:23-32
Mon, Jun 28	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	2 Sam 10:17-27	Acts 7:44-8:1a	Luke 22:52-62
Tue, Jun 29	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	1 Sam 11:1-15	Acts 8:1-13	Luke 22:63-71
Wed, Jun 30	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	1 Sam 12:1-16, 16-25	Acts 8:14-25	Luke 23:1-12

RAM

This Old Testament symbol of Christ represents him as the leader of the "herd," as well as a sacrifice for people's sins. Jesus' sacrificial death was foretold in Genesis 22, when God instructed Abraham to kill his only son, Isaac. But God provided a ram to take Isaac's place, just as he provided Jesus, God's only Son, to take our place on the cross.



OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF ...TOYS?

As my 6-year-old son played, I overheard his conversation. "I'm Zurg," he made a toy proclaim. "I used to be evil, but then I got stuck in some goo, and Buzz Lightyear saved me. So I decided to be good now."

Although I didn't want to interrupt my son's play, sometime I'll draw the faith connection for him. By dying on the cross, Jesus saved us from the "goo" of sin. And that should prompt a change in our hearts and behavior.

Sometimes imagination reveals truth, and the least likely objects become instruments of the Holy Spirit.

- Heidi Mann

THE GIFT OF YOURSELF

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person

- Fred Rogers



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