

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Start your engines!



When I was younger we used to go to a local dirt race track every Sunday night. I remember the taste of fried food, the smell of fuel, the dusty air covering our eyes, and of course the roar of the stock car engines as they revved up for the races. It was always so thrilling to see the green flag come up and know there was about to be something exciting. I have to say, I'm getting that same feeling here at Grace UMC. Plans are in place to bring back vital ministries to our congregation and community, ideas are swirling for our fall kick off weekend, and we are starting up our engines. There are a few key events I wanted you to make special note of:

August 5th and 19th we will have "Dinner with the Pastor". Join me and my family for food and conversation. Space is limited for these events, so please contact the church office if you are interested in attending one of these meals from 5-6:30.



August 11th will be a Children's and Youth gathering at Gooseberry Park from 5:30-7:00. Kids of all ages and their families are invited to come out for a night of food, fun and

information about Children and Youth ministries starting up in the fall. We're asking people to RSVP so we can get a good count for food. Send Pastor Taylor a message at graceunitedmethodistpastor@gmail.com.

September 11th and 12th will be a big weekend at Grace! Put it in your calendars now to join us for a neighborhood cookout on the 11th, followed by Kickoff Sunday on September 12th. That Sunday we will celebrate communion, start a brand new sermon series, as well as relaunching our Sunday School opportunities for all ages!



Each of these opportunities give us a chance to connect, to celebrate and to serve. I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider how you might be involved: Attending, inviting, donating, serving.

Fill up your tanks, buckle up your seat belts, and start those engines!

Pastor Taylor Johnson

The Parsonage phone has been disconnected, please call Pastor Taylor at 218-422-6586



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
JoAnn Oelke Linda Beck
Judith Eide Myron Mann



AUGUST MINISTRY TEAM

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 # 3 (Aug/Feb). TEAM coordinators are B. & C. Krogen and E. Volbrecht

701-630-4343—C. & R. Abel
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218-236-0183—J. Anderson
218-233-6915—J. & K. Enkers
218-329-6199—M. & M. Hamm & Family
701-361-7576—B. & Z. Hanna & Family
218-236-7366—S. Mohr
218-236-5520—B. & M. Port
218-790-2950—S. Anderson & Family



August Birthdays

3—T. Grow
4—C. Gedrose
.5—C. Abel
16—P. Walter
18—P. Murray
25—Z. Hanna
28—C. Krogen
29—O. Alveshere

LECTIONARY TEXTS

August 1 - II Sam 11:26-12-13;a; Ps 51:1-12; Eph 4:1-6;
John 6:24-35
August 8 - II Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps 130; Eph 4:25-5:2;
John 6:35, 41-51
August 15 - I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps 111; Eph 5:15-20;
John 6:51-58
August 22 - I Kings 8:(1,6,10-11) 22-30, 41-42; Ps 84; Eph 6:10-20;
John 6:56-69
August 29 - Song 2:8-13; Ps 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17--27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



August Anniversaries

7—L. & J. Beck
9—B. & C. Krogen
15—J. & L. Denny
19—R. & B. Christopherson
D. & W. Walseth
25—M. & M. Hamm
30—D. & J. Graning

WORSHIP AT GRACE - 10:00 A.M.

**FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM ON:
Grace UM Church Moorhead page**

**WORSHIP ALSO LIVESTREAMS ON THE
WEBSITE: www.graceumcmoorhead.org**

Kids Devotions on the Website

and on

FACEBOOK: Grace UM Church Moorhead

CONDOLENCES

Our Sympathies to the family of Kay Larson who passed away recently. Kay was a former secretary at Grace.

Our Sympathies to R. and B. Christopherson and their family at the death of their Grandson. The funeral was at Grace on Thursday, July 29th..

Our Sympathies to the family of I. Koenning. I. passed away on July 22nd. Her funeral was a family gathering at a family lake home.

IMAGINE HEAVEN

By Del Larson, CLM

Close your eyes and think back to your childhood memories like Christmas, birthday, or a vacation. Think of a time you were so excited you could hardly contain yourself. I remember Christmas Eve, we had to wait until my older brother and his wife got to our house before we could open presents. We'd plea and begged our mother, but always sat and stared at the presents under the tree, with our minds dancing with anticipation of what was waiting for us. My youngest daughter sent out her homemade birthday invitations 4 months before her birthday when she was in Kindergarten. I wouldn't doubt she already has Thanksgiving and Christmas planned for our whole family.

Now zoom back to adulthood and find that favorite location, or scene from when you traveled to a new place. Perhaps it was a vacation, or moving to a new town. There have been many awe-inspiring experiences in my life. From the shores of Hawaii, to the mountains of Montana, and let's not forget about the Grand Canyon, or Alaska. We are so blessed to have such beautiful places to visit here on Earth. I think it is nearly impossible to see them all in a lifetime. We all know that seeing them up close is much better than pictures. The sounds and smells seem to add to the delight of the scenery that pictures just can't compare. This world is God's creation. Try, just try to imagine what God has created for us in Heaven.

In John 14, Jesus tells his disciples what to look forward to.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

You know the way to the place where I am going."

I look forward to Christ's return with the New Jerusalem. When God's trumpet sounds, and the Angelic choir's praise music grabs our attention, Jesus will descend from the clouds with the New

Jerusalem and our ride to Heaven is on the way.

Wow, eternal life in Heaven. It is beyond our imagination. It seems impossible to comprehend its vastness and beauty. Will you seek a room near the 200 foot outside wall so you can see for miles with your perfect vision; or will it be in one of the mile-high lofts to be nearer to the throne of God? Perhaps you seek a villa in a smaller village outside the wall near a stream so you can care for the animals.

The more Luann and I read the book *Imagine Heaven*, by John Burke the more excited we become.



Our excitement reminds us what we need to do to join others in Paradise. Many people who have had Near Death Experiences share how they are shown their "book of life." Some sob in disappointment, others may smile with glee. God is not counting your deeds, but rather your character. How have you affected others, who have gone on to touch more people. Have you made a difference in the lives of others?

C.S.Lewis shares his thoughts on the common moral law for us to get to heaven:

1. *Don't do harm to anyone. Remember the Golden Rule*
2. *Honor your father and mother*
3. *Be kind to brothers, sisters, children, and the elderly*
4. *Be honest in all your dealings. See the Movie Flywheel*
5. *Do not lie*
6. *Care for those weaker or less fortunate.*
7. *Dying to self is the path to life everlasting. Giving up our earthly ways for God's way.*

I pray that I will see you someday on the other-side of God's rainbow. AMEN

SIGN UP

There is a sign up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Please sign up for greeting, reading scriptures, ushering, tech help and bringing refreshments for fellowship following worship services.

Also watch for up coming meeting dates for Women of Grace Circle, and other small group meetings and when donuts will be made. All help is needed and greatly appreciated.

Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun, Aug 1	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	2 Sam 6:12-23	Rom 14:7-12	John 1:43-51
Mon, Aug 2	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	2 Sam 7:1-17	Acts 18:1-11	Mark 8:11-21
Tue, Aug 3	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	2 Sam 7:18-29	Acts 18:12-28	Mark 8:22-33
Wed, Aug 4	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	2 Sam 9:1-13	Acts 19:1-10	Mark 8:34-9:1
Thur, Aug 5	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	2 Sam 11:1-27	Acts 19:11-20	Mark 9:2-13
Fri, Aug 6	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	2 Sam 12:1-14	Acts 19:21-41	Mark 9:14-29
Sat, Aug 7	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	2 Sam 12:15-31	Acts 20:1-16	Mark 9:30-41
Sun, Aug 8	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	2 Sam 13:1-22	Rom 15:1-13	John 3:22-36
Mon, Aug 9	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	2 Sam 13:23-39	Acts 20:17-38	Mark 9:42-50
Tue, Aug 10	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	2 Sam 14:1-20	Acts 21:1-14	Mark 10:1-16
Wed, Aug 11	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	2 Sam 14:21-33	Acts 21:15-26	Mark 10:17-31
Thur, Aug 12	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	2 Sam 15:1-18	Acts 21:27-36	Mark 10:32-45
Fri, Aug 13	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	2 Sam 15:19-37	Acts 21:37-22:16	Mark 10:46-52
Sat, Aug 14	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	2 Sam 16:1-23	Acts 22:17-29	Mark 11:1-11
Sun, Aug 15	am: 118, pm: 145	2 Sam 17:1-23	Gal 3:6-14	John 5:30-47
Mon, Aug 16	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	2 Sam 17:24-18:8	Acts 22:30-23:11	Mark 11:12-26
Tue, Aug 17	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	2 Sam 18:9-18	Acts 23:12-24	Mark 11:27-12:12
Wed, Aug 18	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	2 Sam 18:18-33	Acts 23:23-35	Mark 12:13-27
Thur, Aug 19	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	2 Sam 19:1-23	Acts 24:1-23	Mark 12:28-34
Fri, Aug 20	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	2 Sam 19:24-43	Acts 24:24-25:12	Mark 12:35-44
Sat, Aug 21	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	2 Sam 23:1-7, 13-17	Acts 25:13-27	Mark 13:1-13
Sun, Aug 22	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	2 Sam 24:1-2, 10-25	Gal 3:23-4:7	John 8:12-20
Mon, Aug 23	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	1 Kng 1:5-31	Acts 26:1-23	Mark 13:14-27
Tue, Aug 24	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	1 Kng 1:38-2:4	Acts 26:24-27:8	Mark 13:28-37
Wed, Aug 25	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Kng 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 14:1-11
Thur, Aug 26	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	1 Kng 3:16-28	Acts 27:27-44	Mark 14:12-26
Fri, Aug 27	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	1 Kng 5:1-6:1, 7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
Sat, Aug 28	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Kng 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52
Sun, Aug 29	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	1 Kng 8:22-40	1 Tim 4:7b-16	John 8:47-59
Mon, Aug 30	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	2 Ch 6:32-7:7	Jam 2:1-13	Mark 14:53-65
Tue, Aug 31	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	1 Kng 8:65-9:9	Jam 2:14-26	Mark 14:66-72

Grace United Methodist

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM in person Worship w/ Communion or www. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	2	3	4	5:00 pm Dinner with the Pastor - By sign up	6	7
8 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM in person Worship or www. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	9	10	5:30 pm Youth & Children Family Outing at Gooseberry Park	12	13	14
15 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM in person Worship or www. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	16	6:30 PM Vision, and Operations and Resources	18	5:00 pm Dinner with the Pastor By sign up	20	21
22 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM in person Worship or www, graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM in person Worship or www. graceumcmoorhead.org Facebook Live Worship	30	31				

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Action Team needs volunteers to help with maintenance and repair issues around Grace. Your Leadership Team has tried to keep up, but realizes there is a need for more help in keeping our church in good repair. The list contains small projects that probably would take less than a day to complete.

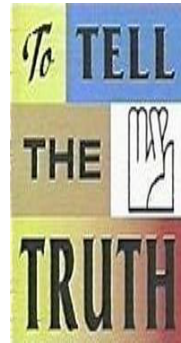
1. Hang security cameras
2. Touch up painting of outside doors/windows
3. Weeding around the church
4. Put up new security lights around the building, replacing the old ones
5. Church's big white sign needs to be refinished with paint and a plexiglass cover.

More items will be posted as the need arises. If you are not physically able to help, could you choose a project and pay for someone to complete the task.

If you have any questions, please call Del Larson, 701-238-2223. Del will be glad to get the needed materials and bring cookies and refreshments.

We want to take pride in our Church and be an example for the neighborhood and community.

TO TELL THE TRUTH



To prepare for a sermon on honesty, a pastor asked church members to read Joshua 25. The next week, he asked, "How many of you read it?" Half the hands in the church went up.

"Great," the pastor said,

"You're the ones I want to talk

to...because Joshua has only 24 chapters."

- From *The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart*,
Charles Swindoll

"Hope is always available to us. When we feel defeated, we need only take a deep breath and say yes, and hope will reappear." -

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