

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM
Children's Sunday School 10:15 AM

Greetings:

My favorite month of the year is upon us! There really is so much to love about October, isn't there? Apple orchards, and pumpkin patches, football and soup, Halloween, leaves changing color, I could go on and on. October is big in our household for all those reasons plus two birthdays, Dex and I share the 11th together. It can be tempting to let the calendar fill up with events and wonderful activities and let it all slip by so fast. As I often write about in these newsletters, perhaps this would be a helpful reminder to slow down and take it all in, be present even when it's busy, and be sure to pay attention to how God is working through each moment of your life.

One such moment occurred for me during youth group a few weeks ago. Our lesson was planned around taking time to find silence in a noisy world. Many of us struggle either making space in our schedule to have quiet time with God or even struggle with the silence itself. We talked about Elijah hearing God not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in the still silence. Part of the activity was having an opportunity for a quiet "stress heave". Students took sticky notes and wrote down what was stressing them out, and were reminded to listen to what God was speaking to them as they wrote it down. They then posted the sticky notes on the wall, having the opportunity to see that they weren't alone in their struggles. Walking around after the students left, I found my heart hurting for the stresses they wrote down.

I can't remember the amount of times I heard as a youth, "you think things are stressful now, just you wait." While I do long for the stresses of my younger life, I can still recall how frustrating it was to hear that. It's a helpful reminder for us to make sure we're meeting people where they are with empathy and compassion rather than judgment or cynicism. In the silence of the room, I heard God remind me, "what may not seem like a big deal to you is what they were willing to trust me with, can they trust you with it as well?" What a humbling moment. Through being attentive to how God was working in this moment for the youth, there was even something for me.

Throughout the month of October there are many opportunities to get involved here at Grace, to grow in your commitment for God and love of neighbor, and to be attentive to how God is at work. I invite you to join with me in not just adding these events to your calendar, but participating in the ongoing work of God in our midst through the people of Grace United Methodist Church. Enjoy the best (yes it's biased) month of the year!

Pastor Taylor





**PRAYER LIST AT
Care Facilities**

Pat Walter (Elim)
Don Walter (Pioneer House)
Will Wehrman (Eventide-Fargo)
Shirley Mohr (Serenity)
Luann Larson (River Pointe)

PRAYER LIST at hospital or home

Linda Gibson Larry Possehl
Les Simmons Carl Lindner
Eddie Ybarra Wally Walseth
Del Larson Anne Roberts



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 #4 (October/April).

218-329-6477—P. & K. Anderson
218-979-1317—J. & J. Eide
218-236-8820—B. & S. Fangsrud
701-936-5873—M.Forderer
218-443-0836—M. Forderer
218-233-6411—B. & C. Krogen
218-287-4316—B. & S. Martin
218-236-8056—T. & P. Newgard
218-790-6829—B. Rowand
360-509-3544—P. & B. Suppa
763-438-6746—P. Welsh

DONUTS



October Birthdays

05—J. Graning
07—B. Burkhardt
11—T. Johnson
D. Johnson
12—D. Walter
17—O. Beck
22—A. Larson
27—K. Enkers
M. Hamm
L. Gibson
28—J. Heidrich
29—L. Jensen



Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be made on October 2nd, 16th & 30th, 2024 for \$10.00 a dozen. Please place your orders by using the sign up sheet on the table in the Connection Center or by calling the office, 218-233-1857, or using the website: www.graceumcmoorhead/donuts.

STEWARDSHIP SERIES

Our sermon series and stewardship conversations are titled *Faithful*. We'll be talking about faithfulness in a number of different areas and situations in our lives, and how we live that out here at Grace. In the first week of the month you'll receive a special letter discussing our work together in ministry, and a commitment card for you to fill out for our celebration at the end of October.



October 6- Faithful to Our Mission, World Communion Sunday
October 13- Faithful With What We're Given
October 20- Faithful In Everything
October 27- Faithful, With Joy



October

3—E. & A. Ybarra
5—P. & K. Anderson
22—O. & J. Alvershere



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual Church Conference meeting will take place on Sunday, November 17th following worship. We will share in a potluck meal, hear celebrations and reports from the year, approve our 2025 annual budget and leadership, and give thanks for what God is doing through Grace UMC. Please make plans to join us for this important time in the life of our church.

“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.” -
Martin Luther

HOW DO WE RECOGNIZE GOD

Del Larson, CLM

Last month, I talked about being reborn in Christ. That means we must give up our life of the past and strive to be more like Christ. We need a spiritual enlightenment and transformation to live a new life in Christ. Well, I've had a couple of enlightening moments and weeks, so this newsletter is another a direct message from **Him**, God, on being like Christ!!

The moment that directed me to this topic, was when I was writing last month's article. The thought passed through my mind and interrupted my writing that I had not seen any writers capitalizing the pronouns used for God. When I started my writing career back in the 60s, I was taught that the deity pronouns should always be capitalized. So why the change I wondered., I took a break from writing that article to see why writers no longer capitalize God's pronouns. This is one of those "Oh, Wow moments." Here is what I found:

It basically comes down to publishing houses and printers whether you capitalize pronouns for God. However, one comment really got me, that said that the only pronoun that is capitalized is the "I". God quickly sent me a news flash as I read that. This is what **He** said about this tragedy, "If it is important to capitalize yourself, don't you know I am more important, and therefore you need to capitalize all of **My** pronouns! Remember, I created speech, and writing. I showed you how to write with stone and charcoal!!" I paused and thought, **He** is right. We should capitalize it as this is **His** work.

Actually, many of the first biblical writers chose to capitalize **His** pronouns. Unfortunately, as translations started to adjust and clarify scripture, rules were changed and other editions failed to capitalize **His** holy pronoun, and recognize **His** superior role and to honor **Him** correctly.

Now, it should be pointed out that these scholars may have been too concerned about grammar, but that is an issue for another time. I am sad to say that it was the English that pushed these changes of **Him** to a lower level, rather than continue to raise **HIS** name up to where it belonged. We Methodists had a rather sad part in this terrible injustice when we decided that our famous hymns

would not capitalize **His** pronouns in our music. I am surprised at the actions of John and Charles Wesley, as leaders of the Methodist movement in England and here in America. They should have held their Bible a little closer so **He** would be recognized for **His** glory, rather than being concerned about our grammar.

For me, I will continue to capitalized pronouns for God/Christ, and I hope you will too. I figure **He** deserves not just the credit, but the honor and glory. I pray that this newsletter will hopefully be either a start, or incentive to help you find ways to be closer to God and to serve **Him** to be more like Christ. Is there a kid that loves the outdoors, photography, or cooking? Perhaps someone needs help to finish a fall project that can't get done? I know that **He** doesn't forget about those who are lost. **He** is there always, and **He** never gives up on those that struggle. Let's honor God by helping those who feel hopeless and lost.

No one can be wiser than God. We need to follow God's word and do what **He** wants us to do. We should never put our trust in someone who makes claims that benefit themselves, rather than those they serve or work with. Being a "Born Again" Christian, God always comes first. These Christians are always ready and alert to care for others. Two weeks ago my kids were telling me to slow down and take care of myself. I was worn out caring for Luann and supporting her in Rehab. Then I got a late night call that my 97yo friend was taken to the ER. I could hear my kids shouting NO. God was louder and told me to GO. So I spent four hours with her until I took her home in the wee hours of night. Everything work fine, and I survived. Do what you know is right, and be ready to share your faith through love, caring, kindness, and forgiveness, even when it is difficult for you. By doing so, you will receive the same from God in Heaven someday. Amen!



WORSHIP AT GRACE 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES are livestreamed on
Facebook and on the
website: graceumcmoorhead.org

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Street South, Moorhead, MN 56560

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Grace United Methodist

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 pm AA	2 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm Choir 6:15 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Grace Youth Group 7:00 pm Latter Rain Ministries	3 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	4	5 10:00 am Latter Rain Ministries Dance Practice
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Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Oct 1	am: 102; pm: 107:1-32	2 Kng 19:1-20	1 Cor 9:16-27	Matt 8:1-17
Oct 2	am: 107:33-43, 108; pm: 33	2 Kng 19:21-36	1 Cor 10:1-13	Matt 8:18-27
Oct 3	am: 118; pm: 145	2 Kng 20:1-21	Acts 12:1-17	Luke 7:11-17
Oct 4	am: 106:1-18; pm: 106:19-48	2 Kng 21:1-18	1 Cor 10:14-11:1	Matt 8:28-34
Oct 5	am: 121, 122, 123; pm: 124- 126	2 Kng 22:1-13	1 Cor 11:2, 17-22	Matt 9:1-8
Oct 6	am: 119:145-176; pm: 128-130	2 Kng 22:14-23:3	1 Cor 11:23-34	Matt 9:9-17
Oct 7	am: 131, 132, 133; pm: 134, 135	2 Kng 23:4-25	1 Cor 12:1-11	Matt 9:18-26
Oct 8	am: 140, 142; pm: 141, 143	2 Kng 23:36-24:17	1 Cor 12:12-26	Mett 9:27-34
Oct 9	am: 137, 144; pm: 104	Jer 35:1-19	1 Cor 12:27-13:3	Matt 9:35-10:4
Oct 10	am: 146, 147; pm: 111, 112, 113	Jer 36:1-10	Acts 14:8-18	Luke 7:36-50
Oct 11	am: 1, 2, 3; pm: 4, 7	Jer 36:11-26	1 Cor 13:1-13	Matt 10:5-15
Oct 12	am: 5, 6; pm: 10, 11	Jer 36:27-37:2	1 Cor 14:1-12	Matt 10:16-23
Oct 13	am: 119:1-24; pm: 12, 13, 14	Jer 37:3-21	1 Cor 14:13-25	Matt 10:24-33
Oct 14	am: 18:1-20; pm: 18:21-50	Jer 38:1-13	1 Cor 14:26-33a 37-40	Matt 10:34-42
Oct 15	am: 16, 17; pm: 22	Jer 38:14-28	1 Cor 15:1-11	Matt 11:1-6
Oct 16	am: 20, 21; pm: 110, 116, 117	2 Kng 25:8-12, 22-26	1 Cor 15:12-29	Matt 11:7-15
Oct 17	am: 148, 149, 150; pm: 114, 115	Jer 29:1, 4-14	Acts 16:6-15	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Oct 18	am: 25; pm: 9, 15	Jer 44:1-14	1 Cor 15:30-41	Matt 11:16-24
Oct 19	am: 26, 28; pm: 36, 39	Lam 1:1-12	1 Cor 15:41-50	Matt 11:25-30
Oct 20	am: 38; pm: 119:25-48	Lam 2:8-15	1 Cor 15:51-58	Matt 12:1-14
Oct 21	am: 37:1-18; pm: 37:19-42	Ezra 1:1-11	1 Cor 16:1-9	Matt 12:15-21
Oct 22	am: 31; pm: 35	Ezra 3:1-13	1 Cor 16:10-24	Matt 12:22-32
Oct 23	am: 30, 32; pm: 42, 43	Ezra 4:7, 11-24	Philemon 1-25	Matt 12:33-42
Oct 24	am: 63, 98; pm: 103	Hag 1:1-2:9	Acts 18:24-19:7	Luke 10:25-37
Oct 25	am: 41, 52; pm: 44	Zech 1:7-17	Rev 1:4-20	Matt 12:43-50
Oct 26	am: 45; pm: 47, 48	Ezra 5:1-17	Rev 4:1-11	Matt 13:1-9
Oct 27	am: 119:49-72; pm: 49, 53	Ezra 6:1-22	Rev 5:1-10	Matt 13:10-17
Oct 28	am: 50, 59, 60; pm: 66, 67	Neh 1:1-11	Rev 5:11-6:11, 19:1-10	Matt 13:18-23
Oct 29	am: 40, 54; pm: 51	Neh 2:1-20	Rev 6:12-7:4	Matt 13:24-30
Oct 30	am: 55; pm: 138, 139	Neh 4:1-23	am: Rev 7:4-17	Matt 13:31-35
Oct 31	am: 24, 29; pm: 8, 84	Neh 5:1-19	Acts 20:7012	Luke 12:22-31



FALL FESTIVAL

The Fall Festival is on Sat., Oct. 19th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is the Women of Grace's big fund raiser, so we are asking for your support and attendance.

Events will include:

1. Donuts and coffee served from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Donuts will also be available for purchase in 1/2 or 1 dozen bags.
2. Bake and craft sale. If you can donate items to either, put a price on them and drop them off at Grace on, Friday, from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm.
3. Silent auction. Bring items the week of Oct 14th from 9:00 am—12:00 noon. Place items in Women's Lounge. If need another time, contact P.Murray, 701-361-2745.
4. Country Store, (aka a rummage sale). You can donate useable items to be sold, No clothing. Drop them off in the Sunday school room marked, "Country Store Donations."

5. Lunch of hot dogs and chips will be available from 11:00am to 1:30pm for a free will offering.

Grab a friend or relative and come enjoy! There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Connection Center if you would like to help. Any questions call P. Murray, 701-361-2745

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TRUNK-OR-TREAT



We had such a great time with this event in the past so we're doing it again on Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 pm. There will be a sign up for those wanting to enter a car this year, as well as other opportunities to serve.

If you are able to pick up an extra bag of candy or two in the next few weeks, please drop them off at the church any time before October 24th.

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