

Light of Grace

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM

Dear Friends,

I'm never quite sure if the summer pace is more leisurely or a bit busier. I do know it is good and seems to invite me to reflect. This summer I'm spending time with the works of the poet Mary Oliver. In her collection of poems called "Devotions" a short poem entitled "The Gift" begins and ends with the words,
*Be still, my soul, and steadfast.
Earth and heaven both are still watching
Though time is draining from the clock
And your walk.*

*Let God and the world
Know you are grateful.
That the gift has been given.*

Orange summer sunsets and campfires, hot mid-day breezes and evening clouds piled high with occasional rumbles, greening fields and leaf-filled treetops reaching toward one another above the city streets all speak of the fullness of life. There is something to be learned with every season. There is something to be learned each day God gives us.

Personally, the first Sunday in July 2019 is my 30th anniversary of being in full-time ministry. There's nothing magic about completing 30 years except I'm feeling especially blessed. Moreover, I'm pondering the life-lessons God has shared during those first 30 years that have transformed my life in good and healthy ways. So, on Sunday July 14th I'll be bringing a cake to celebrate with you—as you all have been nine of those 30 years. Plus, during worship I'll share five of the most

important things God's has taught me during my first 30 years of pastoring, that have changed how I seek to live my life.

Here's what I'd like you to bring on the 14th. I invite you to be thinking of one or two transformative things God has taught you about life over the years. You'll have a chance to write down a sentence or two to be shared on future worship slides by completing the following sentence "Over the Years God has changed/ blessed my life by showing me...."

From there our summer at Grace will unfold into our shared Vacation Bible School Teaching Ministry—with a VBS preview on Sunday July 21st and evening VBS gatherings July 23 – 26 @ 6 PM. Then as we gear up for September an important note that the September Newsletter deadline is August 20. Fall will be filled with opportunities to learn, grow and be transformed by a living, loving God. So, it's important we get that information out before Labor Day.

May your summer days be filled with opportunities to reflect on how God is changing and growing you in marvelous ways. May you find many reasons to be grateful.

Blessings,
Pastor Roger

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.**
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.



PRAYER LIST AT Care Facilities
(R.E.M. House)

- Peggy Anderson
- Mary J. Phillips
- Clara Krook (Bethany)
- Bonnie Wagner (Fergus Falls)
- Reeta Herman (Eventide)
- Pat Walter (Elim)
- Emily Elliott (Rosewood)
- Roger Helland (Eventide)
- Al Maksymchuk (Bethany on 42nd)
- Jim Jameson (River Pointe)
- Myrna Swan (Elim)

PRAYER LIST at Home

- A. Monge
- C. Gedrose
- P. Walter
- J. Mann
- D. Enkers
- K. Reed
- D. Walter
- S, Grow



JULY 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 (July/Jan).

TEAM coordinators are J. Anderson and J. Mann

- 701-293-3260—J. & O. Alveshere
- 701-893-5350—K. Baker
- 701-367-0371—C. & D. Borgen & Family
- 218-227-5942—R. & B. Christopherson
- 218-233-0442—L. Collins
- 218-287-1002—R. Helland
- 218-233-5110—R. Herman
- 218-233-6557—J. Mann
- 218-236-0141—R. & P. Murray
- 218-287-3817—A. Severson
- 218-233-7474—S. & P. Struble

AUGUST MINISTRY TEAM

TEAM # 4 (Aug/Feb).

TEAM coordinators are B. & C. Krogen and E. Volbrecht

- 218-236-0135—C. & R. Abel
- 701-261-9009—M. Akin
- 218-236-0183—J. Anderson
- 218-236-8836—D. Enkers
- 218-233-6915—J. & K. Enkers
- 218-233-0255—R. & C. Grafenstein
- 218-329-6199—M. & M Hamm & Family
- 701-361-7576—B. & Z. Hanna & Family
- 218-236-7366—S. Mohr
- 701-361-8785—A. Monge
- 218-236-5520—B. & M. Port
- 218-790-2950—S. Anderson & Family



July Birthdays

- 2—C.. Ladwig
- 7—S. Anderson
- 8—B. Chandler
- 9—G. Anderson
- 11—R. Goldade
- 15—M. Swan
- M. Hanna
- 20—J. Enkers
- S. Martin
- 21—S. Fangsrud
- 22—B. Wagner
- 23—D. Enkers
- 24—S. Burkhardt
- 30— G. Hamm



July Anniversaries

- 3—D. & P. Walter
- 12—T. & G. Anderson
- 27—J. & J. Eide
- R. & P. Murray
- 28—L. & P. Horner



August Birthdays

- 3—T. Grow
- 4— C. Gedrose
- 5—C. Abel
- 16—P. Walter
- 18—P. Murray
- 23—R. Grafenstein
- R. Helland
- J. Mann
- 25—Z. Hanna
- 28—C. Krogen
- 29—O. Alveshere

August Anniversaries

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



Date	Psalm	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Mon, Jul 1	am: 106:1-18, pm: 106:19-48	2 Sam 10:17-27	Acts 7:44-8:1a	Luke 22:52-62
Tue, Jul 2	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	1 Sam 11:1-15	Acts 8:1-13	Luke 22:63-71
Wed, Jul 3	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	1 Sam 12:1-16, 16-25	Acts 8:14-25	Luke 23:1-12
Thur, Jul 4	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	1 Sam 13:5-18	Acts 8:26-40	Luke 23:13-25
Fri, Jul 5	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	1 Sam 13:19-14:15	Acts 9:1-9	Luke 23:26-31
Sat, Jul 6	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	1 Sam 14:16-30	Acts 9:10-19a	Luke 23:32-43
Sun, Jul 7	am: 146, 147, pm: 111, 112, 113	1 Sam 14:36-45	Rom 5:1-11	Matt 22:1-14
Mon, Jul 8	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	1 Sam 15:1-3, 7-23	Acts 9:19b-31	Luke 23:44-56
Tues, Jul 9	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	1 Sam 15:24-35	Acts 9:32-43	Luke 23:56-24:11
Wed, Jul 10	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Sam 16:1-13	Acts 10:1-6	Luke 24:12-35
Thur, Jul 11	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	1 Sam 16:14-17:11	Acts 10:17-33	Luke 24:36-53
Fri, Jul 12	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	1 Sam 17:17-30	Acts 10:34-48	Mark 1:1-13
Sat, Jul 13	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Sam 17:31-49	Acts 11:1-18	Mark 1:14-28
Sun, Jul 14	am: 148, 149, 150, pm: 114, 115	1 Sam 17:50-18:4	Rom 10:4-17	Matt 23:29-39
Mon, Jul 15	am: 25, pm: 9, 15	1 Sam 18:5-16, 27b-30	Acts 11:19-30	Mark 1:29-45
Tue, Jul 16	am: 26, 28, pm: 36, 39	1 Sam 19:1-18	Acts 12:1-17	Mark 2:1-12
Wed, Jul 17	am: 38, pm: 119:25-48	1 Sam 20:1-23	Acts 12:18-25	Mark 2:13-22
Thur, Jul 18	am: 37:1-18, pm: 37:19-42	1 Sam 20:24-42	Acts 13:1-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Fri, Jul 19	am: 31, pm: 35	1 Sam 21:1-15	Acts 13:13-25	Mark 3:7-19a
Sat, Jul 20	am: 30, 32, pm: 42, 43	1 Sam 22:1-23	Acts 13:26-43	Mark 3:19b-35
Sun, Jul 21	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	1 Sam 23:7-18	Rom 11:33-12:2	Matt 24:14-30
Mon, Jul 22	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	1 Sam 24:1-22	Acts 13:44-52	Mark 4:1-20
Tue, Jul 23	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	1 Sam 25:1-22	Acts 14:1-18	Mark 4:21-34
Wed, Jul 24	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	1 Sam 25:23-44	Acts 14:19-28	Mark 4:35-41
Thur, Jul 25	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 66, 67	1 Sam 28:3-20	Acts 15:1-11	Mark 5:1-20
Fri, Jul 26	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	1 Sam 31:1-13	Acts 15:12-21	Mark 5:21-43
Sat, Jul 27	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	2 Sam 1:1-16	Acts 15:22-35	Mark 6:1-13
Sun, Jul 28	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	2 Sam 1:17-27	Rom 12:9-21	Matt 25:31-46
Mon, Jul 29	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	2 Sam 2:1-11	Acts 15:36-16:5	Mark 6:14-29
Tue, Jul 30	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	2 Sam 3:6-21	Acts 16:6-15	Mark 6:30-46
Wed, Jul 31	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	2 Sam 3:22-39	Acts 16:16-24	Mark 6:47-56

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Thur, Aug 1	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	2 Sam 4:1-12	Acts 16:25-40	Mark 7:1-23
Fri, Aug 2	am: 69, pm: 73	2 Sam 5:1-12	Acts 17:1-15	Mark 7:24-37
Sat, Aug 3	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	2 Sam 5:22-6:11	Acts 17:16-34	Mark 8:1-10
Sun, Aug 4	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	2 Sam 6:12-23	Rom 14:7-12	John 1:43-51
Mon, Aug 5	am: 80, pm: 77, 19	2 Sam 7:1-17	Acts 18:1-11	Mark 8:11-21
Tue, Aug 6	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	2 Sam 7:18-29	Acts 18:12-28	Mark 8:22-33
Wed, Aug 7	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	2 Sam 9:1-13	Acts 19:1-10	Mark 8:34-9:1
Thur, Aug 8	am: 83, pm: 85, 86	2 Sam 11:1-27	Acts 19:11-20	Mark 9:2-13
Fri, Aug 9	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	2 Sam 12:1-14	Acts 19:21-41	Mark 9:14-29
Sat, Aug 10	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	2 sam 12:15-31	Acts 20:1-16	Mark 9:30-41
Sun, Aug 11	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	2 Sam 13:1-22	Rom 15:1-13	John 3:22-36
Mon, Aug 12	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	2 Sam 13:23-39	Acts 20:17-38	Mark 9:42-50
Tue, Aug 13	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	2 Sam 14:1-20	Acts 21:1-14	Mark 10:1-16
Wed, Aug 14	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	2 Sam 14:21-33	Acts 21:15-26	Mark 10:17-31
Thur, Aug 15	am: 105:1-22, pm: 105:23-45	2 Sam 15:1-18	Acts 21:27-36	Mark 10:32-45
Fri, Aug 16	am: 102, pm: 107:1-32	2 Sam 15:19-37	Acts 21:37-22:16	Mark 10:46-52
Sat, Aug 17	am: 107:33-43, 108, pm: 33	2 Sam 16:1-23	Acts 22:17-29	Mark 11:1-11
Sun, Aug 18	am: 118, pm: 145	2 Sam 17:1-23	Gal 3:6-14	John 5:30-47
Mon, Aug 19	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 20	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	2 Sam 18:9-18	Acts 23:12-24	Mark 11:27-12:12
Wed, Aug 21	am: 119:145-176, pm: 128, 129, 130	2 Sam 18:18-33	Acts 23:23-35	Mark 12:13-27
Thur, Aug 22	am: 131, 132, 133, pm: 134, 135	2 Sam 19:1-23	Acts 24:1-23	Mark 12:28-34
Fri, Aug 23	am: 140, 142, pm: 141, 143	2 Sam 19:24-43	Acts 24:24-25:12	Mark 12:35-44
Sat, Aug 24	am: 137, 144, pm: 104	2 Sam 23:1-7, 13-17	Acts 25:13-27	Mark 13:1-13
Sun, Aug 25	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 26	am: 1, 2, 3, pm: 4, 7	1 Kng 1:5-31	Acts 26:1-23	Mark 13:14-27
Tue, Aug 27	am: 5, 6, pm: 10, 11	1 Kng 1:38-2:4	Acts 26:24-27:8	Mark 13:28-37
Wed, Aug 28	am: 119:1-24, pm: 12, 13, 14	1 Kng 3:1-15	Acts 27:9-26	Mark 14:1-11
Thur, Aug 29	am: 18:1-20, pm: 18:21-50	1 Kng 3:16-28	Acts 27:27-44	Mark 14:12-26
Fri, Aug 30	am: 16, 17, pm: 22	1 Kng 5:1-6:1, 7	Acts 28:1-16	Mark 14:27-42
Sat, Aug 31	am: 20, 21, pm: 110, 116, 117	1 Kng 7:51-8:21	Acts 28:17-31	Mark 14:43-52

Grace United Methodist

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	4 4th of July Holiday Office Closed	5	6
7 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion	8	9 6:30 pm Vision and Operations and Resources Leadership meeting	10 6:00 am Donut Making	11 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	12	13
14 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/ Celebration of Pastor Roger's 30th year in the Ministry w/ cake and top 5 things he's learned	15	16	17	18 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	19	20
21 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/ Kids Leading and a preview of VBS	22	23 6:00 pm VBS	24 6:00 am Donut Making 6:00 pm VBS	25 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Moorhead Rehab. Center worship services 6:00 pm VBS	26 6:00 pm VBS Pastor Roger on Vacation	27
28 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship Pastor Roger on Vacation	29	30	31	Pastor Karen Finnegan is on call for hospital emergencies or funerals. (218) 329-1580. Karen is Pastor at Ada UMC and resides in Hawley.		

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August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	2	3
				Pastor Roger on vacation Until Aug 6th		
4 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship - No Communion	5	6	7	8 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	9	10
11 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion	12	13 6:30 pm Vision and Operations and Resources Leadership meeting	14	15 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	16	17
18 10th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	19	20 9:00 am Sept Newsletter Deadline	21	22 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline 9:00 am Park View Terrace 10:00 am Moorhead Rehab. Center worship services	23	24
25 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am Worship	26	27	28	29 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline	30	31

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to the family of Elouise Brendehuhl who passed away on May 12th. Elouise's service was at Korsmo's.

Our sympathies to the family of Leonard Wollitz, Leonard passed away on May 31st. His service and final resting place will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN at a later date.

Our sympathies to the family of Cleo Williams. Cleo passed away on Saturday, June 15th. Her funeral was on Tuesday, June 25th.



VBS

VBS is happening July 23rd thru July 26th. This year's theme is "Athens". So come along as we escape to Athens with the Apostle Paul where kids will be inspired to share the truth of God as Paul

begins his second missionary journey. If you are able to volunteer or have questions, contact Stephanie Grow.

DONUTS



Buttermilk Donuts will be made on July 10th and July 24th and August 7th and August 21st. To place an order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857. There is

also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.



"NEW" PIANO NEWS!

The piano in the sanctuary has served Grace well for many years thanks to the generosity of D. and L. Larson. This piano is now nearly 80 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. We recognize the importance that music plays in the life of Grace, and with much discussion and prayer the Operations / Vision and Ministry Teams have decided to begin the search for a "newer / used" sanctuary piano. We will rely on the expertise of several individuals to guide us:

- S. Fangsrud is our pianist. Her opinion will carry considerable weight.
- L. Horner has many years of experience in the music industry and has extensive knowledge about pianos, from technical quality and market values of a variety of brand names.
- The person who tunes our pianos has also offered to help us evaluate any instrument that we might consider for our sanctuary space.
- And the members of Grace UMC who will help with prayerful consideration and, of course, financial support.

We have set a budget of \$6000 to \$8000 for this project. We would like to start a Pledge List to help measure financial support for this project.

If you would like to make a pledge of financial support, please see P. Anderson or B. Hanna.

There is currently \$1,625.00 in the New Piano Fund.

POMEGRANATE



Because the pomegranate has an abundance of seeds, the fruit is used to represent hope and future life. It also symbolizes the many believers who are individual members of the universal Christian Church.

DECLARATION OF INTERDEPENDENCE

Let it be declared, announced and hereby celebrated...

- That all people everywhere are dependent upon one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order are dependent upon everything else.
- That our little planet and all the planets and stars in the solar systems are in a state of mutual dependence upon one another.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own part to play - its own destiny to fulfill in God's plan.



TAKING THE LONG WAY

It's human nature to look for shortcuts. We want the quickest, surest route to our destination. Delays, detours and dead ends are frustrating and discouraging.

Consider this: "When Pharaoh let the people to, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer... . God let the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea" (Exodus 13:17-18, NRSV). The Red Sea looked like a fatal wrong turn, but God was protecting the Israelites. He had a plan in place to lead them to the promised land.

When God seems to prefer delays and detours in your life, keep in mind that the long way just might be better.

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