

# Light of Grace

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## Dear Friends,

Late-November, after giving birth, my daughter wrote a letter of thanks on behalf of her and Nate to the Dr. who delivered their son. Prior to mailing it, she sent it to me for proof-reading. I hadn't seen lengthy writing of my daughter's for about 10 years. It turned out to be difficult to proof-read for the exact same reason I struggle to proof-read my own writing. With my own stuff I know exactly what I mean to say, so I end up reading it as what I meant to say instead of what it says on the page. Reading my daughter's writing, I knew what words and phrases were coming next. The cadence sounded just like what I would say and how I would say it myself. It surprised me and started me thinking about "legacies" we leave in this world.

Fast forward a few months to March 2020. Grace UMC has experienced numerous deaths—Clara Krook, Reeta Herman, Emily Elliot, Roger Helland, Margaret Wagner, Delores Enkers. Plus, Sondra, our office administrator's Dad, Millard Dahl, passed away. So many deaths in a short span of time continued my thinking about "legacies" we human beings leave behind.

All of us leave our mark. Sometimes we may glimpse a bit of what we'll leave behind when seeing a bit of our ways in our offspring. Sometimes, we might be surprised what leaves an impression. The power of a kindness shared may linger in the hearts of another longer than we'd ever imagine.

Sometimes we attempt to leave legacies on purpose:

Self-written obituaries that list "here's what I hope you'll remember about me,"

Gifts left to a favorite cause, charity, or church,

Items of blessing shared over the years that whisper, "think of me when you see this,"

Sayings or values we repeat or attempt to

live that we hope will improve the world.

Jesus was once asked, "What is the main thing?" "If you were to sum it all up, what would be the key thing, the big rule, a faithful person would have to follow in this world to 'do this whole life-thing right'?" Jesus responded, "The most critical commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And, a second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Author Tom Berlin calls this "Reckless Love: Jesus' Call to Love Our Neighbor." His book and loving as Jesus' intended will be our Wednesday evening focus throughout Lent. But, if Jesus was serious about loving God and neighbor be the main thing, then we need to make the main thing the main thing every day of our lives. In fact, we need to make the main thing the main thing every time we gather to worship. So, I invite us all to ask ourselves key questions every day during Lent 2020. How can we leave legacies of love? How can we show God our love? How can we do things that let others know they are loved in the name of a loving God? How can we live this life and when it ends have those who knew us say, "what a love-filled life; such a blessing to the world?"

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Roger





**PRAYER LIST**

**CARE FACILITIES:**

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

**AT HOME:**

Caliann Gedrose Carol Devine  
Lorraine Taggart Shirley Mohr  
Ilo Koenning Luann Larson  
JoAnne Oelke



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 #3 (Mar/Sept) TEAM coordinators are J. & L. Denny and O.

& L. Roppe

218-512-0395—L. & J Beck  
701-205-7268—S. Grow & Family  
701-306-4382—T. Grow  
701-403-9063—T. & D. Grow  
701-541-4136—S. & N. Grow  
218-238-2223—D. & L. Larson  
701-212-3587—A. Maas  
218-233-3405—C Naasz  
218-236-9169—L. & O. Roppe  
218-236-7848—I. Smith & Family  
701-412-3833—A. Larson & Family  
701-237-9055—N. & R. Lofgren  
218-233-3917—C. & B. Miller  
218-329-1835—J. Miller  
218-233-3917—J. Miller  
701-306-1705—L. Smith



**March Birthdays**

2- R. Wagner  
J. Beck  
5- W. Walseth  
6- L. Norby  
J. Miller  
8- B. Fraundorfer  
9- M. Grow  
11- D. Larson  
12- L. Romanyshyn  
15- L. Burkhardt  
18- N. Schindler  
J. Chandler  
21- L. Simmons  
22- C. Grafenstein  
D. Walseth  
24- T. Fraundorfer  
25- S. Grow  
28- B. Fangsrud  
31—R. Abel



**DONUTS**

Homemade Buttermilk Donuts will be available March 11th and 25th, 2020. To place an order for donuts, call the office, 233-1857. There is also a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

**CONNDOLENCES**

Our sympathies to the Family Roger Helland, Roger passed away on Sunday, January 26th. The date of his service has not been decided.

Our sympathies to R. Wagner on the death of his wife, Margaret. She passed away on Wednesday, February 5th. Her service will be at Grace on May 9th.

Our sympathies to the family of Delores Enkers who passed away on Friday, February 21st. Her funeral was at Grace on Tuesday, February 25th.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers and words of sympathies when my daddy, Millard Dahl, passed away. My family and I greatly appreciate you kindness. -

Sondra



**March Anniversaries**

3—W. & M. Port



## BRIDAL SHOWER

All women are invited to a miscellaneous bridal shower for K. Newgard on Saturday, March 7th at 10:00 am. She is the daughter of T. and P. Newgard and will marry A. Schaleben in June near Park Rapids.

## WOMEN OF GRACE



All Women of Grace will meet on Sunday, March 1st, 2020 after worship in the Lounge.

## TIME CHANGE



It is that time of year again. On Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 am it is time to turn that clock ahead one hour. A sign that summer is coming.

## HELP! HELP! HELP!

Help is needed following fellowship on Sunday, March 1st. The round tables and chairs in the first half of the fellowship hall needed to be removed and three six foot tables need to be set up for the election on Tuesday.

## A PRAYER REQUEST



In *Dr. Burns' Prescription for Happiness*, comedian-actor George Burns wrote that after he played "God" in a movie, he received a letter simply addressed to "God - Beverly Hills, California." It was from a 6-year-old boy who asked "God" to keep it from raining on the day of his baseball team's championship game. The boy ended by saying, "Don't forget; it's this Sunday."

Burns said he guessed it didn't rain that day because he later received another letter from the boy that read, "Thanks, but we lost."

## MOVE THE FENCE

In Europe during World War II, two soldiers attempted to provide a decent burial for their buddy. At a nearby village, they found a cemetery next to a church. When the friends asked for permission to bury their friend there, the pastor said that wasn't possible because the soldier belonged to another denomination.

Sensing their disappointment, the pastor agreed to bury the soldier in a grassy area beyond the cemetery. It's just outside the fence," he said. The two friends accepted the offer and vowed to return.

A few weeks later, when they came back to the village, they couldn't locate the new grave. The pastor quickly calmed them down. "Everything's all right," he said. "After we buried your friend, I kept thinking about him. So I came out here, and moved the fence."

Denominational division often keep us from interacting with other Christians. The next time you have the opportunity to fellowship with someone who's different from you, remember this story. Take a bold step and move the fence.

## REFINING FIRE



Religion is not a nagging parent, nor is it a report card keeping track of our achievements and failures and grading our performance.

Religion is a refining fire, helping us get rid of everything that is not us, everything that distorts, dilutes or compromises the persons we really want to be, until only our authentic selves remain.

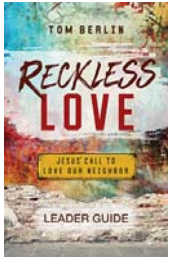
- Harold Kushner

# Grace United Methodist

## March 2020

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
<b>1</b> 1st Sunday in Lent  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship w/ Communion <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> All Women of Grace	<b>2</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>3</b>  <b>Election Day</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>5:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> GraceKids Ministry <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Services <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir	<b>5</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>11:30 am</b> MHD Police Chaplains <b>1:30 pm</b> Martha Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>10:00 am</b> K. Newgard Bridal Shower
<b>8</b> 2nd Sunday in Lent  <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>9</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting  <b>7:00 pm</b> Caregivers Unite	<b>10</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> Vision and Operations & Resources	<b>11</b>  <b>6:00 am</b> Donut Making <b>5:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> GraceKids Ministry <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Services <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir	<b>12</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>7:00 pm</b> Lydia Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> Scouts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent  <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>16</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>5:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> GraceKids Ministry <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Services <b>7:30 pm</b> Choir	<b>19</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline <b>7:00 pm</b> Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 4th Sunday in Lent <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>23</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>6:00 am</b> Donut Making <b>5:00 pm</b> Soup Supper <b>6:00 pm</b> GraceKids Ministry <b>7:00 pm</b> Lent Services	<b>26</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> Bulletin Deadline  Pastor Roger @ District Committee on Ministry Retreat	<b>27</b>  Pastor Roger @ District Committee on Ministry Retreat	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 5th Sunday in Lent <b>9:00 am</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>10:15 am</b> Children's Sunday School	<b>30</b>  <b>1:00 pm</b> Quilting	<b>31</b>				

<b>Date</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Epistle</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Sun, Mar 1</b>	am: 63, 98, pm: 103	Dan 9:3-10	Heb 2:10-18	John 12:44-50
<b>Mon, Mar 2</b>	am: 41, 52, pm: 44	Gen 37:1-11	1 Cor 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
<b>Tue, Mar 3</b>	am: 45, pm: 47, 48	Gen 37:12-24	1 Cor 1:20-31	Mark 1:14-28
<b>Wed, Mar 4</b>	am: 119:49-72, pm: 49, 53	Gen 37:25-36	1 Cor 2:1-13	Mark 1:29-45
<b>Thur, Mar 5</b>	am: 50, 59, 60, pm: 19, 46	Gen 39:1-23	1 Cor 2:14-3:15	Mark 2:1-12
<b>Fri, Mar 6</b>	am: 40, 54, pm: 51	Gen 40:1-23	1 Cor 3:16-23	Mark 2:13-22
<b>Sat, Mar 7</b>	am: 55, pm: 138, 139	Gen 41:1-13	1 Cor 4:1-7	Mark 2:23-3:6
<b>Sun, Mar 8</b>	am: 24, 29, pm: 8, 84	Gen 41:14-45	Rom 6:3-14	John 5:19-24
<b>Mon, Mar 9</b>	am: 56, 57, 58, pm: 64, 65	Gen 41:46-57	1 Cor 4:8-21	Mark 3:7-19a
<b>Tue, Mar 10</b>	am: 61, 62, pm: 68	Gen 42:1-17	1 Cor 5:1-8	Mark 3:19b-35
<b>Wed, Mar 11</b>	am: 72, pm: 119:73-96	Gen 42:18-28	1 Cor 5:6-6:8	Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thur, Mar 12</b>	am: 70, 71, pm: 74	Gen 42:29-38	1 Cor 6:12-30	Mark 4:21-34
<b>Fri, Mar 13</b>	am: 69, pm: 73	Gen 43:1-15	1 Cor 7:1-9	Mark 4:35-41
<b>Sat, Mar 14</b>	am: 75, 76, pm: 23, 27	Gen 43:16-34	1 Cor 7:10-24	Mark 5:1-20
<b>Sun, Mar 15</b>	am: 93, 96, pm: 34	Gen 44:1-17	Rom 8:1-10	John 5:25-29
<b>Mon, Mar 16</b>	am: 80, pm: 77, 79	Gen 44:18-34	1 Cor 7:25-31	Mark 5:21-43
<b>Tue, Mar 17</b>	am: 78:1-39, pm: 78:40-72	Gen 45:1-15	1 Cor 7:32-40	Mark 6:1-13
<b>Wed, Mar 18</b>	am: 119:97-120, pm: 81, 82	Gen 45:16-28	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mark 6:13-29
<b>Thur, Mar 19</b>	am: 42, 43, pm: 85, 86	Gen 46:1-7, 28-34	1 Cor 9:1-15	Mark 6:30-46
<b>Fri, Mar 20</b>	am: 88, pm: 91, 92	Gen 47:1-26	1 Cor 9:16-27	Mark 6:47-56
<b>Sat, Mar 21</b>	am: 87, 90, pm: 136	Gen 47:27-48:7	1 Cor 10:1-13	Mark 7:1-23
<b>Sun, Mar 22</b>	am: 66, 67, pm: 19, 46	Gen 48:8-22	Rom 8:11-25	John 6:27-40
<b>Mon, Mar 23</b>	am: 89:1-18, pm: 89:19-52	Gen 49:1-28	1 Cor 10:14-11:1	Mark 7:24-37
<b>Tue, Mar 24</b>	am: 97, 99, 100, pm: 94, 95	Gen 49:29-50:14	1 Cor 11:17-34	Mark 8:1-10
<b>Wed, Mar 25</b>	am: 101, 109, pm: 119:121-144	Gen 50:15-26	1 Cor 12:1-11	Mark 8:11-26
<b>Thur, Mar 26</b>	am: 69, pm: 73	Exod 1:6-22	1 Cor 12:12-26	Mark 8:27-9:1
<b>Fri, Mar 27</b>	am: 107:1-32, pm: 107:33-43	Exod 2:1-22	1 Cor 12:27-13:3	Mark 9:2-13
<b>Sat, Mar 28</b>	am: 102, 108, pm: 33	Exod 2:23-3:15	1 Cor 13:1-13	Mark 9:14-29
<b>Sun, Mar 29</b>	am: 118, pm: 145	Exod 3:16-4:12	Rom 12:1-12	John 8:46-59
<b>Mon, Mar 30</b>	am: 31, pm: 35	Exod 4:10-31	1 Cor 14:1-19	Mark 9:30-41
<b>Tues, Mar 31</b>	am: 121, 122, 123, pm: 124, 125, 126	Exod 5:1-6:1	1 Cor 14:20-40	Mark 9:42-50



## LENT

The theme for this year is Reckless Love. Pastor Tom Berlin wrote a book *Reckless Love* about how Jesus taught us how to love a neighbor first as a way to more deeply love God. During our six week journey Jesus' teaching and travels with his disciples will be explored. The journey will teach us how to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength by showing us how to love our neighbor .

Each Wednesday will begin with soup and sandwich at 5:00 p.m., followed by a discussion from the book, *Reckless Love*, at 7:00 p.m.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex, if you wish to purchase a copy of the book.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you are able to donate a pan of bars.

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one's neighbor, for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one's neighbor. It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my bread with them and that I share by dwelling with the homeless. If the hungry do not attain to faith, then the guilt falls on those who refused them bread. To provide the hungry with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer



The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug." - Mark Twain

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