

**Groton/Conde  
Parishes**

# United Methodist Messenger

**July 2005**

**Pastor Jan Price**



## We Begin!

My reflections have been today of willing helpful, smiling people who have come alongside of this pastor to begin our ministry time together. Each person has enthusiastically shown their gifts and graces and given such willing hands, hearts and minds that this pastor is able to give a sigh. How wonderful to have staff and committee chairs who are

ready to “jump in” and then wait upon God to move and direct each of us as we find the layers to do His work among the people.

In the quietness of this sanctuary in Groton I have come to find that perfect peace where God is waiting to begin a new work in us all as we await Sunday mornings worship.

I stopped by Conde’s church and found it full of fun and excitement with a baby shower going on at that very moment. It was great to hear the laughter and expressions of joy come from that very happy time.

Each of your families have experience some sort of damage from the huge storm and rains that have come through our area this summer. We are so grateful for the moisture and pleased

to see, even late planted crops come to fruition, but have all sustained damage. May we continue to support, help and assist each other with those needs. We are the hands, feet, eyes and ears of God right here to help each other. If there are those who could use a work crew of 4 or 5 people to come and help clear damage, do repairs, please contact Pastor Jan and we will arrange for that to happen. You will help us meet the needs of others by giving us a chance to do for others....and you all know how good that feels. So do not hesitate to ask and we will not hesitate to be ready to come. Those who are willing to serve in this manner please let the pastor know.

I am ready to begin our ministry to together. This pastor does not come with a hat and white gloves (I have worn them), I come with one high heel, a boot, workpants, a blazer, work shirt and cannot possibly meet the needs of each pre-formulated idea of “what a real pastor is”. But I am open to suggestions, have an office door that is open and a heart to listen and serve. May we find God waiting for us in our future and writing our history, as God is currently in our present and certainly was in our past. I come with arms wide open to those who are ready for a hug, a handshake and joy in the Lord.

Pastor Jan Price





**Farewell Party**  
**July 3, 10:00 AM for**  
**Lorraine Bartz,**  
**who is moving to**  
**Texas**



Welcome Back  
 Visiting  
 Lorraine Bartz  
 Irene Breitreutz

### Wednesday Morning

#### Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings  
 Each Week at 10:00 am  
 Studying

Women of the Bible  
 Bring your own Coffee  
 or Beverage and Join Us!



**Goodwill**  
 Industries International, Inc.

**July 15-22**  
**Trailer at Groton**  
**Church**  
**Parking Lot**

### **School Kits are being Collected** **August - September**

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| J 1 pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)               | J 12 sheets colored construction paper (varied colors)   |
| J 2 pads of spiral or looseleaf 8 1/2 X 11 ruled paper | J 24 crayons in it's own box (Not a Box Split Up!)   |
| J 1-30 cm ruler (12")                                  | J 14 X 16 cloth bag with a Velcro closure - pattern can be found on our website or ask the office for a copy |
| J 1 hand held pencil sharpener                         | J Monetary Donations towards items to finish bags.   |
| J 6 new pencils unsharpened with erasers               |  |
| J 1 - 2 1/2" eraser                                    |  |

No Large Appliances or Furniture. Questions? Contact Anita Lowary.

[www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org) -Check out Goodwill on the Internet and read the success stories of your donations!





## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

### July Birthday's at Groton

- 4 Seth Erickson
- 5 Jasmine Schinkel
- 8 Kelby Hawkins
- 9 Jordan Voss  
Jocelyn Peterson
- 12 Ashtyn Bahr
- 13 Carna Atherton-Pray  
Jeff Voss  
Jolene Townsend
- 14 Christine Nyberg  
Ava Kramer
- 16 Linda Thurston  
Richard Voss
- 18 Kaitilin O'Neil  
Kevin Pray
- 19 Carol Strom
- 22 Bill Podoll  
Jean Lowary
- 23 Joyce Walter
- 24 Christi Swenson  
Maggie Oliver
- 26 Curtis Krueger  
Lucius Geffre
- 27 Ryland Strom  
Tony Madsen
- 28 Craig Weber
- 29 Hazel Peterson
- 30 Christopher Sippel
- 31 Amanda Swenson  
Lynette Furman

Please notify me of any additions or corrections.  
Thank you, Kay Brandt

Baptism Blessings  
Ashley Faith Ptacek



### July Anniversaries

- 5 Allen & Joyce Walter
- 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker
- 12 Brent & Christi Swenson
- 18 Josh & Merrie Atherton
- 24 Roger & Pam Rix
- 28 Bob & Carolyn Snyder

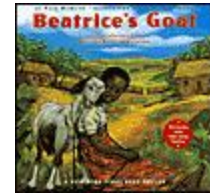


THE PRAYER  
OF THE  
RIGHTEOUS  
IS POWERFUL  
AND  
EFFECTIVE.

J A M E S 5 : 1 6



## On UMW Reading Program



## Beatrice's Goat

For many children in the United States, attending school is nothing special. Many take their learning opportunities for granted and often forget that there are other children who are not as fortunate.

Beatrice's Goat tells the story of a young girl who lives in Uganda with her mom and five brothers and sisters. Every day Beatrice helps her mom plant in the fields and grind flour to sell at the market. They barely scrape by with the money they make, having just enough to feed and clothe the family. Beatrice is un-

able to afford school though she often dreams of wearing a school uniform, writing in a notebook, and studying all the day long.

One day, her mom informs her that they are one of 12 families slated to receive a special gift -- a goat. Beatrice doesn't really understand what's so special, but promises her momma to help care for it. After building a shed for the goat and tending to the pastures, Beatrice finally meets their gift. She befriends the animal and names her Mugisa, which means luck. When the time is

right, Beatrice sells the goat's sweet milk at the market. The coins add up and, with this extra money, Beatrice is able to go to school. Mugisa also gives birth to babies that are sold to other families who will benefit from having livestock of their own, and Beatrice and her family are able to save money for a new roof.

This touching story was inspired by the true story of a Ugandan girl who was helped by Heifer Project International. HPI is an outstanding organization that provides livestock to poor communities around the world. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has written the afterword for Beatrice's Goat shares of her belief that lives can change for the better with the help of resources, training, and community support. This book illustrates that belief and will hopefully educate all those who read it. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Heifer Project International.

CBS News Story and Video at:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/01/11/60minutes/main666166.shtml>



## Groton Ad Council Minutes - June 8th

Fourteen members were present on June 8th to consider the following agenda items:

- J No committee reports were given to discussions centered around the roof project for the Groton church.
- J Jerry Rix has been appointed chairman of a roof repair committee.
- J The administrative Council will meet weekly to review progress on the roof project.
- J Mary Hayenga will gather information regarding funding for the project and outline financial needs.
- J A Charge Conference will be held on June 29, 2005, at 8:00 pm to explain and seek approval for needed roof repairs.
- J A welcome the new pastor "pounding will be held prior to the Charge Conference on June 29 at 7:00 pm.

Groton Ad Council  
Meeting Weekly till  
further notice to make  
progress on the new  
roof that is needed.

### Help me, but ..

A cartoon in the British publication Punch portrayed a man praying at his bedside. He said to the Lord, "Is there some way you could help me, but make it look like I did it all myself?"

### Groton Stewardship Report June 2005

Average Wkly Giving  
\$1,847

Needed Weekly to  
Meet Church Needs  
\$1,874

Average Weekly  
Attendance  
70

Total Building Fund  
Offerings  
\$65

Total Roof Fund  
Offerings  
\$1100



## Share your talents

A talent is worth only what you do with it. Imagine your talent as a plain bar of iron that's worth about \$5.00. That same bar of iron, when made into horseshoes would be worth more than \$10. If made into needles, it would be worth around \$3,500. And if turned into balance springs for watches, its worth would become over \$250,000!

What is your talent, and how are you using it?

## Groton Church Roof Needs Repairs

The Groton United Methodist Church is looking up again. We are looking to see where the rain keeps coming in. And we are looking for guidance. And we are looking up in prayer. Roof repairs are needed again and that makes a big need for prayers and guidance, as well as for generous gifts to cover the costs.

The roof repair committee met Wednesday, June 23, and considered several proposals for repairs. Present from the roof committee were: Jerry Rix, Chairman; Cliff Pray, Trustee Chairman; Allen Walter, Finance Chairman; Sherwin Nyberg, Roger Rix, Marc Johnson, Alan Strom, and Anita Lowary, Secretary. (Lars Hanson and John Erickson were absent.) After much consideration the committee's choice was to hire Grote Brothers of Aberdeen to do a new rubber roof over a foam slope on all roof areas that are now flat and repair all the rotting wood under the existing rubber. Other contractors will also have to be hired. A carpenter to close the north windows in the fellowship hall, an air conditioner contractor to raise the sanctuary air conditioner off the roof, and an electrician to rewire the air conditioner.

The roof repair would require the north windows in the closed. Although we will miss the light from this windows, we will not miss the breezes, the dirt, and the insects that these windows let in.

The approx. \$57,773 budget for this project is as follows:

- J Foam Slope & Rubber Roof - Bid \$39,773
- J Hidden Roof Repairs - approx. \$15,000
- J Close Windows - approx. \$2,500

- J Move Air Conditioner & Reinstall on the roof- approx. \$500

This is all before we start on the inside to remove the mold by replacing the ceiling tiles and some of the carpet. This part of the project is expected to be approx \$10,000 to \$20,000. Some of this can be postponed or done one room at a time, but will have to be addressed eventually. The chief concern is to stop any further damage by stopping the leaks now.



Due to the recent sewer repairs which were discovered when we remodeled the bathrooms for handicap accessibility, our Building and Maintenance Fund is at a really low balance (under \$2,000) and although we have started a Roof Repair Fund, we have only raised \$3,000 so far. The Groton Church will be able to get a loan from the conference for 6.5% interest rate, and possibly a grant for \$10,000 from the Conference Builders Club. If there is any congregation member who would like to offer a loan at a lesser interest rate, please contact Allen Walter. We would like to get as much of the project paid up front as we can, but we can not put off these repairs any longer. We do not want our ceiling to come falling down on our heads or the mold affecting anyone's health.

This plan was presented to the Administrative Council later in the evening June 22 and met with their approval. The plan, then, was presented to the Church/Charge conference on June 29 for their approval. Please show your support and give generously!

A fun fundraising committee is being formed. Please Contact Mary Hayenga to volunteer!



Marlys Rodman	397-4570
Jean Lowary	397-8228
Audrey Thurston	397-8493
Gert Ruden	397-8211
Pat Dahlquist	397-2616
Florann Norris	397-2638
Mary Swisher	397-8259
Gloria Pharis	397-2375
Mary Jane Schott	397-8588
Doris Zoellner	397-2417
Marjorie Townsend	298-5221
Marjorie Overacker	397-8562
Darlys Kampa	395-6996
Marvel/Bob Johnson	397-2425
Carolyn Snyder	397-8396
Mary Ann Whede	397-8330

\*Currently 45 on email prayer chain.

## The prize under the rock

On the road in front of his palace a king had his guards place a large rock. Standing hidden, the king watched to see how passersby handled the obstruction. Most travelers simply walked around it. A few tried to roll the rock, but found it too difficult to dislodge. They gave up and went on.



Eventually, a peasant pushing a cart full of vegetables stopped. He put his full strength behind the stone and pushed. It didn't budge. Undeterred, he pushed again and felt some movement. He pushed again and again until he finally managed to move the rock out of the path. When he started on his way again, he glanced down and saw a leather bag where the rock had been. He picked up the bag, opened it, and discovered it was filled with gold coins. There was also a note from the king. It said that anyone who found the bag could have the money.

The winners in life are those who work faithfully until the barriers to fulfillment are removed. "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, NRSV)



## Farewell & God Bless

### Our New Address Will Be:

Rev Grant & Eileen Piehl  
PO Box M  
Napoleon, ND 58561  
701-754-2240





## Groton UMW Minutes - June 15

The Groton United Methodist Women met Wednesday evening, June 15, 2005. The meeting was preceded by an officers' meeting and a nominations committee meeting.

Carolyn Snyder and Ann Rix gave the Pledge Service program, "Then and Now: 136 Years of Mission". The Women's Foreign Missionary Society was born May 3, 1869, when two women missionaries were sent to India. Clara Swain was a doctor and Isabelle Thoburn was a teacher. Two schools that were an outgrowth of their work and supported by UMW missionary funds are the Allen School in Asheville, N.C. and McCurdy School which was established before New Mexico became a state in 1926. Members filled out pledge cards, the proceeds of which will be used for the local unit's mission program.

President Jolene Townsend presided at the business meeting. The PURPOSE was repeated in unison and a short devotion was entitled "A Cute Story". The treasurer gave the financial report and the recap of the May Breakfast receipts and expense.

Mary Swisher, mission coordinator of program resources, said several new books are in the library. The reading reports are due to her by August 1, 2005.

The May Breakfast was successful with many compliments received. The committees were thanked. The Tea Party on Wheels held in May was successful with the "special people" thrilled with the visits. The pictures in the Newsletter were good.

The Banquet supper in Sioux Falls went fine. Four hundred sixty-eight were served, 65 being under 12. The workers from Groton and Conde were assisted by college kids and workers from Senator Thune's office which is across the street. The Groton-Conde people were given a tour of the backroom where the kits are stored and the laundry area.

The District meeting will be in Gettysburg on September 10. Quilts, 52x52 in size, may be brought for the Tree of Life.

A prayer vigil will be on August 29, at 9:00 to 9:45. Prayer emphasis will be on missions, missionaries and District Officers.

The funeral for Matt Rock will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>. The June committee will handle serving lunch. The potluck dinner for Rev. Grant's farewell will be June 19<sup>th</sup> when worship time will be exchanged with Conde. The welcoming for Pastor Jan will be on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with a potluck supper, "pounding" and a church conference meeting following the supper.

Linda Thurston will host the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting in her new home in Aberdeen.

### Groton UMW Meeting July 20th 7:30 PM

Car pool will leave the church at 7:00 pm, please RSVP to Pres. Jolene by 12:00 July 20th.

Meeting at the Home of  
Linda Thurston  
In Aberdeen

No Program

**Please bring your pop tabs , for  
finale tabulation for this year.**

**Executive Meeting at 6:30 PM**  
2006 Date Book Planning/Goals  
Plan/Prepare for Cent Dist Mtg  
Prepare Mission Recognition

No August Meeting



## Conde Ad Council Minutes - June 15

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darrel Haskell. A prayer was given by Rev. Piehl, and the Mission Statement was recited. The following members were in attendance: marion Jensen, Betty Taylor, Darrel Haskell, Donna Hearnen, and Rev. Grant Piehl.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Trustees** - Ant and weed control: Norb Hearnen sprayed inside and outside the church with "Tempo" for ants. He also did some weed spraying. Copy machine - Neither Cindy or Jane were present to report on availability of memorial money or cost of a new copy machine. The Parish copy machine is Groton was used for making copies during Bible School. Church cleaning - There was a discussion that we should have a cleaning day, possibly this Fall. This should be organized by members on the Board of Trustees.

**UMW Report** - This group met in the afternoon. There will be no meeting in July, but the Unit will host a Retreat on Saturday, August 6.

**Missions** - Serving "Banquet" - On June 6, the Groton and Conde churches served the meal at the "Banquet" in Sioux Falls. The following people went down to prepare the meal and also help with the serving: Conde - Jane Worlie, Diane Taylor, Cindy Smith, Danie Feekes, Darrel and Joyce Has-

kell, and Judy Zeck. Groton - Jolene Townsend, Herron Smith, Rev. Piehl. Those who went to just serve were: Conde - Pat Siefken Groton - Bob and Mary Ann Wehde, Dick and Gert Ruden, Bert Raap. There were also two ladies from Bristol and two ladies from Pierpont. School Kits - During July and August, we will be collecting items or money for the UMCOR School Kits. The bags to put the items in also have to be constructed, so there is a need for volunteers to do this project. Health Kits - Although April and May were the designated months to collect these items, there is still a need for money or things to go in the kits. Only \$6 was given and very few items; however, \$100 was given and credited as an "Advance Special." Church World Service Blankets - \$140 was collected for this Mission Project.

### NEW BUSINESS

Conference Report - Betty Taylor gave this report. The Conference apportionments for each church will be more for the coming year. Each District will have a Superintendent, and ours will be Sheila Richards.

**July Administrative Council meeting will be Wednesday, July 20, at 7:00 pm.**

The Conde United Methodist Church is seeking to satisfy the spiritual and physical needs of all.

**School of Christian Mission** meets at DWU for the weekend of July 8-10. If you would like to involve yourself in more activity, the week-day school meets July 11-14th. There is also a youth camp July 7-10, studying "Faithful Servants;" with a children's camp, Missions for Me, July 11-14. Specific studies for the year are "Children of the Bible," "India and Pakistan" and "Public Education." You may be eligible for a scholarship - contact your local unit president.

4th Sunday of each month Conde UMC are dedicating the loose change in the collection or specially marked checks or envelopes to the Advance for World Hunger.



## From the UMW President

School of Christian Mission is just a few days away but there is still time to register, July 8 -10th or July 11 - 14th. If this is your first time to attend, a scholarship is available, call me for more details.

It hardly seems possible that the calendar year for UMW is coming to a close, the Reading Program concludes for this year on August 1st as well as our collection of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Mission Today Report is due as well. All reports and forms are forwarded to the Central District Officers and our accomplishments and awards will be presented at the Central District Annual Meeting in Gettysburg on Sat. Sept 10. Roxanne Henke, author of "After Anne" will be our guest

speaker, hopefully many of you will have read her book by then, reports have been excellent from those who have read it, have a box of tissues close by!!!!

The Central District UMW RETREAT is scheduled for August 6th at Conde. We're very fortunate to have it so close (helps when the UMW Conference President is from Conde!) I know many of you will want to attend, more details will soon be available, so mark August 6th on you calendar!

Linda Thurston has graciously offered to host our July 20th UMW Meeting and I thank her very much. We will try to car pool together from the church at 7:00pm. If you would like to volunteer to drive or would like a ride,

please call me at your earliest convenience or leave a message on the answering machine. You are welcome to bring your Reading Program forms and your pop tabs with you, hope you can all attend.

School supplies will be on sale soon, remember the items needed for the School Kits for the Ingathering!!!!

**The UMW Reading Program 2005 forms are due to Mary swisher by August 1st.**

**Central District UMW Retreat is August 6th**



## What is the Builder's Club? Join Today!

The mission of the Dakotas Conference Builders Club is: To seek to offer helping hands to sister churches who are building or renovating churches and parsonages, or who need help due to natural disasters or emergencies. We trust that members of the Dakotas Conference will continue to give faithful support to churches in need well into the future.

At the time of the merger of North and South Dakota Conferences, a decision was made by the Board of Lay Ministries to ask members to consider supporting up to four calls per year by contributing at least \$10

to each call. Members are free to choose which of the calls they wish to support, but answering all of the calls is strongly urged.

**Priorities for Needs Request:** The Board has adopted a list of priorities when handling requests for help from the Builders Club. They are as follows:

- 1) Emergencies and natural disasters
- 2) Building new churches
- 3) Church building renovations
- 4) Purchase or renovation of parsonages

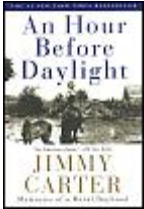
As the request forms come in, they are dated and placed on

file according to the priority order. According to the total number of forms submitted and their priority, some may be set back/put on hold. In the event of extreme emergencies, a special call may be made.

**The Builders Club is continually adding to its membership list. If the Calls were served by 1000 members, the churches in need could be receiving up towards or over \$10,000 per Call!!**

Ask the Office or Carna Ather-ton Pray for an application!

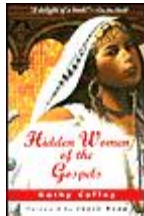
## UMW Reading Program Books for July



**An Hour Before Daylight: Memoirs of a Rural Boyhood by Jimmy Carter.** This book is delightful, honest and nostalgic.

It carries you back to a place in rural America where people were 'who they were'. Plain and simple, the life and culture was formed into a certain mold which eventually unfolded itself. Jimmy Carter has written a masterpiece similar to Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House Books. Mr. Carter does well to talk about life, the way it use to be lived in the great State of Georgia. hard work, manners....schooling...life. Parents that teach. Oh a great time to remember. This is a wonderfully written memoir.

**Hidden Women of the Gospels by Kathy Coffey.** Kathy Coffey has given us a delightful look at some behind-the-scenes characters from the Gospels. In so



doing she raises some key issues in spirituality--for women especially--and helps us all to confront the challenge the gospel message presents.

**West of the Jordan-A Novel by Laila Halaby**



Through the narratives of four cousins at the brink of maturity, Laila Halaby immerses her readers in the lives, friendships, and loves of girls struggling with national, ethnic, and sexual identities. I loved this

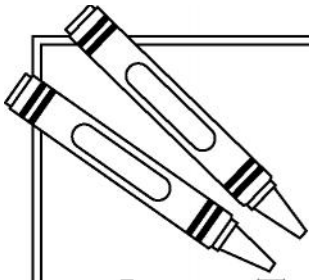
book! It gave me such a perspective that I had not known before. It was enlightening and shows that there is humanity in even those places in the world where the media tries to hide it! I want to me more of this caliber with this perspective. Wonderful portrayal of life, culture, love, passion and suffering of the people of Palestinians and their lives as a displaced people!

## The Pastor's "Pounding" Welcome

June 29th we welcomed Pastor Jan to the Groton Church with a pounding and potluck. Members brought gifts of a pound of something. She received many items from the kitchen to items for her desk. Thank you to all who helped make this a success.







## Just for KIDS

### Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

BETHANY  
BETHLEHEM  
BETHSAIDA  
CAESAREA PHILIPPI  
CANA  
CAPERNAUM  
DECAPOLIS  
EGYPT

EPHRAIM  
GALILEE  
JERICHO  
JERUSALEM  
JORDAN RIVER  
JUDEA  
MAGDALA  
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PEREA  
SAMARIA  
SIDON  
TYRE  
WILDERNESS

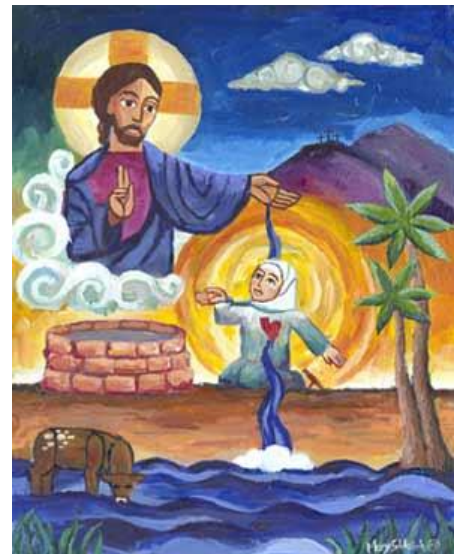
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### The first day of vacation Bible school



One summer afternoon a grandfather picked up his 4-year-old grandson at church. "Well, Jason, how did you like your first day of vacation Bible school?"

"It was great!" the boy replied. "We heard some stories and drew some pictures. Then we went out to play, and when we came back in God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



Annual Conference photos and information is available online at

[http://www.santel.net/~dumcc/6\\_8\\_05an\\_conf.html](http://www.santel.net/~dumcc/6_8_05an_conf.html)



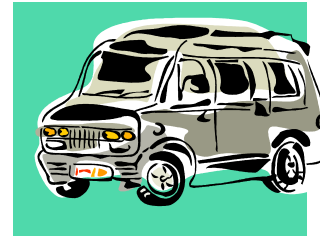
## Free Rides for July

The Groton Community Transit will begin bus operations on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Free rides will be offered for the month of July. The free rides are being sponsored by the Groton Vet Clinic and Kolker Law Office. Beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, rides will cost 50 cents per one way. Advance tickets will be available for purchase at Paints & More, Lori's Pharmacy, First State Bank, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Individuals requesting transportation will need to call to schedule a ride at least one day prior to the day they

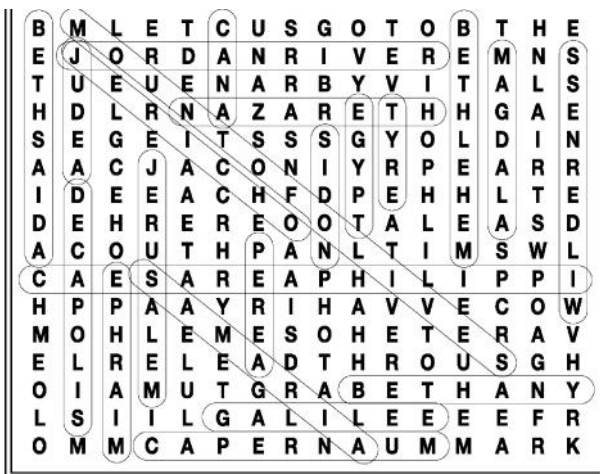
need a ride. Monday rides will need to be scheduled by Saturday. Bus dispatching will be done at Paints & More between the hours of 9 am and 2 pm Monday through Saturday beginning June 27<sup>th</sup>. To schedule a ride call 397-8650.

The hours of bus operation will be Monday through Friday 9 am to 2 pm and Sunday 9 am to 1 pm. The bus will be used for any transportation needs such as attending Senior meals, hair appointments, swimming lessons, baseball practice,



church, Sunday School, shopping, banking, appointments of any kind in the city of Groton.

At the present time, the bus is not wheelchair accessible but the transportation board would like to see this offered in the future. The Groton community Transit is hoping these transportation services will meet the needs of the citizens of Groton and with the support of the community, the services will continue to expand.



## Groton August Family Committee

**Kay & Ben Brandt, Angela**

**Crystal & Doug Sippel**

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Ruby & Eugene Luce

Michelle & Chuck Padfield

Marjorie & Russell Townsend

Twila Ruden

Doris Strom

Darlys Kampa

Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

Joyce & Allen Walter

Pat Dahlquist

Rodney Boehmer

Gene Cassels

Vicki & William Podoll, Chris & Jennifer

Todd Thurston

Sue Kubal

### Honorary Members

Earl & Jean Lowary

Ruby Fuller

Emery Sippel



### August 2005

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Lorraine Bartz

Herrron Smith

### Extra Responsibilities

- Mow the lawn as necessary
- August 14th hang communion banners for this Sunday only
- Clean the three NW Rooms (UMYF & 2 Sunday School)
- No Potluck

**Meet July 24th -Coffee Hour**

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**Groton Church Roof Repair**  
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**Please help**  
**repair our church!**



## Our Church Happenings

- ) **July 3 - Farewell for Lorraine Bartz at 10:00 Coffee Hour. She is moving to Texas on July 7th!**
- ) Tuesday Mornings - Groton Women's Bible Study 10:00 am
- ) Groton Ad Council Meeting Weekly at 8:00 pm to keep Roof Repair Project Moving. Meetings Continue till further notice.
- ) July 15-22 Goodwill Truck at Groton Church Parking Lot
- ) July 20 - Groton UMW Meeting in Aberdeen at Linda Thurston's
- ) July 20 - Conde Ad Council 7:00 pm
- ) August 6 - Central District UMW Retreat