

## Dear Friends in Groton & Conde

It is often the case that God calls us out of our comfort zone to places that will cause us to grow in faith and understanding. Let's look at the story of Moses, God called him to go back to Egypt to a place where he was wanted for murder. Moses said, "God I am not an eloquent speaker, how can you expect me to lead your people?" God said, "Aaron your brother will help you." Moses learned that God was going to be with him throughout the journey.

Or let's consider Jonah, as another example. Nineveh was the last place Jonah wanted to go. He despised the people there because of their reputation and their unrighteous ways. You could say that Jonah was prejudiced against the Ninevites. Yet, God called Jonah to be a prophet unto them, so that their hearts might be turned. Jonah instead tried to flee from God's calling and we know how the rest of the story unfolds.

Is God calling you out of your comfort zone? Recently at Lake Poinsett church camp, we welcomed high school students for a week of leadership training and fun! We had new campers as we do every year. And every year it's the same story, inevitably those who are new to camp and who have come together as friends will want to be in the same cabin. However, that doesn't always happen and so for about the first day or two of camp those friends are sad, but by the end of the week they've

made so many new friends that the early disappointment is completely forgotten. They enjoyed camp even though early on the friends were outside their comfort zone.

That's how it is when God calls us out and brings us outside our comfort zones. God intends for there to be growth and meets us along the way supplying our needs. And lastly, remember Romans 8:28 which reminds us that God works in all things for the GOOD of those who love and believe in God.

May the love, joy and peace of Jesus Christ reign in your hearts.

I look forward to seeing you in church,

Pastor Matt






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\*Currently 84 on email prayer chain. If you are not on this list or the email list, please notify the church office.

We must have your permission to start the Prayer Chain. So please call and request this to be done. It is not automatic for privacy reasons.



Tigh Hank Irvin Fliehs was baptized July 28th.  
Parents are Tigh and Adrienne.

### Groton UMW Meets in August

Wednesday at 2 pm on August 28th UMW will be meeting. Hostesses are Jeanne Wanous & Chris Nyberg.

Executive Meeting at 1 pm. We will continue Date Book Plans for 2014, Newsletter updates, and make Budget Plans.

Be saving Coffee Cans!

# Happy Birthday!



August 11  
Come and Help  
Gerald Rix  
Celebrate his 88th Birthday  
During Coffee Hour!

## Holy Humor

\*\*A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, **"It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."**

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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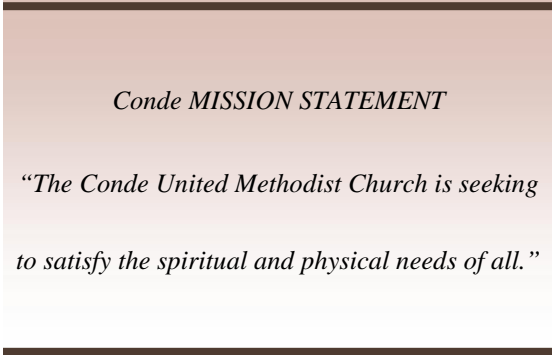
A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."



## Our Church Celebrations

### Groton

- Aug 1 Bert Raap  
 Aug 2 David Strom  
     Dylan Graf  
     Jessica & Brent Morehouse  
 Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins  
     Michelle Kramer  
 Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber  
 Aug 5 Gerald Rix  
     Tigh Fliehs  
 Aug 7 Kelli Hanson  
     Sherwin Nyberg  
 Aug 8 Brad & Diann Morehouse  
     Yvonne Lange  
 Aug 9 Jackson Wells  
     Loel Schott  
 Aug 12 Amber Wolken  
     Tom Lipp  
 Aug 13 Logan Nilsson  
 Aug 14 Doug Bahr  
 Aug 15 Bert & Jan Raap  
 Aug 16 Alissa & Michael Wells  
     Jim Jones  
     Ralph Breitreutz  
     Rose Tewksbury  
     Sam Furman  
 Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson

- Aug 19 Sherwin & Chris Nyberg  
     Tia Zoellner  
     William Zoellner  
     Jaeger Kampa  
 Aug 20 Marc Sippel  
 Aug 22 Virginia Breitreutz  
 Aug 23 Lisa Pray  
 Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous  
 Aug 29 Church Padfield  
 Aug 30 Emma Schinkel  
     Nathan Atherton  
 Aug 31 Katelyn Hawkins

### Conde

- Aug 1 Joan Fahrenwald  
 Aug 5 Myron & Joan Fahrenwald  
 Aug 6 Loren & Pat Siefken  
 Aug 10 Cindy Smith  
 Aug 12 Cody Evans  
 Aug 16 Brandon Smith  
 Aug 20 Richard & Jane Worlie  
 Aug 23 Jim & Mona Baldrige  
     Nicklos Menzia  
 Aug 26 Pamela Hanson  
 Aug 30 Carl Hanson  
 Aug 31 Collin Ragels

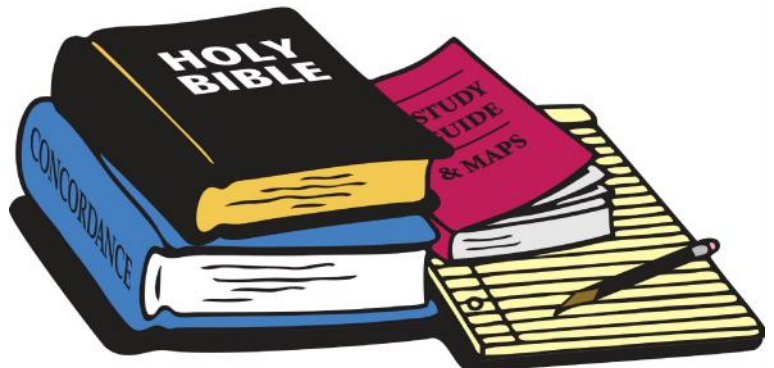


## Join a Bible Study

The Groton Church has two Bible Studies that meet. The women meet on Tuesday morning at 10 AM and are currently working on a DVD Study of the Women of the Bible. The Men meet and study on Wednesday mornings at 7 am. All are welcome as well as those from other churches.

If you are interested in a Bible Study but cannot meet at these times, please talk to Kay Brandt. Pastor Matt and Kay are willing to meet your needs and start a new study. What about Wednesday Evening while kids are in UMYF?

# Be Nourished



## Groton Confirmation Starts

Confirmation starts Sept. 11th, and on Aug 28th Confirmation parents and youth are invited to attend a confirmation orientation night at 7pm.

This year Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesdays from 3:45-5pm.



## Groton Sunday School

September 8 is Rally Sunday. As we gear up please go and register for Sunday School on our website at [www.grotonumc.org](http://www.grotonumc.org) today! Get ready to join the fun!

## What's it Worth?

As a man browsed through a rare-book store, he chatted with its owner. The customer had recently thrown away a dusty old Bible he'd found in the attic of an old house he'd just bought.

"Someone named Guten-something-or-other had printed it," he mentioned offhandedly.

"Not Gutenberg?" the shop owner gasped.

"Yes, that was it," the man replied.

"You threw away one of the first books ever printed!" the owner exclaimed in dismay. "A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this Bible would've been worth anything like that," the man replied. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."

**Groton Missions Committee** is collecting supplies at the back of the Sanctuary! Please shop for our local school this year from the list below! If you wish to make a monetary donation, place marked in the offering plate or in the backpacks hanging on the pews.



Local  
Missions

Backpacks  
Red Pens  
No 2 Pencils  
Pencil Bags (Cloth)  
Rulers  
Elmers School Glue  
Watercolors  
Erasers  
Boxes of Kleenex  
Spiral Notebooks (wide)  
Colored Pencils  
Felt Tip Markers  
Dry Erase Markers  
Pocket Folders  
(No Trapper Keepers)  
Hand Sanitizer  
Blunt Scissors  
9X12 Clip Boards  
1" 3 ring Binders  
1 1/2" blue 3 ring binder  
white business envelopes  
white 5X7 envelopes  
snack ziploc bags  
sandwich ziploc bags  
quart ziploc bags  
gallon ziploc bags  
tin foil  
glue sticks  
pencil sharpeners  
Crayons 24 count  
Sharpies  
Plastic Sheet protectors  
Napkins  
Folders - red, green, yellow  
bath towels  
usb jump drives



If I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then would you realize how important you are to me.  
 thank you so much for the graduation gift!  
 Love, David



## Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers when Toby became sick. He is doing much better now and still recovering. His heart is being monitored to make sure it finishes healing. He has one area of his heart that was still swollen last week so he is now on baby aspirin for a couple of months.

Thank you all who pitched in to help me out on the work committee as I left for Sioux Falls. It is great having a church family like you all. A special thank you to Pat Dahlquist who came and watched two kids on a moments notice so I could get things

ready to leave.

Toby had all the symptoms of Kawasaki Disease which is very rare and thanks to Dr Wachs quick action, he should fully recover. There is no test to diagnose this nor is there any cure. But they gave Toby IVIG which helps his body fight and heal. The major concern was the damage this disease can do to the heart.

Thank you all. Kay Brandt and Angela & Peryn & Jaden & Toby & Rachel Dobbins

## More Holy Humor

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

## New Member Information

New Member Orientation will be Sept 4th at 7pm. If someone has spoken to you about being a full member of the church or if you are wanting to become a member please join us this night for a time of conversation and fellowship regarding membership here at Groton UMC.

Also the Sept potluck for Rally Sunday will be joined with a potluck in honor of welcoming new members. Our potluck will be on Sept 15th to celebrate the end of our rally week and our new members. As a part of our time together, the membership committee is asking that the chairs of ALL church committees be in attendance for the purpose of sharing information about church involvement with our new members. There will be an open table Q and A time in which members of the church can ask questions of the committee chairs and church leadership.

## More Holy Humor

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"  
A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.  
"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.  
"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.  
"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."  
The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

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Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

### What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

### How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.

## 10 Reasons to Attend Church

1. To have fellowship with the crucified and risen Christ.
  2. To worship.
  3. To be forgiven.
  4. To hear the voice of God.
  5. To grow in the knowledge of the Bible, God's Word.
  6. To feed your soul.
  7. To be prayed for.
  8. To be loved and encouraged.
  9. To love and encourage your fellow Christians.
  10. To promote the Gospel.
- Dr. Richard P. Bucher

### Groton Stewardship Report July 2013

Average Wkly Giving \$1,638  
 Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,088  
 Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 60  
 Total Building Fund Donations \$35

*FOR SALE*

pool table & accessories

Call Marge Overacker  
#397-8562

*Groton Mission Statement*

*“Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ.”*

## Groton Sept Family Committee

**Carna & Cliff Pray, Kevin**

**Karla Pasteur**

Dale Kramer

Yvonne Lange

Gayleen & Jon Voss, Lacey

Anita & Gary Voss

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Marlys Rodman

Rose Tewksbury

Laurel & Monte McNickel

Kami & Tom Lipp, Reilly Ell, Kyler Ell

Lance & Kristi Hawkins, Kylie

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Linda & Gary Thurston

Desiree Morehouse

Cheryl Hanson

### Honorary Members

- Doris Zoellner
- Charlotte Lange

### Sept Extra Responsibilities

- Take care of lawn as necessary
- Potluck 2nd Sunday (Rally Sunday)
- Sept 1 Change altar cloths to white for communion
- Sept 8 change to green altar cloths
- 5th Sunday may buy donuts - bill to Kay Brandt
- Remind Cliff & Carna Pray to change banners this month.

September 2013						
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August 2013						
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## Our Church Happenings

- Aug 11 Groton Birthday Celebration for Gerald Rix
- Aug 20 Groton School Supplies Collection Deadline for Local Missions
- Aug 21 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- Aug 25 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- Aug 25 Newsletter Items Due
- Aug 28 Groton UMW 2 pm
- Aug 28 Groton Confirmation Orientation at 7 pm for students and parents
- Sept 4 Groton New Member Orientation at 7 pm
- Sept 8 Groton Rally Sunday
- Sept 11 Groton Confirmation Begins 3:45-5:00 pm
- Sept 15 Groton Potluck/New Member Sunday
- Sept 16 PPR meeting at 7 pm in Conde with Taco Night!
- Sept 21 Dakota Marketplace at First UMC in Sioux Falls 9 am - 2 pm