



Groton/Conde

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April 2015



Dear Friends

Greeting to all of you in the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ! The season of Easter is a welcomed time of light, hope and joy! The work of Christ continues even as we celebrate and remember His resurrection! In the spirit of the risen Christ we speak hope and light into a darkened world. There is an opportunity for this coming up on the 8th of April. At 7pm we will have a Project 1237 presentation. It is a program on human trafficking; and the link between the sex trade and pornography.

that greater awareness of the crisis will inspire others to become advocates against this deplorable practice that is destroying the lives of so many. In addition to this event there will be other events that are being planned that will allow for greater involvement.

It is an honor to serve God in this way and many have been in prayer. The resources and information have come from HOPE in Watertown and Safe Harbor in Aberdeen. We hope you join us on the 8th of April at 7pm. Youth groups are also invited to attend.

In Christ,
Pastor Matt



Local churches have been in prayer since the beginning of Lent for victims and perpetrators of human trafficking. It's been a call to prayer everyday at 12:37 pm. On April 8th information and resources about human trafficking will be shared in hopes



Monday 9 am - 4 pm

Tuesday 9 am - 4 pm

Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm followed by evening mtgs

Thursday will be out spent on visitation and a time of sermon prep

Friday and Sat - Off

Emergencies - Any time

Groton Sunday School Singing on Palm Sunday





**No Potluck
in May at
Groton UMC**

**Reminder
The Round
Tables and
Padded Chairs
in the fellowship
hall of the
Groton UMC are
not to be
borrowed for
personal use.
Thank you.**

Baptism/Blessings Shower

On April 19 join us as we celebrate Nori Lynn Hinman born to Charity & Scott Hinman. Nori was born on Feb 10th at 7 lbs 7 ozs and 20 inches long.



Groton Graduates

Graduates will be honored on May 10th during coffee hour and worship.

- Kyler Ell
- Danielle Schinkel
- Kaitlin O'Neill
- Spencer Knecht
- Jocelyn Peterson
- Chance Strom
- Dylan Vogel

Groton Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is May 3. Confirmation Students will be honored during coffee hour and Confirmed during worship.

- Treyton Diegel
- Caroline Graf
- Claire Davidson
- Hannah Fischbach

The answer is Easter

After the April 2013 suicide of his 27-year-old son, Matthew, pastor and author Rick Warren was often asked how he was able to keep going. His frequent reply? "The answer is Easter."

In the Easter sermons Warren preached the following year, he emphasized that Jesus' resurrection is the answer to discouragement, defeat and devastating trials.

"The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus happened over three days," Warren explained. "Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But Easter, that Sunday, was the day of hope and joy and victory.

"You will face these three days over and over and over in your lifetime. And when you do, you'll find yourself asking, as I did, three fundamental questions. Number one, what do I do in my days of pain? Two, how do I get through my days of doubt and confusion? Three, how do I get to the days of joy and victory? The answer is Easter."



March 8th Jase Bahr was baptized. Parents are Samantha & Dion Bahr.

Groton UMW - March

There were 13 people present as the unit began its meeting with recitation of the Purpose led by President Jolene Townsend. Marj Townsend read Devotions about how God is preparing a house for us and we pay for it through our faith. Marge Alwin, Shepherdess, from Watertown First spoke to the group about some of the topics to work on from Mission U: how are things with your soul? Latin America, spiritual growth...she announced that Focus Days are April 11 at Aberdeen First, she said a way to serve your district is to serve as an elected officer if you find that in your heart and that reading can expand your interest and understanding of Missions. Lea Ann Alwin also from Watertown First spoke about their unit having a monthly fellowship on Saturday morning which can be a positive way to attract women including younger ones.

There were no correspondence or committee reports. It was a joy to see Audrey Padfield who accompanied her daughter Lea Ann. Members were reminded to not forget their Secret Angels for Easter. Old business was a continued discussion of a spring event. A motion was made to have a spring breakfast brunch on May 6th. It would be open to the public and serving could be from 9 to 11. It was approved.

Joys and concerns were to keep Twila Ruden and Don Walter in our thoughts and prayers. The meeting ended with s prayer. Hostess for the next meeting is Sharon Wheeting and Marj Overacker will give the program on April 15. Gloria Pharis served a delicious ice cream cake for dessert.



Groton UMC

- Marlys Rodman 397-4570
- Pat Dahlquist 397-2616
- Doris Zoellner 397-2417
- Marjory Townsend 298-5221
- Ann Rix 397-8478
- Darlys Kampa 395-6996
- DeLoris Knoll 397-2681
- Gloria Pharis 397-2375
- Audrey Thurston 397-8493

*If you are not on this list or the email prayer chain, 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.

Groton UMW Meeting

April 15th at 1:30 pm

Easter Program by Marj Overacker

Hostess Sharon Wheeting

Executive Meeting at 1 pm

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**Groton UMW
Spring Event**

May 6th - Wednesday
Watch for the details to
come!

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Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

UMW Annual Focus Day

Will be held Saturday, April 11th at North Highland United Methodist Church in Aberdeen at 9 am. This is a spiritual and educational event, all women are invited to attend, a free lunch will be served. Contact Jolene or Gloria to register or for more information. Car pool will leave from the Groton church.



Conde UMW

April 15 at 10 am

Program Focus

“Going Out to Welcome”

Leader

Pat Siefken

Hostess

Joan Fahrenwald

Our Church Celebrations

Groton

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| Apr 3 | Marc Johnson
Myndi & Scott Kampa | Apr 16 | Kristi Peterson
Rodney Boehmer |
| Apr 4 | Mitchell Madsen
Sue Stanley | Apr 17 | Jaimie Mitchell |
| Apr 5 | Desiree & Corey Foltz
Wyatt Kurtz | Apr 18 | Dylan Vogel
Merrie Atherton |
| Apr 6 | Elise Pharis | Apr 19 | Amanda Morehouse |
| Apr 7 | Reilly Elll | Apr 20 | Marlys Rodman |
| Apr 8 | Lon Gellhaus | Apr 22 | Ali Pasteur |
| Apr 10 | Pauline Luce | Apr 23 | Colton Morehouse |
| Apr 11 | Taylor Thompson | Apr 24 | Rae Flihs |
| Apr 12 | Erin Bahr | Apr 28 | Kevin Pharis |
| Apr 13 | Jessica Morehouse | Apr 30 | Breslyn Jeschke |
| Apr 14 | Reta Washnok
Toby Dobbins | Conde | |
| Apr 15 | Brady Graf
Hannah Fischbach
Nolan Bahr | Apr 14 | Dylan Stark |
| | | Apr 18 | Loren Siefken |
| | | Apr 22 | Curtis Haskell
Mary Ann Watts |
| | | Apr 27 | Mal Knoll |

April 14 Birthday Send Greetings To

Reta Washnok
1002 N Jay St Apt A10
Aberdeen, SD 57401

90th Birthdays Coming Up in May Audrey Padfield - May 11th

1106 N 2nd St, Groton, SD 57445

&

Doris Strom - May 13th

**Celebrate with Doris during
Coffee Hour on May 17th**

PO Box 433, Groton, SD 57445

**Watch for a Gift Bag for Cards on
the kitchen counter.**



Top: Groton UMYF serving Easter Sunrise Breakfast

Bottom: Groton Confirmation Students helping with Sunrise Service



★ Emmanuel Lutheran & United Methodist Churches are joining forces for ★

God's Mighty Kingdom

Vacation Bible School

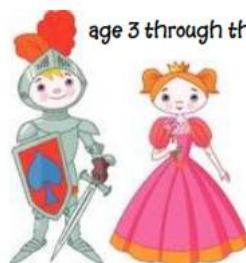
May 11-13 (Mon-Wed)



Sign Up Online at
www.grotonumc.org
 or with Carna (380-1742)
 or with Kim (380-7148)
 or with Lori (397-7777)

3:30 till 5:45

age 3 through the 5th grade



Meal/Program on Wednesday, May 13 at 5:45

VBS is at the Groton United Methodist Church

"Come and defend God's Kingdom!"

VBS Program

Everyone is invited to join us for a light supper and a short program
 Weds, May 13th
 5:45 pm

VBS Volunteers

Volunteers are Needed!
 Youth are invited to Volunteer too!!

Native American Ministries Sunday Offering - April 19

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people "pale as birch" crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them "The Black Book." However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That's why the people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we're able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and

seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

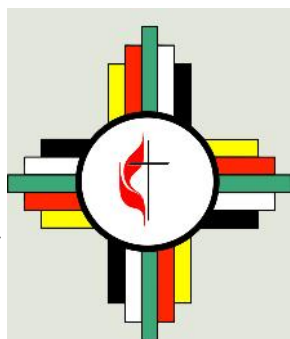
Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Day, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Dr. Richard Twiss, a member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in

South Dakota, asked:

"Will we be allowed to develop new ways of doing church that honor God's purposes for the creative expression of our cultures? Will new ministry partnerships and coalitions form? Will you help be a part of this wonderful process of reconciliation, restoration and release?"




VBS Donation List

Groton

- 2 large boxes vanilla or chocolate instant pudding made up ready to go on Weds afternoon, May 13th, before 3:45 pm
- Cheese to cut up
- Assorted crackers to eat with cheese
- Summer sausage
- 5 cans cherry pie filling
- 5 large cans mandarin oranges
- 3 pkgs chocolate almond bark
- 3 pkgs white almond bark
- Large rod-like pretzel sticks
- Monetary donations for other supplies

Please let Kim or Carna know what you are able to donate. Emmanuel has a different list of supplies to bring



OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

5 who was R aised	8 R ight hand	6 T o life
3 d iEd	4 m o R e than that	7 I s at the
2 J e S us who	11 i nt E rceding	9 O f God
12 f or U s	1 C hrist	10 a nd is also

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____, 5 _____

6 _____ 7 _____

8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ . *Romans 8:34, NIV*

Groton Jr UMYF Schedule

Apr 15 6:30 pm

Apr 29 6:00 pm Fun Night



Groton Sunday School Schedule

Apr 12 Sunday School

Apr 19 Sunday School

Apr 26 Sunday School

May 3 Sunday School

May 10 Last Day Sunday School and Sing in Church



RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV



The Camp books are now available. The curriculum this summer focuses on five of the many texts that speak of God's Spirit. Each of the texts explores an important aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit - the Spirit's giving, forgiving, loving, gathering, and sending. Online registration is similar to last year with a church code that can be obtained from the church office. Early Bird Deadline is April 30th. If you should be signed up for camp and become ill or cannot attend for some unforeseen reason, please let Pastor Matt or Kay Brandt know immediately so we may make sure the Conference Office is contacted so we may obtain a refund.

Church Communication

Name _____

phone number for cancellations (1 per family)
(if you have telemarketer blocks, the calls will not go through so please use another number)

phone number for text messages (Name & Number)

current email/emails to send cancellations and news to

Any Other Cell Phone/Home Phone numbers in the family you currently have:

Do you have a LAN phone line? Yes or No

Which method of communication do you prefer?
text or phone call or email

Thank You.



Groton Calling System

Ad Council voted to set up a new calling system for our church when special announcements need to be made. Kay Brandt will be working on putting the system in place. We would like to have one phone number per family on the system and the message may also be received via email in case you should miss it on the phone. If you have telemarketer blocks on your phone, you will not receive these calls and should select a phone without the blocks or have a friend call you whenever there is a church call. Please let Kay know what phone number and email you prefer by contacting her at 397-8389 or email her at grotonumc@nvc.net . Thank you for your patience as this is set up to keep us all connected.

Filled out Communications Sheets may be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Groton Sunrise Breakfast





**Groton
Mission
Statement**
"Enriching
Spiritual
lives through
Christ."

**Groton
Stewardship
Report Mar 2015**

Average
Wkly Giving
\$1,646

Needed Wkly for
Church Mission
\$2,206

Average Weekly
Attendance Sunday
68

Total Building Fund
Donations
for Repairs
\$1,755

Groton May Family Committee

Pat Dahlquist

- Joyce & Allen Walter
- Randy & Rebecca Padfield
- Rick & Sarah Hofer
- JoAnn & Richard Krueger
- Crystal Strom
- Gloria & Harry Pharis
- Chris & Sherwin Nyberg
- Michelle & Chuck Padfield
- Joey & Sabrina Padfield
- Kent Webb, Hannah, Turner

Honorary Members

- Ruby Luce
- Richard Voss
- Jean Walter
- Twila Ruden
- Marjory Townsend
- Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

May Responsibilities

- Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary

- Coffee Hour Workers to make coffee, provide cookies, launder towels, and remove trash
- 2 ushers for each Sunday
- Pickup ritual of friendship sheets
- Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Serve at Golden living Center - 2nd Sunday
- Mow Lawn if needed
- Potluck 2nd Sunday - Give Secretary Details
- Order and Pickup Confirmation Cake for Coffee Hour
- Gifts are purchased by Sunday School Supt
- Hospitality sets up gift tables.
- Gary & Caralee Heitmann will change banners and altar cloths

May 2015						
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April 2015

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Our Church Happenings

- Apr 8 Project 1237 Presentation at 7 pm on Human Trafficking
- Apr 11 UMW Focus Day at 9 am - North Highland UMC
- Apr 15 Conde UMW Mtg 10 am
- Apr 15 Groton UMW Mtg 1:30 & Exec Mtg 1:00
- Apr 15 Groton Jr UMYF 6:30 pm
- Apr 19 Groton May Family Committee Mtg during coffee hour
- Apr 19 Groton Baptism/Blessing Shower for Nori Hinman
- Apr 19 Native American Ministries Sunday
- Apr 26 Camp Sunday
- Apr 26 Newsletter Items Due
- Apr 29 Groton Jr UMYF 6 pm - Fun Night
- Apr 30 Camp Early Bird Deadline
- May 3 Groton Confirmation Sunday
- May 6 Groton UMW Spring Event Details TBA
- May 10 Groton Honor Graduates/Sunday School Sing in Church
- May 11-13 Groton VBS from 3:30-5:45 pm.
- May 13 Groton VBS program/supper at 5:45 - everyone welcome!