



United Methodist Messenger

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Groton/Conde Parishes

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From Pastor Thomas' Desk

Greeting Friends,

This past week as I was preparing for youth group the scripture for discussion was Genesis 1:1-30. As I was reading, Genesis 1:29-30 really stuck out.

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

I could not help but think about all the changes happening around us. As I look out my office window, I'm reminded that fall is right around the corner. This is my favorite season because as I look around at the changing of the trees I am reminded of God's great creation! It also means, it is time to bust out the hot chocolate and apple cider. Then, I began to think of all the farmers from Groton and Conde that are in the field this time of year and are working long hours. My heart-felt prayer is for God to bless our farmers with a great year and be with their

families as they work hard harvesting.

Then, thinking about fall and the church, I was reminded that charge conference is right around the corner on November 7th at 1pm in Groton. This is the time of year for meetings as we will be making nominations for the next year's committees. I'm looking forward to chatting with some of you about serving on these committees. This is a great way for you to help serve in various areas of our church family.

We have some fun and exciting things planned for the children in and around Groton. We will begin with Kid's Zone which will start October 14th and continue every other week from 6-7pm. We will have a brief bible lesson follow by some games. This is open to Preschool through 5th grade. This is also a great way for the children to begin to know their pastor and encourage them to be involved with our Middle School and eventually High School youth groups.

Our youth group is well under way. The youth gathered and began painting and decorating their rooms. We have moved youth group to Sunday evening from 6-8 pm which has draw some new faces. The Jr. UMYF and the Sr. UMYF have decided to come up with a new name for their youth groups. The Jr. UMYF will be called the "Super'ciples" and the Sr. UMYF will be called "God Squad". May God richly bless you today!

Pastor Thomas





October 11
Is Pastor
Appreciation
Sunday



Audrey Padfield & Gene Prunty in the parade for Golden Living Center Royalty



Groton Blessings Shower

Blessings Shower during coffee hour on October 4 for Nolan James Rose. Nolan was born April 3 to Karen & Ian Rose and Rylie and Graham.



Pastor Thomas' Schedule

Monday in office 10 am - 2 pm
Tuesday working on sermon
Wednesday in office 2 pm - 3:30 pm
Thursday available by appt 10 am - 5 pm
Friday and Saturday - Days Off
Emergency Calls 24/7



Groton UMW - September

President Jolene Townsend opened the meeting by inviting everyone recite the UMW Purpose.

Jolene then turned the program over to Chris Nyberg who gave a program entitled "The Journey". She had each women fill out different index cards for each phase of their church life/journey from childhood, young adults, and now as adults. The women recalled memories of their church buildings, pastors, youth groups, adult interactions, etc.

Pastor Thomas then shared new and exciting activities for our church and community youth that have been happening and are planned in the near future.

The formal business meeting followed with Treasurer Jeanne Wanous reviewing the current financial report. Our current balance is \$1175.94. She reported that the recent No-Bake Bake Sale was a success with proceeds of \$250. Other business included a decision not to purchase new Reading Program books for 2016 as there haven't been enough women participating.

Women were encouraged to renew their reading activities for 2016.

Yvonne Lange noted that it was time to renew our subscription for the Response magazine. A sign-up sheet for being hostess & giving programs for 2016 was passed around. A decision on holding July & August meetings was tabled for the executive committee to discuss. The group decided to support the youth Halloween Trunk or Treat event by hosting a car. Other upcoming events the UMW will support are making taco meat & wrapping bars for the youth food sale at the Vendor Blender, and continuing to help prepare & serve a meal for Sunday night youth group meetings. October 4 will be UMW Sunday and will also include special recognition for three church members.

The meeting concluded with cake and homemade ice cream in honor of Pastor Thomas' birthday prepared and served by Gloria Pharis and Carol Strom.

Secretary,
Jeanne Wanous

Please Welcome to UMW

Meredith Gubin, Angela Dobbins, and Laurie Mitchell have recently joined the Groton unit of UMW. They too have a vision of turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth here in Groton, the surrounding area as well as around the world.



Groton UMC

Marlys Rodman	397-4570
Pat Dahlquist	397-2616
Doris Zoellner	397-2417
Marj 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 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
October 21st
1:30 pm**

**Program is
World Thank
Offering by
Jeanne Wanous**

**Hostesses
Marlys Rodman
and Marjory
Townsend**

*Please bring your
World Thank
Offering Box to
the meeting.*

Conde UMC News

The UMCOR kits were delivered to the North Highland United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, and they were going to take them down to Sioux Falls for Dakota's Marketplace which was held on September 19th. There were 35 School Kits and 6 Health Kits. We also included \$1 per kit for shipping and also \$1 per Health Kit to cover the cost of the toothpaste.

The next project will be the Christmas Shoeboxes, and we will again be working with North Highland Church. Our purchased articles need to be delivered to Aberdeen before Wednesday, November 25th. There will be a list of suggested gifts items available at church, or you can e-mail Donna Hearnen at ndhearnen@nvc.net to get this list. Enemy Swim no longer has a Day Care, so no articles for infants or toddlers are needed. They do need shoeboxes, and these must be wrapped in Christmas paper, and the box and lid must be wrapped separately. If you don't care to

shop, a monetary donation will be appreciated. The Conde Mission Committee will do some shopping, or North Highland will accept a cash donation. Enemy Swim Christmas Shoeboxes is done in cooperation with Mike and Libby Flowers, coordinators for the Spirit Lake Christmas Shoebox project.

October 4th will be Laity Sunday as Pastor Thomas will be gone. Norman Smith with help from other members will be in charge of the Church Service.

It was decided to have Sunday Morning Communion six times a year (every other month) and also on special occasions.

There will be an Administrative Council Meeting once a month, but the date and time is still undecided. Every person involved in the Conde Church, member or constituent, is welcome and also urged to come to these meetings. Input from everyone is needed.

Conde UMW News

The UMW met at 10:00 on Wednesday, September 16th. Donna Hearnen had the lesson entitled, "Foundation for Welcome". There was discussion on how we can make guests feel welcome in our home or at the Church. Bible verses were read that describe situations of hospitality in the Bible, or verses that just tell us how to treat our neighbors. Following the lesson, Jane Worlie served a delicious lunch to five members, Pastor Thomas, and one guest.

A short business meeting was held and topics of discussion included the following things:

Evening Bible Study will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00. The time may vary, depending on the schedule of the participants. The study book is written by Adam Hamilton, and is entitled, "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today." The leader is Pat Siefken and the first session was held on Tuesday evening September 22nd. Six ladies were present, and

we welcome more participants to the next sessions.

There was discussion on having special programs in December and also in February. This is a time when we invite other ladies in the community, and have a skit or some sort of special entertainment. The December meeting will be held on the 2nd at 10:00. We discussed having it in the evening, but decided that it was easier for most of the ladies to get out during the daytime. The February meeting will have a Valentine theme, and will probably also be held in the morning.

October 21st at 10:00 will be the time of the next General Meeting. Patty Knoll will have the lesson, entitled, "Calling to Work for Children". Noon lunch will be served by Cindy Smith.

**Conde UMW
Meeting
October 21
At 10 am**

**Program Focus
is "Calling to
Work for
Children" by
Patty Knoll**

**Hostess is
Cindy Smith**

Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

**THE
POWER
OF PRAYER**



Groton Back to Sunday School Bash on Sept 13

Kidzone

Church JUST FOR kids

Preschool through 5th grade join us every other Wednesday at 6:00- 7:00pm for Kid Zone @ Groton UMC!

Starts October 14, 2015

Small snack, games, crafts, and faith!

Bring a friend... Share the fun!!!



Groton Sunday School Opportunities

The Sunday School and Craft time will be together October 25th. We would like to be able to carve pumpkins for Halloween! We have a pumpkin prayer and a story lesson about God to help us carve our pumpkins. If you are able to donate a pumpkin for our Sunday School kids, please put a pumpkin (no bigger than a soccer ball) in the box in back of fellowship hall. We will display them while we have potluck that Sunday so everyone can see them! It is very much appreciated!

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are receiving "Bible Bucks" this year for doing things, such as coming to Sunday school, bring a family member to church, and remembering to bring their Bibles. The "shopping shelf" could use more great things... if you find something you think they would like or something around your house you are not using anymore, they would love to ear it! Examples of items are necklaces or bracelets that you don't wear anymore, kids toys in good condition, books, or any items you think children this age would enjoy. Thank you!



We have some awesome things planned for October! October 25th we will have craft time and Sunday School from 9:30am to 10:30am. Then music time will be from 10:30am to 11:00am so the kids can practice singing for church. The kids will sing in church and following church we will have potluck.

I am so excited for this craft and Sunday School lesson! We are going to be carving pumpkins! We have a short story about God and a Pumpkin Prayer to go along with carving! If you are able to help please just show up! Also we only have a few carving tools. If you have some to share please put your name on them and pick them up after church! Kids who are not able to carve will be able to paint their faces on their pumpkins!

IT'S "TRUNK or TREAT" TIME!

What is "Trunk or Treat?" It's a safe way to celebrate Halloween in a controlled and safe family environment. The sponsors park their vehicles together and open their trunks to reveal themed decorations, treats, and/or a little carnival type game (like beanbag toss) to go along with it (paid for by the sponsors of the vehicle). Themes/costumes of the sponsors cannot be "scary," and what is included is up to the sponsor of the vehicle. Individuals or groups may sponsor a vehicle. Children "trunk-or-treating" can walk from trunk to trunk to receive their treats.

Where: Groton Methodist Church Parking Lot

(in case of bad weather, we would use rooms inside of church)

When: Sat., Oct. 31, from 4 pm to 6 pm

Open to kids through 5th grade!

(sponsors must be parked & set up by 2:30 pm)

Sponsors: Please leave a message or text to Kim Weber at 605-380-7148 or Pastor Thomas 605-277-8448 by Sat., Oct. 24, if you would like to sponsor a vehicle. No charge for parking a vehicle, but you must register, so we can give you the rules, as well as plan a parking spot for everyone. SPREAD THE WORD! JOIN the FALL FUN!!!



October 25th
at the Groton United
Methodist Church

sponsored by the Missions Committee
for the upcoming Angel Tree

Potluck Sunday at noon so if you are not competing then please bring an appropriate dish to pass and join us for some taste-testing fun!

Sign-up with Karla Pasteur or the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall and bring a winning crock pot of chili or soup by 10 am to be judged and the winners will be announced at the end of the 11 am Worship Service.



BAGS
Building Academic Groton Students

for tomorrow...

Food Item of the Month!



October - Mac 'n Cheese Cups (Single Serve)

November - Soup Cups (Single Serve)

December - Fruit or Applesauce Cups (Single Serve)



Collection Boxes Located At:
Groton United Methodist Church
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
James Valley Telecommunications
Olde Bank Floral 'N More



ITEM BRANDS MAY VARY FROM SHOWN



Our Church Celebrations

Groton

- Oct 1 Turner Thompson
- Oct 2 Winifred Fawcett (95)
- Oct 4 Fred Wolken
Josh Atherton
Rick Hofer
- Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 9 London Bahr
- Oct 10 Charity & Scott Hinman
Dan & Marjae Schinkel
Megan Erickson
- Oct 12 Charles & Sabrina Padfield
Marc & Jane Johnson
- Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- Oct 14 Grady O'Neill

- Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
Jaymie Overacker
Russell Davidson
- Oct 17 Jackson Bahr
- Oct 21 Gary Heitmann
- Oct 22 Kara Pharis
- Oct 23 Randy Stanley
- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Harry & Gloria Pharis
- Oct 29 Connie Nilsson
- Oct 30 Holden Sippel
Sarah Hofer
- Oct 31 Dawsyn Dinger
- Conde**
- Oct 22 Janice Hanson
- Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
- Oct 31 Andee Geist



Anniversaries and Birthdays

What does the church office do with my info?

You are added to the email list to receive the bulletin each week with the weekly announcements.

You are added to the Newsletter/Church emails to receive notice that the newsletter is online and you can opt out at any time.

You will be added to the one call list for voice mail notifications.

Eventually added to the Directory Online with a photo and the Birthday Calendar like the one listed here as we become your church family/home.

The Birthday/Anniversary Calendar is always a work in progress and if I miss birthday's and anniversaries or milestones that need to be celebrated I pray that people let me know to correct my records.

There is a form to fill out on our website.

Thank you.

Kay Daly, Secretary


Living Well

Finding Joy

by Pastor Thomas Carlson

5 Week Sermon Series
October 11 - November 8

11 am at the Groton United Methodist Church
9 am at the Conde United Methodist Church



Women of Faith Conference

October 16 and 17, 2015 – St Paul, MN at the Xcel Energy Center. The Aberdeen Area ELCA group is inviting you to join us at the 20th Anniversary of Women of Faith. We will be taking a bus from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aberdeen to St. Paul. This is a wonderful girl's weekend of shopping, singing, and praising God. Registration deadline is Oct 7th. Contact Lori at 225-9740.



ST. PAUL, MN

OCTOBER 16-17, 2015

FRIDAY 7-10PM | SATURDAY 9AM-5PM
XCEL ENERGY CENTER

Experience a remarkable weekend celebration to be reminded... or discover for the very first time... what God's grace and love mean for you.

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Sunday School Offering

this fall through Christmas, our Sunday School offering will go to a little boy named Jackson Hagen. Children can bring a weekly offering to Sunday School class, and we will also have a can in church once a month until Christmas. Four year old Jackson, who lives in Aberdeen, was diagnosed with leukemia. He has several ties to our church. Jackson's grandma, Janet, attended our church when she was a student in Groton schools, his great grandmother is Marjorie Townsend, and his great uncle is Allen Townsend. He loves all super hero characters, Paw Patrol, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Jackson also enjoys hanging out with his younger sister, Rylie, and his cat, Joey. He is a happy little boy with a huge heart! We appreciate your donations, and his family is truly grateful of our Sunday School mission. It will be a good opportunity to teach our children about love and compassion for each other.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

“This scholarship has equipped me with resources that will be used for building God’s kingdom and helping end poverty”

- Adolphe Lumuna Kimanwa



Oct 4

Groton Ad Council - September

Pastor Thomas reviewed his activities in the last month which included several shut-in, hospital, and home visits; 2 increasingly successful 5th quarter events for the youth; the beginning of confirmation for ten students; Sunday night youth group activities; and plans for a Kids Zone for the younger youth every other Wednesday evening.

Linda Thurston reviewed the current dollars in designated and undesignated memorial funds. Total funds equal \$3,611.79. The need to start forming committee groups now for 2016 was stressed.

Marjorie Overacker stated that all parsonage updates and repairs are complete. Plans are to spray the lawn for dandelions this fall and to spray the church to for fly

prevention.

Karla Pasteur reported that the missions group will be using funds to help elementary teachers with special classroom supplies.

Carna Atherton-Pray reported on the first Sunday of Sunday school held on September 13 with approximately 25 kids in attendance and a potential for 45 kids. Beginning September 20 a craft time will be offered prior to Sunday school thanks for Angela Dobbins and Jaymie Overacker who have volunteered to oversee this activity.

Groton Stewardship Report Sept 2015

Average Wkly Giving \$1,916

Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,206

Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 101

Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$340

Groton November Family Committee

Pat Dahlquist

Kim & Craig Weber

- Joyce & Allen Walter
- Randy & Rebecca Padfield
- Rick & Sarah Hofer
- JoAnn & Richard Krueger
- Crystal Strom
- Gloria & Harry Pharis
- Chris & Sherwin Nyberg
- Jay & Linda Johnson
- 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

November Responsibilities

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

necessary

- Coffee Hour workers (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
- Bring decorations in from the shed and fluff them so they are ready to put up. Check the lights on them as well.
- Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
- No Potluck if Men have their dinner.
- Remind Gary & Caralee Heitmann to change the banners and altar cloths and perform the candle maintenance.

Groton Mission Statement

“Enriching Spiritual lives through Christ.”

November 2015

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29	30					

LOVE GROW SERVE



OCTOBER



October 2015

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Our Church Happenings Highlights

- Oct 4 World Communion Sunday
- Oct 4 Groton Blessings Shower for Nolan Rose
- Oct 7 Groton Nominations Meeting 7 pm
- Oct 8 PPRC Meeting in Groton 7 pm
- Oct 9 5th Quarter after the Football Game
- Oct 11 Pastor Appreciation Day for Pastor Appreciation Month
- Oct 11 Sermon Series Living Well Finding Joy starts for 5 weeks
- Oct 11 Groton Youth Group Game Night 6 pm
- Oct 13 Conde Bible Study 7 pm
- Oct 14 Kid Zone 6 pm
- Oct 19 Groton Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm
- Oct 21 Conde UMW 10 am
- Oct 21 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Oct 21 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- Oct 23 Charge Conference Reports Due
- Oct 25 Groton Soup/Chili Cook-Off
- Oct 25 Groton Sunday School Special Craft Time/Lesson starts 9:30 am
- Oct 25 Groton Sunday School Sings during church
- Oct 25 Groton Potluck at noon - bring dish to pass
- Oct 27 Conde Ad Council 6:30 pm - Everyone Welcome to Attend
- Oct 27 Conde Bible Study at 7:30 pm
- Oct 28 Kid Zone 6 pm
- Oct 31 Trunk or Treat for the Community to attend and/or participate from 4-6 pm
- Nov 7 Charge Conference in Groton 1 pm