

September 2015
Groton/Conde Parishes

FROM PASTOR THOMAS' DESK

Greeting friends,

We have a lot of exciting stuff going on within our church family. Just a reminder: confirmation will begin Sept 9 at 7:30 pm with a meeting including the parents and students. We will go over the expectations of the students and their expectations of the church. The youth at Groton will be having a rummage sale on the 12th. If you are looking to get rid of your gently used item you can donate them to the youth rummage sale. We are collecting items at the church in our east classroom; please have all drop-off completed no later than 3:00 pm on Sept 10.

Children's ministry will be back in full swing with Sunday school beginning on the Sept 13 which is also our blessing of the backpacks so please have your children bring their backpack with them to church that morning. This day is going to be a very busy day as we will also be having our back to school bash for our children's ministry which will start at noon with a potluck followed by inflatables, face painting, and games which will go until 3. Then at 5:30 our middle school and high school youth kick off will begin with a cook-out followed by games, games and more games which will end around 8:00. The youth will be given the

youth schedule and a chance to sign up for our upcoming walking taco's fundraiser which will take place on Sept 19 at the Groton High School. We have a lot of fun stuff planned for this year of youth ministry.

Middle school and high school youth group will meet every week on Sunday evening starting a 6:00 and run until 8:00. We will start with large group worship, then we will play some games, and close the evening in small group with middle school and high school in different rooms.

We have received some grants for our youth ministry program. Part of that money will be used to bring Brandon Bicek on our staff as our youth pastor. Together he and I will work with both the middle school and high school youth group. He will work about 15 hours a week. I believe that together we can reach new youth for Jesus!

This past Friday we held the first fifth quarter gathering. We played human hungry hungry hippos and blinded ninja we had 43 students and 15 adults. Everyone had some much fun that we are planning to do this for basketball season also.

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Conde UMC Bible Study starts September 22 at 7 pm. Planning to meet 2nd and 4th Tues each month. Studying Adam Hamilton "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today".

Groton UMC Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study will be studying Adam Hamilton "When Christians Get it Wrong" starting September 15th.

A couple women in the church have visited about starting an evening bible study. Britni Carlson is looking for some feedback as far as studies, times, and night of the week. If you would be interested in participating in this alternative, please email Britni at bcoillady@gmail.com or call/text 605.622.0645 with the following:

- Your Name & Number or Email
- Studies you may be interested in
- What time you would like to see (between 5 and 8)
- What night of the week you would like to see this happen (Monday-Friday)

We would like to start this study late September or early October. Thank you!

FROM PASTOR THOMAS' DESK CONT...

The Conde church blessed a local family of five with school supplies. We will also be having a fall bible study starting Sept 22 at 7:00. We will be studying an Adam Hamilton book, "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today". We will also be exploring some ideas of how we can outreach the community of Conde and the surrounding areas.

Part of what I believe with help our churches reach new depths is for us to put prayer at the cen-

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.



Celebration of Friendship

With Bob & Carolyn Snyder

At the Groton UMC

September 20

At 10 am during Coffee Hour

Greetings may also be sent to

749 S 30th St

Grand Forks, ND

58201



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.

ter of all our ministry happening in our churches. I would love to meet monthly with people who feel strongly about allowing the Holy Spirit to break through and lead us and take us to the next level! May God richly bless you!

Pastor Thomas

Money Rules



3 Week Sermon Series by Pastor Thomas Carlson

September 6th - 20th

Join Us Each week at the Groton UMC - 11 am or at the Conde UMC - 9 am

Autumn Song



Now's the time when children's noses
 All become as red as roses
 And the color of their faces
 Makes me think of orchard places
 Where the juicy apples grow,
 And tomatoes in a row.

Come then, find your ball and racket,
 Pop into your winter jacket,
 With the lovely bear-skin lining.
 While the sun is brightly shining,
 Let us run and play together
 And just love the autumn weather.

—Katherine Mansfield

THANK YOU UMC,
 I had fun at church camp and
 I made alot of new friends. I look
 forward to going every year.

From: Anthony Schinkel

Dear umc,
 Thank you for providing me funds so I
 could attend church camp again this
 summer. I look forward to it every summer.

With SINCERE APPRECIATION

Jasmine Schinkel

CONDE UMW - AUGUST

The Conde UMW met at 10:00 am on Wednesday, August 19th. While having coffee and eating coffee cake provided by Donna Walter, Donna Hearnen gave a very short lesson on "Welcoming a Sustainable Future". We had not met during the summer, so there were some bills to be paid and other old business to discuss. New business consisted of making some tentative plans for the Fall and into 2016. We will again have special meetings in December and February and invite other women in the community. These events include a meal and a program. The UMCOR Health and School Kits are a Church/UMW project, and the UMW will pay for the school bags which we were able to order. This will come from our mission collection that we take at each meeting. Supplies have been purchased to fill 35 bags; however if we want to make up some Health Kits, we need more funds or people can buy the items. That list was in the August newsletter, or there are some lists at church. We selected Donna Walter as the Mission Recognition recipient. She will be presented with a pin and certificate when we have UMW Sunday in 2016. Patty Knoll received this honor in 2015.

The Christmas Shoe Box Mission was discussed. This is another Church/UMW project. Our boxes and purchases are delivered to North High-

land Church, and they put together the boxes using our donations and those from several other churches. The best part is that they hand deliver them to the Enemy Swim school children. Each year, we have been invited to be part of this joyful occasion, but the date never seems to work out for us to go. North Highland works in cooperation with Mike and Libby Flowers, coordinators for the Spirit Lake Shoebox project.

We will start a Bible Study on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 pm. Pat Siefken will lead this study entitled, "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. The plan is to meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The books have arrived for those who had requested them, but if anyone else is interested, please contact Pat or Donna. This is open to everyone.

The next General Meeting will be September 16th at 10:00. Donna Hearnen will have the lesson on "Foundation for Welcome" and Patty Knoll will furnish the noon lunch.

MISSION KITS

Monetary Donations or articles are needed for Health Kits. School Kits are complete.



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Conde UMW Meeting

September 16th at 10 am

Program: "Foundation for Welcome"

Leader Donna Hearnen

Hostess Patty Knoll

'NO-BAKE'

BAKE SALE

Sunday, Sept. 13

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When donating consider time and cost to bake & cost to buy bake sale items.

Proceeds go to School Lunch Program and 2nd Lunches

Sponsored by UMW

Groton UMW Meeting
September 16
1:30 pm
 Program by Chris Nyberg
 Hostess Carol Strom

Nominations Committee Meets to Prepare Slate of Officers

Dear UMC,
 I went to 3 day Church camp by myself this summer and I had a lot of fun! I look forward to going again next summer. Thank you for helping me go.

With Sincere Appreciation

Emma Schickel

Groton UMW Collections for the Groton School

- Labels for Education found on products by:
 BiC
 Campbells
 Pace
 Pepperidge Farms
 SpaghettiO's
 Swanson
 V8
- Ken's Fairway receipts dated during the school year
- Kessler's receipts dated during the school year
- Pull Tabs from pop cans

Collection Cans may be found in the kitchen beside the refrigerator.



BAGS

Building Academic Groton Students

for tomorrow...

Food Item of the Month!



September - Fruit Juice Pouches (Not Boxes)

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

Thank you!! this is
 my 2nd year at camp.
 I have a lot of fun!!
 I can't wait to go again!!
 year. Next

Jaken 3rd Grader!

The Groton UMC received several thank you letters from children this year. I have scanned them into the newsletter to thank you all for making this possible.



BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BASH!!!

September 13, 2015

At Groton United Methodist Church



Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.
(sign up online or when you come)
Church Service at 11:00 a.m.
Potluck Dinner at 12:00 p.m.
Games & Inflatables to follow
(weather permitting)



Kids bring your school backpacks to Church for Blessings of the Backpacks!

Prizes Wanted

If you are able to donate some prizes for the Sunday School Back to School Bash, Please contact Kim Weber
380-7148

Candy Bars & Pop are good prizes too!

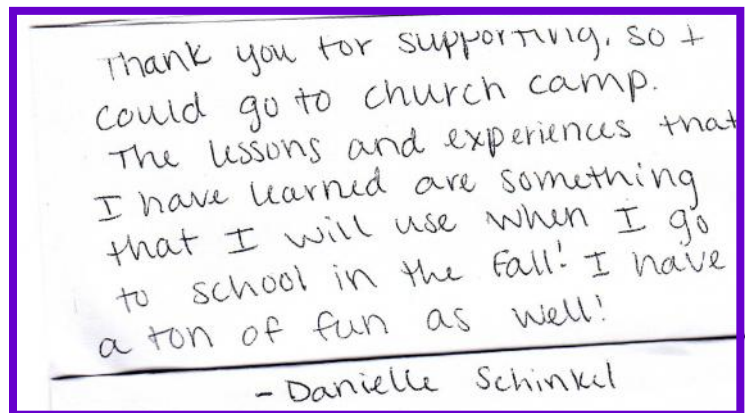
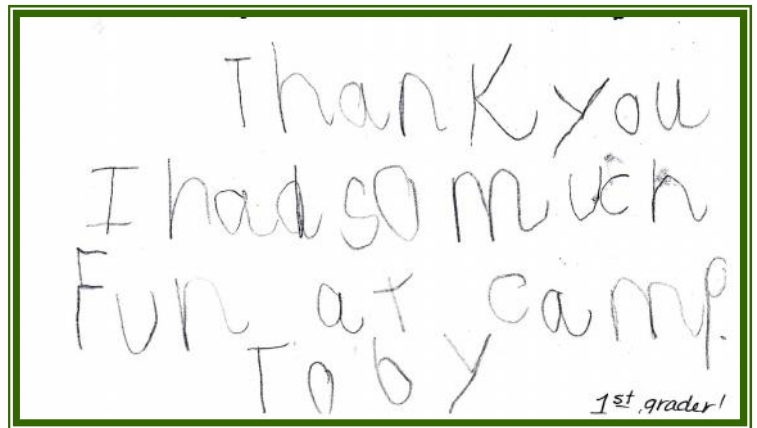
Groton Sunday School
Teacher's Meeting
Wednesday
Sept 9th at 6:00 pm

Groton UMC Potluck September 13th after church at noon. Family Committee will bring the main dish and everyone else is asked to please bring a dessert or vegetable/salad type dish to pass.

GROTON SUNDAY SCHOOL CRAFT TIME

Craft Time starts Sunday, Sept 20th from 9:30 - 10:00 for Preschool through 5th grade. Craft Time will be using "Bible for Kids" which is available as a free app on the apple and android systems. Class will be watching each story for craft time and then have a craft to go with the story. Children may enjoy this free app at home as well. Each week information will be sent out with your child what the craft will be for the next week. If you cannot join us for craft time, please continue coming to Sunday School at 10 am.

Please register for Sunday School on our website www.grotonumc.org





The Groton UMW Members will be providing and serving the UMYF a snack on Sunday evenings at 6 pm beginning Sept 20th. Many hands will be needed for this NEW outreach program. Please contact Jolene (395-6455) to volunteer.



UMYF RUMMAGE SALE

Looking to get rid of gently used items? The youth group is collecting items in the East Music Room at the church through Sept 10, 3 pm. The youth will be setting up for the sale Thursday and Friday at 7-9 pm. Let Franne know when you can help and this will count toward community service hours. If anyone knows of any other youth or adults that would like to help please invite them as well. Rummage Sale with Groton Community on Saturday from 8 am to 3 pm. All proceeds go to youth group. Nothing will be priced - just a free will offering.



After the Home Football game on Friday Sept 11 and Sept 25. Food, Games, and Fun until 11:30 pm. All youth are welcome to join in on the fun and bring your friends!



OUR CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Groton

- Sept 2 Kylie Hawkins
- Sept 6 Laurie & AM Mitchell
Perryn Dobbins
- Sept 7 Alana Wolken
- Sept 8 Laurel & Monte McNickle
Pat & Carol Knecht
- Sept 9 Clint & Audrey Jacobson
- Sept 10 Bryce Hanson
- Sept 11 Audrey Jacobson
- Sept 12 Ryder Daly
Cliff Pray
Alexa nilsson
- Sept 13 Karsten Hinman
Richard Krueger
- Sept 14 Bob Wehde
Gerald & Ann Rix
Rick & Sarah Hofer
- Sept 15 Karen Rose
Mason Madsen
- Sept 16 Pastor Thomas Carlson (30)
Camille Sippel
- Sept 17 Jackson Strom
Kyler Ell
- Sept 19 Diann Morehouse
Jace Hofer
Pastor Thomas & Britni Carlson

- Sept 20 Marjory Townsend
 - Sept 22 Madison McNickle
 - Sept 23 Carolyn Snyder
 - Sept 24 Jesse Overacker
Turner Webb
 - Sept 25 Charles Padfield
Sabrina Padfield
 - Sept 26 Alan Strom
Alejandra Heitmann
 - Sept 28 Payton Mitchell
- Conde**
- Sept 7 Richard Worlie
 - Sept 8 Eva Lyren
 - Sept 13 Shane Bruckner
 - Sept 16 Pastor Thomas Carlson (30)
 - Sept 19 Pastor Thomas & Britni Carlson
 - Sept 29 Bud & Julie Bruckner



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

Bible humor

We take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh – and it’s healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?

A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?

A: Genesis 1:1 reads “In the big inning.” Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the best financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh’s daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?

A: Ruthless.

GROTON OCTOBER FAMILY COMMITTEE

Carol & Luverne Strom
 AM & Laurie Mitchell
 Karla & Russell Davidson
 Zachary Townsend
 Erin & Damian Bahr
 Charity Hinman
 Doug Sippel
 Curtis Krueger
 Anita & Gary Voss
 Betty Strom
 Caralee & Gary Heitmann
 Sharon & Larry Wheeting
 Alan & Jolene Townsend
 Cheri & Tom Strom
 Kristi & Ben Peterson, Jocelyn
 Roger & Pam Rix

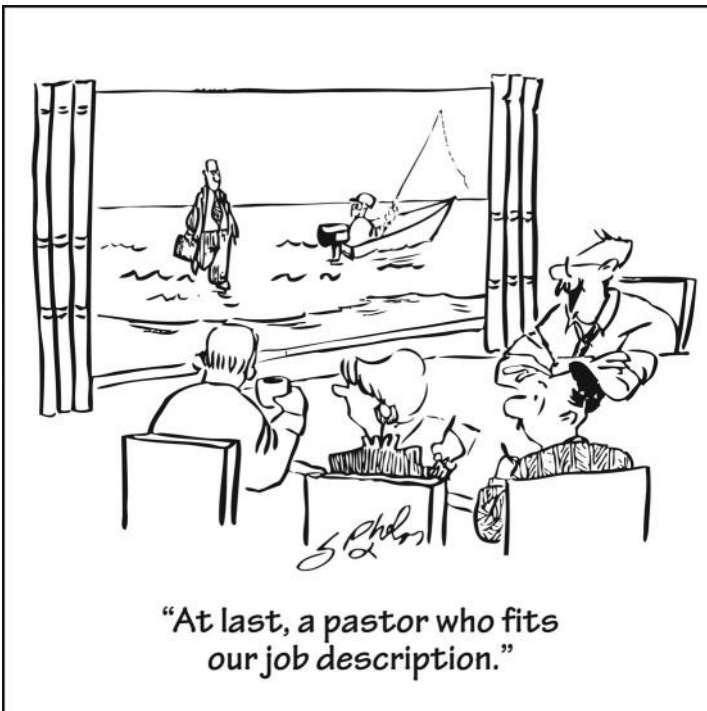
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Honorary Members

- Deloris Knoll
- Hazel McKittrick

October 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
- Care for the lawn as needed
- Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for bulletin
- Remind Roger Rix he is on to change the banner and altar cloths and do candle maintenance.



Groton Mission Statement
 "Enriching Spiritual lives
 through Christ."

Groton Stewardship Report August 2015
Average Wkly Giving \$1,593
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,206
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 68
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$630



OUR CHURCH HAPPENINGS HIGHLIGHTS

- Sept 9 Groton Sunday School Teacher Meeting 6 pm
- Sept 9 Confirmation with parents Meeting 7:30 pm
- Sept 10 Conde Ad Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sept 10 Groton UMYF Rummage Sale Setup 7 pm
- Sept 11 Groton UMYF Rummage Sale Setup 7 pm
- Sept 11 Groton 5th Quarter after the game
- Sept 12 Groton UMYF Rummage Sale 8 am
- Sept 13 Groton Back to Sunday School Bash 10 am
- Sept 13 Groton Blessing of Backpacks during 11 am worship
- Sept 13 Groton Potluck followed by afternoon games
- Sept 13 Groton UMYF Kick Off at 5:30 with food and games
- Sept 15 Groton Tues AM Bible Study starting new Adam Hamilton Study
- Sept 16 Pastor Thomas Birthday (30)
- Sept 16 Conde UMW Meeting 10 am
- Sept 16 Groton UMW Meeting 1:30 pm
- Sept 16 Groton Confirmation Class starts 3:45 pm weekly
- Sept 16 Groton Ad Council 8 pm
- Sept 19 Groton UMYF serving walking tacos at Groton Vendor Blender
- Sept 19 Pastor Thomas & Britni Anniversary
- Sept 20 Groton SS Craft time at 9:30 am and SS starts at 10 am each week
- Sept 20 Groton Celebration of Friendship with Bob & Carolyn Snyder 10 am
- Sept 20 Groton UMYF Float Building 6 pm
- Sept 22 Conde Bible Study 7 pm starting new Adam Hamilton Study
- Sept 25 Groton 5th Quarter and Homecoming
- Sept 27 Conde World Hunger Sunday
- Sept 27 Groton Jr & Sr High UMYF 6 pm

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