



October 2021

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Brandon

Hello Church Family,

I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 16:8

Have you ever noticed that life is rarely filled with only good things, or only bad things? That often it's a blend somewhere in the middle.

I remember the spring of 2020, and the concern and worry and hurt that we were all feeling as the world was shutting down but none of us knew for how long. We didn't know what the future held or if we were even going to see each other again. But then something special happened... May 10th came along, and a celebration of Marion Jensen (one of our faithful members of Conde UMC) and his 100th birthday. I remember sharing the news with my wife that there was going to be a drive through reception and we excitedly decorated our car and drove down to Conde to join in with a LONG line of people wanting to share in this special moment with Marion.

And I have this picture sort of burned into my mind of what it means to



be human. We have low valleys of lament and struggle and hurt. We have hills that are bright and shiny and exciting. And then we have a lot of in-between. And if you're anything like me it can be difficult to discern how we are always supposed to respond in those kinds of situations where life is constantly changing.

Well the scriptures give us an interesting guide in the prophet Elijah. His story starts out in the desert and the wilderness. He then goes on to meet this woman and miraculously heals her son. From there he goes and takes on the prophets of Baal and calls down fire from Heaven in this massive victory. But then he runs for his life because he's so scared of what might come to him.

And he wrestles with a season of depression wondering where God is until he then hears God's voice in a whisper. I mean, this guy's life is a rollercoaster!

I read this story recently and thought that this is a guy I can relate to. Sometimes he sees God move in incredible ways and then sometimes he feels like he has no idea where God is. My hope is that as we progress further into this fall season, and life rises and falls as it always does, that you would find encouragement in the example of Elijah and that you would join us each Sunday morning to hear more of his incredible story.

Blessings,
Pastor Brandon Dunham



Pastor
APPRECIATION
month



Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off



TRUNK OR TREAT

WHERE: GROTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
PARKING LOT
WHEN: OCTOBER 29TH FROM 5:30-7:00PM

COME JOIN US FOR SOME QUICK AND
CONVENIENT FUN!



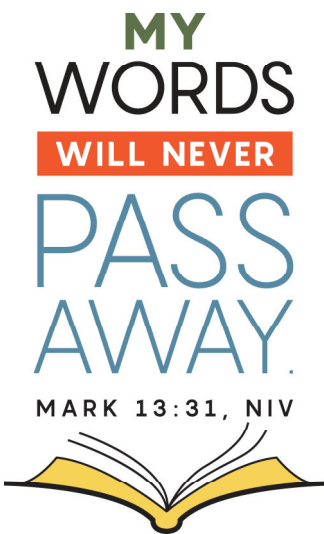
EMAIL [PASTORBRANDON@NVC.NET](mailto:pastorbrandon@nvc.net) IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

Thank You

3rd Graders Received Bibles in Church

Thank you to the family of Ralph Breitkreutz for the 3rd grade bibles, and for bibles presented at baptism.

A thank you is extended for the anti fatigue mat purchased in memory of Marlys Rodman and Bert Raap



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World Communion Sunday - October 3rd

According to the 1972 Book of Discipline paragraph 163.b there shall be a World Communion (formerly Fellowship of Suffering and Service) offering to support the division of chaplains and ministries, Crusade Scholarships and the scholarship fund for minority groups.

Around the globe, countless gifted and qualified people face financial obstacles that hinder them from preparing for the vocation God has given them, especially youth and young adults. For ethnic students who will be the first generation in their families

to attend college, or for those people of color who haven't historically had access to resources that make higher education possible, the road toward education has often been unwieldy.

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to

learn and to serve.

Will You Equip World-Changers?

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." And because the people of The United Methodist Church believe that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in, we're resourcing them to do just that. Because of your giving on World Communion Sunday, the most powerful tool to change the world is in more hands,

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Groton Sunday School Schedule for 2021

- October 3 Sunday School 10:00
- October 10 No SS – Native American Day/Columbus Day
- October 17 Sunday School 10:00
- October 24 Sunday School during church (leave after children's sermon)
- October 31 Sunday School 10:40 – practice songs
- Sing in church at 11:00**
Leave after children's sermon for Sunday School
- November 7 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- November 14 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- November 21 Sunday School during church (leave after children's sermon)
- November 28 No SS – Thanksgiving
- December 5 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- December 12 Sunday School 10:00 (Lesson & Practice Christmas Program)
- December 19 Sunday school Christmas practice 10:00
Sunday School Christmas Program (11:00- during church)

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Groton November Family Committee

Valerie Baker

Chris & Sherwin Nyberg

Darlyne Daly, Ryder

Evan Erickson

Sydney & Trent Kurtz

Jay & Linda Johnson

JoAnn & Richard Krueger

Chuck Padfield

Joey & Sabrina Padfield

Randy & Rebecca Padfield

Betty Strom

Crystal Strom, Holden

Lindsey & Tom Tietz, Lane

Joyce & Allen Walter

Kim & Craig Weber

Honorary Members

◆ Darlys Kampa

◆ Jean Walter

November Responsibilities

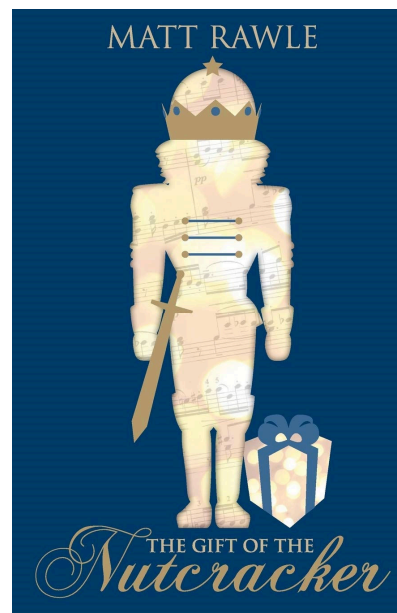
- ⇒ Check Kitchen Supplies for the month
- ⇒ Check & Clean Oven and Fridge as necessary.
- ⇒ Coffee Hour workers (make coffee, provide cookies, launder towels, and remove trash)
- ⇒ 2 Ushers for each Sunday
- ⇒ Straighten the Sanctuary Pews
- ⇒ Change the banners as needed as per schedule in back of the Committee Book
- ⇒ Maintain the Altar Flower arrangements
- ⇒ Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons.
- ⇒ Bring Christmas decorations in from the shed and fluff them so

they are ready to put up. Check the lights on them as well.

- ⇒ Check and make sure the Christmas Eve Candles are okay for the service early in the month in case we have to order new ones
- ⇒ Check and make sure the Advent Wreath Candles are okay in case they need to be ordered as well.
- ⇒ Put up church indoor and outdoor decorations with December committee and all church members (check date with Pastor)
- ⇒ No Potluck if Fall Dinner
- ⇒ Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday



(Just Older Youth) Bible Study meeting each Tuesday morning at 10 am. Will be working on a Christmas Study starting October 26th. We will be learning about "The Gift of the Nutcracker" by Matt Rawle. He explores the story to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child, and the kingdom Christ came to establish. Everyone is welcome to join us for this DVD study that is 4 weeks long. We will then be taking a Christmas break. Questions or Interests, please contact Kay Daly..



Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Oct 1 Turner Thompson
- Oct 4 Fred Wolken
Josh Atherton
Rick Hofer
- Oct 5 Jeanne Wanous
- Oct 6 Paula Johnson
Vee Fliehs
- Oct 7 Allen Walter
- Oct 8 Gloria Pharis
Lars & Kelli Hanson
- Oct 9 London Bahr
- Oct 10 Megan Erickson
Kaleb Hofer
Dan & Marjae Schinkel
Charity & Scott Hinman
- Oct 12 Marc & Jane Johnson
Charles & Sabrina Padfield
- Oct 13 Carna Atherton-Pray
- Oct 14 Grady O'Neill

- Oct 15 Brad Morehouse
Jaymie Overacker
Russell Davidson
- Oct 16 Brian & Elizabeth Bahr
- Oct 17 Jackson Bahr
- Oct 22 Kara Pharis
- Oct 23 Randy Stanley
- Oct 24 Karla Davidson
- Oct 25 Lars Hanson
- Oct 26 Jaeden Morehouse
- Oct 30 Holden Sippel
Sarah Hofer

Conde

- Oct 22 Janice Hanson
- Oct 29 Marcene Bruckner
- Oct 31 Andee Geist



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

Appreciating your pastor

Many people have complex relationships with their pastors because faith, church and God involve a mix of emotions. We have particular ideas about church practices, congregational priorities, the minister's use of time, money, authority and more.

But most pastors are deeply devoted to Christ and believe that God has called them to serve in a certain place. They have the best of intentions and work hard to share the good news of the gospel. So in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month in October, consider the following:

God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Your pastor may need time to learn and develop certain skills. (Everyone does!) Bless

pastors with your patience.

We don't change the message; the message changes us. You probably won't like all your pastor's sermons or newsletter columns. But instead of complaining, ponder that something may rub you the wrong way because God is trying to change you. Keep an open mind and heart.

If a church wants a "better" pastor, it just needs to pray for the one it has. Pray often and caringly for your pastors, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants.



Groton Ad Council - September

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Lars Hanson. Those in attendance were: President Lars Hanson, Allen Walter, Marjorie Overacker, Anita Lowary, Linda Thurston, Richard Krueger, Jolene Townsend, Brent Morehouse, Richard Krueger, Meri Erickson, and Jeanne Wanous.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Anita Lowary.

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Allen Walter.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Richard Krueger said there are reports of a musty smell in the sanctuary but a source has not been determined. Richard has contacted Dave McGannon to have him change the filters to see if that solves the problem. In addition, it was reported that Plunketts Pest Control has sprayed the church for the season and that they have been set up to do this annually in September. This year's fee was \$201.29.

Missions: This committee met on Sept. 14. A few possible ideas from the committee were reviewed with the council.

UMW: The group will resume monthly meetings beginning Sept. 16.

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer: Marjorie Overacker had no concerns to review.

Pastor Parish: Meri Erickson stated that the Pastor Parish budget is doing well.

Bills to be Presented: none

Administration Report:

Pastor Brandon shared that 3rd grade Bibles will be presented on Sunday, Sept. 19. Pastor Brandon is working on Charge Conference preparations. He also reminded the council that our church will again host a Trunk or Treat event on Friday, Oct. 29. After some discussion the council agreed that we should host our annual Fall Dinner on November 14 with a free will offering. The Groton church will hold our Sunday service at 9:00 am that day.

Old Business:

Pastor's Stained Glass: Anita Lowary has asked Janene Harry to look at the window to see if she could paint additional names on it.

New Business:

Piano Substitute: Still need to pay Amy Warrington for playing while Yvonne was gone.

Sunday School: **There are concerns over not enough teachers**

for amount of students signed up, so some solution needs to be found.

Boiler Inspection: FM Global was here to inspect the boiler on behalf of our insurance company. They did not find any leaks. They reminded us that we need to be priming the furnace every few months if it is not being used. They suggested that an emergency shut off switch needs to be on the outside of the furnace room door instead of inside.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Secretary,
Jeanne Wanous



Groton Stewardship Report August 2021	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,527
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,285
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	--
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$15



October

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Our Church Happenings...

- Oct 6 Groton Confirmation each week 4 pm (snack at 3:30)
- Oct 10 No Sunday School in Groton
- Oct 13 Groton UMYF 7 pm
- Oct 17 Groton UMW Bake Sale before and after Worship
- Oct 17 Groton UMW presentations - Jewel of Woman and Special Recognitions
- Oct 19 Conde Ad Council 5 pm
- Oct 20 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Oct 21 Groton UMW 1:30 pm
- Oct 21 Newsletter Items Due
- Oct 26 Groton JOY Group studying "The Gift of the Nutcracker" at 10 am
- Oct 27 Charge Conference at 5:30 in Groton with a meal
- Oct 27 Groton UMYF 7 pm
- Oct 29 Groton Trunk or Treat 5:30-7 pm
- Nov 14 Fall Dinner

You can find More Happenings Inside...

