



June/July 2022

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Brandon

Hello Church Family,

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

Matthew 11:28

In the early 1940s the US government contacted Steinway and Son's Piano Company and asked them to prototype a piano that they could drop to the troops that were fighting. Two years later, in 1942, they came back with a 455-pound piano, a lot smaller than a normal sized piano, but one that they were able to take and drop (even at times behind enemy lines) for our troops on the field to gather in evenings around a piano to sing.

They called these victory verticals and we dropped about 2500 of them! When one person was asked, "Why in the world would you do this?" Steinway and Son's said, "Music is an excellent way of keeping men from going insane in the horrors of war and from homesickness. These pianos played an important role in providing soldiers with countless hours of diversion, education, entertainment, and



worship."

You and I, we carry so much responsibility each day: balancing work, family, bills... not to mention our own mental health! And there are weeks where I find myself in awe of just how broken our world is... how heavy my heart feels and how exhausted it makes me. When I heard this story, I thought to myself, "There are days when I need a piano dropped in the middle of my house! In the middle of my commute! In the middle of my meetings!" Anyone with me?

Worship is so powerful because when we seek His presence, He arrives and things change... We are able to rise above our circumstances and remember that He is not only in control of this whole world,

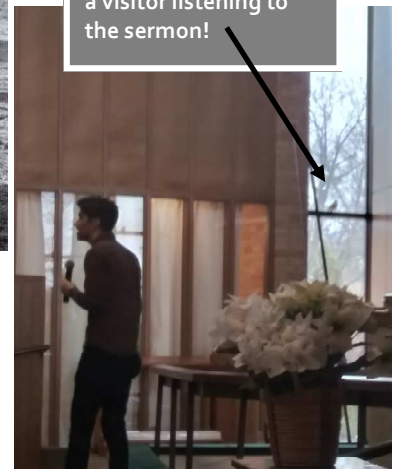
but that He loves us dearly.

My hope for you this summer, is that in the midst of all you devote your time to, you find time for worship. Even if it is in quiet moments throughout the day. Our souls long for it, and He is worthy of it.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Brandon Dunham



In the window, we had a visitor listening to the sermon!



OFFICE HOURS

Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings

Friday
Day Off



Love Groton is back and we could not be more excited!

What is it?

Love Groton is a one-day event where volunteers gather in the church for coffee and a brief time of worship before we are sent out into the community to serve in any way we can. We then meet back together for a meal and community fellowship.

What do we do?

In the weeks leading up to the event we are going out into the community trying to find any ways that we can assist. Whether that be yard work, washing windows, trip to the dump... If you or anyone else you know may need a hand, have them contact Pastor Brandon!

Who do we need?

Part of what makes this day so special is that it is inter-generational. We are looking for folks who are willing to be a part of work teams that will go to local homes and get their hands dirty, but we are also looking for hospitality help in providing and serving breakfast and lunch for our crews. There is a spot for everyone at Love Groton!

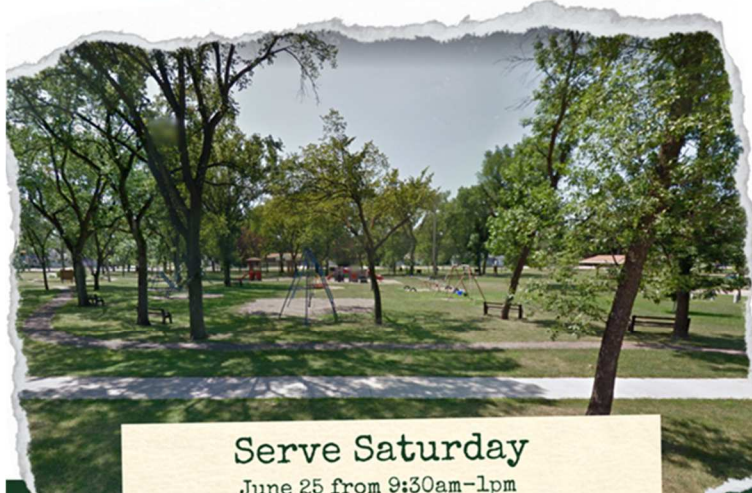
How can I help?

Please contact Pastor Brandon at pastorbrandon@nvc.net with any jobs or leads you may have of folks who might appreciate an offer made their way.

This is very important!

Everyone else refer to the sign-up sheets on the Kitchen Counter to get your family down for a work crew or meal serving team.

How can we... "Love Groton"?



Serve Saturday
June 25 from 9:30am-1pm
Groton UMC Fellowship Hall

Is there something we could assist you or someone you know with?

**Yard Work • Window Washing • Trash Pick-Up
Garage Cleaned Out • Let Us Know!**

TO SIGN UP FOR A SERVICE TEAM OR TO HAVE US COME BY
PLEASE CALL 605-397-8270
OR EMAIL PASTORBRANDON@NVC.NET

Thanks to Table Talks, Groton FCA, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church and Groton UMC

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. There is no other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30-31

Congratulations!

Oliver Michael Strom was born April 14, 2022 at 2 lbs 11.6 ozs at 28 weeks 3 days. He was 15.9 inches. Son of Jackson & Lindsey Strom and brother to Sully. The family lives at 1521 9th St South, Far-groton, ND 58103



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Sunday School - Groton


Groton UMC Sunday school ended the year with singing in church, passing out cards and flowers to all women in church, having a treasure hunt, and playing bingo. It has been a great year and we are all looking forward to next year. Stay tuned for information on Vacation Bible School coming soon!



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

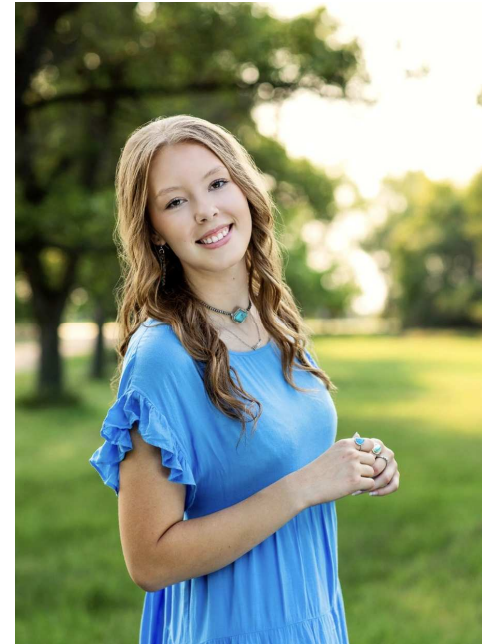
Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle



Answer: B (See Mark 4:33-34.)





Ryder James Daly

Son of Doug & Kay Daly and Darlyne Daly

Future Plans: Lake Area for Ag Business

Activities: RC Racing, Trap Shooting, Go-Kart Racing, and Hunting

Andrea Linn Davidson

Daughter of Russel & Karla Davidson

Future Plans: Lake Area for Human Services

Activities: Soccer and FCCLA

Christina Caroline Zoellner

Daughter of Bill & the late Wanda Zoellner

Future Plans: SDSU for Agricultural Sciences and then come home and help run the farm.

Activities: FFA, Dance Team, Cheerleading, Trap Shooting, and Working on the Farm



Thanks! Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.





Floyd Smith
Died May 13th



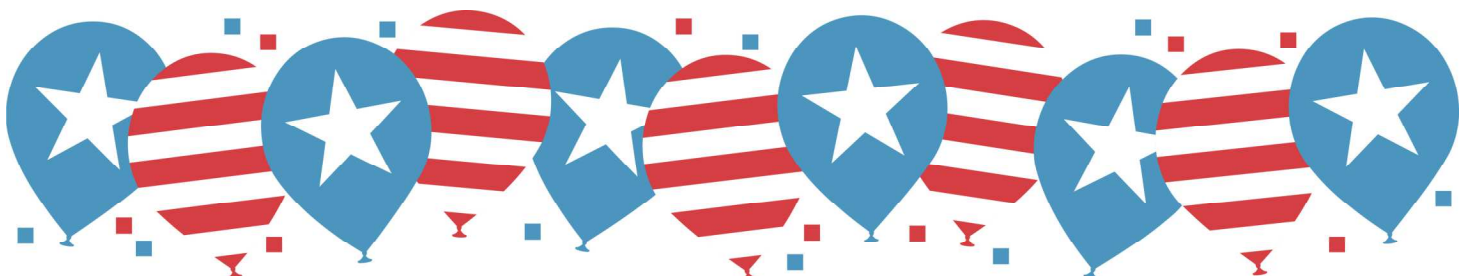
Carol Smith
Died May 17th



Janette Imsland
Died May 27th



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





The Pantry is **OPEN** on
Mondays: 11am-3pm
Tuesdays: 4pm-8pm
at the
Groton Community Center
109 N 3rd Street

If questions, call
(605)377-0192 (605)846-7607 (605)397-7097

GRAND **OPENING**



At the
Groton Community Center
109 N 3rd Street
Thursday-June 16th
4-7pm

Palm Sunday Brunch



Groton Family Committee - July

Dale & Traci Kramer

Anita & John Lowary

Cheryl Hanson

Lance & Kristi Hawkins

Rick & Sarah Hofer

Yvonne Lange

Laurel & Monte McNickel

Diann & Brad Morehouse

Karla Pasteur

Dwight & Eugenia Strom

Linda & Gary Thurston

Todd Thurston

Anita & Gary Voss

Honorary Members

- Susan Odland
- Rose Tewksbury

July 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 the back of the Committee Book
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons

July 2022						
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Groton Family Committee - August

Adrienne & Tigh Fliehs

Kami & Tom Lipp

Brian & Elizabeth Bahr

Dion & Sam Bahr, Ashtyn

Lucy & Andy Daly

Steve & Becky Diegel

John & Meri Erickson

Scott & Myndi Kampa,

Tristan, Jaeger

Julie & Jesse Morehouse

Karen & Ian Rose

Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Emma

Nick & Jenna Strom

William Zoellner

Honorary Members

- Ida Hannon

August 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 the back of the Committee Book

- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- 5th Sunday may buy donuts and give bill to the church treasurer

August 2022						
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Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

June 1 Anita Lowary
 June 2 Doug Daly
 June 3 Donald Nissen
 June 4 Janice Raap
 Jay Johnson
 June 6 Bailee Zoellner
 June 7 Peyton Padfield
 June 8 Lacey Voss
 Zoey Strom
 June 10 Jacob Morehouse
 June 11 Jim & Mendy Jones
 June 13 Roger Rix
 Zachary & Steph Townsend
 June 14 Danielle Schinkel
 Roger Overacker
 June 15 Eugenia Strom
 Leroy & Lynette Severson
 June 16 Gavin Voss
 June 17 Jesse Morehouse
 Kristopher Oleson
 June 18 Nick Strom
 June 19 Garrett & Sindi Heitmann
 Pat Dahlquist
 June 20 Harlan & Peggy Place
 June 21 Gary & Linda Thurston
 June 22 Angela Dobbins
 June 23 Kayie Hawkins
 June 24 Jeremy Weber
 Mark & June Thompson
 June 25 Tanae Lipp
 Mavrik Severson
 Carol lien
 June 27 Elaine Wolken
 Peggy Place
 June 28 Sindi Heitmann
 June 29 Carly Gilbert
 John & Meri Erickson
 Derick Furman

June 30 Spencer Knecht
 July 1 Charity Hinman
 Graham Rose
 July 4 Seth Erickson
 July 5 Jasmine Schinkel
 Allen & Joyce Walter
 July 7 Ida Hannon
 Julie Morehouse
 Louise Thoreson
 July 8 Kelby Hawkins
 July 9 Judy Zeck
 Jordan Voss
 July 11 Roger & Marj Overacker
 Scott Hinman
 July 12 Ashtyn Bahr
 Beckett Rose
 July 13 Jolene Townsend
 Stephanie Townsend
 Jeff Voss
 July 14 Christine Nyberg
 Ava Kramer
 July 16 Linda Thurston
 July 17 Mackenzie Atherton
 July 18 Doug & Kay Daly
 Josh & Merrie Atherton
 Kaitlin O'Neill
 Kevin Pray
 July 19 Carol Strom
 July 21 Levi Parrow
 July 23 Joyce Walter
 Chanda & Logan Nilsson
 July 24 Ashley Dunham
 Maggie Oliver
 Roger & Pam Rix
 July 25 Hannah Webb
 July 26 Angela & Perryn Dobbins
 Laila Roberts
 July 27 Tony Madsen

Ryland Strom
 Damian & Erin Bahr
 July 28 Craig Weber
 July 29 Ava Rose
 Curtis Krueger
 July 30 Megan & Seth Erickson
 July 31 Lynette Severson

Conde

June 4 Pat Siefken
 June 5 Norman & Cindy Smith
 June 6 Keith Hanlon
 June 20 Cary Bruckner
 June 22 July Bruckner
 June 26 Grant Hanson
 June 27 Lance Haskell
 July 6 Shanna Geist
 July 23 Patty Knoll
 July 24 Ashley Dunham
 July 27 Horace & Donna Walter



Groton Ad Council - May

5/18/22

Attendance: Pastor Brandon, Allen Walter, Lars Hanson, Marge Overacker, Meri Erickson, Anita Lowary, Linda Thurston, and Val Baker

Call meeting to order at 7:05 – Lars Hanson

Agenda approved on a motion by Linda Thurston, seconded by Anita Lowary.

Previous Minutes approved on a motion by Val Baker, seconded by Anita Lowary.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Pastor Brandon stated that tree at parsonage has been taken down by Tyke Nyberg and Randy Stanley. Marc Johnson provided the equipment. Meri Erickson made the motion to get the trees cleaned up in the parsonage yard and to remove the stump. Val Baker seconded it. Lars Hanson will contact Tyler Sperry.

Missions: Pastor Brandon reported that the Mission committee is going to

have a “serve day” again on June 25 to help do clean up jobs around the town. They are going to contact the other churches.

Treasurer’s Reports:

Church Treasurer: Marjorie Overacker reported that a 25% payment will be sent to the conference at the end of May.

Bills to be presented: None

Administration Report:

- ◆ Pastor Brandon has been accepted into seminary starting the first of June.
- ◆ Pastor will be gone in June the following dates: Gone June 9-11, June 12 at Lake Poinsett to help with a camp, June 19 at Wesley Acres as a camp counselor.
- ◆ Pastor Brandon also reported that Kathy Zoellner Engel will be presenting during church services in Groton on May 22. She lives in Warsaw, Poland, and will be talking about her experiences in Warsaw and the effects of the war.
- ◆ Anita made the motion to donate \$100 to Kathy for the refugees in

Poland. Linda Thurston seconded it. There will also be a freewill donation during church services.

Old Business:

Pastor spoke to the Conde church and they are willing to move their church service to 8:30 a.m. That would move Groton’s service to 10:30 a.m. Discussed having Sunday school during church, with the exception of Communion Sunday. This move has been brought up by several people. Pastor Brandon will mention this move in church and put it in the newsletter, encouraging people to give their feedback. Lars will review the feedback and get information to the committee. Pending feedback, the tentative date for change would be June 19.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn made by Allen Walter, seconded by Val Baker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Meri Erickson



Groton Ad Council - April

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice Chairman Lon Gellhaus. Those in attendance were: Pastor Brandon, Allen Walter, Marjorie Overacker, Anita Lowary, Lon Gellhaus, Val Baker, 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 Marjorie Overacker.

Correspondence: Pastor Brandon shared a Thank You note received from Ron & Carolyn Loeschke, members of Aberdeen First United Methodist Church, saying that they love attending our services along with their daughter and family of Groton. If possible they would like to see more money allocated to kids programs in our church.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Tyke Nyberg sent word that he received a \$7000 bid for parking lot chip & seal. On a motion by Anita Lowary and 2nd by Allen Walter, the council agreed to accept the \$7000 bid and move forward with fundraising to help pay for it.

Tyke also shared that he will be installing kick plates on double doors and is planning to remove the broken tree blown over by high winds on church property.

Meri Erickson said she was pleased to see that the bulletin board by the North door had been put back up.

Missions: Val Baker shared that May baskets will be assembled next Sunday morning for Rosewood Court.

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer: Marjorie Overacker stated that our funds are still looking good and that we should consider making monthly apportionment payments again. After some discussion, Allen Walter motioned that we resume apportionment payments at 25% of the total sum for the time being.

Anita Lowary 2nd the motion and the motion was passed.

Bills to be Presented: none

Administration Report:

Pastor Brandon said he was very pleased with the Palm Sunday brunch and turnout. He shared his thanks to Jolene Townsend and the UMW and to Megan Erickson, Meri Erickson, Rebecca Padfield, Jessica Morehouse and Val Baker for helping with the Sunday school kids. Pastor was also happy with our Easter Sunday attendance. He is working with the Missions Committee to organize another "Serve Date". He has been brainstorming potential VBS programs.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Secretary,
Jeanne Wanous

Groton Stewardship Report April 2022	
Average Wkly Giving	\$1,234
Needed Wkly for Church Mission	\$2,353
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday	55
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs	\$5





Our Church Happenings...

June 9-11 Annual Conference in Bismark, ND

June 15 Groton Ad Council 7 pm

June 16 Groton UMW 1:30 pm

June 19 Father's Day

Worship Time Change: Conde at 8:30 am and Groton at 10:30 am

June 21 Conde Ad Council:

June 25 "Love Groton" Service Project at 9:30 am

July 19 Conde Ad Council

July 20 Groton Ad council 7 pm

July 21 Groton UMW 1:30 pm

July 22 Newsletter Items Due



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Groton - Conde Parish
906 North First Street
Groton, SD 57445-2192

United Methodist Church



June/July 2022

Conde Worship 8:30 a.m.
Groton Worship 10:30 a.m.

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