

Ash Wednesday



Groton & Conde UMC

Newsletter

February 2023

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

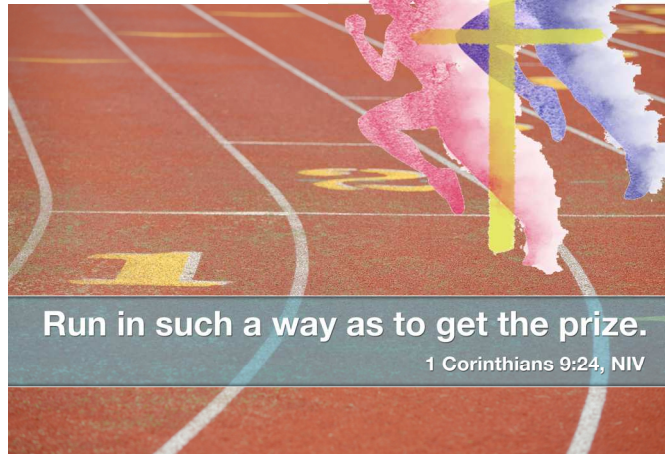
...from Pastor

Hello Church Family,

It has been one full month of the new year and I have to ask... how has your New Year's Resolutions been coming along?!

I know that, for many of us, the practice of setting a resolution for the year has run its course. It was fun maybe at one point in time, but now it feels silly to think there is something special about a goal set in January. And yet the Bible would tell us that it isn't the worst thing you can do to continually set goals.

In worship we have been studying the book of 1 Corinthians for quite some time, and our reading for this coming weekend contains these words. *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. (1 Corinthians 9:24)* Now, Paul isn't saying that our lives are a race and we're competing against each other. Paul



is trying to remind the Corinthians of the purpose within their lives.

We are a church that exists, not for ourselves, but for the mission of God. And that mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through a message of love, mercy, and grace. It's a mission that is outwardly focused as we seek to become less than for the sake of... in the same way that Jesus did.

The reality is that we are not God, and yet are called on a Godly mission. And consistently looking for deeper awareness of self, and

relationship with God, are vital to us living into this incredible opportunity we've been given.

And so, if you set a goal and it's already been lost... this is my encouragement to pick it back up again. You chose it for a reason, remind yourself of that reason. And for those who have not set any goals, this is my encouragement to ask why. Is it because you feel like you're already running your race to receive the prize? Or is it for some other reason.

Always with love
Pastor Brandon Dunham,




PRESIDENTS DAY

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor
In Office
Tuesday &
Thursday
Mornings


Friday
Day Off



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY


Confirmation Sunday will be held on March 12 during worship. There are 3 confirmands this year: Emerlee Jones, McKenna Tietz, and Aiden Strom. Cake will be served during coffee hour.

Service at the Groton UMC will take place at 6:30 pm. UMYF will be attending.




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VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!




FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android


Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory*  and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to **CREATE A LOGIN** the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.

Available on the  App Store

GET IT ON  Google play

Beau Richard Madsen was baptized on Jan 7th by Pastor Brandon. Parents are Mitchell and Megan Madsen from Coon Rapids, MN.



Baptism

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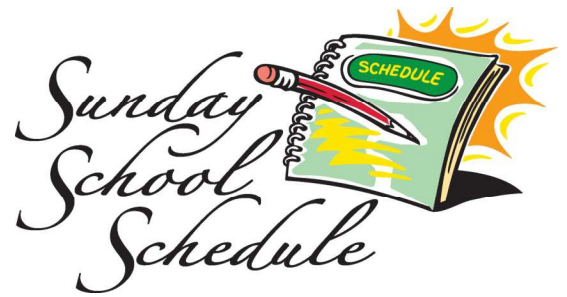


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Friends @ Kayenta P-Church
 in the Navajo land wish you
 a blessed Xmas and
 Happy New Year

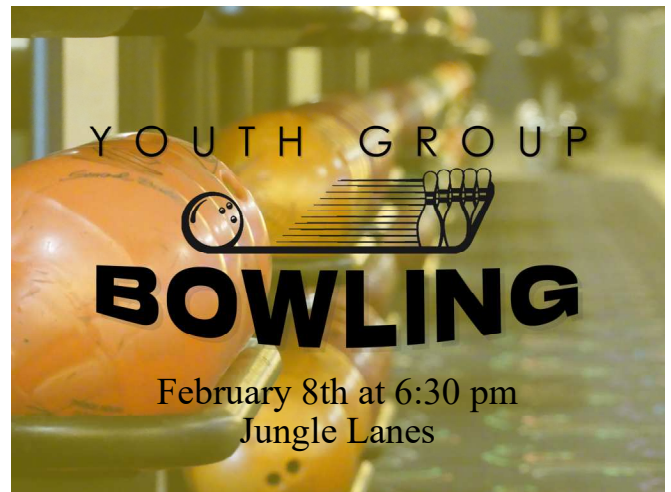
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 Love
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Kayenta Presbyterian
 Church
 PO Box 277
 Kayenta, AZ 86033



*When Sunday school is scheduled for 10:30, the kids will go to church and be dismissed for Sunday school after the children's sermon.

- February 5 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- February 12 – Sunday school – 9:30-10:30 (Youth Wrestling)
- February 19 – No Sunday school (President's Day weekend)
- February 26 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- March 5 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- March 12 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- March 19 – No Sunday school (Spring Break)
- March 26 – Sunday school – 9:30-10:30
- April 2 – Sunday school – 9:30-10:30 (Palm Sunday – Sing in church 10:30)
- April 9 – No Sunday school (Easter Sunday)
- April 16 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- April 23 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- April 30 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- May 7 – Sunday school – 10:30-11:30
- May 14 – Last day of Sunday school- 9:30-10:30 (Sing in church 10:30 -Mother's Day)



It's Time to Register for Camp!

Registration opens today for the 2023 camping season! Check out the [upcoming camps and events at Dakotas United Methodist Camps](#) and pick your favorite camp location: Wesley Acres, Storm Mountain, or Lake Poinsett. All camp listings and registration information are on the [Dakotas UM Camps website](#) where details will be updated quickly, and changes made in real-time. This ensures you will always have the most up-to-date information. Watch your postal mail or check at your local United Methodist Church for a flyer that will arrive soon!

Signing up for camp is EASY!
There are multiple ways to register for camp:

ONLINE

Directly access the [Campwise online registration](#) site to register, or search through the complete list of Dakotas UM Camps current [Camps and Events](#). Then click on "Register Online" in the camp description. Contact the Camping Office for login and password assistance.



PHONE

To register by phone call toll-free **855-622-1973** Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Central Time)

MAIL

Download, print, complete, and mail the [paper registration](#) form to:
Dakotas UM Camps
122 W. Franklin Ave, Suite 400
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Make checks payable to **Dakotas UM Camps**

EMAIL

Download, print, and complete, the [paper registration](#) form. Then scan and email completed form to info@dakcamps.org

Incentives and Discounts

Register by April 30th to receive the **Early Bird** discount of \$5 off per

night of camp.

With our **Bring-A-Friend Incentive**, for each new camper you bring to camp you can earn a discount of \$25 off the price of your camp.

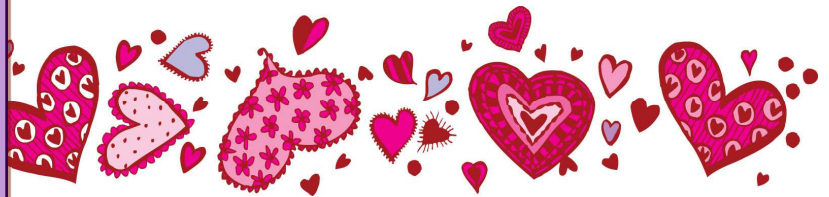
The Dakotas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church believes that every child should have a Christian camping experience, and no camper will be turned away due to a personal lack of funds. We have scholarship funds available to campers who need them most, based on personal and family needs. Before registering, check with your local church to see if they assist with the cost of registration, by registering with a camp code. For financial assistance access the [Dakotas UM Camps Campership](#) information



February 25th
5-8 pm

Bring the kids for
Movie, Crafts,
Games, and Food
while you have a par-
ents night out!

Contact Val Baker



Higher Power Sports



➤ **FREE Event**

➤ **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Groton Fellowship of Christian Students
presents TWO motivational speakers,

Tim Weidenbach & Deb Hadley

➤ **Sunday,
February 5th
3:16pm**
➤ **at the Groton
Methodist
Church**



Tim's Character Coaching & Be Kind Talk:

Higher Power Sports supports & serves HS & College athletes, coaches & families throughout the Midwest. He focuses on leadership, perseverance, opportunity, integrity, loyalty & making an impact on the teams he serves. Tim shares a fun & inspiring message on how kindness is contagious & encourages acceptance.

Deb's Overcoming Adversity Presentation:

Adversity is inevitable. Deb has had more than her share of loss. Often our students are caught off guard & lack the skill set to cope with hardships that come their way. Broken relationships, setbacks from COVID, bullying, lack of playing time, academic struggles, poor body image & low self-esteem, struggles at home &/or the death of loved ones, are some of the possibilities that can send the life of a student spiraling out of control. The goal of this seminar is to equip today's youth with the tools to help prepare them to handle the hardships that come their way & inspire them to turn their setbacks into opportunities to better their lives!



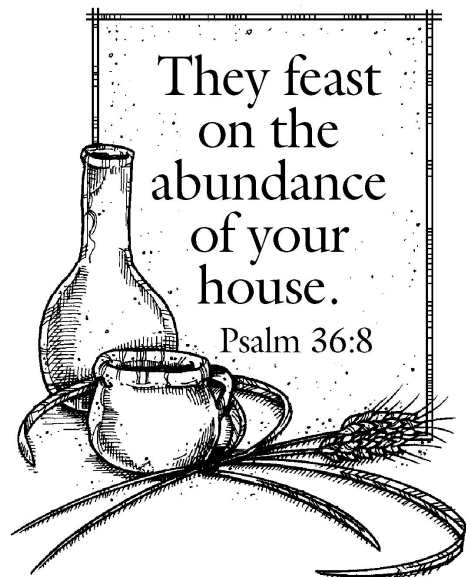
-A- family FEAST

One of the most fundamental parts of belonging to a church and following the way of Jesus is that we would pour into one another.

Right? Love God, love your neighbor. And so we are going to start having what we're going to call **Family Feasts**. The early church

had a practice of sharing a meal together whenever they had communion and it was a beautiful way of tying worship to real life. And so on the first Sunday of every month for this year we will be having lunch in the Groton fellowship hall and having a brief conversation over the worship and giving people the chance to share how life has been and where they sense God moving.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Pastor Brandon.



Schedule:

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30pm in Groton

Marking the beginning of the Lenten season, this year we will have a worship service at 6:30pm. Ash Wednesday begins the 40 day Lenten season where the church has focused on the themes of repentance and fasting and prayer and preparation for the cross and the resurrection. Ash Wednesday is

our annual reminder that we are more weak and frail and broken and sinful than we think. And it's also the reminder that God is far more gracious and merciful and present and loving that we can believe.

Palm Sunday, April 2nd

Marking the beginning of Holy Week we will be remembering the joyful and triumphant entry of Je-

sus into Jerusalem while also marking the passion narratives that take place throughout the week.

Maundy Thursday, April 6th at 6:30pm

This year we will together for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. On this night we focus on the events that took place in the upper room, where Jesus gathers his disciples and they share the Passover meal. We to will share in a dinner and all are welcome to join us.

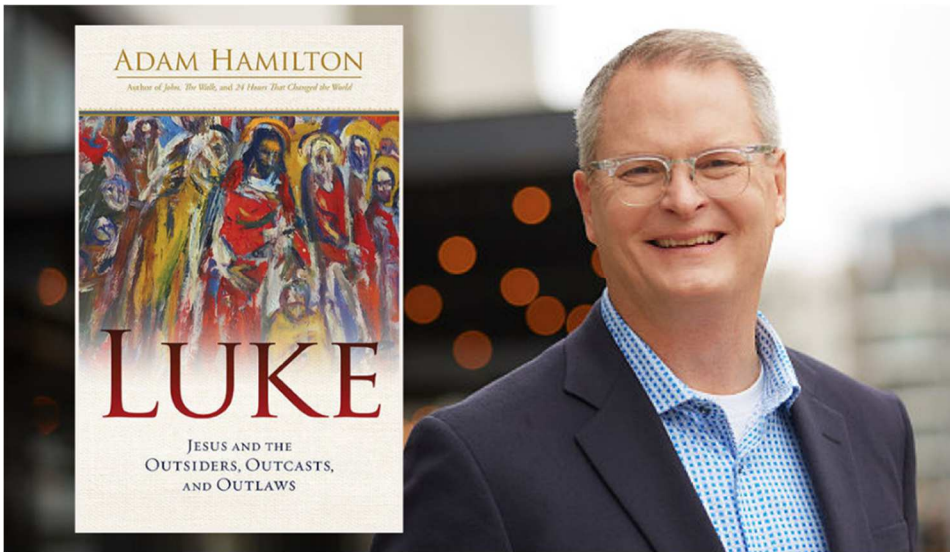
Good Friday, April 7th (TBD)

This service will be ecumenical and details to come.

Easter Sunday, April 9th

All are invited to join as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord! Worship details to come.





This year we are joining with churches across our Dakotas and Minnesota Conference of the UMC in a six-week study of Adam Hamilton’s “Luke”. Books can be picked up during worship and Conde will begin meeting on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00pm at the Conde church. Groton will begin meeting on Monday, February 20th at 7:00pm in the Groton UMC Fellowship Hall. Both groups will begin conversations around chapter 1.

(Taken from the Conference Description)

Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, marks the beginning of Lent. We will be marked with ash, be reminded of our mortality, and know that from dust we came and to dust we shall return. It is time to ponder and expand our relationship. Where will you meet God?

The culmination of Lent, Easter Sunday, is April 9, 2023. Everyone tries to make sense of the world and how the world works. Jesus came to lift up the lowly. Throughout his ministry to his final days on the road to the cross, we find stories of his relationships

with ordinary, flawed, and unexpected people. He met, dined, and traveled with people who were not perfect. Many of them were struggling. Some were outsiders or even outlaws. Whoever they were, from those he healed to the outlaws with him at his crucifixion, Jesus brought the good news of God's kingdom to those who most needed to hear it.

In the Gospel of Luke, we find stories of Jesus' ministry with "Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws." As we explore Jesus' life through Luke's stories, we'll meet the ordinary, even unexpected, people who Jesus chose to be his friends and do his work – people who aren't perfect, may be struggling, and don't yet have their acts together – people just like us. During the season of Lent, read along in the Gospel of Luke as we meet Jesus, who loves us, whoever we are.

In Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton explores the life,

teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Through Luke's stories, we find Jesus' care and compassion for all as he welcomes sinners and outcasts. As we study Luke and see Jesus' concern for those considered unimportant, we hear an encouraging and inspiring word for our lives today.

Join Bishop Lanette Plambeck and the Dakotas Conference Cabinet in this six-week study on the Gospel of Luke, emphasizing Luke's unique insights about Jesus.



Groton Family Committee - March

Yvonne Lange

Linda & Gary Thurston

Amber & Adrian Daly

Tyson, Levi

Kay & Doug Daly

Lucy Daly

Angela & Perryn Dobbins, Jaden

Kristen Dolan

Adrienne & Tigh Fliehs

Kelli & Lars Hanson

Jessica & Brent Morehouse

Jaymie Overacker

Karla Pasteur

Karen & Ian Rose

Alan Strom & Shelly Lerew

Todd Thurston

Honorary Members

- ◆ Jean Walter
- ◆ Darlys Kampa

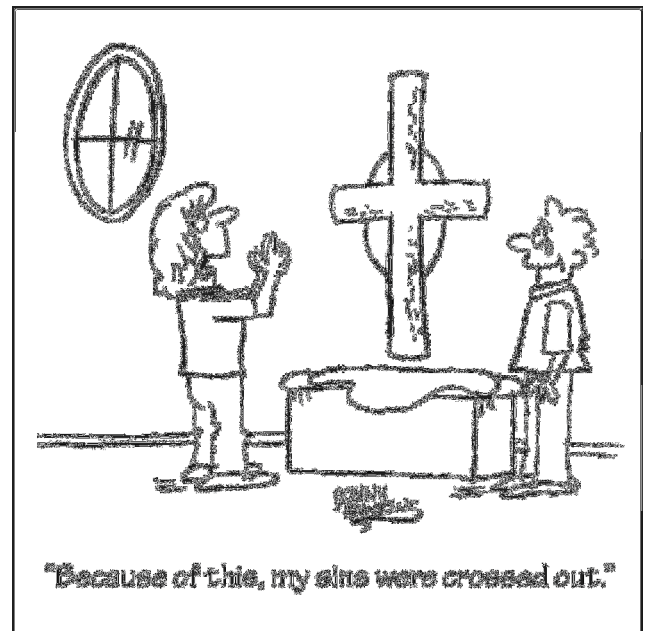
March Responsibilities

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ **Order and Pickup Confirmation Cake for coffee hour.** Confirmation Sunday - March 12
- ◆ Gifts are organized by Confirmation Leaders
- ◆ Hospitality sets up gift table
- ◆ Potluck 2nd Sunday - give church secretary details for announcements
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Shovel snow from doorways before Church
- ◆ Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- ◆ Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday

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Our Church Celebrations...



Groton

- Feb 2 Journey Zieroth
- Feb 4 KayLynn Overacker
Tim Olson
- Feb 5 Todd Thurston
Scott Eisenbeisz
- Feb 7 Gary Voss
- Feb 8 Gage Carl Sippel
- Feb 10 Brenda Madsen
Dion Bahr
June Thompson
Nori Hinman
Andrea & Scott Eisenbeisz
- Feb 12 Skylar Kramer
Yvonne Lorenz
- Feb 14 Diane Nissen
- Feb 16 Pernell Graf
- Feb 19 Gaylene Voss
Robin O'Neill

- Feb 20 Jim & Judy Zeck
Michael Wells
- Feb 21 Joe Nelson
Wyatt Morehouse
- Feb 22 Anthony Schinkel
- Feb 25 Greg Heitmann
Luke Johnson
Brent Morehouse
- Feb 26 Ginger McNickle

Conde

- Feb 4 Donna Walter
- Feb 5 Richard Sanderson
- Feb 9 Vicki Stark
- Feb 15 Tim & Betty Geist
- Feb 19 Tyler Stark
- Feb 22 Horace Walter

**Conde MISSION
STATEMENT**

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



Susan Odland
400 Parkwood Drive #212
Pierre, SD 57501



Groton Ad Council - Jan 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman AM Mitchell. Those in attendance were Pastor Brandon Dunham, Marjorie Overacker, Meri Erickson, Linda Thurston, Lon Gellhaus, and AM Mitchell. Pastor Brandon opened with a prayer.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Marjorie Overacker and 2nd by Lon Gellhaus.

Minutes: The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Meri Erickson and 2nd by Lon Gellhaus.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Memorial Committee – Linda Thurston reported that the Memorial Committee pays for the 3rd grade bibles. She said the funds for that memorial will run out next year and 3rd grade bibles will have to be paid for out of the Sunday School funds.

Trustees:

The church was notified of a leak by Paul Kosel. A leak was found in the chapel. The church could not get a hold of McGannons, so Heartland Heating and Cooling were contacted and came right away. The leak was fixed before any major damage could be done. A motion was made by Linda Thurston and 2nd by Meri Erickson to switch to Heartland Heating and Cooling for our winter and summer check-ups and any repairs neces-

sary. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Reports:

Church Treasurer: Marjorie Overacker reported that endowment fund money was transferred to the building fund to help pay for the parking lot.

Financial Secretary: None

Pastor/Parish Treasurer: Meri Erickson reported that all was good.

Bills: None

Administrative Report: Pastor Brandon Dunham is looking into ways to get small groups started in the church. Family Feast on Communion Sundays is one event he is starting. This will include a lunch after church and some faith sharing. All are welcome. He also said Confirmation Sunday will be held on March 12. There are 3 confirmands this year: Emerlee Jones, McKenna Tietz, and Aiden Strom. Cake will be served during coffee hour.

Old Business: Pastor Brandon said that he has mentioned in church for people to contact Kay Daly if they did not get the “all call” for the Fall Dinner.

New Business: FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students) is having a speaker on February 5. Sarah Schuster asked to use the fellowship hall for this event. Permission was granted.

In addition, Marjorie Overacker is going



to look into getting medical supplies for our church, in case of an injury or emergency. She will report back.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. on a motion by Lon Gellhaus and 2nd by Marjorie Overacker.

Secretary Pro Tem
Meri Erickson

Groton Stewardship Report Nov 2022	Groton Stewardship Report Dec 2022
Average Wkly Giving \$1,331	Average Wkly Giving \$2,038
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,353	Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,353
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 57	Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 86
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$5	Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$6,650



Our Church Happenings...

- Feb 8 Groton UMYF Bowling at Jungle 6:30 pm
- Feb 15 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Feb 20 Groton Lent Bible Study with Pastor Brandon 7 pm
- Feb 21 Conde Lent Bible Study with Pastor Brandon 6 pm
- Feb 21 Conde Ad Council
- Feb 22 Groton Ash Weds Service 6:30 pm - UMYF attending
- Feb 25 Groton Family Fun Night 5-8 pm
- Feb 26 First Sunday of Lent

J.O.Y. Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 10 am - Kay Daly
Book Study meets each Wednesday at 4 pm - Lindsey Tietz



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