

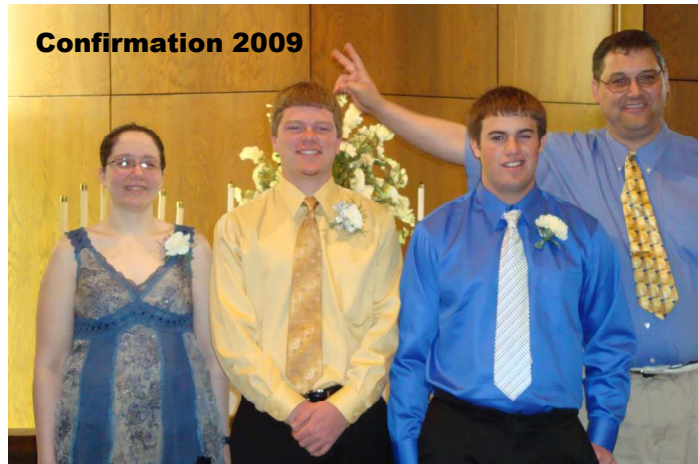


Pastor Rob's Ponderings...

JD Walt is the founder and “sower-in-chief” of Seedbed, the publishing arm of Asbury Seminary where I attended school. He recently announced he was going “back home” to Arkansas to pastor a small Methodist Church. In his announcement he said, “I know how to be a pastor; I need these people to teach me how to be their pastor.”

I know he feels and I have the same need. Recently, I was looking at some pictures from my time here in 2008. I saw pictures of high school graduates who are now married and have families. I saw pictures of an Easter morning “play” put on by young people who have children who could easily be in the next Easter morning drama, if we have one. And I saw pictures of people cooking and ‘setting up’ for dinner who we will not eat with again until we are at the Lord’s dinner table.

In other words, things are the same and things are different with me and with you. I need to learn how to be your pastor again. Yes, you can count on me preaching and teaching from God’s Word. I still proudly carry the reputa-



Confirmation 2009

tion of a “Bible-teaching pastor.” I still enjoy getting around the community, being at school activities. (In a previous church, I even got a school bus license so I could drive the local teams to away games so I could cheer them on.) And I still enjoy simply being at the DQ, or after church, sitting around a table talking about our lives.

Things are also different. It has been 13 years since I’ve been in Groton. Some of the young people who are still here now have children of their own. COVID and its after-effects continue to impact our church. As one church scholar put it, “the shut-down made it that much easier for people already standing by the door to

simply slip out,” and those people never came back. And perhaps most of all, differences in the United Methodist Church itself have caused us to be a different church.

So I need to keep learning. My daily devotional is called, The Wake-Up Call. It is a devotional received each morning by email, usually written by JD Walt. (I highly recommend it and we will be putting a link to it in our newsletter and Sunday hand-outs). I like it because it challenges me to think about God’s Word each day, in other words, “to keep me learning.”

Over the coming days and weeks, I pledge to keep learning about Groton-Conde as well.
Pastor Rob



[Wake-Up Call New - Seedbed](https://seedbed.com/wakeupcall/)

<https://seedbed.com/wakeupcall/>

Go to the above link to sign up for daily emails.



Pastor Rob
In Office
Tuesday &
Wednesday
Mornings

Monday
Day Off



Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law" Galatians 5:22-23

Ladies' Luncheon

Bethesda Lutheran Church, Bristol

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

By Bethesda Women of the ELCA

Silent Auction opens at 10:30

Speaker: Charla Innrie from The American Red Cross

Luncheon at Noon—Door Prizes

\$15.00 advance tickets please, call:

Kay Espeland 605-492-3507

Jane Gushing 605-220-1430

Or contact any WELCA member



Conde MISSION STATEMENT

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

Church Information

Pastor Rob Moorlach
Office Phone 605-397-8270
Parsonage Phone 605-397-4538

Pastor Email: pastorrob@nvc.net
Secretary Email: grotonumc@nvc.net
Website: www.grotonumc.org
Facebook: [facebook.com/grotonsdumc/](https://www.facebook.com/grotonsdumc/)
906 N 1st St Groton, SD 57445

Groton Sunday School

Groton Methodist Sunday School finished the year with singing on Mother's Day, passing out a special gift to all women in the church, and having a fun carnival! Looking forward to a fun VBS experience August 7-8!





Groton VBS is Coming!

Groton VBS is coming on August 7 - 8, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.! Supper will be served! Pets Unleashed is a two-day Vacation Bible School that is free for children Preschool-5th grade (including those going into 6th grade next year). We also welcome friends from all over our community to join us!

This year's Bible point is for all to know that Jesus cares for us. "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5-7)

We will enjoy bible stories, play lots of games, complete crafts, sing lots of music, and have some yummy

treats! Come and enjoy VBS - a place where Jesus cares "fur" you!

Register for two days of fun by texting or calling Meri Erickson (216-2981), Megan Erickson (380-8012) or Sydney Kurtz (216-7410).

*There will be a donation sheet for VBS on the kitchen counter in Fellowship hall by Sunday, July 30.

*Looking for helpers for VBS. If interested, call or text Meri (216-2981). Any help would be greatly appreciated.

*Meal provided both evenings at 5:30 for kids and helpers.



Pastor Brandon and Ashley have moved to a new church this June. We wish them well...

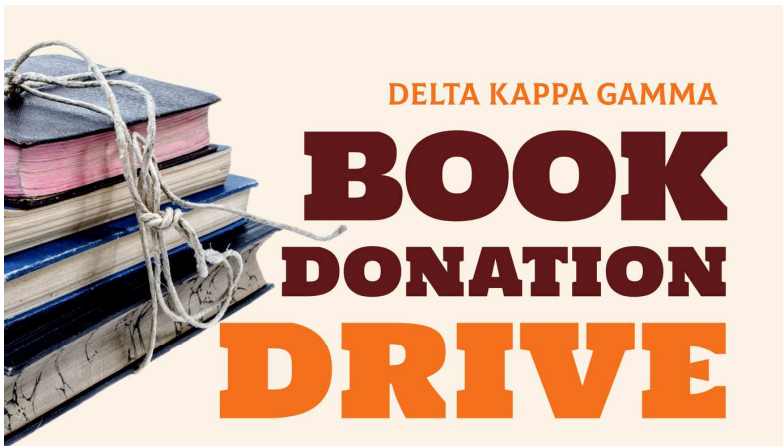


HARRISBURG

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Brandon Dunham & Ashley Dunham
6608 W 47th St
Sioux Falls, SD 57106





DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

BOOK DONATION DRIVE

DROP-OFF ANY NEW OR GENTLY-USED BOOKS

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN, BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN, KEN'S & KESSLER'S

BOOK DRIVE WILL RUN FROM:

June 1 - September 1, 2023

BRING YOUR DONATED BOOKS TO ONE OF THE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS LISTED ABOVE. THE BOOK SALE WILL BE HELD AT THE WYLIE PARK PAVILION FROM SEPTEMBER 7-9, 2023, WITH PROCEEDS BEING DISTRIBUTED AS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AND CLASSROOM GRANTS FOR TEACHERS.

CONTACT DEE @ (605)225-6713 FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF BOOKS.



Prayer for July 4th

The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfill the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today. (Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/nhc8747x>.)

O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Law-giver and Judge, ...

May America remain loyal to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and extend their application to ever-widening areas of life.

Keep out of our life all manner of oppression, persecution, and unjust discrimination; save us from religious, racial and class conflicts; may our country be a haven of refuge to the victims of injustice and misrule.

Instruct us in the art of living together, of reconciling differences of opinion and averting clashes of interest, of helping one another to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...

That the Star-Spangled Banner, the symbol of our American democracy, may ever wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave. Amen.



7TH ANNUAL SUMMER FEST

GROTON CITY PARK
JULY 9, 2023 9AM-4PM

GROTON, SD LIONS CLUB
abeln4@yahoo.com





The J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Bible Study will start a new study on July 18th. “When God Doesn’t Fix It” by Laura Story is a DVD study and everyone is welcome to join us. If you are only available for one study occasionally, please join us! All are welcome and friends from other denominations as well. 10 AM each Tuesday Morning!

Is it possible that good things can come out of our broken dreams? Building upon her book, *When God Doesn't Fix It*, this Bible Study examines what the Bible says about God and why our lives often don't turn out the way we like. She looks at the brokenness of some of our biblical heroes of faith - Abraham, Joseph, David, Paul - and shows how despite their flawed stories, God used them. God may not fix everything. In fact, our situation might never change or get better. But..we can.

Thank you Amanda Keefe for sharing your story with us as we learned what the Bible says about heaven with our last study.



Please join the Chamber & the City of Groton for a Ribbon Cutting at the **NEW WATER TOWER!**
 THURSDAY | JULY 20, 2023 | 11:30 AM
 OPEN HOUSE TO FOLLOW FROM 12:00-1:30 PM
 AT CITY HALL WITH A LIGHT LUNCH
 SPONSORED BY

Groton Ad Council May

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman, AM Mitchell. Those in attendance were AM Mitchell, Pastor Brandon Dunham, Linda Thurston, Carna Atherton-Pray, Roger Rix, Jeanne Wanous, & Valerie Baker.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Roger Rix.

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Carna Atherton-Pray.

Correspondence: None

Trustees:

Parsonage Walk-thru Date: Pastor Brandon requested May 30th for the walk-thru date. Carna will make sure all are aware of the date.

Sanctuary Locks: Tyke & Carna agreed we need to have Gardner Locksmith from Aberdeen install the locks that the trustees decide are appropriate. Gardner stated he would install the locks for \$150. The west hallway door lock was inspected and found to be solid enough that someone could not make it open with a credit card. Kay Daly suggested we install locks you can work with an electronic app. It was also suggested that the North door & office door work with a keypad and dead-bolt. The council agreed that Tyke work with Kay on her suggestions as well as the locksmith after which he will report back to the Trustees committee.

Treasurer Report. The financial report was reviewed and questions were answered. Donations collected so far for security updates and an AED are as follows: \$1250 for security & \$850 for AED.

Valerie Baker motioned to move excess funds from the security fund into the AED fund. The motion was 2nd and the motion was approved.

Administrative Report:

Pastor Brandon reported that HS Graduation Sunday went well and that Sunday school for the school year is done. In addition, the final Youth Group meeting will be Wednesday night, the 17th.

Pastor Brandon will be attending the Annual UMC Conference on June 8, 9,

&10 in Sioux Falls. Carna Atherton-Pray will also be in attendance. Brandon won't be here on Sunday, June 18th, but will be here on June 11th & 25th.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Pastor Brandon & Ashley's Going Away Party: Carna set the date for June 25th and will visit with Conde to see if they want to join us or have their own event.

A formal welcome event for Pastor Rob is suggested for September 10th.

Move out & In Dates for both pastors is still unknown and depends on the moving company.

Parsonage Cleaning & Updates: Cleaning of the parsonage will need to be scheduled. It was suggested that a new stove & microwave be purchased. Pastor Rob's only request was for a hand held shower wand.

CPR Class & AED Use Class: Carna will find instructor and schedule dates.

Outside Sign Changes: The council believes the only changes to the outside sign should be the pastor's name.

Request by Kay to purchase 2000 One Call credits for \$200. Roger Rix motioned to approve Kay's One Call request. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Pastor Rob's Request for Song Show Projection: On a motion by Roger Rix, the council approved a request by Pastor Rob to purchase two additional Bible Song Show versions at \$25 each. The motion was 2nd and approved. The council agreed this would be paid by PPR's budget.

Thank Yous:

The council shared their thanks to Allen Walter for installing the new security cameras around the church. Allen was not present so a card will be sent to him sharing our thanks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous

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.




GROTON AREA ELEMENTARY SUMMER LIBRARY

TUESDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST
July 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1st

OPEN 9-11 AM

Storytime 10 AM with an activity
"Weekly Prize Drawings"



Groton Family Committee - August

Eugenia & Dwight Strom

Jolene Townsend

Karla & Russell Davidson

Pernell Graf

Kelli & Lars Hanson

Charity & Scotty Hinman

Karsten, Breslyn

Sarah & Rick Hofer

Yvonne Lorenz

Belinda & Joe Nelson

Tim Olson

Roger & Marjorie Overacker

John Padfield

Joyce & Allen Walter

Honorary Members

- Caralee Heitmann

- Saron Wheeting

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 banners as needed as per schedule in back of work committee book
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday

| August 2023 | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |



Groton Family Committee - September

Yvonne Lange

Linda & Gary Thurston

Amber & Adrian Daly; Levi

Kay & Doug Daly

Lucy Daly

Angela & Perryn Dobbins; Jaden

Kristin Dolan

Adrienne & Tigh Fliehs

Jessica & Brent Morehouse

Jaymie Overacker

Karen & Ian Rose

Alan Strom & Shelly Lerew

Carol Strom

June & Mark Thompson

Todd Thurston

Jeanne Wanous

Honorary Members

- Darlys Kampa

- Jean Walter

- Laverne Strom

September 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 banners as needed as per schedule in back of work committee book
- Maintain the Altar Flower Arrangements
- Change decorations on tables in fellowship hall with the seasons
- Serve at Avantara Nursing Center - 4th Sunday
- Potluck 2nd Sunday

| September 2023 | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |



Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- Jul 1 Charity Hinman
Graham Rose
- Jul 4 Seth Erickson
- Jul 5 Jasmine Schinkel
Allen & Joyce Walter
- Jul 7 Ida Hannon
Julie Morehouse
Louise Thoreson
- Jul 8 Kelby Hawkins
- Jul 9 Jordan Voss
Judy Zeck
- Jul 11 Roger & Marjorie Overacker
Scott Hinman
- Jul 12 Ashtyn Bahr
Beckett Rose
- Jul 13 Jeff Voss
Jolene Townsend
Stephanie Townsend
- Jul 14 Christine Nyberg
Ava Kramer
- Jul 16 Linda Thurston
- Jul 17 Mackenzie Atherton
- Jul 18 Doug & Kay Daly
Josh & Merrie Atherton
Kaitlin O'Neill
Kevin Pray
- Jul 19 Carol Strom
- Jul 20 Casey Johnson
- Jul 21 Levi Parrow
- Jul 23 Joyce Walter
Chanda & Logan Nilsson
- Jul 24 Maggie Oliver
Roger & Pam Rix
- Jul 25 Mattilyn McCranie
Hannah Webb
- Jul 26 Angela & Perryn Dobbins
Laila Roberts
- Jul 27 Damian & Erin Bahr
Tony Madsen
Ryland Strom
- Jul 28 Craig Weber

- Jul 29 Ava Rose
Curtis Krueger
- Jul 30 Megan & Seth Erickson
Mitchell McCranie
- Jul 31 Lynette Severson
- Aug 2 Max Erickson
David Strom
Dylan Graf
Jessica & Brent Morehouse
- Aug 3 Lance & Kristie Hawkins
- Aug 4 Craig & Kim Weber
- Aug 5 Tigh Fliehs
- Aug 6 Damian Bahr
Nash Kurtz
- Aug 7 Kelli Hanson
Sherwin Nyberg
- Aug 8 Yvonne Lange
Brad & Diann Morehouse
Matthew & Morgan McCranie
- Aug 9 Loel Schott
Jackson Wells
- Aug 12 Amber Wolken
Tom Lipp
- Aug 13 Logan Nilsson
Sully Strom
- Aug 15 Paisley Johnson
- Aug 16 Alissa & Michael Wells
Jenna & Nick Strom
Jim Jones
Rose Tewksbury
Sam Furman
- Aug 17 Chanda Nilsson
- Aug 19 Jaeger Kampa
Sherwin & Christine Nyberg
Tia Johnson
William Zoellner
- Aug 20 Marc Sippel
Tyson Parrow
- Aug 21 Clayton Morehouse
- Aug 22 Belinda Nelson
- Aug 23 Haley Erickson

- Lisa Pray
- Aug 27 Rachel Dobbins
- Aug 28 Rob & Jeanne Wanous
- Aug 29 Chuck Padfield
- Aug 30 Emma Schinkel
Jase Bahr
Nathan Atherton
- Aug 31 Katelyn Hawkins

Conde

- Jul 6 Shanna Geist
- Jul 23 Patty Knoll
- Jul 27 Horace & Donna Walter
- Aug 1 Joan Fahrenwald
- Aug 5 Myron & Joan Fahrenwald
- Aug 6 Loren & Pat Siefken
- Aug 10 Cindy Smith
- Aug 20 Richard & Jane Worlie
- Aug 26 Pam Hanson



Send a Card....

Marjorie Overacker
603 East 5th Ave
Groton, SD 57445

Sharon Wheeting
1701 3rd Ave SE Apt 202
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Groton Ad Council - June

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, AM Mitchell. Those in attendance were AM Mitchell, Pastor Rob Moorlach, Carna Atherton-Pray, Tyke Nyberg, Jeanne Wanous, Roger Rix, Val Baker, and Anita Lowary.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Carna Atherton-Pray.

Previous Minutes: The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Tyke Nyberg.

Correspondence: none

Committee Reports:

Trustees:

Tyke Nyberg gave a parsonage update: A window cleaner was hired to clean all windows inside & out; Carna Atherton-Pray & Meri Erickson cleaned the inside of the parsonage; A new shower grab bar and shower wand were installed; Heartland Heating added freon to the air conditioner and noted a new air conditioner would soon be needed; Locke Electric did some electrical repairs.

Tyke also reported that some broken tree limbs on the land east of the sanctuary needed trimming as well as some trees around the parsonage need trimming. In addition, the large tree by the front door of the sanctuary is in bad shape. Roger Rix stated that his family would like to replace that tree with a new one in memory of his parents, Gerald & Ann Rix. On a motion by Tyke Nyberg, the council approved paying Tyler Sperry to trim up & clean up damaged trees around the church property and remove the front door tree and allow the Rix family to choose and plant a replacement tree by the front sanctuary door.

Tyke also reported that we have water leaks in the church boiler which will need repair in the future.

Treasurer's Report & Finance:

Carna Atherton-Pray presented three bills: 1) \$97.48 for an emergency kit; 2) \$72 for a new 30 cup coffee pot; 3) \$1,783 for an AED. Carna is still working on setting up training for use of the AED and for CPR training.

Carna will also be presenting the following bills to Parstor/Parish: 1) \$915.88 for a new desk & chair for the pastor; 2) an expense bill for attending the

annual conference in Sioux Falls.

Pastor Rob reported that he and Meri Erickson went to the bank and set up a direct deposit for salary payment for Pastor Rob.

Administrative Report:

Pastor Rob requested that church members let him know of people who are in need of a pastoral visit.

Old Business:

Outside Church Sign Updates: On a motion by Roger Rix, the council voted yes to have the outside sign changes made to update the name of the pastor, time of worship & fellowship, & time of Sunday school.

New Business:

Carna's Report of Annual Conference: She stated that church apportionments were lowered by ½ % for the upcoming year.

She also explained the Dakotas Oasis Network concept. "OASIS NETWORK congregations and pastors are committed to – and ready for – providing an interim haven of rest and refreshment in which UMC-committed men and women can faithfully determine their next church home." On a motion by Val Baker, the council voted to go forward with the Groton UMC being an Oasis Network church.

Membership Committee, Anita Lowary: Anita discussed updating our membership list. The council agreed that the committee should meet with Pastor Rob and decide on the best method for updating our membership list. After they meet, they will make a proposal to the Ad Council. Anita agreed to set up a meeting.

Stained Glass Sign of Current & Past Pastors. Anita volunteered to contact Eileen Scheulke to see if she could update the current sign. Carna volunteered to look for another framed stained-glass piece for future pastor's names.

New Door Locks and Keypads. Jeanne Wanous read a note from Kay Daly explaining the updated door locks and keypads.

Mission Committee: Val Baker stated that the missions committee is planning for the annual "Love Groton" cleanup

event. They are looking at July 29 for the event and both the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the CMA church will be participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm

Secretary, Jeanne Wanous

| |
|---|
| <p>Groton Stewardship Report April 2023</p> <p>Average Wkly Giving \$1,348</p> <p>Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,393</p> <p>Average Weekly Sunday Attendance 54</p> <p>Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$5</p> |
|---|

| |
|---|
| <p>Groton Stewardship Report May 2023</p> <p>Average Wkly Giving \$1,068</p> <p>Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,393</p> <p>Average Weekly Sunday Attendance 47</p> <p>Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$5</p> |
|---|



| July 2023 | | | | | | |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

| August 2023 | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

Our Church Happenings...

- July 18 Groton Tuesday 10 AM Bible Study starting new study
- July 18 Conde Ad Council
- July 19 Groton Ad Council 7 pm

Aug 7-8 Groton VBS 5:30 pm - 8 pm

- Aug 15 Conde Ad Council
- Aug 16 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- Aug 20 September Newsletter Items Due

United Methodist Church
 Groton – Conde Parish
 906 North First Street
 Groton, SD 57445-2192
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



July/August 2023
 Conde Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Groton Sunday School *check schedule* 10:30 a.m.
 Groton Worship

Pastor Robert Moorlach
 Email: pastorrob@nvc.net
<http://www.grotonumc.org>
 Office, Groton 605-397-8270
 Conde Church 605-382-5261