



Groton & Conde UMC

Newsletter

May 2024

906 N 1st St, Groton, SD 57445

...from Pastor Rob

Proverbs 3:5-6 - ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will direct your paths. (NIV)

As I write, we are fast approaching high school graduation in Groton, South Dakota. I think the description Garrison Keillor gives to the approaching high school graduation in Lake Wobegon, Minnesota is the same for any community in this area of the country where we live: our graduating children are looking for any excuse to get out of the school building as well as their own homes; their parents, especially the mothers, are frantically putting together “shrines” to be used at receptions consisting of pictures, report cards, awards and honors earned since pre-school days; fathers and siblings are given the task of cleaning out the barn or the Morton Building to be used for the reception and it needs to be so clean that it could pass anyone’s white glove test. It’s a busy time, maybe not for the graduates themselves but certainly for family and others who want to make sure “everything is just right.”

My high school class celebrated its 40th reunion this past year. It seems surreal to think I graduated from high school 40 years ago but that’s what the calendar says. Even though the reunion was just a



few hours away, I did not attend. The only high school classmates I still keep in touch with on a regular basis live near Anchorage Alaska. My friend, Shane, called me a few weeks before the scheduled reunion to say he and Michelle, his wife who also was a classmate, would not be attending since I was the only one they kept in regular contact with from our class. We both agreed that our telephone call would be “our reunion.” We also talked about my plans to go up to see them next Summer. I received an invite and then the news about my class reunion via Facebook. It seems from the many pictures shared from the event that a good time was had by all who attended. The only problem for me, with a couple of exceptions, was I recognized no one in the pictures. They might as well have been strangers on the street. And to

make matters worse, more than half of the names associated with the pictures were totally foreign to me. To be forthcoming, there were 147 people in my graduating class from Brandon Valley High School and most of my friends were in athletics, not drama or music programs. But still, you’d think I would recognize a few people! Nope!

A funny thing happened not long ago which I shared in Sunday morning worship but it also fits here. I was in our high school one day when I noticed the picture Groton High School Class of 1958. I realized this was the year my mother graduated from Glencoe Minnesota High School so these young people of Groton would look much like my mother did at age 18. I was so excited to talk to my mother about this picture I was looking at that I pulled out my cellphone and called

her right then. But when I told what I was looking at, the very first words she said were, “Your brother Brian was just here to help me with my computer.” I was so excited to talk about the class of 1958; all she wanted to do was focus on what was right in front of her. It was like a sharp pin had my popped my excitement balloon. I began to realize my mother and I (along with friends Shane and Michelle) were a long way from where we once were. Thankfully I can report my friends and mother are all people who have been trusting in the Lord since those days long ago and God has certainly directed all of us on some interesting paths.

And this is my prayer for all of our graduates, and each of us: That you will trust in the Lord always and let Him direct your paths.

See you in church

OFFICE HOURS



Pastor Rob
In Office
Tuesday &
Wednesday
Mornings

Monday
Day Off





Cinco de Mayo
Taco Bar

Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 am

After the Groton UMC
Worship Service at 10:30 am



Everyone Welcome!

free-will donations
Hosted by the Groton UMC Missions Committee

Thank you

Alan Strom Memorial for Vmix (Software to stream services to YouTube and Facebook), Speakers, and Mics.

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Blessed be the
God and Father
of our
Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy
he has given us a
new birth
into a
living hope
through the
resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.



1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



Join us
for coffee
& fellowship

Each Sunday

at 9:30 am!



TRISTAN KAMPA

LAVT
Energy Operations



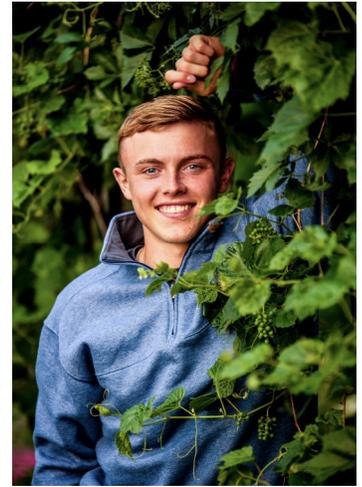
EMMA JO SCHINKEL

LAVT
Nursing



HOLDEN SIPPTEL

SDSU
Major in Exercise Science



LANE TIETZ

DSU
Basketball Career
Major in Business



May 12th

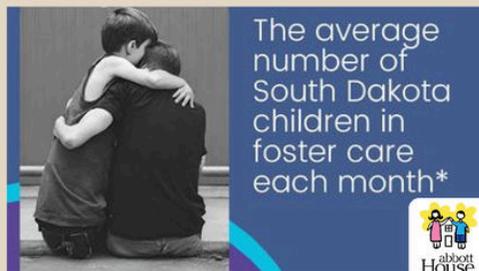
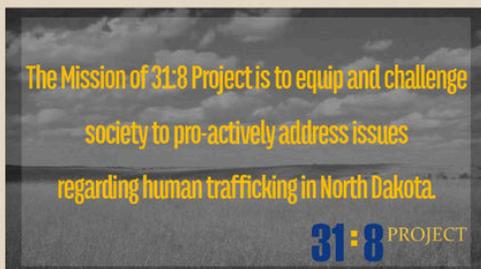
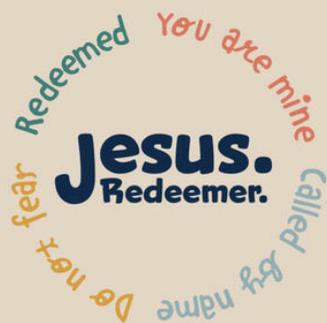
We will honor the graduates during coffee hour; where gift bags for cards and a table will be set up. During worship they will be recognized.

Congratulations!



May 5 – SS 10:30
12 – Last Day of SS – Carnival 9:30
Sing in church 10:30 (Mother's Day)

2024 Miracle Offering



31:8 Project

Bridges Therapeutic Foster Care



Bravery Backpacks

Clergy Sustentation Fund

Recovery Ministry

Drawing from Isaiah 43:1, the theme of this year's Annual Conference is "Jesus. Redeemer." This passage and theme remind us that we are a new creation in Christ, beloved children of God, ambassadors of heaven. We are blessed to be a blessing to others—and that is precisely what our annual Miracle Offering is all about: expressing our gratitude for God's provisions in our lives and sharing God's extravagant love with a broken

Each year, churches and individuals in the Dakotas Annual Conference demonstrate their love for God and their neighbors through the Miracle Offering that is presented during worship at our Annual Conference Session. The Miracle Offering will be divided equally to these recipients:

38:1 Project: 31:8 Project's mission is to equip and challenge society to proactively address issues regarding human trafficking. Based in Bismarck, North Dakota, 31:8 offers informative seminars,

conducts research, and creates curriculum applicable to all levels of education and forms of human trafficking. Donation support activities like the Bakken Human Trafficking Summit, mentorships for survivors of human trafficking, and the Demand Reduction Program—an education partnership designed to reduce recidivism.

Abbott House's Bridges Therapeutic Foster Care: In 2013-2014 supporters of Abbot House came together to build Bridges Therapeutic Foster Homes in Mitchell, SD, so young girls could grow up with a family and a home. Today, there are 10 therapeutic foster homes serving, boys and girls, in Mitchell, Rapid City and Sioux Falls. Donations will support continuing efforts for Bridges Therapeutic Foster Care.

Recovery Ministry: Through recovery ministries, people are building their relationship with Christ, and shaping a path to healthy living with those around them. Funds will be granted to United

Methodist churches in the Dakotas Conference engaged in recovery ministry.

Clergy Sustentation Fund: A special fund has been set up to assist clergy with direct financial support when a desperate need does arise. The Clergy Sustentation Fund is a means to tangibly care for our clergy and families in a time of need. Your gifts become signs of hope and grace in difficult times.

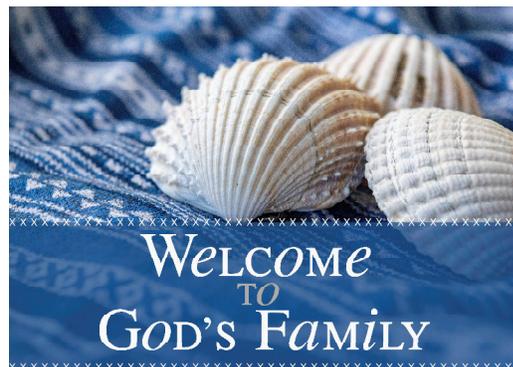
In addition to giving financially to the Miracle Offering, congregations are invited to collect supplies and backpacks for the **Bravery Backpacks** program through the 31:8 Project. There will be an opportunity to put the backpacks together at Annual Conference in Bismarck.

Please mark your donations for the 2024 Miracle Offering. These donations will be taken with Pastor Rob as a gift from our church at Annual Conference.



Baptism

April 21st during worship, we welcomed Maliyah Lynn McCranie into God's family. She was born April 3, 2023 to the parents of Matthew and Morgan McCranie. And joins her sister, Mattilynn.



Groton Family Committee - June

Anita & John Lowary

Jenna & Nick Strom

Brian Bahr

Sam & Dion Bahr

Traci & Dale Kramer, Emma

Brenda & Tony Madsen

Monica & Mike McCranie

Matthew & Morgan McCranie

Mitchell McCranie

Chris & Tyke Nyberg

Justin Olson

Jesse Overacker, Emily

Marjae & Dan Schinkel, Emma

Betty Strom

Carol Strom

Honorary Members

Ida Hannon

Marie McClintic & Larry Schnaidt

Louise Thoreson

Laverne Strom

June 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 this 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 church treasurer

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Christian Symbol

GREEN — Green is the traditional liturgical color for the weeks after Pentecost (as well as the season of Epiphany). The Pentecost season largely overlaps with spring and summer, which is fitting because green symbolizes growth: growth of plant life and crops, and growth of the church in discipleship and faith.



Our Church Celebrations...

Groton

- May 3 Kim Weber
- May 4 Tom Strom
Evan Erickson
Desiree Foltz
- May 5 Gary Thurston
Marlee Jones
Tony & Brenda Madsen
- May 6 Clint Jacobson
- May 7 Rebecca Padfield
Tigh Hank Irvin Fliehs
Gabbie Kramer
- May 8 John Lowary
Dale Kramer
Austin Jones
Rob Wanous
- May 10 John & Anita Lowary
Emma Davies
- May 13 Doris Strom (99)
- May 14 Linda Johnson
Pam Rix
- May 17 Cliff & Carna Pray
Matt & Casey Johnson
Faith Johnson
- May 18 Jean Walter
Kaylee Hofer

- May 19 John Erickson
Nancy Hindricks
Scott Kampa
Taylor Diegel
- May 20 Tom & Kami Lipp
- May 21 Cody Hanson
Mitchell & Megan Madsen
- May 25 Adrienne Fliehs
Beau Bahr
Beau Madsen
J.R. Johnson
Jon Voss
- May 26 Dion & Sam Bahr
- May 27 Luverne & Carol Strom
- May 28 Cheryl Hanson
- May 30 Kami Lipp
Morgan McCranie
Randy & Rebecca Padfield
- May 31 J.R. & Paula Johnson
Matt Johnson

Conde

- May 7 Jane Worlie
- May 10 Marion Jensen
- May 25 Greg Bonn
- May 28 Grant & Janice Hanson
- May 30 Cindy & Curtis Haskell

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE

DORIS STROM'S 99TH BIRTHDAY



SUNDAY, MAY 12
3:00-4:30PM
CAKE & COFFEE
DERIAN PLACE, ABERDEEN, SD

**Address for
Birthday Greetings**
Doris Strom
Derian Place
1801 3rd Ave SE
Aberdeen, SD 57401

Every Wednesday Morning
Community Coffee Hour
At the Groton United Methodist Church
9:30 am - 10:30 am



Free Coffee and something sweet provided

Come and Go
Time to Relax and Visit

Conde MISSION
STATEMENT

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

Groton Ad Council - April

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, AM Mitchell. Those in attendance were Pastor Rob Moorlach, AM Mitchel, Linda Thurston, Anita Lowary, Roger Rix, Val Baker, Allen Walter, and Jeanne Wanous. Pastor Rob shared a prayer prior to the discussion of business.

The agenda was approved on a motion from Anita Lowary.

The previous meeting minutes were approved on a motion from Roger Rix.

Correspondence: Jeanne Wanous shared a thank you note from Brooklyn Spanier for the blanket she received from our church for her recent confirmation.

Committee Reports

Membership: Anita Lowary reported that no additional responses have been received from current members regarding a change in status for current members. She will have an updated report at the next meeting.

Memorial: Linda Thurston reported the following totals:

Undesignated = \$11,186.40
 Designated = \$15,262.44
 Total = \$26,448.84

Missions: Val Baker stated that she and her Missions Committee are getting ready to make May baskets prior to church on April 24th. The baskets will be delivered to Avantara & Rosewood Court in Groton.

Trustees: Tyke Nyberg received the bill from Heartland Heating & Cooling for re-setting the regulator, cleaning & repair of the boiler that were required after a recent boiler inspection. Also, Tyke has replaced all light bulbs in the hall and foyer with LED bulbs.

Treasurer's Report:

Church Treasurer-Jeanne Wanous: Jeanne reviewed the YTD & EO March treasurer's report. After some discussion and concerns about managing our financ-

es for the balance of the year, it was suggested that the Finance Committee schedule a meeting for further discussion.

Anita Lowary made a motion to have the motion made & approved at the March Ad Council regarding combining the Building Fund & General Fund accounts together rescinded. After her explanation, the motion to rescind was unanimously approved.

Financial Secretary-Allen Walter: Allen volunteered to give a short Estate Planning message at an upcoming church service in the future if the council was interested. No action was taken on Allen's suggestion.

Pastor Parish-Meri Erickson: no report

Bills to be Presented:

The following bills were approved for payment by the Council.

vMix: The bill for the vMix Live Production video mixer & switcher of \$371.70 was approved for payment. Roger Rix motioned to pay this bill out of memorial funds. The motion was approved.

Heartland Heating: The council also approved payment of the Heartland Heating bill in the amount of \$622.73 as stated above under Trustees.

Administrative Report:

Pastor Rob: Pastor Rob shared that our District Superintendent, Kris Mutzenberger, visited with him about possibly being able to increase our monthly apportionment percentage. Pastor said he assured her we were doing as much as we can at this point. He also reminded us that we will be honoring our graduates on May 12. In addition, Pastor Rob will be attending the Annual Conference on June 6-8 at Bismark, and he is looking for a substitute pastor for that day as well as for June 16.

Old Business:

Fellowship Hall Speakers: The new speakers have been installed & are working. They are always automatically on, however there is the same volume button in the fellowship hall that still works to control the volume.

IRS Certified Letter Update: This situation is still being worked on per Anita.

New Business:

Request for Pauer Sound Help: The council approved a request to have Alex from Pauer Sound come out and run our sound system on Sunday, April 21 so that he can evaluate problems and make appropriate adjustments to solve streaming issues. He would charge \$50 for this, however if he finds more difficult issues he may need to increase his charges. The council agreed to this request.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Secretary,
 Jeanne Wanous

Groton Stewardship Report Mar 2023
Average Wkly Giving \$1,309
Needed Wkly for Church Mission \$2,393
Average Weekly Attendance Sunday 70
Total Building Fund Donations for Repairs \$255



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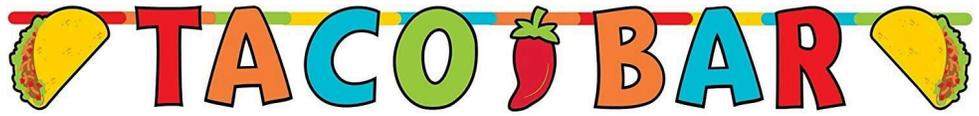
Groton UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p>  <p>5th Sunday of Easter (white or gold) Missions creating May Baskets for Aventara & Rosewood 8:30am Conde Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Groton Worship 10:30am Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>National Day of Prayer 10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>5th Sunday of Easter (white or gold) Communion in Worship (white) 8:30am Conde Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Groton Worship 10:30am Sunday School 11:30am Missions Taco Bar - free-will donation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center 7:00pm PEO Mtg (outside group)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Ascension Day 10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>12</p>  <p>7th Sunday of Easter (white or gold) Ascension Sunday Mother's Day 8:30am Conde Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 9:30am Honor Our Graduates Coffee Hour & Worship 9:30am Sunday School Carnival 10:30am Groton Worship 10:30am Sunday School sing in worship 3:00pm Doris Stron 99th Birthday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour 7:00pm Groton Ad Council</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Armed Forces Day 10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>19</p>  <p>Heritage Sunday (red) Pentecost WEAR RED TO WORSHIP 8:30am Conde Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Groton Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Items Due 10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>
<p>26</p>  <p>Peace with Justice Sunday (white or gold) Trinity Sunday 8:30am Conde Worship 9:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Groton Worship</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Memorial Day 11:00am The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Bible Study 3:00pm Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown 4:00pm The Pantry at Groton Community Center</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>9:30am Community Coffee Hour</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Sunday Items Due for Secretary</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Common Cents Community Thrift Store Downtown</p>



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Our Church Happenings...



- May 5** Groton Missions hosting a Taco Bar at 11:30 am
(free-will offering)
Community Invited! Worship is at 10:30 am
- May 12 Happy Mother's Day
- May 12 Doris Strom 99th Birthday Celebration at Derain Place
Invitation inside newsletter
- May 12 Groton Honoring our Graduates
during coffee hour 9:30 am and worship at 10:30 am
- May 15 Groton Ad Council 7 pm
- May 19 Pentecost Sunday - wear RED to worship