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Grace Methodist and
Pleasant Corners
Evangelical Church.

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Grace Methodist and Pleasant Corners Evangelical Churches Newsletter



Psalm 46:1-3 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride."

Psalm 46:10-11 "'Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.' The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold."

Do you know the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"? It is one of the most famous hymns out there, written by Martin Luther, and it takes its inspiration directly from this Psalm. This wonderful Psalm, and that hymn as well, remind us of the great and abiding hope we have. The Lord is immovable, and immutable (meaning unchanging), and even though the earth may falter, we need not fear. Numbers 23:19 backs this up when it says "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" The Lord does not change, and that is a good thing!

Where do you place your hope for the future? How do you find peace? In the above quoted Psalm, David contrasts the earthly world we live in with our almighty Lord. What we often see as immovable in our world, is indeed terrifically susceptible to change, and it most often brings us great anxiety. Mountains and seas, which have defined borders and which are the pillars of non-change in our world, terrify us when they do move. Closer to home, we find that same sort of anxiety when things in our lives that were previously immovable or unchangeable all of a sudden give way.

There are any number of things that we could talk about that we look at as factual, but terrifyingly enough can change and sometimes do. Many a young man or woman thought their parents' marriage was secure, until it wasn't. (Continued on Page 8)

Do you remember these Bible School Songs?

Zacchaeus was a wee little man
And a wee little man was he
He climbed up in a sycamore tree
For the Lord he wanted to see

And when the Savior passed that way
He looked up in the tree
And said, 'Zacchaeus, you come down!
For I'm going to your house today!
For I'm going to your house today!'

Zacchaeus was a wee little man
But a happy man was he
For he had seen the Lord that day
And a happy man was he;
And a very happy man was he

Deep and wide
Deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide
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Wide and deep
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Join us for Celebration Sunday!

August 6th at 11:00 am

Pleasant Corners Evangelical Church

21927 650th St., Kasson

Music, picnic lunch to follow

Lunch will be outdoors weather permitting.



Card Shower

Ron Herrick is turning 90 on August 12th. Lets shower him with birthday cards!

Ron Herrick
305 6th Ave NW
Kasson, MN 55944

Fun Facts

The blink of an eye lasts on average.

1 second

Newborns cry but don't produce tears

Eye muscles are the most active muscles in your body.

You blink about 12 times per minute.

Your eyes are always active.

NOTE

Everyone requesting to use the church should go through the secretary and fill out the correct form (s). There is a usage fee for everyone. Please submit your payment at the time you submit the form.

Your reservation is not confirmed until the fee is paid.

Thank you .

Janets hours

**Janets office hours are
M-F 8-12.**

NEW ADDRESS

Alex Malisheske
65733 240th Ave
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SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are a great way to get to know other Christians and share our faith walk with each other. We currently have 4 Small Groups that meet. Each have a coach that helps to lead the group: Monday evenings-Marina Castner, Tuesday day-Ruth Schomburg, Wednesday evening-Chuck Coleman, and a group for those who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis or has in the past-Dawn Bowe. If you are interested in joining one of these groups or would like to know more about them. please let Pastor Jake or one of the coaches know.



Prayer Chain

Kasson UMC offers a way to ask for prayers at any time. The prayer chain is a group of people whom will left up prayers to God when notified of a request. The prayer requests are sent out through an email or phone call. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain group, to pray for others contact Dawn Bowe at mail@bowehome.com to get on the email list or contact Ruth Schomburg to get on the phone list 507-634-7502.

To send a prayer request you can contact the church office, Dawn or Ruth.

Our You Tube Channel

Another option to view the service at a later date is our You Tube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBL-M9kRyNQgntLx-iSykDQ>

Trivia



What is the joule a unit of?

Jesus was crucified at Skull Hill, also known as what?

How long is a moment?

What is the tiny piece at the end of a shoelace called?

Which president is on the US one hundred one dollar bill?

Contact Pastor Jake with your answers. No researching– give it your best shot!



Sound Techs

Wanna learn how to run sound at Grace Methodist church? There are more techs needed. If enough learn you don't have to do it every Sunday. Contact Darrell Denisen if you are interested.

Thinking of you

Pleasant Corners

Wilma Jensen
 Elaine Marquardt
 Vera Schuck
 Mae Miller
 Marie Henslin



Thinking of You

Kasson

Rodney Beckman
 Cecil Brannon
 Phil DuBois
 Ron and Bonnie Herrick
 Joyce Redfern
 Gladys Rice
 Karen Sprenger
 Virginia Thayer
 Mary Mortensen
 Connie Hendrickson

Hy-Vee tapes

Save your Hy-Vee tapes (from any Hy-vee) and bring them in. The KM Elementary PTA will use the money they get back for field trips. KoMet pride activities, yearly class t-shirts, and more! There is a drop box in the Narthex.



Naomi Circle will meet
 August 3rd at 9:30 am.
 Remember to bring your
 Salvation Army items.

New Leadership Needed

Operation Christmas Child is a mission outreach our church has participated in for years. It is run by Samaritans Purse an international relief organization. In the fall shoeboxes are filled with items for children of all ages and Samaritans Purse collects them and sends them to children across the world. Dawn Bowe is stepping down from leading this outreach in our church. Please spend time in prayer to see if God is leading you to lead this outreach in our church. Contact Dawn mail@bowehome.com or 273-4371 for more information.

August Ushers for Grace Methodist Church

- 6** Brad Germundson family
13 Dan & Lori Root
20 Robin Germundson & Grace Gillies
27 Dale & Chris Schroeder

August Birthday's

Daniel Burton	4
Becky DuBois	5
Jacob Bowe	10
Kenzie Newell	12
Ron Herrick	12
Phil Bradford	13
Chuck Coleman	13
Zach Alexander	14
Chris Schroeder	14
Wayne Alberts	17
Chuck Lohse	17
Scarlett Looman	17
August Looman	17
Emily Root	18
Irene Hanson	19
Dylan Berghuis	20
Randy Wilbur	20
Rylie Poncelet	21
Virginia Giese	22
Chloe Germundson	25
Debi Bartel	28
Barb Walsh	29

UMC Member Options

There are a couple of options that are available for those that wish to stay with the United Methodist Church. Your current District Superintendent Michelle Hargrave will work with you in that process. You may contact her at michelle.hargrave@minnesotaumc.org

Dear Kasson and Pleasant Corners Methodist Churches,

Thank you for celebrating my confirmation day with the card, cake and well wishes and prayers.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

In God's Love

Ean O'Neill

Isiah 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are you way my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than earth, so are my ways higher than your way, and my

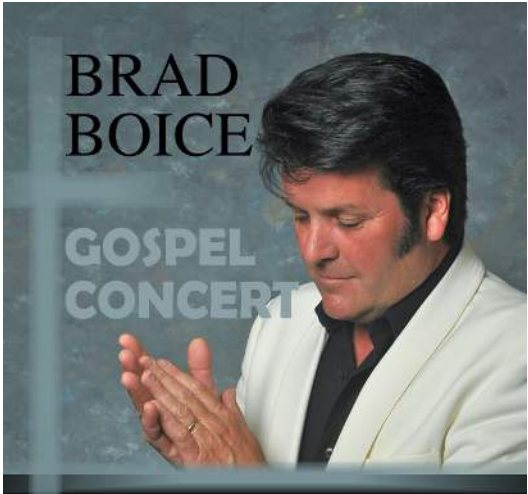


August

- Ron & Sharon Schrafel 4
- Dale & Robin Moret 5
- Carl & Linda Zomok 15
- Larry & Lana Berghuis 22
- Clint & Judy Patterson 31

DONATIONS

For the month of June Grace Methodist gave 50 lbs to the food shelf. Keep up the good work!



(Kasson UMC) Grace Methodist invite you to a Gospel Music concert on **Sept. 17th at 2:00 pm.**


Brad Boice (aka Elvis) will be at (KUMC) Grace Methodist to present a Gospel Concert.


A free will offering will be taken, bars, cookies and coffee will be served afterwards.


The Public is invited.


NOTE: The church window drawings on page 1 were drawn by Randy Wilbur.

AUGUST FACTS
Here are some fun facts about the last month of Summer!

In the **Southern Hemisphere**, August feels like February 

August 1st is known as **Lammas Day** and marks the beginning of the harvest 

August originated in **8 BC**, when the Roman Senate awarded **Augustus Caesar** a month in his honor 

In August of **1492**, Christopher Columbus set sail on his first voyage 

Many a hardworking individual thought they had their career paths completely mapped out, only to be unceremoniously let go out of the blue. Many have gone happily about their lives without a care, until a severe injury or terrible diagnosis came out of nowhere. What do we do, and where do we look, for that stability we so desperately crave? In the words of David, that refuge and that strength is found only in the Lord.

Beloved, no matter what may shake in your life, the wonderful joy is that the Lord is a bulwark never failing, a helper amidst the flood, the triumph over evil, the one whom we side with... and His kingdom is forever. The things that the Lord has promised are many. If you follow Christ, then He has promised to walk with you all the days of your life (Matthew 28:20). He has promised to guide you and keep you in all of your ways through the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26). He has promised you that you are loved, and has shown you how to love (1st John 4:19). He has promised you eternal life, a victory over sin and death, and that He will make all things right in the end (1st John 5:4-5; Rev. 20:14; Rev. 21:1-7). Beloved there will always be trials, difficulties, anxieties, and the like... but our wonderful Lord is our refuge and strength, and He does not fail.

August Update on Disaffiliation

I have been receiving a few questions about how things are proceeding with our churches' disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church, as well as what our immediate next steps are. Listed below is an outline of where we have been, where we are at, and where we are going. If you want some more in depth or specific answers on any of this, then please feel free to reach out to myself or an SPRC member. There will be monthly updates on all of these proceedings from here on out, with the possible exception of September. (It depends on when baby girl #2 is born.) These updates will be given both from the pulpit and each newsletter.

What We Have Been Doing

The Administration Council and the SPRC have, since the vote on April 30th, been working on several different parts of the disaffiliation process. We have chosen new church names, we have furnished legal counsel, and we have been putting together the things needed for disaffiliation. By the time you are reading this we have crafted and approved new bylaws for the churches, applied for a new EIN and Tax ID number, and have begun the process of renaming our churches officially. For the record, the bylaws are working documents in our churches, meaning they are gone over yearly at our annual church meetings for approval and change. If you would like to see the inaugural bylaws, copies are available in the church office or via e-mail.

What Comes Next

The next steps in the process are paying our apportionment/unfunded pension liabilities cost to the UMC, approving our taking on of the liabilities of the church in a church conference vote on October 16th, and writing out our quitclaim deed by November 13th when the disaffiliation is complete.

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What Else Is Going On?

In addition to the above stated disaffiliation work, we are also looking to have an informal meeting in late September/early October to answer questions, talk about our futures as a church, and speak with one another about what the Lord is calling us to do as His people in Dodge County. In the beginning of 2024 we will start having conversations about whether the Lord is leading us to join the GMC (Global Methodist Church) or not. The reason we are waiting this long before having that conversation is because the GMC's first general conference will be in July of 2024, where they will codify their book of discipline. The thought process is that, since we do not have to make a decision until early 2025 (which is when pension/health care plans change, so it is a soft deadline), then we might as well wait to see what the GMC officially does before deciding on our denominational landing spot. If there are other questions on this, please find myself, an SPRC member, or an Ad. Council member.

God willing hopefully this gives a little insight into what is happening behind the scenes. Many prayers for all of us in this process. May the Lord guide us in the way in which we are to go, and have His hand upon us as we serve Him well.

Blessings,

Pastor Jacob Hanson

Summer Fun for Kids

Build a Backyard Obstacle Course-Kids love obstacle courses. They build them in our homes, with blankets, chairs, and pillows. But this summer, you can construct a backyard obstacle course with hula hoops, jump ropes, sticks, stones, hoses, and other materials from around the house. Your kids can take turns completing it—and the person with the fastest time wins a prize!

Plan a Bike Parade -Encourage your kids to decorate their rides with streamers, stickers, flags, and more—then let them cruise around the neighborhood to show off their creations.

DIY Chalk Bombs-Kids will have a blast with this idea from mom Lorie King Kaehler, author of *Chalk on the Wild Side*. Use a clean soap-dispenser pump to fill water balloons with a washable chalk-paint mixture (1 cup of water, 2 tablespoons of cornstarch, and a few drops of food coloring). Have your child draw targets on the ground with chalk or just let them go wild. Fire away!

Decorate Rocks-The next time you embark on a hike, have your children collect rocks. At home, they can decorate the stones with paint, stickers, markers, glitter, and other art supplies. Display the finished products around the house, use them as paperweights, or give them to relatives!

August 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Service Group Chris & Renee	2	1 <i>SPRC</i> <i>meets</i> 6:30 <i>pm</i>	2	3 <i>Naomi</i> <i>Circle</i> 9:30 <i>am</i>	4	5
<p>Meals on Wheels</p> 						
6 <i>Celebration</i> <i>Sunday at</i> <i>PC</i>	7 <i>Commun-</i> <i>ion</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	12 <i>Fellowship</i> <i>hall</i> <i>reserved</i>
13 <i>UMW</i> <i>meets</i>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Newsletter</i> <i>articles</i> <i>due</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Office</i> <i>Closed</i>	26
27	28	29 <i>Just for</i> <i>Kix 6-7 pm</i>	30	31		

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We're on the web!
www.kassonumc.org

**Submissions for the newsletter are due
August 21**

Pleasant Corners Evangelical Mission Statement

Our church has an open door for all to enter, and they shall find within, a congregation with this mission (taken from the fourth chapter of Ephesians). "The work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God.....speaking the truth in love."

Grace Methodist Mission Statement

Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.