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Pleasant Corners



Grace Methodist and Pleasant Corners Evangelical Churches Newsletter



“I’ll be in the Woods”

Charles Spurgeon is known to many as “The Prince of Preachers.” He was a well-known minister in the late eighteen-hundreds in England. His Godliness and his evangelistic tendencies made him one of the most famous preachers in history, and rightfully so. You would think that such and industrious man would be hyper focused on his work, that he would never take any days off, that the ministry would be all that mattered... astonishingly, Beloved, that was not the case. Instead, following in the footsteps of Christ whom he followed, Spurgeon made it a point to take the odd vacation to the seashore, to be refreshed and renewed. His words, it seems, indicated that by taking a Christ centered vacation (meaning one where you still walk with Jesus, but are not at work) did much to heal his soul. As I look forward to the month of November, those words really spoke to me, for I understand them not in the context of a beach, but instead the woods.

November is my favorite time of the year for many reasons. I like the cooler weather, the family time, and of course, deer hunting. Hunting in particular (which you guys undoubtedly hear about every Fall from me) is special, because it gives me time to reflect and relax. I get a lot of thinking done up in my tree stand. It also, more importantly, gives me a lot of time to pray. Looking around at God’s creation, I find myself marveling at the work of His hands. Being silent for an extended period of time, which is harder than it sounds for me, keeps me from being so self-focused. Finding myself in deep thought and prayer, it makes me a better Christian man. Frankly, it makes me a better pastor, that week in the woods. After my time in nature, I find that I come back recharged and reenergized, ready to preach anew. Any semblance or fear of burnout is washed away, and I can dive into the Advent season with full force. I love that time in the woods Beloved. Hopefully you have something similar for you that recharges you.

We all need rest, both on a weekly basis (looking at that fourth commandment about honoring the Sabbath) and on a yearly basis. Time spent with family or alone, away from work, is good for you. You need it. God made the Sabbath and times like it for you. We all need a bit of time, away from work, to refocus on that which is important. Your time probably looks a bit different than mine. Maybe it is a little you time in your shop, working on a project. Maybe it is that time in the garden, picking weeds and planting flowers. cont. on Pg. 2

Perhaps it is a good long run, or an hour's worth of guitar playing, or a vacation by the seaside. Maybe you are like me, and you find that a few days' worth of hunting each year fills your cup. Whatever it is, Beloved don't forget that God made such things for us to enjoy. Don't forget to honor Him for those little seasons of breaks either, thanking Him for that time and that peace, praying for those things upon your soul.

Come the end of the month, I'll be in the woods relaxing and recharging, saying a few hundred prayers for all of you. When you get your time, whatever it may be, say a few prayers for your loved ones and the world and the church as well. Enjoy those moments with Christ. He enjoys spending your vacations with you too.

Blessings,

-Pastor Jake

P.S. Here is a pastoral joke for you: Who is the shortest guy in the Bible? Its Knee-high-miah of course!



Lefse Making

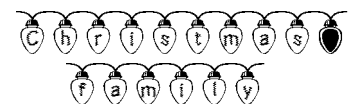
You still have time to help make lefse! Two more sessions are in November. Nov. 7th and 13th. We will start at 8:30 and be done by 11:00. You are welcome to come and stay as long as you want.

The ladies are also accepting cash donations for lefse supplies. You can give your donation to Louise Anderson.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Pleasant Corners will hold their Harvest Dinner November 12th.

Grace will hold their Thank Offering dinner January 14th.



Grace Methodist will have a Christmas family again this year. The information will be coming soon. Watch for details in the bulletin and the tags on the tree.



Thank You!

A big "Thank you" for allowing Faith in Action to use your facility for our Soup & Pie Supper. It works out so wonderfully and we can keep the flow going so smoothly. "Thank you again."

Faith in Action secretary-Diane

Thank you



We would like to thank everyone that helped with the Celebration of Life for Jerry. We are at Peace now as he is with the Lord.

Thank you again,
The Saxton family

MNTC Choir

One of the most well-known and powerful ways Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge reaches the community at large is through our client choir. Each weekend local churches welcome men and women from our long-term programs to share their testimonies, sing worship songs and fellowship with your congregation. Throughout the year, our MntC choir ministers to a wide variety of churches throughout Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

During services, we can share a hope-filled solution to the intimidating statistics behind addiction. This will give your congregation simple ways to get financially, practically and prayerfully involved in transforming lives.

Grace Methodist will be hosting approx. 26 ladies plus family members and Pleasant Corners will be hosting approx. 30 men plus families on November 19th. Potluck to follow.

November



- 2 Lawren & Marina Castner
- 7 Johnathan & Abbie Root
- 12 Kevin & Brenda Newell
- 23 Chuck & Sally Coleman
- 28 Wayne & Tamara Alberts
- 30 Ryan & Brenda Berghuis



Thank you

I would like to thank the congregation of Grace Methodist Church that so willingly accepted my call to usher each Sunday throughout the year and so many of them said yes each time I called. At times when they were not available to answer, they returned my call either with a phone call or text and responded with dates that worked for them, or they let me know they were unable to do so at that time. I am indeed grateful for each and everyone of them and the efforts they made to participate. Thank you once again.

Virginia Giese



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 3 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. 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>

Ushers for Grace Methodist November

5 Jay & Jude Kruger

12 Barb Walsh & Rosie Allen

19 Curt & Malissa Alexander

26 Steve and Becky DuBois

Yoga with Kristi



Kristi, a certified yoga instructor is leading gentle yoga sessions for all levels.

The sessions are free but preregistration is required as class size is limited

Grace Methodist Church

Fridays 9 to 10 am

Kasson Public Library

Thursdays 3-4 pm

For further information or to preregister please contact Kristi at nikristi@yahoo.com

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

NOTE

Everyone requesting to use the Fellowship Hall 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.

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.



Grace Methodist Women will meet November 19th after worship.



Women's Shelter in need of Donations

Needs List:

School supplies: Scissors, Folders plastic (Red, Blue, Yellow and Green), Crayons, Colored pencils, Pencils (sharpened preferred), Erasers, Glue (bottles and sticks), Highlighters, Markers

Gift Cards - Visa, Target, Walmart, Hy-Vee, Kwik Trip (Gas, Food, Supplies, Car Repairs, etc.)

Kids Activities gift cards i.e. Movie passes, Bowling, Bounce House, Dairy Queen, McDonalds, Pizza places, Arcade, etc.

Non-Perishable Food and Snacks (individual packets, i.e. Potato chips, granola bars, fruit bars, pretzel bits, raisins, fruit packets, animal crackers, and microwave popcorn

Baby wipes

Paper products (toilet paper, napkins, tissues)

Eco friendly plates, bowls microwaveable and cutlery.

Cleaning Supplies (dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant spray)

Adult color/activity books & colored pencils

Kitchen Utensils (spatulas, whisks, wooden spoons, measuring cups/spoons, peeler, graters, cutting boards, knife sets, ladles, can openers, kitchen scissors, baking sheets, pot holders)

New Pillows

New Bath Towels

New Twin Sheets sets

Pull-ups (size 3-4T, 5-6T)

Women's PJ's - all sizes

New Pots & Pans

Small Appliances (Coffee pots, mixers, can openers, etc.)

New Laptops & Tablets, New Tracphones

Bar or liquid hand soap

Shampoo

Conditioner



These can be the little ones from hotels too.

There is a tote for donations in between the two fellowship halls.

Please note: Due to storage limitations, we cannot accept used clothing, furniture, large appliances or TV's. We request that all items be new and unwrapped. Thank you.

NOVEMBER

Just after sunrise
the light has a golden quality
like it's shining through
a jar of honey

The sky in the West
is "Advent blue,"
the color of hope and optimism

The curves of the prairie
are amber and warm beige
like blessings and peace

The Bazaar is Dec. 2nd 9:00-1:00

There will be a Cookie walk , bake sale, crafts, Santa's Workshop, returning this year will be granny's attic. We will prepare a limited amount of freezer meals that will be for sale at the Bazaar. We will also have fresh lefse and a luncheon of homemade chicken noodle soup bread and cookies.

Once again we are thankful to have the Boy Scouts assisting us. Hope you join us in this celebration.

Proceeds go for Mission work in the church, community and international.



- 1 Arya Green
- 6 Jerry Giese
- 8 Alex Malisheske
- 9 Hunter Berghuis
- 10 Alan Whalen
- 10 Damian Johnson
- 11 Judy Folie
- 11 Aaron Fischer
- 13 Anna Cornelius
- 14 Kevin Newell
- 16 Adaline VanKirk
- 18 Haley Dennisen
- 19 Erika Looman
- 21 Sarah Williamson
- 22 Janet Sinning
- 22 Jackie Marquardt
- 23 Jeff Neil
- 24 Mae Miller
- 27 Julie Bartel
- 28 Rodney Beckman

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

OCC is a project through Samaritans Purse Ministry. You can be a part of this wonderful outreach.

Choose a box, there is a label on each box designating what age and gender it is for.

Put more items in the box such as books, toys, comb, wash-cloth, school items, etc. Item's not to include: food, tooth-paste,

war-related items, liquids.

Fill out the envelope and enclose \$10 to cover shipping cost. Put inside of box.

Take box to the drop off site November 13-20

Bible Lutheran Church, 11 1st Ave SE, Dodge Center

Pray for this ministry, all who volunteer and for the children that they may feel God's love.

For more information on Operation Christmas Child go to:
www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

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Operation Christmas Child (Cont. from page 8)

Days & Times you can drop off your boxes:

Bible Lutheran Church-Dodge Center
11 1st Ave. SE, Dodge Center

Mon, Nov. 13: 10:00AM-12:00PM
5:00PM-7:00PM

Tues, Nov 14: 10:00AM-12:00PM
5:00PM-7:00PM

Wed, Nov 15: 10:00AM-12:00PM
5:00PM-7:00PM

Thur, Nov 16: 4:00PM-7:00PM

Fri, Nov 17: 9:00AM-12:00PM

Sat, Nov 18: 1:00PM-3:00PM

Sun, Nov 19: 12:00PM-4:00PM

Mon, Nov 20: 10:00AM-12:00PM



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: GRANNY’S ATTIC

Granny’s Attic will be part of our annual Bazaar on Sat., Dec 2nd.

Great time to start cleaning out your cupboards and closets and Granny’s attic!

All donated items should be in good condition and/or in working condition.

All proceeds go towards the various charities and missions the Grace Methodist Women support.

Dates and times established are as follows and will be included in our weekly bulletin.

Sun	11/26	after Church Service
Mon	11/27	10am – 12pm and 6pm – 8pm
Tues	11/28	10am – 12pm and 6pm – 8pm
Wed	11/29	10am – 12pm and 6pm – 8pm
Thurs	11/30	10am – 12pm and 6pm – 8pm
Fri	12/1	10am – 12pm _____

Use the main church door (south) when dropping off items.

If you need your donated items picked up, please call Jude Kruger at 251-7609

REMINDER: No clothing, furniture, electronics or baby items (e.g. strollers, highchairs, of car seats) will be accepted.

Submitted by: Jude Kruger

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Coffee Hour Rhonda			1	2	3 Yoga 9-10	4
5 All Saints Sunday Communion	6	7 Support Grp. 6:30 SPRC 6:30 Lefse making 8:30-11	8	9 Quilters 9:30-11:30	10 Yoga 9-10	11
12  Grace M. Women	13 Lefse Making 8:30-11	14 Ad Council 6:30	15	16	17 Yoga 9-10	18
19 MN Adult & Teen Chal- lenge Choirs at both churches	20 	21	22	23 	24 Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Pastor Jake gone 18th-26th



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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

**Submissions for the newsletter are due
November 20th.**

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.