Grace United Methodist Church  
Sunday, October 17, 2010 9:15 a.m.

Laity Sunday

Prelude  “Send the Light”

Welcome and Announcements (please sign attendance pad)
*Passing of the Peace
*Opening Song  “The Summons”  See insert

Children’s Time  Reggie’s Sleepout  Jason Haglund

Choir  “To Everything There is a Season”

Joys and Concerns  
Laity Sunday Litany

LEADER: From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth and Jeremiah.

PEOPLE: Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ’s righteousness.

LEADER: All Christian ministry is Christ’s work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

PEOPLE: All Christians are called to Christ’s servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.

LEADER: The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ’s ministry of Grace.

PEOPLE: It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God’s love and ours.

LEADER: In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

PEOPLE: that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free.

Amen.

Hymn  “Christ for the World We Sing”  No. 568 UMH

Guest Speaker  Kelly Fischbach

Offering
Offertory “Safe in the Arms of Jesus”

Offertory Prayer
*Doxology  No. 95 UMH

*Closing Song  “Send Us Out”  See insert

*Benediction
*Postlude  “From Greenland’s Icy Mountains”

*Please stand if you are able

Those in Ministry Today

Liturgist  Pat Danger
Pianist  Rhonda Hampton
Ushers  Brian Richardson, Kermit Miskell, Bob Cole, Dave Barclay
Greeters  Brandon and Molly Geise
Ministers  All Members of Grace Church

Those in our prayers this week – Lois and the family of Jim Peterson, Jerry Sowers on the death of his cousin, Vernon Anderson; Bill & Dorothy Appelgate’s son-in-law, Robert; Sharla Manders’ cousin, Melody; Leona Cobb; Lois Johnson’s daughter, Sherry and Lois’s brother, Mike Olson; Mike Rader; Earl Frette’s brother, Lloyd; Jeanne Hohneke’s son, Stan, daughter-in-law, Carla, and Carla’s mother, Sue; our church’s ministry.

Grace Church Calendar

Sunday, October 17 – Laity Sunday
8:30-9:00 AM Pastor’s Study
9:15 AM Worship Service, Bells play
10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship Time
10:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Ten Commandments Study - Choir Room
1:30 PM UMW serves coffee & cookies at Bethany Manor
5:30 PM “How to Listen to God” Pat’s porch study

Monday, October 18
6:30-8:00 PM Love & Logic Class

Wednesday, October 20
6:00 AM “Fearless” Study
5:15-6:00 PM Freewill offering Supper
6:00-7:00 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM Grace Bells Practice
Friday, October 22
Women’s Retreat at Camp Wesley Woods
5:30 PM Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, October 23
Women’s Retreat at Camp Wesley Woods
4:00 PM Quillen-Stevenson Wedding

Next Week
Sunday, October 24 – “Enough” Stewardship Campaign begins
8:30-9:00 AM Pastor’s Study
9:15 AM Worship Service, special music
STARS & STELLAR (p. 3-4) will rehearse after children’s sermon
10:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Ten Commandments Study - Choir Room
5:30 PM “How to Listen to God” Pat’s porch study
7:00 PM SPRC meeting

Monday, October 25
4:30 PM Prayer Shawl meeting
7:00 PM Church Council meeting

Coffee Fellowship this morning in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Thank you to our hosts for the morning: Gary & Joanne Shelton, Kurt & Denise Carlson and Mark & Cathy Hermanson.

Today we’re pleased to welcome Kelly Fischbach as our guest speaker. Kelly and her husband, Max, are empty nesters with the youngest of three daughters off to college this fall. They are members of First United Methodist Church in Carroll. Kelly is the Carroll Public Library Director. In 2008 she traveled with the Iowa Nigeria Partnership and witnessed just how important this mission project is to our fellow Methodists who are sharing the gospel in the impoverished country of Nigeria.

The Grace Church Cookbooks are here and are for sale in the narthex following the service this morning. Cost is $16 for one or purchase three for just $45. Go ahead, get an early jump on your Christmas shopping!

The Mission Committee reminds us of the Ingathering on November 6. Lists for the various kits are available on the table by the Library shelves. Please remember to add $2 for shipping. Kits are due October 31.

See more announcements on insert -

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Rev. Medea Saunders, Pastor
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Adult volunteers are needed to help with the Junior High lock-in on October 29-30. Please contact Pastor Medea before Oct. 25 if you can help. Kids who plan to attend should call the church office – 733-4712.

Supper at Grace is each Wednesday at 5:15 pm. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us for a delicious meal and inspiring fellowship. This week’s menu features pasta.

Roland-Story High School is holding a Community Service Work Day on Wednesday, October 27th in the Roland and Story City Communities. If you are in need of help with yard work or some other odd job because of health issues or age, they would like to help you! Please contact Roland-Story High School at 733-4329 and ask for the guidance office to sign up for this FREE service.

The G.A.S. children are also looking for service projects to be performed after school (11:30 dismissal) on Wednesday, October 27. Contact Loretta Parker or Bobbie Gustafson if you have a job for the kids.

Saturday, October 23rd St. Petri Lutheran Church is hosting their 22nd Annual Turkey Supper from 5-7 pm. This is a turkey dinner with all the trimmings served family style. Cost is $10 for adults and $4 for children ages 4-10. St. Petri is handicap accessible. Carry outs will be available at the north door.

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