

Pastor's Page

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,
One of my joys these past few weeks has been watching the leaves change. Indeed, I had begun to despair, as it seemed that only a few trees were changing, particularly three trees – each with its own distinctive color – along the road as I headed north on 212. It didn't help as I listened to the evening news, during which the weather person would weigh the right conditions – including enough precipitation and a timely cold snap to set God's creation into motion. Of course, I may have completely misunderstood what I was hearing on the news, for it's been a while since I've experienced, "fall." Some would say that Florida only has two seasons – "summer is coming" and "summer is here." Yet if you paid enough attention, you can see signs of change, as I was told that the pelicans which wintered in Lakeland, FL, flew down from Minnesota. So too, the trees and flowers have their own schedule as to when they will bloom.

The church also has its own sense of time, a movement by which we encounter the sacred in our everyday lives. Indeed, in the days ahead, we will take a moment to honor those members of our community who have died in the past year. Though we may grieve their absence, we will continue

to give honor to their lives by witnessing to their abiding presence in us as we tell their stories, but not only that: we will acknowledge how their abiding presence continues to shape our community. Their lives made a difference, and they challenge us to continue that difference.

I would also invite you to join with me in prayers for our community, as well as our world. Sometimes it's difficult to watch the evening news for it seems as if we are losing time. Having been to Israel and the West Bank, I have met with both Jews and Palestinians, so I wonder what is happening to them. So too I think of my interfaith colleagues at Hartford Seminary, Connecticut, with whom we shared our encounters with the Holy Other. What do they make of this time? What would they have to say about their world? More importantly, are they safe? Are their families safe?

Perhaps the most important message in our sacred texts is that the time is now! Now is the time to get to know your neighbors. Now is the time to reconnect with a brother or a sister. Now is the time to reach out to another community which you have wondered about but were afraid of seeming foolish by asking the wrong thing. It's time.

Peace,
Pastor Dan



Ecclesiastes 3:3-8

- 3¹ There's a season for everything
and a time for every matter under
the heavens:
2 a time for giving birth and a time
for dying, a time for planting and a
time for uprooting what was planted,
3 a time for killing and a time for
healing, a time for tearing down and a
time for building up,
4 a time for crying and a time for
laughing, a time for mourning and a
time for dancing,
5 a time for throwing stones and a
time for gathering stones, a time for
embracing and a time for avoiding
embraces,
6 a time for searching and a time for
losing, a time for keeping and a time
for throwing away,
7 a time for tearing and a time for
repairing, a time for keeping silent
and a time for speaking,
8 a time for loving and a time for hat-
ing, a time for war and a time for
peace.



Communion Servers/Visitors

Pastor Dan visits our shut-ins the first Friday after the first Sunday of each month to share a time of conversation as well as sharing communion. Your visits are so welcome and looked forward to. A sign-up sheet is at the church or call and leave a message in the office (320-564-2442) if you are able to accompany Pastor Dan.

Someone is needed to go along on
November 6.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1 Ruby Hieb
Nov. 4 Audrey Zempel
Jerry Koepke
Nov. 5 Bea Read
Nov. 10 John (Snig) Halling
Nov. 17 Cheri Fjermestad
Nov. 23 Sherri Gatchell
Nov. 23 Jeff Iverson
Nov. 24 Jerry Gustafson
Nov. 25 Peggy Mooney
Butch Olson
Nov. 27 Bryan Mooney
Nov. 28 Linda Bukowski

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 10 Jerry & Sheila Koepke
Nov. 13 Curt & Paula Soine
Nov. 17 Duane & Deb Mead



NOVEMBER CHURCH CALENDAR

Nov. 1	9:00 am	Worship/Communion	ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 3			ELECTION DAY
Nov. 4	6:30 pm	Choir	
Nov. 5	11:00 am	Book Study "Emergent Church"—Montevideo	
	7:00 pm	Book Study at Dan Maiden's home	
Nov. 6-7			PRAIRIE ARTS CHORALE
Nov. 8	9:00 am	Worship	STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Nov. 11	6:30 pm	Choir	
	7:30 pm	Council Meeting	
Nov. 12	7:00 pm	Circle of Stones at LaVonne Koenen's	Mark Chapter 4
Nov. 13-15			PRAIRIE ARTS CHORALE
Nov. 13-16		"Joseph"	YME FALL MUSICAL
Nov. 15	9:00 am	Worship/Noisy Offering	
Nov. 15-21		Dinner@YourDoor	
Nov. 18	6:30 pm	Choir	
Nov. 22	9:00 am	Worship	THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Nov. 25		ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE	
Nov. 26		Church office closed	THANKSGIVING DAY
Nov. 28	9:30-11am	Hanging of the Greens	
Nov. 29	9:00 am	Worship ADVENT begins	CHRISMON SERVICE



SUNDAY READERS

Pastor Dan is interested in having more people involved with each Sunday's worship service. Please give him a call or check with Helen Stukel for a sign-up sheet. We can't promise *no hard words to pronounce* but wouldn't it be fun to pretend you know a foreign language?

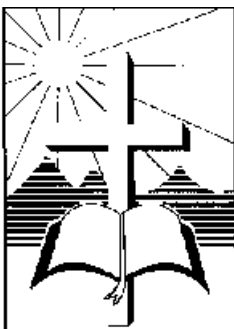




Responsibility					
	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Usher	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney	Bryan Mooney
Usher	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney	Peggy Mooney
Fellowship	Bryan/Peggy Mooney	Terry VanDerPol	Stan/Janelle Kompelien	John/Julie Butterbrodt	Rich/Sue Rollins
Fellowship	John/Karen Halling	Mike/Shelly Gaffaney	Curt/Paula Soine	Sue Selden	Karen Schmidt-Dill
Liturgist	Helen Stukel	Sharon Anderson	Sue Selden	Terry VanDerPol	Karen Schmidt-Dill
Clean Up	Bryan/Peggy Mooney	Mike/Shelly Gaffaney	Stan/Janelle Kompelien	John/Julie Butterbrodt	Gail Rohlik
Clean Down		NA	NA	NA	Gail Rohlik

Please have the church cleaned by the listed date.

November Scripture Readings



November 1	Ruth 1:1-18	Psalms 146	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Psalms 119:1-8		
November 8	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalms 127	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalms 146		
November 15	1 Samuel 1:4-20	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalms 16		
November 22	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalms 132:1-12, (13-18)	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalms 93		
November 29	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalms 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

September Income \$4,413.00 YTD Income \$38,495.25
September Expenses \$7,554.54 YTD Expenses \$37,094.97

September looks more expensive than it really was. Quarterly payment for pastor's insurance and annuities was due. There were 2 quarters paid. But the good news is: The church is still in the black

Water repair expenses were over \$5,000.

Current total raised is: \$4,610.

\$390 to go!

"Emergent Church" Group Study Continues

Book is: *Toward a Hopeful Future* by Phil Snyder and Emily Bowen. You do not have to have your own copy of the book but it will be helpful.

Every Thursday starting October 8.
11 AM at First Congregational Church, Monte
7 PM at Dan and Paul's home in Granite.

857 Warren Avenue

You are welcome to attend either session.

November 5 is Chapter 8 and Conclusion.

Ask for handouts for the sessions you missed if you are interested.



Note date change for Circle of Stones is for **November** only!

CIRCLE OF STONES

When: Thursday, November 12, 7pm

Where: LaVonne Koenen's home

Who: All Women, Bring Friends

What: Bible study—Gospel of Mark Chapter 4

Study handouts are in your mailboxes at church

Why: Because we need & learn from each other

DINNER AT YOUR DOOR

Those who helped with meal deliveries for the week of October 4 - 10 were Pearl Lenzen, Sally and Bob Thoma, Dick and Sharon Anderson, Joel Beninga (2 times) and Karen Schmidt-Dill. Give yourself hugs from God for helping others who are in need. The weather was great but I am not sure that I can order more of it for the next few rounds of deliveries.

However, I have a real deal for each and every one of you. It is called 'a game of chance' as part of the history that I have been talking about in the last few articles that I have written.

You may be either one of the last who had to lug those containers up the steps or you may be among the first to deliver from the new facility. I already have one couple who has their name in the game. Who else is ready to pick a lucky day?

The week from which to choose is November 15 - 21.

Get your name down and join the excitement.

At the time of this writing (Oct. 12) I have no clues as to the date when the big move will be. *(As of Oct. 29 still continue to pick-up at hospital. KSD)*

Ruby Hieb



UCC Council Minutes (Approved)
Granite Falls United Church of Christ
(Congregational)
September 9, 2015

Present: Steve Z, Dan M., Spencer K., Karen SD., Sue S., Brian M., Peggy K., Sharon A, Terry V.

Committee Reports

- Christian Education (No report)
- Worship and Membership (No report)
- Building and Maintenance
 - Evergreen needs trimming, lots of stuff needs to be cleaned out
 - Bushes on east side need to be trimmed
 - Stump by the east door needs to be dug out
 - Gutters need to be cleaned
 - Garden needs to be trimmed
 - Water line repair area can be landscaped next spring
 - Dehumidifiers in the basement – water was not draining—condensers were not working.
 - Musty smell
 - Second refrigerator should not run unless it's needed.
 - New carpet on the front steps
 - Price quote to clean the siding
- Stewardship -- Mission Moments are Neighbors in Need in August, Stewardship Campaign in September. This committee would like to have more members added to the committee.
- Memorials and Bequests (No report)
- Joint Parish Council – Written contract to be filed. Letter of commendation from Dan's church in Florida for membership transfer.
- Installation—not appropriate since applicant was not called as permanent pastor. Installation occurs when there is a stated supply pastor.
- Wider Church happenings—Women's retreat at Pilgrim Point the last weekend in September.

Sue/Sharon/U

Financial Report

The church is in the black for the year so far. Dan's Pension and Annuity payments will start showing up. OCWM giving is on track.

The church should have electronic access to the checking account so information is available in Janie Ator's absence. Spencer and Terry will follow up with the bank and Janie.

Sue/Steve/U

Pastor's Report

Book study -- *Why the Emergent Church is good for Mainline Congregation's*

Pearl did Communion with Dan last month. Any volunteers for this month?

Met Lutheran senior pastor—Joined Ministerium lectionary study.

Dan is on the visitation list at both Granite and Monte hospitals and has also made visits to folks in both.

Old Business

- Ad for secretary is published. We have a job description.
- Recognition/Appreciation for Rosalene. Theatre tickets and spending money received.
- Rally Sunday on September 20th.
- Highway cleanup is on October 11th.
- Granite Falls Lutheran Dinners and our participation—100 attendees has been the top number.

New Business

- T-shirts or aprons—will purchase red with white printing and a longer length shirt.

Karen/Peggy/U

- Small group meeting discussions—future direction of the church. We need an ad hoc group to run with it. We need a half a dozen or so people who are willing to host.
- Church Use Requests—Prairie Arts Chorale on September 26.

Peggy/Karen/U

- Please write church use dates and gatherings on the calendar in the Secretary's office.

Sharon has devotions for October 14.

Motion to adjourn: Sue/Sharon

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Terry VanDerPol

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RECYCLABLES AT CHURCH

Garbage isn't just trash anymore! Many people recycle large amounts of disposable items at home.

Recently, a church member noticed a LOT of recyclable trash in the regular garbage can. It seems that she was able to decrease the amount of "garbage" by about 2/3rds after taking out the recyclables. That started a discussion about what is recyclable, what isn't and can "we" co-mingle our recycle materials or do we have to separate everything out?

The good news is that most of the recycling can be co-mingled together. The bad news is that there are a few things that are rejects and go into the regular trash. The other bad news is that containers need to be relatively clean, PLEASE RINSE.

In a recent newspaper article from the Recycling Educator for Lyon and Yellow Medicine Counties there are some very helpful reminders.

ALUMINUM-pop/other beverage cans, pie tins/trays.

TIN CANS-can leave labels on.

GLASS BOTTLES/JARS-food and beverage only. Labels can stay on. Remove and discard caps.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS-bottles/jugs/containers marked with recycling symbol. Again labels may stay on.

PLASTIC BAGS-shopping bags/dry cleaning bags. Put them in a similar bag and tie it shut.

NEWSPAPER/HOME/OFFICE PAPER-dry and clean. If paper is shredded, place in a clear bag and tie shut.

CARDBOARD/PAPER GROCERY BAGS-break down and flatten boxes. Clean and dry only.

PAPERBOARD PACKAGING- cereal/cracker type boxes, etc. Remove liners, plastic, cellophane. NO ice cream/margarine boxes.

Saturday, November 28, 9:30-11:00 AM

Time to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Come and decorate with us!

Hot Cider, Cocoa, and Donuts served.

Chrismon Service will be on the 29th.



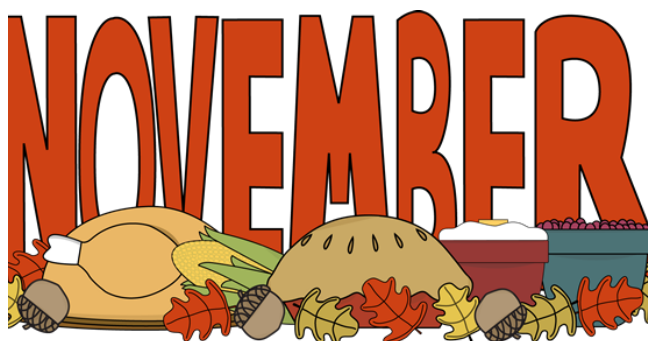
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Do not recycle screw-on lids, aerosol cans, paint cans, scrap metal, dishes, cups, bowls, mirrors, window glass, lightbulbs, ceramics, vases, Styrofoam, hoses/pipe, tubing, food-to-go containers, anything that has held hazardous materials. Also do not recycle wet/dirty/greasy paper, food wrappers, waxed paper, bubble-wrap/plastic lined envelopes. No bottle caps, i.e. pop or milk tops, straws. No medical waste—(medications KSD).
FYI—our coffee cups are NOT recyclable. KSD

Information from Advocate Tribune article by Sharon Root, recycling educator for Lyon & Yellow Medicine Co.

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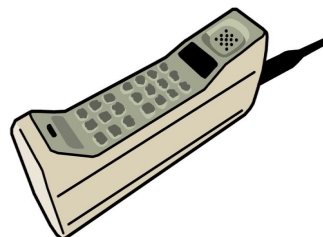
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STORIES OF FAITH

Audrey Zempel

by Dick Anderson

Who is that back row lady in church on Sunday mornings? I suspect you're thinking of Audrey Zempel.

Audrey was born on November 4th 1928 to Grover and Selma Inlay in Willmar, Minnesota. She is the oldest of six siblings, three boys and three girls. One of Audrey's brothers was born deaf and attended school in Faribault. All three of Audrey's brothers are now passed, but her sisters are still living.

Audrey graduated from Willmar High School in 1946. While a student she worked in a grocery store and after graduation she went to work as a bookkeeper for a local business.

Her grandparents lived in Granite Falls where she visited often, thinking "Why would anyone want to live in such a small town?" As luck would have it she found the answer to that question. Through a mutual friend she met and in 1948 married LeRoy Zempel.

After working for a painter in Sleepy Eye, LeRoy and his brothers decided to open a business in downtown Granite Falls in 1950 (of course Audrey was dragged along). It was 1957 when they built the store on the highway, Zempel Painting and Decorating. Audrey did all of the bookkeeping as well as running the paint store. LeRoy passed away in 2006 and Audrey placed a stained glass window over the front door in his memory.



Audrey has two children, Cheryl (Lake Wilson) and Alan (Granite Falls), four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She has been a member of our church since 1950 and has served as Treasurer, Sunday School teacher and on virtually every board and committee over these last 65 years.

She still keeps the Memorial Book up to date and sends out "thinking of you" cards from the church during times of joy or sadness. Audrey has for many years now devoted herself to reading the Bible for fifteen minutes every day. This allows her to read all sixty-six books in a calendar year. Her hobbies and passions include: the Twins and Vikings, playing cards, puzzling of all types and reading. She enjoys baking but not so much now that she's all alone at her new home in Henry Hill apartments.

Perhaps her most interesting hobby is as a pen pal. For the last 74 years, since she was 13, Audrey has been faithful pen pals with a friend in North Carolina and one in Australia. Who even does that these days?

Santa's Sleigh

Yellow Medicine Co. program to provide toys and gifts to needy children age 17 & younger is asking for assistance for 2015 holiday season.

If you know a family with children that fit this category encourage them to contact Barb Jacobson at:
320-564-2211 or
santas.sleigh@co.ym.gov

The county also would like monetary donations which can be dropped off at YMC Family services or mailed to:

Santa's Sleigh
c/o Family Service Center
930 4th Street, Suite 4
Granite Falls, MN 56241

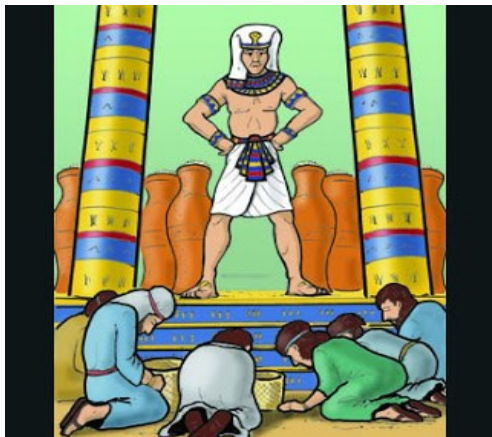
Sponsoring a family or being a volunteer shopper is also needed.

YME Fall Musical "Joseph"

Nov. 13	7:00 pm
Nov. 14	1:00 pm
Nov. 15	2:00 pm
Nov. 16	7:00 pm

Tickets available at the door

\$6 Adults \$4 Students



Church Office Assistant

Welcome to Karen Schmidt-Dill as the office assistant jointly serving Granite Falls United Church of Christ (Congregational) and First Congregational Church (UCC) Montevideo.

Office hours at the time of this publication will be: 9AM-12PM

Monday—flexing between Monte & Granite

Tuesday & Thursday—Monte
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