



June 1, 2017

Greetings friends,

I had a reoccurring dream last night. My Scandi Days baking is done, beautifully packaged, labeled and ready to be delivered – whew! As I arrive for work and to deliver my goods, I note the roasters are full of warming, wonderful pulled pork, and the serving tables are stocked with plates, buns, chips and pickles. The church kitchen smells absolutely heavenly as the counters are laden with yummy looking pies and the happy workers move with the surety of experience to pull all the elements of a very special meal together. I watch for a moment as each pie is deftly cut and then, one by one, the pieces are slipped gently out of the tin and onto a plate. The plates of pie are ordered with precision to most attractively showcase the excellent selection of flavors available. Each slice is picture perfect and ready to

absolutely make someone's day. Then, as if all that home-baked goodness downstairs wasn't enough, I make my way up the stairs to deliver my ethnic food offering into the chapel. Stretched before me are tables absolutely groaning with dozens of delicious packages of goodies. All morning long the special freshly baked treats produced by our community-renowned, stellar bakers at Grace Church will arrive. This room too, smells like a bit of heaven with the scents of cinnamon, butter and sugar combining in a gastronomically seductive, aromatic dance. As I descend the stairs to open the office I glance to my right and note the Take Out room has been ordered for maximum efficiency. I tiptoe across the hall and peek into Fellowship Hall and see each table is set and ready with the wooden Norwegian dancer figurines frolicking at the center of each table. We are ready. RRRRIIINNNGGG, RRIINNGG! I reach for my phone and realize it's my alarm clock sounding. Time to wake up!

As I dressed for my day this morning, I reflected on my familiar dream. I have a day of Nordic-style baking ahead of me, as do many of my Grace friends. We'll be busy, but each of us knows that when we each do our part, be it big or small, we are contributing to the success of this ambitious church-wide project. Or to put it more simply... *teamwork makes the dream work*. Happy baking, friends, and we'll see you tomorrow!\* For real!

\*Doors open at 7 a.m. for delivery of pies and bake sale goods. Our pie people encourage you to get your pies to the church by 9:00 so they have plenty of time to cut the pies and plate the pieces. Remember to bring your baked goodies packaged and labeled – including the price. (Price list included one last time on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of this newsletter).

**This week at Grace** – George Janvrin is providing our special music this week. He'll play and sing, "Wade in the Water." Pastor Fred's message, "Meaning Within" is inspired by John 7:37-39. Cathy Hermanson will serve as liturgist. As always, worship begins at 9:15. We invite you to join us!

**From the Missions Committee** – We've received an urgent request from our Midwest Mission Distribution Center (under the auspices of UMCOR) for CLEANING BUCKET SUPPLIES. This month MMCD has sent out nearly 4,000 buckets so far to Missouri and Illinois Flood Victims. They are running low on all cleaning bucket supplies with bug spray in especially short supply. At Grace, we designated last Sunday (May 28) and this (June 4) for collecting money to be sent to help with this need. If you would like to contribute, please place money in the cleaning bucket at offering time on Sunday. If you are writing a check, please make it out to *Grace UMC* and on the memo line write: *Cleaning Bucket supplies*. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

**Our formally organized and hosted after-worship coffee fellowship time** will gather on the third Sundays of June (18<sup>th</sup>), July (16<sup>th</sup>) and August (20<sup>th</sup>). If you would like to gather in Fellowship Hall on the other Sundays you are most welcome. We just won't have coffee and snacks prepared for you.

### **Youth Group Leaders Needed**

We are looking for two dynamic youth group leaders for the 2017-2018 school year. We have had eleven youth participating this year and expect a few more to join in next year. Youth Group is led by a Youth Council comprised of both adult and youth members, so there will be a few organizational meetings with that group. Currently, Youth Group meets one Wednesday each month and one leader would serve on the Christian Education committee as well.

We need two-deep leadership for all youth activities at Grace United Methodist Church. If you have a passion to work with our youth, then recruit your spouse or a friend and make it a time of fun and fellowship! Contact Shelley Hart (515-291-8332) with questions or to volunteer.

**Sunday school teachers for 2017-18** - Please prayerfully consider teaching one of our Sunday school classes next school year. Please contact Education Chair Gini Michel by phone (733-4123), by email ([gem47@mediacombb.net](mailto:gem47@mediacombb.net)), or catch her personally after our worship service if you'd like to take a turn teaching our young ones.

**We want to alert you to a fun opportunity this Sunday afternoon.** Sylvia Munsen will be leading a sing-a-long at the carriage house museum. We'll be celebrating songs of WWI at the carriage house museum beginning at 2:30 next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. I bet we'll be surprised at the number of songs we will recognize!

**The Story City Carousel is open for the season and the Story City Chamber is searching for volunteers** to help keep it running. They were wondering if we have any groups, youth groups, or committees who might be interested in volunteering some time? They only do a 2 hour shift split up throughout operating hours to help keep it a small commitment. Do we have any groups within our church family who would be interested? Please call the Chamber at 515-733-4214, or email them at [info@storycitygcc.com](mailto:info@storycitygcc.com).

**As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:;** Chuck Jewell; Jeanne Hohneke; Ray Hults; George Sellers; Lois Johnson; Al Rau; Jordan Gertsen; Rich Iverson (friend of Kurt Carlson); Patty Geer; Carolyn Bostwick; Cooper Leeman

### **News You Can Use**

#### **Sunday, June 4**

9:15 AM Worship

#### **Monday, June 5**

6:30 PM Education

#### **Wednesday, June 7**

6:00 PM Finance special meeting

#### **Thursday, June 8**

6:30 PM CDT

#### **Sunday, June 11**

8:00 AM Trustees

9:15 AM Worship

**Faithfully,  
Cathy**

## SCANDINAVIAN DAYS BAKE SALE 2017

**Scandi Days Bake Sale will be held Friday, June 2 from 11-2** (or sooner if we sell out) We want this year's bake sale to be "bigger, better and beyond" so we need your help. Please bring your wrapped and priced homemade bake goods to the church any time after 7:00 AM Friday. Bake sale is held in Chapel. It goes without saying we can't have a bake sale without homemade items to sell. You have come through for us each year and we are counting on you again. Thank you!!

Angel Food Cake .....	...\$6.00 (full sized)
Berliner Kranse .....	\$3.00/doz. or 25c each
Specialty Bread .....	\$4.00 (regular size loaf)
Bars .....	\$5.00/doz. or 50c each
Cookies .....	\$4.00/doz.
Cupcakes .....	75c each \$4.00/half doz.
Dinner Rolls .....	\$4.00/doz.
Fattimand .....	\$3.00/doz. or 25c each
Fruit Soup .....	\$7.50/pint
Haglatta.....	\$1.75/pint
Jam/Jelly .....	\$3.00/1/2 pint
Kavring.....	\$1.50/doz.
Kringla.....	\$4.00/doz.
Krumkaka.....	\$3.00/doz. or 25c each
Lefsa .....	\$2.00 each
Muffins .....	\$3.50/half doz.
Potato Cakes .....	\$4.00/half doz.
Rosettes.....	\$3.00/doz.
Sandbakkles .....	\$3.00/doz.
Spritz.....	\$3.00/doz. small; \$4.00/doz. large
Sweet Bread .....	\$3.00/large; \$2.00/medium
Sweet Bread .....	\$1.50/small; with nuts, add 25c
Sweet Rolls .....	\$1.00 each for large
Tea Ring .....	\$9.00 to \$11.00 depending on size

***Please remember we'll be calling for pies and volunteers for the Pie and Ice Cream Social, too!***