

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHILDRENS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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FAITH FAMILY CLUB



**SPENDING
TIME WITH
God**

**Focusing on
God's Time**

We are Continuing
our spiritual habit
"Spending Time with God"
during our Spring quarter.

In the spring, we go deep into the spiritual habit of spending time with God individually through personal spiritual disciplines. If we want to grow spiritually, we need to spend time growing in relationship with God through personal times of prayer, reading Scripture, reflection, and worship.

**Summer
Calendar**



Our Ministry Summer
Calendars will be out in our
May newsletters

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHER**

#RETURN the BLESSING

On **Sunday, April 28th**
Our Christian Education
Team welcomes all our
2023-2024 Sunday School,
Wednesday Evening and
volunteer Substitutes to
our 10 AM Worship .

The best teachers teach
from the heart. We
welcome all our children
and Youth to help us
acknowledge them and
join together for an end of
year group photo after
worship.

**APRIL 20TH
9 am-12 pm**

**Grace UMC
Parking Lot**

**TABLES AVAILABLE
BY REQUEST**

HOST YOUR SALE HERE

**COMMUNITY
GARAGE SALE**

**DONATE OUTFITS TO
SIOUXLAND FOSTER CLOSET
OR \$20 FOR A SPACE**

Grace Mothers Club welcomes you to utilize **OUR** tables
for **YOUR** Garage Sale in a great outdoor Morningside
parking lot/lawn event.

Sell **YOUR** gently used household goods, clothes, toys,
books, and gear, all to help the Siouxland Foster Closet.

Set up will be at 8 am and the sale will run from 9 am-12 pm.

You keep your proceeds by manning your own table.
Pop tents welcome. Tables available upon request.
(limit 3 unless available day of).

Contact Tamera Albert if you have any questions at
712-276-3452 ex 13.

Please no drop-offs at Grace UMC

**AT HOME WEEKLY
CHILDRENS MINISTRY**

Parents Page

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APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 AM -9:45 AM PRESCHOOL -5TH A 4-Week Series on Jesus' Teachings

From retro toys to fashion trends, we all love a good throwback. (Especially for grown-ups because it reminds us of being young again.) There are things that remind us of a moment in time, but other things feel timeless and like they're always in style. In this four-week series, kids will travel through the decades and see that the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels are always trending. As we hear from Jesus, we'll see it's always good to be humble, we can always forgive, Jesus is always fair, and love always needs action.

FOR PARENTS: GROW AT HOME THIS MONTH

HEY PARENTS! HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT WE'RE COVERING WITH YOUR KIDS THIS MONTH SO YOU CAN HELP YOUR KIDS CONTINUE GROWING AT HOME DURING THE WEEK.

WEEK 1- April 7th

This week, kids hear Jesus teach about the speck and the plank.

WEEK 2- April 14

This week, kids hear Jesus share a parable about the unforgiving servant.

WEEK 3- April 21st

This week, kids hear Jesus tell a story about the workers in the vineyard.

WEEK 4- April 28th

This week, kids hear Jesus share a story about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus.

MAY 5TH | 5TH GRADERS MOVE UP SUNDAY

ON MAY 5 WE WILL HAVE "MOVE UP" SUNDAY FOR OUR 5TH GRADERS TO MEET OUR MIDDLE/HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

They will start in the gathering room to wave off the younger kids and then be walked upstairs for games and a new Sunday school lesson. This gives them a chance to get to know the older kids before next year and welcome them to any Wednesday or Summer Activities. Contact our office with any questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS



PRESCHOOL-K-2ND
GRADE

LOCATED IN OUR
GATHERING ROOM

6:30-7:30 PM FOR
CHILDREN FROM
PRE-K-5TH GRADE.

JOIN US FOR
DINNER, GAMES,
CRAFTS, SCIENCE,
SKITS, & MORE.



3RD-5TH GRADE

MENU

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DINNER

OUR JAM/BLAST BEGINS
AT 6:30 P.M. AND WE WILL
IMMEDIATELY START AND
DESIGNATE THE FIRST 15
MINUTES TO OUR MEAL IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

April 3rd

5:30-630PM

All church Potluck.
No 6:30PM Meal

April 10th

Tuna Casserole
with peas

April 17th

Mini Meatloaf
Mashed potatos

April 24th

LAST NIGHT
Pizza/Salad



HELLO, FAMILIES
OF GRACE UMC.

OUR CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY WOULD LIKE
TO WELCOME YOU TO
OUR LAST NIGHT OF
EVENING PROGRAMMING.

It's our tradition to invite teachers, work-study, kids
and their parents of our Wednesday evening and
Sunday School classes to an end of program year
celebration.

On Wednesday, May 1st from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Kids ministry will host a main dish of pulled pork and
invite our families to participate in a Pot luck with
sides and desserts!

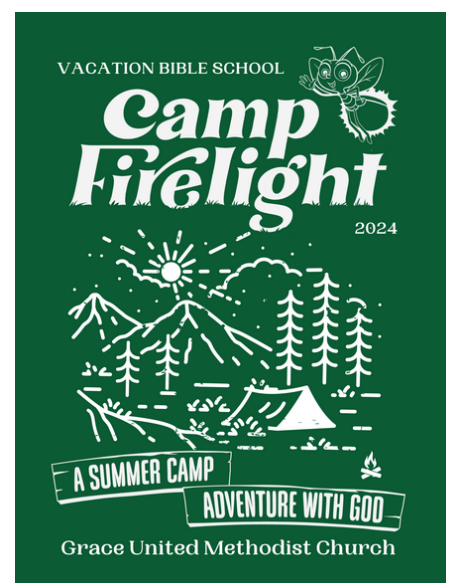
We will have family activities, some crafts,
and our summer calendar available.
Please RSVP to christianed@gracesiouxcity.org.



In this four-week series,
kids will discover
through the stories in
the books of
Judges, Ruth,
and 1 Samuel
the unexpected ways
God can help them grow.

For a lot of us, recess is one of our favorite parts of the school day.
We get to play dodgeball, hopscotch, or race our friends around the play area.
Recess helps us to stay active so we can grow strong, but it also gives us a
chance to grow in our relationships.

As they do, they'll learn how God helps us grow stronger, helps us belong, answers
our prayers, tells us what is true, and can use anything we give



Our Vacation Bible School is **FREE** thanks to the generosity of members and friends at Grace.

Be sure to mark your child's T-shirt size on the Registration Form, (online or in person) as all orders need to be in by **May 13th**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Held at Grace United Methodist Church our Camp Firelight VBS will welcome your students to enjoy an interactive, Bible-based good time on their summer camp adventure with God.

Students will be sorted into age groups and become Campers in one of our animal themed cabins, Chipmunks, Raccoons, Owls, and Foxes.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Campers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal each Firelight Focus to equip your Campers for an active life with God.

They will also discover our Firelight Focus (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS, and hear about our mission project and as their respond to a call for action!

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats and a provided nightly dinner.

On our last night we invite students back for a fun camp water day, including a 35 foot inflatable water slide and smores.

Join us as we discover how to put our trust in God in every situation!

REGISTRATION DAY
APRIL 25TH ONLINE &
APRIL 28TH IN PERSON

Dates and times:

June 2nd- 6th
 from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Important Dates for Volunteers

VOLUNTEER Meeting ...
 Sunday, April 14th | 11:15am Fellowship Hall

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

CREW LEADERS- Extra hands to help kids walk from station to station while teachers do the lessons.

PHOTOGRAPHER-Takes photos each night of different stations.

DECORATING-DECORATING....
 Every year, our buildings are transformed for VBS!



VBS 2024
REGISTRATION FORM
JUNE 2ND-JUNE 6TH
5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Parents/ Guardian Info

Name (s): _____
 Address: _____ City, _____, Zip _____
 Phone Number: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)
 Email: _____
 Home Church (if any): _____
 Friends of your child at this church: _____



Student Camper #1 Name _____ Age _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Free T-shirt size- Circle (YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL)

Allergies or Special Needs _____



Student Camper #2 Name _____ Age _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Free T-shirt size- Circle (YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL)

Allergies or Special Needs _____



Student Camper #3 Name _____ Age _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Free T-shirt size- Circle (YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL)

Allergies or Special Needs _____



Student Camper #4 Name _____ Age _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Free T-shirt size- Circle (YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL)

Allergies or Special Needs _____

Emergency Contacts

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Name _____
 Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up from VBS

PHOTO RELEASE: I acknowledge and consent for my child(red) to be photographed at the 2024 "Camp Firelight" Vacation Bible School. I understand that photos release will be used only for Grace United Methodist Church promotions and newsletters.

I consent to photos *

Yes **No**

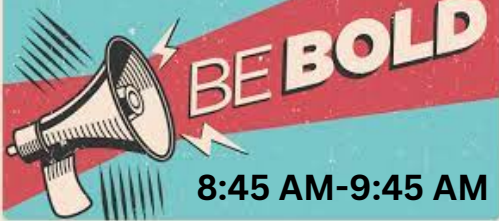
Parent/ Guardian's Signature: _____

At Grace United Methodist Church, we believe that middle and high school students are a vital part of our congregation. Our Student Ministry strives to be an invitational and welcoming place for students of all backgrounds where they can find community and a place to belong. We want to meet students wherever they are in their faith journey, walk alongside them as they grow, and be a safe place where they can ask questions and learn to seek faithful answers.



**GRACE UMC
YOUTH**
6th-12th Grade

Sunday School



Our Sunday School Youth Students are reviewing Be Bold!

A series created to help pre-teens and teens engage with the weekly BE BOLD Bible lessons while exploring their deep faith questions. Each student will receive a Bold Action Student Book and weekly Mystery Mission challenges.



**Wednesday
Night
Youth Group
6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

A SERIES ON FAMILY

Our relationships with our families can sometimes feel a little bit like a way-too-competitive game night. With our families, sometimes it's fun . . . but other times, we might fight for first place, gang up on each other, betray each other, and walk away with frustration and hurt feelings.

Families can be sources of joy and laughter but also stress and tension. But what if our families could be places where we could all help each other win? In this four-week series from the New Testament, we'll look at how the earliest followers of Jesus created a new kind of community as God's family.

Through their example, we'll learn that there is enough when we share what we have— and if there isn't enough, God provides. We'll also learn that our actions can speak when words aren't enough and that God's love is always enough

YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

**April 12th -14th to
Lake Okobojo UM Camp**

All students 6th - 12th grade are welcome!
Registration & additional information is available on our Grace website.

**We are asking
*\$25.00 per
student.
*Financial
assistance is
available
for those in
need.**

RSVP by Wednesday, April 10th



PLEASE CONTACT BROCK BOUREK W/ANY QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CHAPERONE FOR THIS EVENT. BROCK @GRACESIOUXCITY.ORG

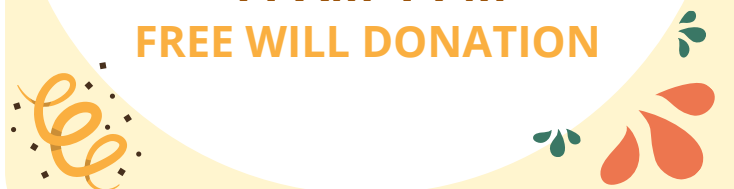
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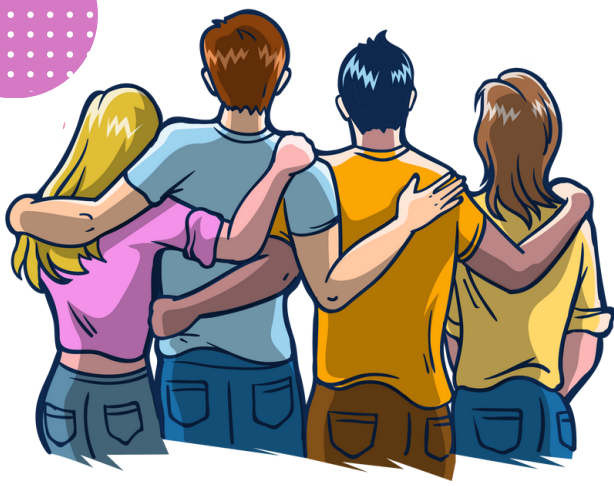


YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

**Cinco De Mayo
TACO BAR
Sunday, May 5th**

**11 AM-1 PM
FREE WILL DONATION**





YOUTH MISSION TRIP

2024: FUNDRAISER

YOUTH FOR HIRE

April 20th & 21st

To help the students plan and help as many as we can, we are looking for no more than 2 hours per job. Hours available below.

Saturday, 4/20: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4/21: 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

This won't be our only youth for hire weekend, it's just the first!

Contact Kristina Weber to schedule: 712-389-6314

SUMMER YOUTH



MISSION TRIP

SUN. JUNE 30 - SAT. JULY 6TH

This summer our students are headed to...
Kansas City, Missouri
for our
Youth Mission Trip!

Please contact Brock Bourek to learn about costs, fundraising, packing lists, and what to expect from this week long trip filled with fellowship, fun & serving the lord and others.

Contact Brock Bourek at
Brock@gracesiouxcity.org
OR Text/Call 402-270-0226
for Questions