



# e-grace

September 1, 2017

## Upcoming Events

### Coffee at Grace

Every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

### Circle of Prayer

Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the  
Amaryllis Room

### Labor Day

Monday, September 4th  
Office Closed

### Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

### Men's Bible Study

Every Thursday at 8 a.m. at  
the Hungry Loon Café in Pequot

### UMW

Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

### First Day of Sunday School

September 10<sup>th</sup> during worship

### Youth Group Kick Off

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

## "Thank You" All Around

- A large THANK YOU to our thirsty worshipers for helping Grace Kids raise a total of \$490 to fight hunger. The money will be split 50/50, with \$245 staying local for the Lakes Area Food Shelf and \$245 in support of UMCOR's World Hunger mission.

- On Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we had our final "Summer Fun" morning of the summer. Thank you to all the participants and youth volunteers for your weekly enthusiasm. Thank you to the congregation for your donations and prayers. And THANK YOU to our volunteers (Marilyn, Doris, Peggy, Judy, Sandy, Lois, Lynn, Kayleen & Brad) for making each morning special. Start dreaming about ideas for next summer's fun!

## Sunday Preview

### Worship Message

"Amazing Love"

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

### Special Offering

There will be a special offering this Sunday to contribute to UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) response efforts to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

## Fall Kickoff

Join us for worship and celebration on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Worship and children's Sunday School will be followed by food, fellowship and a bounce house. Friends are welcome! This would be a great Sunday to invite that neighbor/co-worker/friend you've been praying about!

## Grace Extras

- Handbell ringers are needed!  
Contact Ardie Morris at  
(218) 963- 2972 if interested.

- *The Upper Room* magazine for September/October is available on the table in the Narthex in both regular and large print.

## Backpack Blessings

Children and youth are invited to bring in their backpacks on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> for a "blessing of the backpacks." We will also have tags available for those who do not bring a backpack. The tag is a reminder that Grace will be praying for our schools and students, and has a prayer that the children can say themselves for each school day. We hope you all have a great start to the new school year!

## Helping the Community

United Methodist Women will gather together on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

9 a.m. Board Meeting  
10 a.m. Membership Meeting  
11 a.m. Program  
Noon Tea/Luncheon

The program will be "Therapy Horses Helping the Community," and presented by Sara Sherman (with Discovery Horse) and Lynn Fairbanks (with Mounted Eagles). All women are welcome!

## Contact Information

If you need to reach Pastor Gary, his e-mail is [pastorgary@tds.net](mailto:pastorgary@tds.net) and his cell phone number is (651) 280-0150 (call or text).

## Open Doors – Housing and Support for 100 Years

2017-Emma Norton Services celebrates its 100th Anniversary, serving over 200 women and children a year through programming at Emma Norton Residence and Emma's Place in the Twin Cities.

*Emma Norton Services works with women, children, and families who are homeless and have the added challenges of mental illness, chemical dependency, or both. Safe and sober housing combined with programs and support services provide an environment where victory over homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency becomes a possibility.*

**1917** – The Methodist Girls' Club purchased a home on College Avenue in St. Paul to meet the growing need of safe housing in the Twin Cities for collegiate and professional women from greater Minnesota.

**1921** – Emma Hayes Norton of Winona, MN donated \$25,000 in stocks and bonds to the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the purposes of providing scholarship to young women entering Christian ministry and for "a project of the Society's choosing." This gift, along with other generous contributions from the Methodist Women, was put into a carefully managed fund and used to build what we know today as Emma Norton Services.

**1967** – Emma Norton Residence was purchased at its current location on Robert Street in St. Paul and was named after the woman whose initial gift made the purchase possible.

**1971** – Emma Norton Residence evolved to meet the growing need of young deaf students in the community when the need for housing for women from greater Minnesota was no longer essential.

**1976** – When deaf and hearing-impaired services grew at the state and federal level, Emma Norton Residence launched the Wesley Family Program to provide housing for families with loved ones undergoing long-term recovery at nearby hospitals.

**1991** – Emma Norton Residence began to provide services to women and families who were homeless and dealing with the effects of mental illness, and chemical dependency.

**2002** – Emma's Place was opened in Maplewood, MN. With it, the name "Emma Norton Services" was born to umbrella both Emma Norton Residence and Emma's Place. Today – Emma Norton Services has two locations that provide housing, support services and basic needs to women, children, and families working to achieve victory over homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency.

**2016**-saw the launch of scattered site programming for families, with the singles programming being launched in 2017. As a part of the 2016 - 2018 strategic plan, Emma Norton Services is increasing the number of women and families by at least 25% per year, expand and deepen supportive services to meet emerging needs, create a forward looking master plan for facilities and technology, cultivate an ever increasing circle of champions, and build strong internal capacity and systems.