

Volunteering is a Work of Heart ♥

As we move forward with regard to Worship Helpers for Sunday's services, if you volunteered in the past, we will continue to put you on the schedule. You will be used in the same capacity as in the past. If you are no longer interested in helping out, or are willing to branch out to another position (greeter, usher, sound, liturgist, acolyte, communion and nursery), please contact the office (see page two). If you have not volunteered in the past and would like to start, we would love to have you on Grace's team.

The following individuals have registered for the 2021 summer camp session:

Ian Berg	108 KOR Pathway Camp 1
Joren Redington	108 KOR Pathway Camp 1
Alaina Chmielewski	109 KOR Pathway Camp 2
Nicholas Chmielewski	109 KOR Pathway Camp 2
Marleigh Redington	141 P Discovery Camp
Annika Berg	51 KOR Teddy Bear Camp 1



Enjoy the camping experience!



Monday, June 14, 2021

We will continue our viewing of the Netflix series, The Crown.

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

- ♦ Will Renner, son of Russ and Carie Renner, will be graduating from Lakeville North on June 10th. He plans on attending the University of Manitoba in the Fall.
- ♦ Cynthia Koenigsberg is graduating from Medical School at the University of MN.
- ♦ Aaron Koneigsberg will be receiving his Master's Degree in Computer Science at the University of MN.

Both Cynthia and Aaron are the children of Roy Koenigsberg and Chris Norwood.

Announcements

There will be a Church Conference at Grace on Sunday June 6, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. On the agenda is compensation approval for incoming pastor Anda Lunemann.

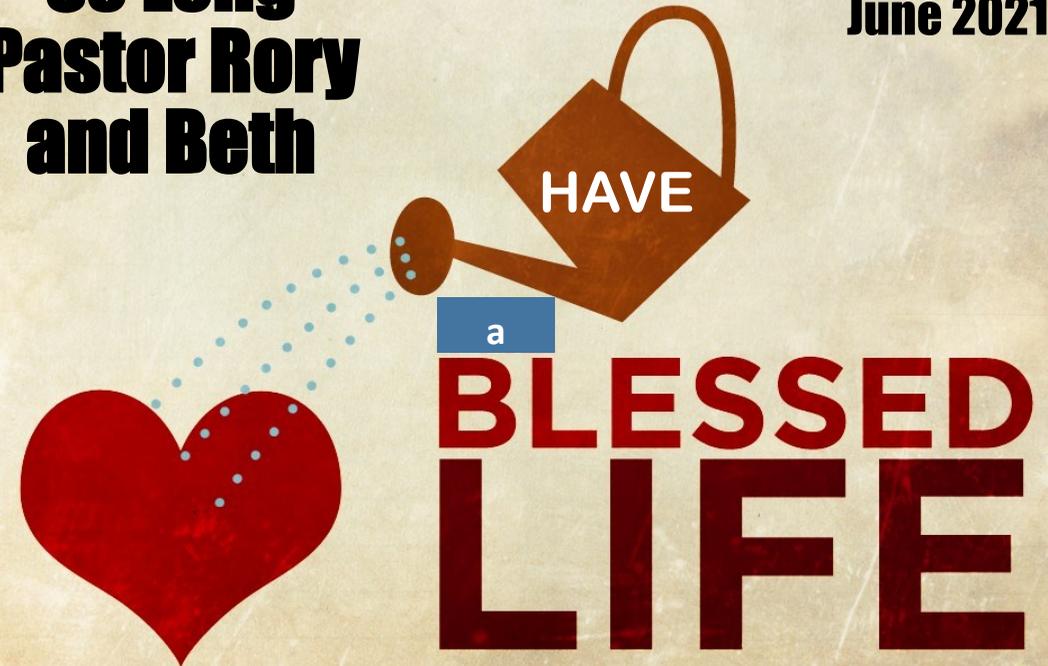
Pastor Rory's last service as pastor here at Grace UMC will take place on Sunday, June 13, 2021. The choir will be singing and a reception with coffee, juice and a light snack will be served following the service.

Pastor Amanda Lunemann's first service with Grace will take place on Sunday, June 27, 2021. The choir will sing for this service and a welcome reception will follow this service as well.

Grace Notes

**So Long
Pastor Rory
and Beth**

June 2021



Grace United Methodist Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ

PLEASE NOTE: For everyone's safety, person's not fully vaccinated should either worship on-line or continue to wear a mask. Thank you.

ASHES DEDICATION:

On Wed., May 26th, a dedication of ashes of Grace's former pastor, Dwight Haberman, occurred. This was per his request. Dedications were also done at other churches in the state where he served. Led by Pastor Haberman's wife, Debra Ricci, the group gathered prior to spreading the ashes to share memories. She is seen in this photo spreading the ashes. Missing in this photo is Lynn Kilian.



A memorial service for pastor Haberman will take place on Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m. at Hennepin Avenue UMC, 511 Groveland Avenue in Minneapolis.

THANK YOU!

Gathering my thoughts for this last Pastor's article in Grace Notes, I think only of "thank you."

Thank you for the welcome into the life of Grace church when Beth and I came in 2019. June 30th was our first Sunday with you. I recall how quickly we were able to pull off Vacation Bible School Week that was starting about a week later on July 7th. It was a great jump start way to get to know some of the church's children.

The summer passed quickly and before I knew it the fellowship hall was getting reroofed, and Coming Together Sunday was happening. It was busy time with classes, groups and Wednesday youth activities. I got to experience some of our normal life and traditions with worship, sandwich making, Scout Sunday chili feed, Dinner group and so on. But that only lasted for about nine months. You know what happened then! March 15th was our last Sunday in the sanctuary for in-person worship without covid restrictions. We pivoted to recorded worship services on YouTube. I had never done that before! We learned how to do meetings on Zoom. In the summer of 2020 we were using FM radio to have Sunday services in the church parking lot. Another first for me! Then we had a few services outdoors in the backyard and a couple limited indoor services before Covid protocols tightened up again. Fortunately the sale of the property and the mortgage pay off had happened in May 2020 so our finances, along with your faithful giving, kept us afloat!

Along the way we got new windows in several rooms, a new storage shed, and took care of several other up-keep and maintenance tasks. Starting in January 2021 we saw the landscape change as the work on the apartment building began.

All this is to say that I have not had a ministry season like this one. Memorable, yes! Memories of how Grace church continued to be the church and I am thankful for your support as I found myself saying "I don't know." This is my first pandemic too!" I dearly missed the kinds of pastoral care I would normally have been able to do, as well as our Bible study group, fellowship conversations, and seeing children on Wednesdays and Sundays. Theo and the Kangaroos could NOT replace them!

I'm grateful we got some time actually back together again. I realized how much I needed worship and preaching in person rather than with one person and a camera! So thanks for helping us all get through it.

Now I know you will bring your appreciation and adaptation skills as you begin a new normal with your new pastor, Amanda Lunemman. My role as pastor with Grace church comes to a conclusion not only with this appointment change but with my retirement. My time here, as I said, came with experiences I had nowhere else in my 41 years!

Beth and I thank you for the blessings of our time with you!

Pastor Rory
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Usually in the fall we are sharing **CHOIR** information and inquiring as to new members. Well, currently we are out of sync. Because of Pastor Rory's retiring they will be performing at his final service as well as Pastor Amanda Lunemann's first service at Grace (see page four under Announcements for more details). If you are interested in joining the choir and singing at these services, there will be a practice on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. Choir will then be off for the rest of the summer and start up again in September. Please contact Paige Macklin (hatmack67@gmail.com or Cell Phone: 612-916-0150) if you have any questions. We are always happy to welcome new members.

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
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