

## Even on the Battlefield, God is in Control

Ray Grefsrud was twenty-two years old when he left the family farm and enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. Homesick for his parents and twelve siblings, he wrote often from the European battlefields where he was serving as an infantryman during World War 2. In his letters, he mentioned continuous fighting for seven days and other grueling experiences.

Then a letter dated November 21, 1944 arrived from “somewhere in France.” It began, “Dear folks. Well, I’m now at a hospital again.” He went on to explain that he had been shot several times.

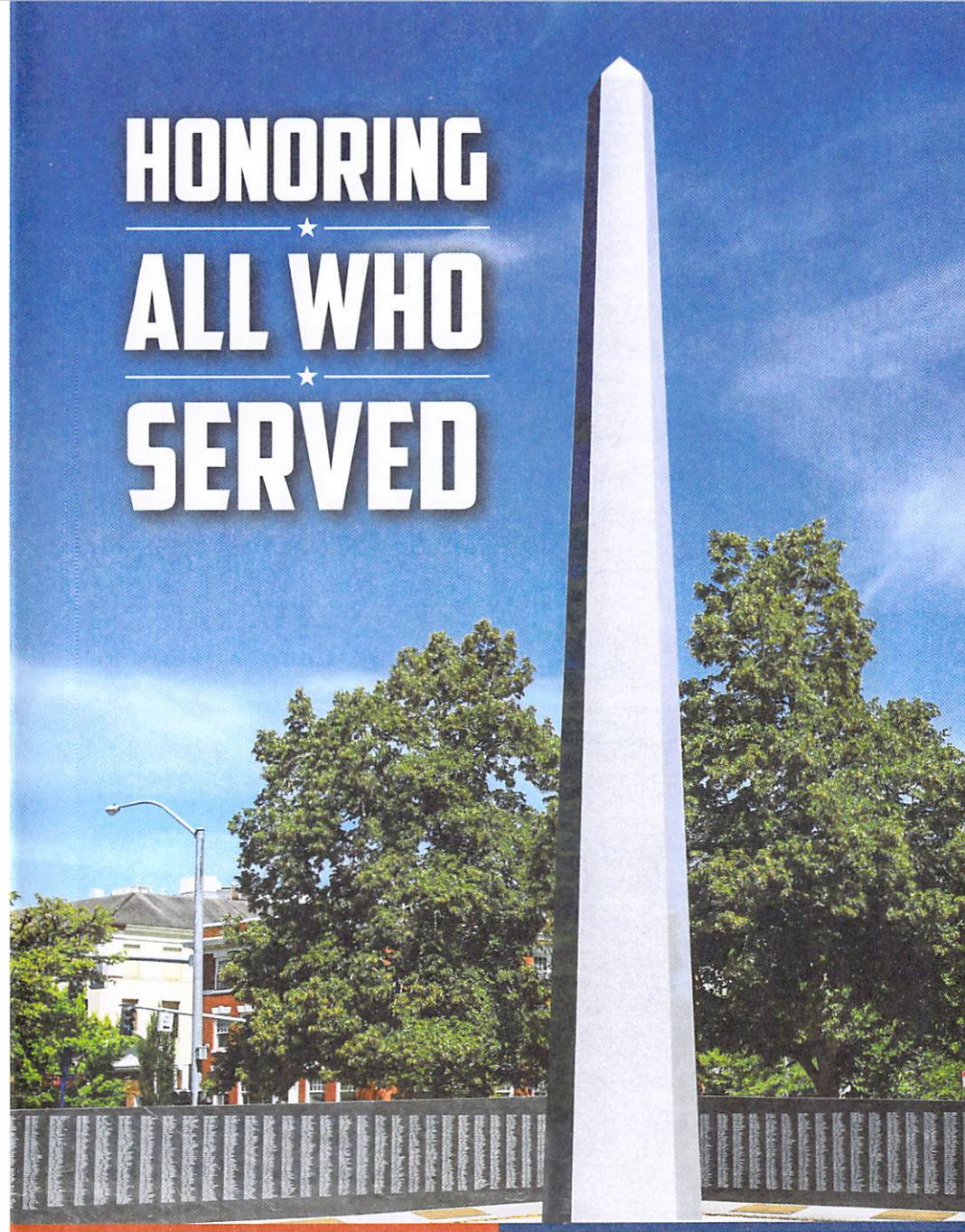
His next letter revealed more details. “I sure thank God that I wasn’t hurt more,” Grefsrud wrote. “One bullet went through my helmet and steel liner, a half inch lower down and I would not be here today. One bullet went through my shirt pocket, cut my pen and pencil in two and just about cut my New Testament in two.” God’s Word had saved his life!

When he returned to northern Minnesota to farm and raise a family after the war, he brought the contents of his pocket with him and packed them away in a small box in a drawer, but never mentioned them. Family members say he was very humble, and though he never talked about any of his war experiences, he often said, “God’s in control.”

“He had a huge faith,” his daughter said. After her father passed away at the age of 93 and family members found his letters and war-time memorabilia, she said, “With the testament [protecting] his heart, it was like God’s in control. He said that all the time. ‘God’s in control.’” It was a truth Ray Grefsrud knew well.

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**KULM BAPTIST CHURCH  
KULM, ND**

**SUNDAY, November 10, 2024**

**Psalm 40:1-3**

**English Standard Version**

**1) I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. 2) He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. 3) He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE**

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**#44 Crown Him King of Kings**

**#37 You Are Crowned with Many Crowns**

**#408 How Firm a Foundation (1,2,4)**

**PRAYER OF THANKS--WORSHIP TEAM**

**#227 Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down**

**#401 The Church's One Foundation (1,2,4)**

**WORSHIP IN THE WORD - PASTOR CHRIS**

**Failing Forward**

**Judges 16:23-30**

**#526 The Solid Rock (1&2)**

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**

5:30 pm WAFFL begins at the Kulm Uptown Café. The meal starts at 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**

10:00 am Women's Ministries

Hostess will be Pat and Bible Study Leader will be Peggy.

The lesson will be in Chapter 8, pages 158-180 in our study book *Adorned*. All ladies are welcome.

**Sunday, Nov. 17**

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

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Looking ahead: Nov. 28 the Zion Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Community Celebration. Please let Pastor Chris know if you would be able to donate a 9x13 pan of bars to help out.

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 am will be the KBC Christmas Program, followed by a soup & sandwich lunch.

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Praise & Prayer Requests

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Offering for Nov. 3	Sunday School	15.00
	Church	1285.00
	Total	\$1300.00