

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

April 23 & 24, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:00 pm **Sunday** - 8:30 & 10:45 am

WELCOME PASTOR BEN HARRING – PRESIDING PASTOR THIS WEEK

Pastor Haring is a 1967 graduate of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, he served 35 years in parish ministry – nineteen years in four parishes (nine congregations) in Western and Eastern North Dakota Synods; sixteen years in our East Central Synod of Wisconsin: nine months as interim pastor at Calvary Lutheran in Minocqua, one year as assistant pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Wausau, and fourteen years as pastor of Trinity Lutheran in rural Wausau. Retiring in September, 2002 Ben and his wife Claudette now live in Weston. Ben and Claudette were part of our synod's first Conference to Circuit trip to South Africa in 2010 visiting Lobatla Parish which is a companion to Immanuel, Wausau.

AMAZING TREASURES - Jewelry / Tackle Collection/Sale – Begins this weekend!

The congregational and wilderness groups have teamed up and will be doing a fun, new fundraiser this year which will help offset the cost of the bus to Montana in July. Beginning this weekend, April 23-24, following worship services, and next weekend, April 30-May 1, we will display everything and have one big sale at incredibly low prices. There are sure to be some amazing treasures for everyone! Thanks for your support!

BEN'S BLOOMERS/CERNY'S GIFT CARDS will be available after 5:00 pm service on Saturday and between services on Sunday. During the week you can purchase them in the church office. This fundraiser will benefit the youth, parents, and chaperones taking part in the Wilderness Trip in July.

SILENT QUILT AUCTION

The 90" x 96" quilt in the Gathering Space has been "finished" by the Tuesday morning quilters. The material was donated by the family of Doris Collins. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an automatic door opener at Grace Lutheran. Please write your bid on the sheet provided. Bidding will close on May 15.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

This year's **National Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 5. Grace will be participating with other congregations in the Tomahawk area in leading several different events on that day. Please consider participating in one or more of the following activities:

- National Day of Prayer **kick-off** on the lawn of the City Hall at 9:30 a.m. Those gathered will pray for our community in general, including residents, visitors, businesses, and government. From there, individual congregations will be on site at various locations for more specific prayers for the businesses and residents.
- Grace's National Day of Prayer **focus area** is the North 4th Street area. We will gather at Veterans Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m. and proceed from there across the bridge as far as Mohawk Drive as we bless the area. Depending on the weather and the wishes of the participants, we may walk or drive.
- Community-wide **National Day of Prayer Worship** will take place beginning at 6:30pm in the cafeteria at the High School. Participating congregations will help lead this prayer based worship. Our time together will include inspirational videos, praise songs led by the Vineyard worship team, large group prayers, small group prayers, and time for individual prayers. This will be a cross-generational event and **all people** are encouraged to attend.

What an honor and privilege to be able to join with our fellow Christians in the Tomahawk area in prayer. Never doubt the power of prayer! Please join us! This is a specific way that the people of Grace can put into action our ELCA's tagline of "God's work. Our hands." For this day, our hand will be folded in prayer! Please contact Wendy Black for specific questions, or to volunteer to be part of our leadership team.

PASTOR MARK ZIEMER IS ON SABBATICAL FROM APRIL 16- MAY 13

You can follow his learnings and activities at www.gracelutherantomahawk.org. For pastoral care you may contact Visitation Pastor Don Cannady at 453-5017. For all other matters contact the church office (715) 453-4066), dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org or Lay Pastoral Assistant Wendy Black at wblack@yahoo.com.

CUSTODIAN JOB POSTING—Grace is seeking a custodian to work approximately **16 hours per week** at the rate of \$10 per hour. We are in the process of updating the current job description to reflect some changes. You can pick up an application at the church office or download it from the church web site. Deadline to apply is May 13.

HELP WITH CUSTODIAL WORK—Our current custodian Darlene Anderson has given her notice and will be done at the end of April. She is unable to continue her position for health reasons. Please consider helping out with custodial tasks until a replacement can be found. Willing volunteers may contact Brian Schmidt at (715) 612-3838 or email him at nokomisschmidt@gmail.com.

RIDE TO CHURCH—A resident of Milestone Senior Housing is looking for a ride to church (Grace) on either Saturday or Sunday. This resident is ambulatory and does not use a wheel chair. If you can help, please call Julie Thompson at (715) 224-3747.

GARDEN WORKSHOPS AT GRACE LUTHERAN

Spring is on its way and “garden season” will soon be here. Please join us to learn more about gardening:

➤ **April 27:** Straw Bale Gardening

The UW Extension and the Garden of Giving Committee are sponsoring this event. A meal will be provided at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6:00. Please join us! Questions? Call Margie at (715) 453-5797 or John at (715) 453-2872.

AUGSBURG CHOIR CONCERT COMING – May 7!

The Augsburg Choir will be coming to Grace Lutheran on May 7/8. Hannah Schmit, member of Grace, and daughter of Dave & Cathy Schmit is a member of the choir. There will be a concert on Saturday, May 7 at 7:00 pm and the choir will participate in both worship services on May 8. **Host families are needed to house students/members of the choir.** Students must be housed in groups of two or more. Host families will need to provide: transportation to and from the concert, and breakfast the morning following the concert. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Area. You may also call the office at (715) 453-4066 if you would like to volunteer to host two more students.

RUTH CIRCLE is again assembling Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This year the requirements are: three yard pieces of cotton fabric or cotton blend fabric, and 250-300 yards of matching thread. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the labeled box outside the office door.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Grace Lutheran formally welcomes new members twice a year. Our next new member welcome will be in May. Our Welcome Dinner will be May 1st. Are you interested in becoming a member or learning more about Grace? Do you have questions about what joining? Pastor Mark or Pastoral Assistant Wendy Black will happy to meet with you/your family one on one at your home or at church. Please call the church office, (715) 453-4066.

APRIL SPECIAL OFFERING – 2016 LEKUBU VISIT

Just 100 days to go! See the special insert on how you can help during this visit.

In approximately 100 days, 13 of our friends from Lekubu Parish in South Africa will be arriving in Tomahawk. They will be part of a larger group of 56 who will be spending **June 26-July 10 (note this date change)** in congregations thru out the Wisconsin River Valley Conference. The South Africans, despite their challenging economic situation, will pay for their own travel from the villages to Johannesburg and their round trip flight to the United States and back. They will also pay for their personal purchases while they are here. As a host congregation we are responsible for their travel and orientation days while they are in the United States. We are also responsible for purchasing group health care insurance thru the ELCA. These expenses are divided according to the number of guests we will be receiving. For 13 guests we can estimate these costs to be about \$3,000. Such expenses are not included in our yearly church budget.

We ask you to prayerfully consider our relationship with Lekubu and the fact that this is a congregation to congregation exchange so we are all involved as members of Grace. The special offering in April has been designated to help offset these expenses. Please contribute as you are able. Thank You.

The South African Visit planning committee.

SEVEN SPOTS OPEN ON CONGREGATION TRIP – JULY 22-31

Interested? Contact the church office. Forty-eight is the maximum amount of people on the “mountain bus.” Forty-one have signed up. A “mountain bus” is necessary for the last twenty off-road miles to get to Christikon Bible Camp and the Box Canyon Trail Head deep in the Beartooth-Absaroka Wilderness. Fellowship is one of our priorities at Grace. Come fellowship together.

DIRECTORIES—If you had a portrait taken or submitted one for the Directory you are entitled to a free directory. We have a quite a few that have never been picked up. If you did not receive your directory, please look for your copy in Copier Room. They will be available for pick up until May 15. If they are not picked by then we will assume you do not need your copy.

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	March 2016 Receipts
General Fund	30,858.21	31,613.01
Building Fund	5,977.89	4,518.00
Total	36,836.10	36,131.01

Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016
General Fund	92,574.62	84,623.85
Building Fund	17,933.67	15,011.35
Total	110,508.29	99,635.20

Weekly Financial News
General Fund: \$5,441.00
Noisy Collection: \$34.38
Attendance: 210

For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— Stewardship is the unique opportunity God gives to each Christian. God uses us to be His legs and hands and lips to spread His Good News and His gifts to others. We are certainly far from perfect in our attitudes and actions as stewards, yet we are the only means God has provided to accomplish His work. The Apostle Paul wrote, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10). God calls us to use our gifts in service to others.