

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

April 9 & 10, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

WELCOME TO GOD’S KINGDOM and our church family to Lauren Joan Winter! Lauren is being baptized this weekend at the 8:30 worship service. Her parents are Dan & Peggy Winter. Lauren’s sponsors are Teresa Brown and Toby Sontag.

WORSHIP DURING PASTOR MARK’S SABBATICAL

There are two sides to sabbaticals pastors are encouraged to take. One is the pastor’s renewal and refreshment for ministry. The other is the congregation’s deepening its involvement and ownership of ministry, including worship. This is not “filling in.” This is renewing and enriching. Please use this time to sharpen your attention and care for one another and for the ministries of Grace. Delight and be renewed in the focused worship that Grace staff, lay school graduates, and others are planning and bringing in the next four Sundays. Pastor Don Cannady as always will be attending to pastoral care and will preside at Saturday’s worship. Retired pastors will preside at Communion at Sunday worship.

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 13:** Seed selection and planting tips.

➤ **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.

COMPANION BREAKFAST - APRIL 17—

Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast on Sunday, April 17, between services for a delicious breakfast. There is no charge for the breakfast. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds will go toward the Lekubu group visit this summer.

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.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET – SATURDAY – APRIL 23 – 6:00 to 8:00 PM—See the insert! Tickets on sale this weekend! Deadline to purchase tickets is April 17.

AMAZING TREASURES - JEWELRY / TACKLE COLLECTION/SALE

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. How **can you** get involved? Look through your jewelry and fishing tackle boxes. If there are pieces that you don’t use anymore, place them in zip lock bags and deposit the bags in the box labeled jewelry or tackle in the Gathering Area. **April 23-24 and April 30-May 1 weekends**, 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!

COLORING GOD’S PROMISES – BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 18 FROM 6:00 to 7:00 PM

All women are invited to join us as we “Color God’s Promises”, and reflect on His word. “Coloring” will begin on Monday, April 18 and continue on Monday evenings until May 23. We will be using an adult coloring book that includes short quotations/reflections from the Modern English Version of the Bible. Please come. No coloring experience is necessary. Margie will provide colored pencils, and you are also welcome to bring your own favorite coloring medium. **Please RSVP to the church office by April 11 with your remittance of \$10 to hold your spot.**



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. See the insert in this bulletin for more details.

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 will meet this Thursday, April 14, 9:30 am at the home of Darlene Wechsler.

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.

E-NEWS ANYONE?

Did you know that you have a choice on how you receive/access the monthly newsletter, Good News From the Grace Vine?

- You can download it directly from our web site. The newsletter is posted to our web site up to a week earlier than it is sent via e-mail or regular mail.
- You can request to have the church office e-mail directly to the e-mail address you provide.
- You can pick it up at church.
- You can receive it via regular postal mail.

In the coming months we will be promoting electronic choices of receiving all correspondence from the church. It is a timelier and efficient method. Of course we are happy to provide paper copies of the newsletter and all other items that you need to receive. Please consider signing up to receive the newsletter by email or to download it directly from our website: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org. Please fill out the simple **YELLOW form** in this bulletin or by the church office. You may slip this form under the office door, put it in the Secretary mail box, or put it in the offering plate.

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 28-July 13 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.

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	February 2016 Receipts
General Fund	30,858.21	24,148.29
Building Fund	5,977.89	4,296.00
Total	36,836.10	28,444.29

Weekly Financial News
 General Fund: \$8,437.00
 Noisy Collection: \$47.00
 Attendance: 208

Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016
General Fund	61,716.41	53,010.84
Building Fund	11,955.78	10,493.35
Total	73,672.19	63,504.19

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— The deeds of stewardship are giving time, ability, and money. Our aim is not merely to do the deeds of stewardship but to become stewards. Stewards are committed to Christ and willingly serve Him and His people. Stewards are redeemed children who, out of gratitude, delight in serving, helping, and giving to others in the name of Jesus. To enable our faithful stewardship, God transforms us: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”* (2 Corinthians 5:17). Through faith, we desire to live in and for Jesus.

TOMAHAWK AREA INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS (TAIV)

Dinner Theater/Silent Auction – April 16 – Inshalla Country Club

TAIV invites you to come and enjoy the fourth annual Dinner Theater, Dessert & Silent Auction to held at Inshalla Country Club, N11060 Clear Lake Road, Tomahawk on April 16, 2016, starting with the Silent Auction bidding and Cash Bar at 5:00 PM. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. The comedy “50th Reunion – Still – Rockin’ & Rollin’,” (written by Jeannie Gudgeon), will be performed by local players. Dick Huntoon will play during dinner. Tickets are \$45.00 with meal choices of: Prime Rib, Champagne Chicken, and Vegetarian Alfredo Primavera. You can purchase tickets (cash or check only), at Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce, Tomahawk Leader, Tomahawk Furniture Store and Nelson County Market until April 11, 2016.