

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 16, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

Sat. – 5:00 pm **Sun.** - 8:30 am & 10:45 am

IT IS WITH EXTREME GRATITUDE I place this sincere “Thank You” to my sisters and brothers in Christ for your lovely get well cards, phone calls, and prayers while I was undergoing surgery and treatment for cancer. I am doing well and very thankful for all the support. The power of prayer comforts and gives strength. Praise be the Lord! *Nona Arthur*

THANK YOU TO ALL who helped in any way with the Church Ladies Diner last weekend. Once again Grace Lutheran stepped up to the plate and hit a home run! We could not have done it without you! A final financial report will be available soon. *The Diner Crew*

THANK YOU FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER MUSIC

On this Easter Sunday we especially miss Dick Huntoon. He pulled all the stops for Easter and used the organ to give witness to his deep joy in Christ’s Resurrection. We give thanks for all who have provided music during Lent, Holy Week, and today: Our Organists - Marcia Sattelberg with the support of Laurie Schmidt, and for Paula Norman who joined the organist team in Lent; the wonderful gift, music and dedication of our Bell Choir; Corey Colburn as Cantor in the Easter Vigil, and looking forward to next Sunday’s 8:30 Contemporary Choir.

EASTER DINNER—THIS SUNDAY—RODEWAY INN & SUITES

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Tomahawk invite you to a free Easter Dinner at the Rodeway Inn & Suites at 1728 Comfort Drive. Meals will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Deliveries are available; please call (715) 453-5391.

HEALTHY COOKING DEMONSTRATION—APRIL 20—6:00 PM

Grace Lutheran is hosting “Roasting Vegetables A-Z,” a healthy cooking class. This program show you how to spice up your vegetable routine, and give you shopping tips to save you time and money. There will be a roasting pan demonstration and food tasting. Please register by calling the church office, (715) 453-4066.

CONGREGATION RETREAT – APRIL 22, 9:00-1:00, lunch included

Our synod office will lead this retreat for ages 10-100. A wide variety of ages are needed for identifying the assets that Grace and the Tomahawk area have. The outcome of this retreat is to more clearly discern the unique gifts we have as individuals, Grace, and Tomahawk for us to best serve our neighbors, witness to God’s love, and deepen the bonds of our community.

NEW MEMBER LUNCH—SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT 12:00 NOON

Are you interested in becoming a member of Grace or want to learn more about Grace’s ministry? Next Sunday, April 23, at 12:00 noon, we invite you to have lunch, here at Grace Lutheran. You can get to know the staff, ask questions, and enjoy a delicious lunch. Please call the office for more information and to let us know if you are interested in attending the lunch.

INTERPRETING THE TORAH – SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2:00 PM—MT. SINAI

Rabbi Danson & Dr. Sarras will be leading this discussion. Carpool from Grace at 1:00pm. Discussion is at 2:00 pm at Mt. Sinai Congregation in Wausau, 910 West Randolph Street. Presentation is on how Jews and Christians have been interpreting the Torah (first five books in the Old Testament) over many centuries. This is an interfaith dialog to strengthen relations between Christians and Jews in north central Wisconsin. Both speakers are amazingly eloquent, well-studied, and deeply involved in the Torah. Dan Danson has been Rabbi at Mt. Sinai for thirty years. Dr. Niveen is the pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wausau but she is Palestinian having grown up in Bethlehem with her doctorate in Hebrew.

JOIN US AT GREATER GALILEE ON MAY 6-7! Did you know that Sunday morning church services are the most segregated time in our nation? Join us on May 6-7 for a visit with our sister church, Greater Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee as we meet with one another, do a service project together and discuss ways we can build relationships, examine race and stereotypes and unite under our faith in God. There will be separate times for adults and youth to connect with one another, share experiences and discuss ways we can deepen the relationship between our two churches as followers of Christ.

Milwaukee is the most segregated city in the United States. Our plan is to leave on May 6 at 7am and do a series of activities, community service projects and discussions with Greater Galilee during the day. One of these projects will include bringing items needed for The Guesthouse, a men’s shelter, and together building kits for the residents before we deliver them. We will attend Sunday School and Church services on Sunday before returning to Tomahawk. We do have a hotel block reserved for \$94 per night and also a church where people can stay free of charge. Some financial assistance may be available to help.

Please reserve your spot for this trip by April 25 by calling the church office or emailing Christine Brown at christine.brown@npkua.org.

BEN'S BLOOMERS & CERNY'S GIFT CARDS will be available this weekend from the 2017 Wilderness Group. Spring is here! It's time to start thinking "GARDEN."

THE GREAT LASAGNA & DESSERT COOK OFF – MAY 12

The Wilderness trip group will be sponsoring the Great Lasagna & Dessert Cook Off on May 12. **Dig out your favorite recipes and join in the fun.** Sign up will start on April 17th watch for more information to come.

THE SHACK BOOKS—Copies of the book are available in the Gathering Space. Read and return, or keep and give away. \$9.00 per book to help with the cost (put money in the envelope and include in offering or slide under office door).

GRACE VISIT TO GREATER GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday-Sunday - May 6-7 - Milwaukee

Please contact the Church Office to register your interest. Saturday will be activities with Greater Galilee to both experience and also hear their story of faith and life in the central city area of Milwaukee and as an African-American. Sunday we attend Sunday School and Worship at Greater Galilee. This visit is a profound experience as we walk together and build relationships across denominations, ethnic groups, and geographic locations. Greater Galilee is a member of the National Baptist Convention and American Baptist Churches USA.

HYMNALS—Inspired by this year's emphasis on worship and praising God, the Worship Committee is pursuing use of the cranberry Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Hymnal to bring new opportunities to enhance our worship. **You can sponsor a hymnal for \$22.50.** If you wish your gift to be in memory or honor of someone, please indicate that on your envelope. This information will be shown on a book tag on the hymnal's inside cover.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR APRIL—The special offering for April is the Grace Endowment Fund which was established in 1998. The purpose is to serve as a means for donors who wish, through their charitable and tax deductible gift, to advance the mission of the church by providing funding for special missions, scholarships, and outreach ministries of Grace Lutheran Church. All distributions are from income only, never touching the principal. Gifts to the endowment fund can be in the form of: bequests in wills, life insurance, trusts, certificates of deposit, cash, stocks, bonds and real estate. All gifts are tax deductible. Committee members are: Joan Hilgendorf, John Krueger, Jack Lauder, Lori Pietschmann and Chris Raasch. Council liaison is Ken Kincaid. Advisors are Pam Kopp and Art Osero.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

	Mar. 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
MARCH	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$25,385	\$31,357	(\$5,972)	\$33,801	(\$8,416)
Building Fund	\$4,717	\$5,076	(\$359)	\$5,076	(\$359)
Total	\$30,102	\$36,433	(\$6,331)	\$38,877	(\$8,775)
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Needed for Budget	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$79,595	\$94,072	(\$14,477)	\$86,355	(\$6,760)
Building Fund	\$15,031	\$15,227	(\$196)	\$15,227	(\$196)
Total	\$94,626	\$109,299	(\$14,673)	\$101,582	(\$6,956)

Weekly

Financial News:

General Fund: \$5,915.50 Lent: \$366.00 Noisy Collection: \$49.18
Sunday Attendance: 236 Wednesday Attendance: 110

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—Through faith, we accept God's goals for our lives. We become obedient to His will. God's love compels us by faith to lay aside sinful habits and to live lives of service to God, looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2). Our works are not under compulsion of the Law, but of the Gospel—an obedience of faith worked by the Holy Spirit. So God says: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). Being in church, attending Bible classes, and reading God's Word motivates us to active obedience by doing God's work.

MAY 4, 2017 CONCERT - FEATURING MR. ALI PARIS
TOMAHAWK SCHOOL AUDITORIUM - THURSDAY MAY 4, 2017 - 7:00- 8:30PM

We are pleased to have Mr. Ali Paris perform for National Day of Prayer Concert and that he has urged that all donations go to Augusta Victoria Hospital and their amazing work with children in Palestine. Ali has been described by Quincy Jones as an "Unrivaled unique artist." We are thankful to our sponsors for supporting Ali's appearance today so that ALL your donations will go directly to help children at Augusta Victoria Hospital.