

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

April 16 & 17, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Joyce Osness who died Wednesday, April 13. Joyce was the mother of Wendy (Butch) Black, and grandmother of Shawn (Jennifer) Black, great grandmother of Collin and Kamryn Black. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life. Joyce's funeral was Saturday.

FLOWERS TODAY are in memory of Mardelle Ingman from her children: Karen, Mary, Einar, Judy, Tom, Jerry, Jim and families.

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.

THANK YOU! Once again the Church Ladies Diner was a huge success. Over \$4,500 was raised to be divided among the Building Fund/Debt, Education & More in Guatemala, and the Lekubu Creche. We could not have done it without YOU! The tremendous support of those who worked, baked, and prayed were appreciated more than you know. The Diner was a total team effort. *Margie, Sherry, and Al*

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 wkblack@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP DURING PASTOR MARK'S SABBATICAL

Pastor Cannady will preside at Saturday 5:00 worship, Pastor Ben Harring is presiding on Sundays, April 17 and 24, and Pastor Nancy Richmond presides on May 1 and 8. Wendy Black, Lay School graduates, and Council members are preaching. Sabbaticals deepen a congregation's involvement and ownership of ministry. Thus the value of having people of Grace preach and attend to each other more attentively during this time. Holy Communion connects us to the church universal in all time and all places. Thus the requirement to have an ordained pastor preside.

WELCOME PASTOR BEN HARRING

Pastor Harring 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.

COMPANION BREAKFAST – THIS SUNDAY - APRIL 17

Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast on this Sunday, 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!

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.

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.

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.

NEWS FROM THE SAILING PASTOR CHECK

Greetings: I am 700 miles east of Dubai in the Arabian Sea sailing yet one more full day to Dubai. At Dubai, Michael (my son) and I will disembark and spend a couple of days before board an Emirates flight due north to check on the ice and Santa Claus at the north pole. We did this once before. As we approached the magnetic north pole with compass in hand in about eight minutes total our compass made a 180 degree turn and we headed into and across the Northwest Territories on our way to Washington and Oregon and finally San Francisco. We hope to do this a second time. I shall say hi to Santa for everyone. This trip has been out of this world. Michael and I have four neat table mates from Australia. We met a family from South Africa and talked about our exchange - kind of a small world, isn't it? If all goes well and the pirates don't bite we shall be looking at the US border from the air in less than 7 days. See you soon! *Pastor Check and son Michael*

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	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

Weekly Financial News General Fund: \$4,380.00 Noisy Collection: \$35.58 Attendance: 236
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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

For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER— By virtue of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are all stewards. God has given each of us 168 hours a week, certain talents and abilities, and material resources. How we use them is our stewardship. The more we understand the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ (Ephesians 3:16-19), the more we will desire to be faithful stewards. The greater our understanding of how God wants us to use our time, talents, and treasures, the better stewards we become in God's Church.