

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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APRIL 29 & 30, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

Ministry Fair Weekend!

Please join us.

This is a perfect opportunity to find out how our ministries work and to ask questions. Many of our ministries offer short term or one-time opportunities. Our ministry leaders at the Fair will be available to talk with you, answer questions and concerns, and give you an overview of their ministry. Speaking with someone does not equal commitment until it is your choice.

WELCOME TO GOD'S FAMILY!

- **Joseph Arthur Schrammel**, is the son of Stephen & Karolyn (Krueger) Schrammel. Joseph's sponsors are Garrett & Elizabeth Beilke and Chad & Karen Gauerke. He is being baptized at the 5:00 pm service this weekend.
- **Rayna Joan Swan**, is the daughter of Justin & Denis Swan. Rayna's sponsors are Deane Bannenberg and Rebecca Bannenberg. She will be baptized at the 10:45 am service this weekend.

CONFIRMATION NEWS & INVITATION

Wednesday, May 10 is our last day of Confirmation for this school year. **We would like to invite the congregation to join us for popcorn and the Luther movie!** This is a 2-hour-long movie and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS

Summer Outdoor Worship begins on May 28th! If you are interested in helping with the coordination of Outdoor Worship, attend our planning meeting on Thursday, May 4th, at 6:00 pm at church.

We will also begin scheduling outdoor worship volunteers. Your help as Usher, Assisting Minister, Reader, Offering Delivery, Singer (individual, small group, large group), and Musician (guitar, piano, or any other instrument that can be used to lead music) is greatly appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, sign-up on the poster in the gathering space after the planning meeting, or contact the church office (715) 453-4066 or Lisa Elliott (715) 551-7444. Thank you!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – JOIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: 10am Opening at City Hall Prayer Walk through Tomahawk from 11-4: 11:00 from City Hall; noon from 1st Congregational Church and Northwood's Vineyard; 1:00 pm from St. Barnabas; 2:00 pm from Prince of Peace; 3:00 pm from Grace 6pm Community Prayer at High School Cafeteria.

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.

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 & DINNER— MAY 12

See the insert in this bulletin for more information on entering the cook off.

If you would like to purchase tickets to dinner (after the judging – *see if the judges got it right* :) they will be available before and after services or in the church office. Cost \$5 per person, children under four are free.

WE NEED YOU!

The Handbell Choir needs ringers for practices on May 3, 10, and 17 at 6:00 PM. We will play for services on May 21. This is a short-term commitment. Give us a try! Call Carol at (715) 453-1954.

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).

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
<u>MARCH</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$25,385	\$31,357	(\$5,972)	\$33,801	(\$8,416)
Building Fund	<u>\$4,717</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$359)</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$359)</u>
Total	\$30,102	\$36,433	(\$6,331)	\$38,877	(\$8,775)

	YTD	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
				<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$79,595	\$94,072	(\$14,477)	\$86,355	(\$6,760)
Building Fund	<u>\$15,031</u>	<u>\$15,227</u>	<u>(\$196)</u>	<u>\$15,227</u>	<u>(\$196)</u>
Total	\$94,626	\$109,299	(\$14,673)	\$101,582	(\$6,956)

Weekly

Financial News:

General Fund: \$3,789.00 Noisy Collection: \$39.20
Sunday Attendance: 212

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— Money is sometimes like drugs. It can be useful, or it may be harmful to us. It has a dual nature because it is going to depend on what we do with money and also what money does to us. There are many positive uses for money such as helping our families, feeding and clothing those in need, supporting the work of the church, and extending God's kingdom. However, we can love money, hoard it, misuse its power, and spend it foolishly on selfish indulgences. Money can become so overly important that it becomes an idol. Jesus tells us that we "cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24). The Apostle John tells us, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15). With God's help, we will be able to keep money in its proper perspective.

TAIV FUNDRAISER – MAY 13 – 5:00PM - INSHALLA

Tomahawk Area Interfaith Volunteers (TAIV) annual fundraiser will take place at Inshalla, May 13th starting at 5 pm. Tickets are \$40 and includes dinner, entertainment (historical trivia), silent and dessert auctions. Tickets can be purchased at Nelsons, Great Lakes, Tomahawk Furniture, Tomahawk Leader, or contact Therese Hesse or Jeannie Gudgeon. Thank you. TAIV is successful because of YOU!

Deadline to buy tickets is May 8th.

GRIEF SUPPORT will resuming Saturday May 6 10:00am in the lounge at Grace.

INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FORMATION

Click on Pastor Mark's Sabbatical on the Grace website, www.gracelutehrantomahawk.org to see the completed work for Course 2 in the six-part work on "Faith Formation in the 21st Century". Thank you to all who assisted and participated in the "Survey of Grace's Intergenerational Culture", the live-presentations, and reviewing the "Three-Year Intergenerational Plan", which you can do on the website. Course 3 from May-August will be on "Family Faith Formation".

ON THE WINDS OF THE SPIRIT: REIMAGINING CHURCH

Bishop Mansholt has called all Pastors and Deacons in our synod to a retreat May 1-2: *Amidst this time of profound cultural change and challenge for the church, the Spirit is stirring new life among God's people and inviting them into a journey toward a hopeful future. We need to have in depth conversation among pastors and deacons about the implications for ministry as local congregation and synod today. We will explore what it means to lead God's people in grass roots practices of deep listening, discernment, and experimentation, through which we discover new ways to be the body of Christ faithfully in our day. This will be a hands-on retreat full of collaborative practices that leaders can take home with them. Facilitators are Allan Roxburg a pastor, teacher, writer and consultant who has worked with congregations and judicatories across the ecumenical spectrum, and Dwight Zscheile, Associate Professor of Congregational Mission and Leadership at Luther Seminary. This day and a half event will lay the groundwork for the journey forward for our synod.*