

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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AUGUST 13 & 14, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:00 am Outdoor Service at Schaefer's Wharf

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out the family of Monica Randall who died August 7. Monica was the daughter of Gary & Marilee (Peach) Randall. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM Sandra K. Redmond! Sandra was baptized on August 8, 2016. She rejoices at the peace she feels and has been given to her in God's covenant bestowed on her in baptism. Sandy can attest to how significant it is to be baptized after she discovered that she had not been baptized as an infant.

THANK YOU to everyone who took part in a successful VBS!!! Watch for a full report!!

TREASURER POSITION—Grace Lutheran Church is looking for someone to fill the church treasurer position. This is a job that consists of bookkeeping and accounting responsibilities and is a paid position with approximately ten hours per week. If you are interested or would like someone to contact you with more details, please call the church office, (715) 453-4066.

PARISH NURSING – BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC—AUGUST 21

You are invited to a Blood Pressure Screening after worship on Sunday, August 21. It is free of charge. This is the first activity of Grace's new Parish Nurse or "Faith Community Nursing" ministry. It is a voluntary ministry providing free health care as allowed by state regulations. As Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, cleansed the lepers, and cared for all in need so this is a ministry rapidly catching on in churches across the United States by which churches address the health needs of people in Jesus' name. To participate, learn or discuss more, call Pat Jeske at (715) 804-0878 or the church office.

HANDBELL CHOIR NEWS

Don't forget to check out the Grace Handbell Choir on Wednesday, August 31, at 6 PM. We are looking for more ringers and would love to answer any questions that you have. You can try ringing the bells to see if this ministry is for YOU! We practice on most Wednesdays at 6:00. If you are interested, please call Carol at (715) 453-1954, or email csparr2250@aol.com.

YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED! Last week we sent invitations to families with young children inviting them to join our **Nursery Ministry Team** by serving in the Nursery three time per year. YOU and YOUR FAMILY are invited also. See the invitations on the table under the Youth Bulletin board.

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.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS IN FULL SWING—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 appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, contact the church office (715)-453-4066 or Lisa Elliott(715) 551-7444. **You may also sign-up on the poster in the gathering space.**

PRUNING ON WEDNESDAYS – Can you help prune our bushes? Please call Jane Brokaw if you can help, (715) 612-3621

MEAL TRAIN—Grace Lutheran has a ministry that provides meals for those in need. Perhaps you or a loved one have been sick, recovering surgery, or have a loved one in hospice. This ministry is available by calling the church office, (715) 453-4066. It takes very little time to set up a meal train, but we do need to talk directly to the person/family receiving meals. Meal Train is very rewarding ministry for those giving and receiving meals.

AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING: LEKUBU CRECHE

"Creche" is another word for Lekubu's Early Learning Centre which serves children from six months up to four years of age. This month's special offering goes toward underwriting part of each child's tuition and improvements on the facilities. Since 2014 when Grace joined Lekubu in assisting with this ministry the number of children attending has grown from forty to one hundred and four.

All money contributed for the special offering in August will go toward the general costs and needs of the Creche. Or, you may choose to sponsor a child at \$125 for the entire year (you may make a onetime payment or divide it up, e.g., \$10 each month – always indicate it is for "Child Sponsorship"). Or, you may designate it for a specific project at the Creche, e.g. "ceiling replacement." Mosa will choose the youngest children to match with those who choose to sponsor a child so that you may follow that child for several years if you choose. She will also update us on specific projects and send us pictures of the progress.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— As God’s people, how important is money to us? The high esteem in which our society holds money is in contrast to Jesus’ view of money and things. Money was important in Jesus’ time, but Jesus called a wealthy farmer a “Rich Fool” because he hoarded it for himself. He didn’t see his wealth or his ability to gain riches as God’s gift. Jesus said, *“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15). The Rich Fool died suddenly, leaving behind all he’d labored over and worshipped. Jesus concluded the Parable of the Rich Fool by saying, *“Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God”* (Luke 12:20-21).

Have you checked your giving lately? If you do, you will notice that giving is falling behind the monies needed to keep our budget balanced. *Is your pledge up to date?*

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	July 2016 Receipts	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	30,858.21	27,388.56	(3,469.65)
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,143.00	(834.89)
Total	36,836.10	32,531.56	(4,304.54)
Year – To - Date	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	216,007.44	191,862.85	(24,144.59)
Building Fund	41,845.23	35,299.41	(6,545.82)
Total	257,852.67	227,162.26	(30,690.41)
July Special Offering – Salvation Army Backpack: \$1,347.00			

<p>Weekly Financial News General Fund: \$8,178.75 Noisy Collection: \$57.43 Attendance: 268</p>

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