

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

AUGUST 19 & 20, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

Sat. - 5:00 pm **Sun.** - 8:30 am - 10:00 am @ Schaefer's Wharf

WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM Tobias, Eli, and Zachary Scott, Luke & Elizabeth Maule!
Tobias, Eli, and Zachary are the children of Gregory & Marissa Scott. Gregory & Marissa are also their son's sponsors. Luke and Elizabeth are the children of Jeremiah and Emily Maule. Luke's sponsors are Brooke & Robert Schoen. Elizabeth's sponsors are Chelsea Arnott & Ryan Picl.

FLOWERS TODAY are from Pastor Mark & Claudia Ziemer in thanksgiving for their 40th wedding anniversary on August 14th and for Amanda and Jake's wedding on July 29th.

PASTOR MARK & CLAUDIA 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - AT GRACE LUTHERAN THIS SUNDAY – AUGUST 20

Pastor Mark & Claudia feel very blessed by the people of Grace and Tomahawk. It is their great pleasure to invite you to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary with them on **this Sunday, August 20 from 1:00-5:00 in the Fellowship Room at Grace**. This is a social event. Please no presents! Since the people of Grace and Tomahawk are also dear to Amanda and her wedding was four+ hours away, she and Jake will also greet you. Mark Ziemer & Claudia Fischer were married on August 14, 1977 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Jackson, WI. Amanda & Jake Wedeberg were married on July 29th at Mt. Sterling Lutheran, Mt. Sterling, WI.

SECRETARY SUPPORT POSITION

Grace Lutheran is seeking a part-time person, approximately 10 - 12 hours per week, to work in the church office on Tuesdays, and Fridays. (*Current Support Secretary Sarah Mann has accepted a full-time position at the Tomahawk Elementary School.*) You can find an applications and job description on our website: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org or you can pick one up in the Gathering Area.

Deadline to apply is August 25th.

2018 SYNOD TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA - INFORMATION MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 6:00pm at GRACE

If you have any curiosity or interest on possibly joining this trip come and learn more. **We'll meet in the Fellowship Room at Grace**. Proposed dates are July 5-17, 2018, and Bishop Jerry & Anita Mansholt are planning to lead this trip to our Synod's companion, the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. There will be an option for a safari at the end.

OFFERING FOR LEKUBU'S EARLY LEARNING CENTRE & CHILDREN AT THE CRECHE

Thank you for all who contributed to the July Special Offering for Lekubu's Early Learning Centre (Creche) and to all who are sponsoring a child at the Creche. All money, \$2,149 will be sent this week through our ELCA to the Western Diocese (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa) which will be distributed to the Creche lower the tuition, improve nutrition, upgrade the facilities, and increase supplies.

CITY PARKING LOT UPGRADE

We have a great opportunity to show our appreciation for the use of the City Parking Lot! Where would we park if we did not have access to the City Parking Lot? We are indeed blessed to have access to this city-owned and maintained parking area.

The City has a plan to repair, seal, and paint parking lines in the lot in addition to adding lights and electrical power points. Since it is costly, the current plan is to do the work in phases over ~3 years. Grace can help this project move forward more quickly by offering our assistance. What a great way to show community support and appreciation. We want to give them an estimate of our support by their budget time in *mid-September*.

Please consider a contribution toward the upgrade of the City Parking Lot. You can indicate "Parking Lot" on your envelope. There are also special offering envelopes in the pews you can use if you wish. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Sherry Clements at (715) 453-5615.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT - Let's get a group together from Grace to attend! "Sisters ReNEW Together" is the theme for East Central Synod of Wisconsin's annual fall retreat. All women are invited to a time for worship, reflection, fellowship, and fun based on 2 Corinthians 5:17. Pastor Don Behrendt of Peace Lutheran Church in Green Bay will present "The Personal Side of Martin Luther." The retreat will be September 22-23 at Imago Dei Village Bible Camp in Clintonville, WI. The cost for the retreat is \$75 and includes meals, lodging, and all programming. Deadline to register is September 15. If you are interested or have questions, please contact coordinator Marie Stark (262) 490-6289, or the church office (715) 453-4066. Registration forms are in the Gathering Area.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME—Daily devotions for the July-September quarter is now available. Pick up in the Gathering Space or from an usher at Outdoor Worship. ALL are welcome to receive and use these.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS

Summer Outdoor Worship is underway! 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, or contact the church office (715) 453-4066 or Lisa Elliott (715) 551-7444. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP—To be Christian implies that we act as Christians. Being a Christian is not a part-time position. Scripture is clear that God expects and deserves our best. “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:58). God wants us to be productive people in His kingdom. Jesus tells us to abide in Him so we can “bear much fruit and so prove to be [His] disciples” (John 15:8). When we commit our lives and resources to His service, we will hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matthew 25:23).

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST – SALVATION ARMY BACKPACK PROGRAM

Last year over fifty backpacks were distributed each week. It is anticipated the need will be just as great this year. There are many dedicated volunteers that put these backpacks together each month. Their generous hearts are committed to the children and their families who need the food. During the month of August, any food donated for the Backpack program may be placed in the Food Pantry box in the Gathering Area. Food item donations can be: canned goods like meat, fruit, and spahgettios, cereal, Hamburger Helper, peanut butter, and jelly.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

	July 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>JULY</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$28,953	\$31,357	(\$2,404)	\$31,341	(\$2,388)
Building Fund	\$4,713	\$5,076	(\$363)	\$5,076	(\$363)
Total	\$33,666	\$36,433	(\$2,767)	\$36,417	(\$2,751)
	YTD	YTD	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>		<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$195,205	\$219,501	(\$24,296)	\$192,638	\$2,567
Building Fund	\$34,466	\$35,531	(\$1,065)	\$35,531	(\$1,065)
Total	\$229,671	\$255,032	(\$25,361)	\$228,169	\$1,502

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$6,410.10
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$56.74
<u>Attendance</u> 281

August 19 & 20	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Serena Reinke	Child of God	
Greeters	Dar Clements Peggy Price	Lynn Brown Fran Anderson	
Readers	George Derleth	Cathy Schmit	Dan Schuller
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	John Krueger Bill Erickson, Jack Lauder, Steve Kahle	
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Gail Wilson	Paul Kurth	
Communion Assistants	Child of God	Megan Marcks Whitney Osero	
Projection	Kirk Kind	Lane Beaumier	
Altar Guild Janet Hagen Darlene Henning	Counters Duane/Irene Strauss Chris Raasch	Video Delivery Nancy Bronsted	Projection Chris Raasch

August 26 & 27	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Child of God	Child of God	Child of God
Greeters	Dan/Kay Salewske	Kevin/Christine Brown Family	
Readers	Dar Kluball	Sandy Wick	Shirley Derleth
Ushers	Dar Kluball Dar Clements	Wick Family	
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Wendy Black	Dave Schmit	
Communion Assistants		Margie Welke Cathy Schmit	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Whitney Osero	
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CHURCH OF THE WILDERNESS - BOWLER, WI -- Friends Day – August 27, 10:00am – noon

Church of the Wilderness N9157 Moh He Con Nuck Road Bowler is a unique congregation and a great gift to our Synod. Most of its members are Mohicans, as in “last of the Mohicans.” They have worked hard to reclaim their Native American heritage, live it out as Christians, and be guided by grace-centered Lutheran theology. “Friends Day” is a great opportunity to experience their worship, hospitality, insights and traditions.

