

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

FLOWERS TODAY are from Jim and Jan Nelson in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary this Saturday! May God bless them with many more years together.

BLESSINGS TO SARAH MANN as she leaves her position at Grace Lutheran to move on to a full-time position at Tomahawk Elementary School. We will miss her tremendously and give thanks for her hard work and beautiful spirit during her time at Grace Lutheran. (BIG hugs)

THANK YOU FROM THE ZIEMER FAMILY

Pastor Mark and Claudia, along with their daughter Amanda & Jake Wedeberg, thank all who celebrated in good thoughts or attendance on the August 20th Wedding Anniversary and Wedeberg's Tomahawk wedding reception. Enjoy the garlic! Because of our delight in your love and support we gave all who came a wide choice of garlies for good taste and a long and healthy life.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped or shopped at the Grace Boutique this weekend! Special thanks to Leanne Setlak who did a tremendous job of categorizing items, cleaning jewelry, and organizing many facets of the sale. Another big thank you to Rita Meidam for her skill at helping us price items and transform our Gathering Area into the Grace Boutique. Lastly, thank you to THRIVENT for the seed money to get the Boutique rolling. Stay tuned for details.

CITY PARKING LOT UPGRADE

3 WEEKS LEFT until Phase 1 Budget Estimate to be submitted

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.

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 spaghetti, 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	<u>\$4,713</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$363)</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$363)</u>
Total	\$33,666	\$36,433	(\$2,767)	\$36,417	(\$2,751)
		<i>YTD</i>		<i>YTD</i>	<i>YTD</i>
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$195,205	\$219,501	(\$24,296)	\$192,638	\$2,567
Building Fund	<u>\$34,466</u>	<u>\$35,531</u>	<u>(\$1,065)</u>	<u>\$35,531</u>	<u>(\$1,065)</u>
Total	\$229,671	\$255,032	(\$25,361)	\$228,169	\$1,502

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$3,704.10
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$42.10
<u>Attendance</u> 359

August 26 & 27	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Child of God	Alex Norman	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	
Altar Guild Janet Hagen Darlene Henning	Counters Duane/Irene Strauss Chris Raasch	Video Delivery Torkelsons	Projection Karen Torkelson

September 2 & 3	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Child of God	Scout Stromberg	Child of God
Greeters	Bernice Mitchell Al Overhaug	Deb/Ken Kincaid Gary/Judi Calhoun	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Kathleen Wolff	Jessie Stromberg	
Ushers	Jeanette Lovsletten Dan Schuller	Jan/Larry Hagen Kirstin Marcks	Tom/Donna Stone
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Kind	Corey Colburn	
Communion Assistants		Dave/Cathy Schmit	
Projection	Jason Mielke	Zach Volz	
Altar Guild Lynn Brown Karen Suske Marie Stark	Counters Barb/Dewey Reilly Al Overhaug	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Lisa Elliott

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.