

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

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AUGUST 20 & 21, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:00 pm

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

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—THIS SUNDAY—AUGUST 21

You are invited to a Blood Pressure Screening after worship (9:30 or so) this 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.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Paul's letter to the Romans is so important to Christianity, particularly Protestant Christianity, that it is sometimes referred to as "the fifth Gospel." As the 500th anniversary of the Reformation approaches, it is appropriate that we, as Lutherans, spend some serious time studying this epistle. Join us for study, discussion, and coffee (cookies too), for one hour every **Tuesday evening beginning September 13 at 7:00 PM.** You will need a bible, a pad of paper, and a pencil. There is no charge for other materials.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS – IS GOD CALLING YOU?



Relationships of genuine care where faith is spoken are the most important need for youth. This includes mentors who connect with a group of three-five youth throughout their 8th and 9th grade years as well as assistance with service, retreats, lifelines, worship, and encouragement. If God is calling or you are curious about this ministry please speak with Jen Beaumier, Wendy Black or Pastor Mark.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL COMMUNITY PRAYER EVENT will be held on Thursday, August 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the School Auditorium. Everyone is encouraged to attend - students of all ages, teachers, staff, parents, grandparents, community members, etc. The evening will include music, sharing time from the Fellowship of Christian athletes, the Salvation Army Backpack Program, school administrative staff, school board members, and the Associated Clergy of Tomahawk (ACT). There will also be walking prayers throughout the various schools in the complex. Our Tomahawk area schools are an important part of our community and lifting up your prayers, together with others from the community, is a great way to ask God to bless our schools and all under their roofs!

HOMME HOME ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 13 – WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?

Please contact the church office if you are willing to represent Grace at this meeting. Joe Story is one representative and Grace may have one more. Homme Home of Wausau and Wittenberg is an ELCA-related care facility. It was started by Rev. Homme more than 125 years ago, and Grace is one of some thirty congregations that have been connected with Homme Home for nearly all that time.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR OLD BAGS! See the insert in this bulletin to find out about more about "Old Bags." Also, see the video on our Facebook page!!!

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! Recently 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.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP STILL NEEDS 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 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.**

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.

CENTRAL LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

- **Do you wish for a greater understanding of what it means to be Lutheran?**
- **Are you continuing to look for the meaning and God's purpose in your life?**

In our ever-changing society, there is a growing need for empowered and equipped laity. The Central Lay School of Ministry offers just that! We are blessed to offer theological education specially formatted for the busy person right at St. Andrew's Church in Rib Mountain. Classes are taught by seminary professors and ordained clergy with special areas of expertise. You can register for the two-year program (four classes at a time, meeting on weekend per month through the school year) or choose one or more class(s) that interest you. If you are interested in this or have questions, please talk with Pastor Ziemer, Mary Newmann (715) 573-9516, Jeanette Carlson (715) 848-2108, or go to: www.wausaulayschool.org.

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.

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. Call the church office, (715) 453-4066 to set-up a meal train. 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 a very rewarding ministry for those giving and receiving meals.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— God's grace is poured out on us daily and abundantly. Daily we rejoice in our baptisms through which God's grace makes us His children. Sunday after Sunday we celebrate the Easter message of God's grace made available to us through the suffering and victory of His Son. His grace is given to our physical as well as our spiritual beings as He provides "our daily bread," including "everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body" (Martin Luther). How is it possible that we could receive this grace in vain? When we ignore the Giver of this grace, when we use His gifts for our own good rather than in service to others, and when we attribute our gifts, our abilities, our successes to ourselves, then we receive God's grace in vain.

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) |
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| 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 | | | |

Weekly Financial News
 General Fund: \$3,740.00
 Noisy Collection: \$37.03
 Attendance: 252

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

GRIEF SUPPORT will be on a break until September 17th at 10:00 am. Please feel free to call Mona Cannady if you need assistance, (715) 453-5017.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 21 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship HC 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Clinic 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship/Schaefer's HC | 22 9:00 AM Quilters | 23 9:00 AM LWR Quilters 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg. | 24 9:00 AM 4 Rivers Quilters 9:00 AM Staff Meeting | 25 10:30 AM Alice Henke Comm. 1:00 PM Senior Milestone Comm. 2:30 PM Country Terrace Comm. 6:00 PM Community Prayer Event | 26 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Cafe on Main | 27 9:00 AM AA/Alanon 5:00 PM Worship HC |
| 28 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship HC 10:00 AM Outdoor Worship/Schaefer's Cherney & Niede Baptisms | 29 9:00 AM Quilters | 30 9:00 AM LWR Quilters | 31 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Handbell Practice | 1 First Day of School | 2 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast @ Cafe on Main | 3 9:00 AM AA/Alanon 5:00 PM Worship/HC |

