

HYMNALS—Inspired by this year’s emphasis on worship and praising God, the Worship Committee wishes to pursue 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.

Weekly Financial News:

General Fund: \$13,508.00 Noisy Collection: \$51.38 Attendance: 218

OUR FINANCIAL
PICTURE 2016

<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>Dec. 2016 Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for Adjusted Budget**</u>	<u>RECEIPTS vs BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL SPENDING</u>	<u>RECEIPTS vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$38,877	\$30,858	\$8,018	\$39,557	(\$681)
Building Fund	<u>\$4,355</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$721)</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>(\$721)</u>
Total	\$43,232	\$35,934	\$7,298	\$44,633	(\$1,402)

<u>YEAR-TO- DATE</u>	<u>YTD Receipts</u>	<u>YTD Needed for Adjusted Budget**</u>	<u>Adjusted DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL SPENDING</u>	<u>YTD RECEIPTS vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$342,119	\$370,298	(\$28,179)	\$334,087	\$8,032
Building Fund	<u>\$65,957</u>	<u>\$63,616</u>	<u>\$2,342</u>	<u>\$63,616</u>	<u>\$2,341</u>
Total	\$408,077	\$433,914	(\$25,838)	\$397,703	\$10,373

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

**Adjusted Budget” includes reduction in mortgage payment on 4/1/16 (Monthly mortgage payment reduced from \$5,977.89/mo to \$5,075.80/mo resulting in annual reduction of \$902.09/mo X 9 months + \$8,118.81.

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

Saturday – 5:00 pm **Sunday** - 8:30 am & 10:45 am

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY go out to the special friends of Mary C. Batt who died February 8. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS!!!

Deb Narloch would like to thank everyone for their prayers. They work!

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all who supported our Wilderness Trip Companion Breakfast! It was great to see so many of you there, and you were very generous! A special thank you goes out to Thrivent for getting us started with seed money. Thank you again for supporting our youth!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Church Council meeting on Thursday evening, Mark Gaedtker elected council president, Mary Wessel council vice-president, and Sandy Wick council secretary. New council members elected at the annual meeting are: Keri Kelley, Brandan Hafeman, and Don Narloch. Bill Zorr was elected to serve another three-year term. Thank you to Brian Schmidt (outgoing council president) and Marilyn Smith for all your hard work on church council.

D3 DAY IS HERE!

We have received a tremendous outpouring of donations for this weekend's Driving Down the Debt (D3) Dinner/Auction. Please check out these wonderful auction/drawing items on display in the Fellowship Hall. Drawing tickets are available in the Gathering Space. Several dinner tickets are still available at the D3 table, so it is not too late to come and join in the fun, food, and fellowship!

We hope to see you there at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday!



VALENTINE SHOPPING could be a breeze at our Debt Reduction Dinner next weekend; Sunday, February 12 @ 4:00 pm! If you have not purchased your ticket yet, you will want to do that asap.

2017 FIRST COMMUNION preparation begins this Sunday, February 5! **Any baptized child** showing desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion is welcome to come to First Communion preparation! Please speak with Pastor Mark or Patti Gaedtke, Director of Children's Ministries, if you have questions about your child's readiness for Holy Communion.

Two Options for First Communion: A) Three sessions on Sunday mornings, from 9:40-10:40 in the youth room on **February 5, 12, and 19**, or B) onetime retreat format on **Wednesday, February 15**, from 4:00-7:30. It is important for parents to also attend. We appreciate your announcing your plans to the Church Office, so that we can be prepared for your attendance. **Planned time to receive First Communion is Transfiguration Sunday, February 26 at 8:30.**

MARRIAGE MILESTONE will be celebrated on Sunday, February 19, Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall between services. All are welcome.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet at Carolyn Halverson's on February 23 at 9:30 am.

Consider attending the next Via de Cristo weekend, March 16-19, 2017. Learn to see the sparrow. Over 35 people from Grace (and others from Tomahawk) have attended this event, and come back with a new vision of how they can make a difference in their environments. The cost of the weekend (all meals and lodging included) is \$75, and a sponsor will drive you to and from Forest Springs Camp near Westboro. The weekend starts Thursday evening after supper and ends Sunday afternoon. Please take a brochure from the special display in the gathering space and fill out an application. (Give it to Debbie with your payment or put in VDC mailbox **by March 1.**) Married couples are encouraged to attend together if possible. Scholarships are available—see Pastor Mark. If you have questions, contact Nancy Kind at (715) 612-6034 or check out the website: www.northernlightvdc.com

LENTEN SOUP MEALS

HOW can you help? . . . Please check the SOUP MEAL charts in the Gathering Area and see if you can fill in a blank square.

- Help in the kitchen?
- Make soup?
- Donate an item?

Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Please sign up at the table in the Gathering Area and please **include your telephone number**. A special need is to have Coordinators for the evening meal – **please don't wait** – sign up today. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a delicious meal.

Thank you from the Fellowship Committee



SAVE THE DATE – GRACE CAMP WEEK – JULY 9-14!!! More details about registration coming soon.

REV. CLAY SCHMIT will be installed at 9:00am on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 1410 Rogers St., Stevens Point. Along with the good people of Trinity Lutheran Church our Bishop Gerald Mansholt and our East Central Synod of Wisconsin welcomes and prays for Clay and Carol as they transition here to start his ministry at Trinity. You may send your greetings to Clay at clayschmit@gmail.com, and you can see Trinity's worship and Clay's preaching at www.trinitysp.com

SPEICAL OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY – ELCA WORLD HUNGER

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality. Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

God instructed the Israelites to give the first portion of their grain harvest to the Lord. *“Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce”* (Proverbs 3:9). Most of us are not farmers so we honor God by giving the first portions of the income we earn through work. In the King James translation of this verse perhaps more clearly states that we are to give from what we already have (from our reserves) and also from our increase. *“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.”*