

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: \$6,235.10 Noisy Collection: \$36.62 Attendance: 203

OUR FINANCIAL
PICTURE 2017

	Jan. 2017	<i>Needed for</i>	<i>RECEIPTS</i>	ACTUAL	<i>RECEIPTS</i>
<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Adjusted Budget**</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
General Fund	\$26,697	\$31,357	(\$4,660)	\$27,026	(\$554)
Building Fund	<u>\$5,630</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>\$554</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>\$329</u>
Total	\$32,327	\$36,433	\$4,106	\$32,102	\$225

	YTD	<i>YTD</i>	<i>Adjusted</i>	YTD	YTD
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thomas Carlyle wrote, “Adversity is sometimes hard upon man, but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity.” Of the two extremes, wealth or poverty, we seem to be much more capable of handling the scarcity of money rather than the abundance of it. God’s Word suggests that the possession of riches is often a spiritual liability. Jesus said, “*Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God*” (Mark 10:25). Money can become a curse if we treat it as a substitute for God. When God has our hearts, He has us and our money.

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

WELCOME PASTOR NANCY RICHMOND!

Pastor Richmond is preaching this weekend while Pastor Ziemer is away.

THANK YOU

Dennis & Pat Jeske would like to say thank you for prayers for their children. Nick's back is healing, Doug's heart is mending, and Rhea's thyroid is cancer free. God bless you all!

A BIG THANK YOU to Jean Huntoon for the donation of a bookshelf and **MANY** books that Dick Huntoon collected over the years. We have placed this shelf in the lounge closest to the windows. Please feel free to take a peak or borrow a book or two. Dick would be very happy to know others are getting as much enjoyment out of them as he did!

D3 THANKS!

Exponential thanks to everyone who helped to make the D3 (Driving Down the Debt) Dinner/Auction so very successful. Thanks to the extravagant generosity of so many, we raised over \$7,900 to apply to our building loan principle. What a dynamic expression of some of the amazing blessings God has bestowed upon us here at Grace!

CONGRATS TO ALL the sweethearts of Grace Lutheran!

This weekend we will celebrate all couples celebrating anniversaries in 2017. See the insert in this bulletin to see those couples celebrating milestone anniversaries.

MARRIAGE MILESTONE TODAY (SUNDAY) All are welcome! Come to Fellowship Hall between services for refreshments and celebration.

SWEETHEART TRIVIA Do you know who the longest married couple at Grace Lutheran is? Come to the Marriage Milestone between services this Sunday and find out!

SAVE THE DATE – GRACE CAMP WEEK – JULY 9-14!!!

The process to register your child for camp has CHANGED. Look for the green information sheets in the Gathering Area (under the Youth bulletin board.) Questions, please contact Patti Gaedtke at (715) 612-2000 or Patti@gracetomahawk.org.

VIA de CRISTO

Sign up now to attend the **March 16-20 Via de Cristo weekend** at Forest Springs Camp near Woodboro. This Christian growth experience is open to all baptized adults who wish to experience the love of Christ in many unique ways and learn how to show that love to others in their daily lives. Married couples are encouraged to attend together, although men's and women's activities will be held separately. Brochures and applications can be found on the special display in the gathering space. **Applications are due by March 1, and space is limited-** give your completed application and fee to Debbie in the office. Scholarships are available if the \$75 weekend fee is a hardship for you. Contact Nancy Kind at 715-612-6034 or Pastor Mark if you have questions. This experience has been a blessing to over 35 people from Grace already- please prayerfully consider attending! You will be glad you did!

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

2017 WILDERNESS TRIP

Eight families are planning to backpack the Cloud Peak Wilderness in the Big Horn Mountains of central Wyoming the end of July. The delight of this journey will be watching eight 9th graders grow in their trust and articulation of faith in God, connection and conversation with parents, delight in God's creation, and confidence and daring to hear God's call and take on challenges.

Thank you for supporting them through the Companion Breakfasts, Easter Breakfast, and the Spring Gift Card sales that will soon be coming.

ATTENTION Thrivent Account Holders!

If you own a Thrivent account/product you are most likely entitled to Thrivent Choice Dollars. This means you can designate your Choice Dollars to Grace Lutheran or any other registered organization. You may do this online when you log into your Thrivent account or you can call 1-800-547-4836. There is a deadline of March 31st to designate your Dollars. Other registered organizations are: Our Sisters' House, Lincoln Humane Society, and more. Just ask the operator to read them to you. **If you choose Grace Lutheran as the recipient of your Dollars** and you would like your Dollars to go to a specific ministry, you must call the church office:

- 1)** the amount of your Dollars
- 2)** the ministry you would like your Dollars to go to.

When we receive the Dollars from Thrivent, it is a lump sum; it is not an itemized list.

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.