

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

February 20 & 21, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday - 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Soup Meals on Wednesday in Lent: 11:30 & 5:30 pm

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00am -3:30 pm, Fri. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Eugene (Binder) Kind who died February 17. Eugene was the husband of Dorothy, and father of Nancy Heise, Kirk (Nancy) Kind, Karen (Bob) Steigerwaldt, Kathy (Andy) Schwab, and Larry Beth) Kind. Eugene's funeral will be Monday, February 22 at 11:00 am here at Grace. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

THANK YOU Tomahawk STAR Foundation!

The STAR Foundation awarded Grace Lutheran \$500 for the maintenance at Grace House!

40 DAYS OF GIVING – ELCA WORLD HUNGER

On the 'big screen' this weekend, our middle school students from GLOW (Grace Lutheran on Wednesday) will tell us a little more about ELCA World Hunger.

Thank you for your wonderful response! Through two weeks, \$1,107.57 has been given to ELCA World Hunger. We're well on our way to our goal of \$2,000 and beyond! The Sunday School had a grand total of \$142.57 that poured in on our first day of collection! The children were so excited as they emptied their banks into the heart basket. How exciting as we Fight Hunger Together!

If you haven't yet, remember to pick up your Lenten devotional from ELCA World Hunger. May God continue to bless our efforts in this important outreach ministry.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THEMES - Claimed-Gathered-Sent

Thank you to all who come on Wednesdays at 1:00 or 7:00! Lent Wednesdays are one of my favorite worship times because of the consistent theme, thoughtful challenge and life-examining guidance that it gives.

Pastor Mark

Coming themes as we consider God's call to mission and repentance:

- Feb. 24 We are Lutheran
- March 2 We are church together
- March 9 We are church for the sake of the world
- March 16 We are global and ecumenical.

CONGREGATIONAL GAME NIGHT – SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 20 – 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Everyone is invited to Game Night! Bring a friend or two. There will be cards, dominos and more. If you have a favorite card or board game, bring it! Snacks will be provided. Come for an hour or two or three or all four. If you have questions, call or text Margie at (715) 966-5497.

SERVANTSHIP & FELLOWSHIP – Please join Grace in these two top identified priorities for 2016:

1. Congregation Service Trip – June 19-22 in Duluth.

There are 20 spots available. An alternate date is June 23rd to June 26th with 50 available spots if the June 19-22 dates are filled. **We to need to know as soon as possible** if you are interested in order to get our registrations in. The cost is \$129 per person. This could be less because funds are available for the 6th thru 12th and college students, from the memory tree a \$25 down payment is required by March 1st to save your spot. We encourage families to join us in this faith formation mission trip. Time of departure and return will be determined by the group going. For more information you can check out the youth works site at www.youthworks.com or call Margie Welke (715) 453-5797 or (715) 966-5497. **This trip features:**

- Flexible schedules and supportive staff.
- Interactive devotionals tailored to families.
- Hands-on service that kids and adults can do side by side.
- A meaningful context for families to talk about faith together

2. Congregation Fellowship Trip – July 22-31 to Christikon Bible Camp and the Absaroka/Beartooth Wilderness in southern Montana. Forty plus are signed up at Christikon Bible Camp, with 9th Graders and Parents, or with the cross+generational group in the backcountry of the Beartooth Wilderness in southern Montana. Contact Pastor Check, Sandy Wick or Lisa Elliott respectively or church office. This is an amazing experience for faith, fellowship, and reflection. Departing Friday, July 22 at 5:00 PM from Grace and Sat, July 30 ~8:00 AM from Christikon.

STONE SOUP (FOR MILK)! On **Sunday, February 28**, from noon to 3pm, a "Stone Soup" luncheon will be held here at Grace. This will be an event to raise funds for those kids at Tomahawk Elementary School who receive free or reduced lunch. Their snack time milk is not covered by the free or reduced lunch program, so oftentimes, these children go without milk at snack time. To help defray the cost of the snack time milk for these families, we will accept a freewill offering for the soup luncheon. The soups (made by Brian and CheyeAnn Michael) will be venison or vegetarian. If you can help during this event, please contact CheyeAnn at (715) 554-7365. We hope to see you there!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER- NEED

Whether engaged, newly married, having children, raising teenagers, empty nesters, middle aged, newly retired, long married couple – this may be for you: What is your personality type, what is your spouse’s, and how do they relate? Those marrying at Grace have appreciated learning and comparing their personality types using the MBTI (Myers Briggs Type Indicator). It is has been requested to make this available to all couples. Copies of the MBTI survey are available. **An explanation of personality preferences and their influence in marriages will be given between worship on February 21 and 28** (you may come just for this explanation). A Thrivent Action grant will provide a detailed print out if you take the MBTI and verify your personality type through the two session explanation.

LENTEN SOUP MEALS HAVE BEGUN— *Would you enjoy a warm bowl of soup and friendly conversation?* Then come to Grace every Wednesday through March 16 where the best chefs in town will be serving a tasty soup meal prior to the midweek church service. Please join us at **11:30 am or 5:30 pm**. All are welcome, bring a friend. Kitchen workers, please plan to stay until cleanup is completed – many hands make the work go faster so everyone can attend the church service. *The Fellowship Committee*

AMAZING TREASURES - JEWELRY / TACKLE COLLECTION/SALE

The congregational and wilderness groups have teamed up and will be doing a fun, new fundraiser this year which will help offset the cost of the bus to Montana in July. How **can you** get involved? Look through your jewelry and fishing tackle boxes. If there are pieces that you don’t use anymore, place them in zip lock bags and deposit the bags in the box labeled jewelry or tackle in the Gathering Area. **April 23-24 and April 30-May 1 weekends**, we will display everything and have one big sale at incredibly low prices. **More details to come at a later date on this**. There are sure to be some amazing treasures for everyone! Thanks for your support!

GRADUATION MILESTONE #2 – March 6, 2016 9:30 to 10:40 am

VIA de CRISTO—Sign up now to attend the **March 17-20 Via de Cristo weekend** at Camp Forest Springs 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. Couples are encouraged to attend, although men’s and women’s activities will be held separately. Brochures and applications can be found on the wall rack near the welcome center. **Applications are due by February 21, and space is limited**- put your completed application in the office or in the VDC mailbox. 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!

FEBRUARY SPECIAL OFFERING – ELCA WORLD HUNGER - See the insert in this bulletin.

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	January 2016 Receipts
General Fund	28,817.07	28,862.55
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,520.35
Total	34,794.96	34,382.90

Weekly Financial News
General Fund: \$4,232.00
Noisy Collection: \$57.05
Attendance: 232
Lent Attendance: 90
Lent Offering: \$537.00

Tomahawk Food Pantry needs:
 --Pancake Mix --Tomato soup --Beef Stew (*in a can*)
 --Cooking Oil --Sugar --Spam
 Drop off anytime in the box in the Gathering Space.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—*"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me"* (Galatians 2:20). This sentence is the key to living the life of the Christian steward. We respond to God's love shown us in Christ by using all the gifts God has given us, not in our own strength, but according to the immeasurable strength of Christ living in us. As stewards, we need not fear that we are inadequate or ill-equipped for the tasks to which God calls us.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS – 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 other any 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 office and tell us: **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.

GRACE’S GIFT CATALOG – An immediate identified need is a riding tractor for snow plowing (mower for the spring). Estimated cost is \$4,500. Donations can be given in memory/honor of someone or a special donation. We all appreciate the work our PPP men do for us. Let’s help give them the tools they need. Thank you

LUTHERLAND TOUR—The Tomorrow River Conference invites members of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin to participate in a tour of Lutherland, which they are sponsoring. The tour will be July 5-15, 2016, during the “Decade of Luther,” which leads up to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. The cost is \$3225 per person from Chicago. The reservation deadline is March 1, 2016. Brochures, with full information and a registration form, may be obtained by contacting Rev. Jon Sachs at jonsachs@charter.net or (715) 258-9788.

