

**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: \$4,937.00    Noisy Collection: \$52.11    Attendance: 210

OUR FINANCIAL  
PICTURE 2017

<u>JANUARY</u>	Jan. 2017 <u>Receipts</u>	<i>Needed for</i> <u>Budget</u>	<i>RECEIPTS</i> <u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>SPENDING</u>	<i>RECEIPTS</i> <u>vs SPENDING</u>
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Building Fund	<u>\$5,630</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>\$554</u>	<u>\$5,076</u>	<u>\$554</u>
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**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

God’s Word directs us to give in proportion to how we are blessed. The Apostle Paul wrote, *“For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have”* (2 Corinthians 8:12). We are called to give according to our ability to give. However, proportionate or percentage giving is not equal giving. It’s a much greater sacrifice for someone who earns ten thousand dollars to give a thousand dollars than it is for someone who earns a hundred thousand dollars to give ten thousand. God looks not only at what we give, but also at what we keep. The less we have left, the more we have given.

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships*

**FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2017**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

**WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM** Cavan Alexander Grabow Hohnensee, and Alya Grace & Brynнен Ellizabeth Stefan.

- **Cavan** is being baptized this weekend at the 10:45 worship. His parents are Cassady Grabow and Caleb Honensee. Caleb's sponsors are: Heather Grabow, Drew Hohensee, Gran Grabow, and Ellissa Hohensee
- **Alya & Brynнен** will be baptized at the 8:30 worship. Alya & Brynнен's parents are Rich & Karen Steffan\_\_\_\_\_ . Their sponsors are \_\_\_\_\_.

Both of these families will be joining Grace Lutheran this spring.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** go out to the family of Darrin Rousseau who died February 21. Darrin was the brother of Heather (Paul) Kurth. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

**THANK YOU NICK** for the nice greeting card you sent me. The card made my day a happy one. God bless you Nick and all the other youth at Grace. *Rose Hoff*  
Thank you to all the youth who sent cards. This is an example of how much this has meant.

## **FIRST COMMUNION**

Please pray for the children who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday or in the near future. They are: Bryn Baalke, Paige DeKeip, Halle Derleth, Austin Eastman, Samuel Kurth, Sadie Liebelt, Ayla McCormick, Robin Schmidt, Cayley Scholz, Brynнен Stefan, Scout Stromberg, and Ethan Traves.

## **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](mailto: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. 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. Give your completed application and fee to Debbie in the office. The \$75 weekend fee is a helpful but optional. 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 begin this week on Ash Wednesday.** Please bring a friend and join us for a delicious bowl of soup prior to the worship service. Soup will be served starting at 11:30 am, and 5:30 pm. All are welcome. Kitchen workers please plan to stay until cleanup is completed – many hands make the go work faster so everyone can attend the church service. Thank you. *The Fellowship Committee*

## **2017 WILDERNESS TRIP DATE, JULY 19-29**

The joy of this journey will be watching 9<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **GRACE WEEK AT WAYPOST -- JULY 9-14, 2017**

Don't wait, register as soon as possible. If you register your child/children by March 10 you will receive a discount. All families should have received information in their mail regarding registration and cost. Please read it carefully. **Registration has changed from last year.** If you did not receive information in the mail, look for the green sheet (with envelope attached) in the Gathering Area under the Youth bulletin board.