

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships*

**JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** go out to the family of Dick Huntoon who died on January 2. Dick was the husband of Jean, and father of Ann (David Hastings) Huntoon, Ben (Kathy) Huntoon, John (Diana) Huntoon. Dick's funeral will be Saturday, January 14 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 am. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

**WELCOME TO GOD'S KINGDOM Lincoln Steven Azanan!** Lincoln will be baptized at the 5:00 pm service this weekend. He is the son of Nicole Harper and Ian Azanan. Lincoln's sponsors are: Andrew Harper, Christopher Harper, Wyatt Kupper, and Brogan McNamee.



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – THIS SUNDAY – JANUARY 8 - 10:00 AM**

Christ our light, shines upon us! Come be refreshed as the Sunday School children reflect God's love to you through presenting *Lighting the Way*, this year's Christmas program. We hope to shine like stars for Jesus, so that all may be filled with his peace, joy, and love. Come and receive these gifts.

## **TUESDAY PM BIBLE STUDY POSTPONED TO JANUARY 17**

We have Dick Huntoon's notes for this class! Dick was especially excited about this study using the [Stars beneath Us: Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos](#), by Paul Wallace and Kerygma's [Job and the Life of Faith: wisdom for today's world](#). This study is an insight into the connection of science and faith that deeply resonated in Dick Huntoon. Do come! Mark Gaedtke and Gail Wilson are taking the lead in keeping this tradition going at Grace. Though not necessary to attend this study, books are available from the church office [Stars Beneath Us](#) is \$12 and [Job and the Life of Faith](#) is \$20.

**JANUARY IS YOUNG ADULT MONTH AT GRACE:** The voice and presence of our young adults, ages 18-29, are important to Grace. The church today is not connecting well with this age group. Yet young adults are spiritual and eager for meaningful connections with God. This generation of young adults is also desiring and appreciative of Intergenerational connections perhaps more than any other time. If Grace fails to grow our connections with our young adults, we will lose that age group. The following include both age-specific and intergenerational events:

- **Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)** at all worship services **January 21-22**. YAGM, for ages 21-29, is the fastest growing and one of the most effective programs in the ELCA. Applications are received from Dec. 1 – Feb 15. Joshua Armstrong is preaching on his experience in Lekubu Parish from September 2015 – August 2016. The ELCA hired him, after his experience, to travel to congregations to tell his story.
- **Special Event - Saturday, January 21, 2:00 PM at Immanuel in Wausau, 630 Adams St.** This is a first-hand opportunity to learn about the wonderful ELCA program for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) from two young men who completed their YAGM year of service in 2016. Joshua Armstrong served in the Madikwe Circuit of South Africa at Lekubu Parish and is currently hired by the ELCA to share his experience on behalf of the YAGM program. Jonathan Ecker, a Wausau native will also share his experience, having served in Uruguay. The YAGM program is for young adults 21-29 years old, who are interested in giving service to their church.

## **CONSTITUTION CHANGES FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

Copies of the Grace Lutheran Constitution with the proposed Constitution changes are in the Gathering Space. Contact the church office if you want an electronic copy of this. These are the changes made at the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, reviewed by Grace's Constitution Committee and recommended by Grace's Church Council. A summary of the changes was included in the January, 2017 newsletter

**TOMAHAWK EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**—The Food Pantry is currently in need of **tuna, cooking oil, soups, corn flakes, jelly, toilet paper, and laundry soaps**. Please place in the food pantry box in the Gathering Area. Thank you very much! *Bill & Carol Sparr*, Coordinators

**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.

## **FAMILY FUN DAY—JANUARY 29, 2017—CAMP FOREST SPRING**

Bring the whole family to Camp Forest Springs on January 29 at 12:00 noon or later! All are welcome! There will be downhill skiing, cross-county skiing, snowboarding, ice skating, tubing, and lots of fresh air. Join us and invite all your friends.

**PLEASE PICK UP your Memory Tree Ornaments.**

**ANNUAL MEETING—JANUARY 29, 2016**

Grace Lutheran’s annual meeting will take place Sunday, January 29, 2017 at **9:30 am**. A potluck brunch will follow the meeting. Please note that the meeting is on Sunday morning AND there will be no 10:45 worship.

- Attention Committees and Groups! It is never too early to prepare your reports for the Annual Meeting. **Please send your completed Annual Meeting report to the office on or before the deadline which is January 13, 2016.** Emailed reports will be especially appreciated! Email address – [dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org](mailto:dhetzel@gracetomahawk.org)
- Annual Report Format
  1. What did we accomplish this year?
  2. What remains to be done?
  3. What did we learn?
  4. What are next year’s goals?

**THE GLOW (GRACE LUTHERAN ON WEDNESDAY) YOUTH GROUP** consisting of twenty-seven 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy with service activities. On December 14 they were back at Golden Age Nursing Home, now known as Tomahawk Health Services, with their “Adopt A Grandparent” program. Together they made original Christmas cards and shared Christmas moments with the residents. Grace chaperones heard comments like, “We really enjoy your students” and “They are very well behaved.” The next service activity, on January 18, will be at the Tomahawk Food Pantry, located in the United Methodist Church. It is here that we hope to illustrate that real hunger is not someone else’s problem, but also exists in Tomahawk. Students will bring food items to be donated, and they will learn the practical workings of the Food Pantry by role playing the stocking and dispensing of items. Part of the hour will also be spent with Joshua Armstrong from *Young Adults in Global Mission*. He will share his experiences from his time in Lekubu and answer questions. Bill Sparr, Activity Director

**SPECIAL OFFERING IN JANUARY –LSS Homme Home**

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan traces its origin to 1882 when Rev. E.J. Homme opened a home for orphaned children in Wittenberg, Wisconsin. Grace Lutheran supported this effort almost from the beginning since serving others, especially the most vulnerable, was a foundational value of the Norwegian Lutherans settling in Wisconsin at that time.

More than a century later, both Grace Lutheran and LSS are still dedicated to sharing God’s love through programs and services that help people in need. LSS helps people all along the lifespan with services as essential as housing, as life-changing as adoption, as basic as providing a meal for someone who hasn’t eaten lately, as urgent as treatment for someone struggling with addiction, and as important as a comprehensive set of services for an individual, family or community. Grace Lutheran chooses to support these important efforts of LSS and we’re asking you to help.

Affiliated with congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, LSS welcomes and serves people of all faiths and backgrounds. The United Way also supports LSS and county and state governments pay for many of their programs. For brochures and more information about the many services offered by Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. go to [www.lsswis.org](http://www.lsswis.org)

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017** are available in the Gathering Area!!!  
**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are also available!  
**Please pick them up.**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

If we were asked to identify with a person in Scripture who best exemplified a life of service, some of us would possibly select the Apostle Paul. Out of love from Jesus and His love for Jesus, Paul lived a life of service to Him. Serving Jesus was the passion of his life. In Philippians 3:8, he wrote, *“Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him.”* With zeal, Paul made God’s purpose his purpose. In the same way that God empowered Paul to be a servant, He enables us to live lives of service. Receiving God’s love, we can respond with joy in service to Him by serving others.

<b>Our Financial Picture 2016</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	Nov. 2016 Receipts	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	\$30,858	\$24,267	<b>(\$6,952)</b>
Building Fund	\$5,076	\$9712	<b>\$4,636</b>
Total	\$35,934	\$33,979	<b>(\$1,955)</b>

**Weekly Financial News**  
 General Fund: \$12,996.00  
 Noisy Collection: \$41.84  
 Attendance: 130

<b>Year – To - Date</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	\$339,440	\$303,242	<b>(\$36,198)</b>
Building Fund	\$58,540	\$61,602	<b>3,062</b>
Total	\$397,980	\$364,845	<b>(\$33,136)</b>

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.

