

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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JULY 15 & 16, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

Sat. – 5:00 pm **Sun.** - 8:30 am - 10:00 am @ Schaefer's Wharf

WELCOME REV. JEAN DEVOLL-DONALDSON! We thank her for preaching today and for her desire to be with us and lead worship as our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission. There are 9,000+ congregations in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). For support and efficiency these congregations are grouped into sixty-five "synods". Each synod has both a Bishop and a Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM). The Bishop assists congregation in administrative details and the DEM assists congregations in being about God's mission. Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson is our East-Central Synod of Wisconsin's DEM. She has been very helpful in guiding Grace in our "Mission Culture" project, our annual "Congregation Retreat", and as a guide in Pastor Mark's sabbatical and current work on "Faith Formation in the 21st Century" with Vibrant Faith.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of John Bronsted who died July 13. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life. *(At this time we do not have funeral details.)*

BIG THANK YOU to Earl Thomas for making walking sticks for all the youth and adults participating in this year's Wilderness trip to Montana. We appreciate your hard work Earl.

WILDERNESS GROUP

Please keep the following youth and adults in prayer this week as they travel to Montana and hike in the Big Horn Mountains.

Serena Hanke	Carey Heikkinen	Brynn Beaumier	Brett Beaumier
Jen Beaumier	Maddie Carstensen	Renee Loka	Heidi Lemmer
Cade Lemmer	Craig Lemmer	Pastor Mark Ziemer	Brady Tjugum
Pat Tjugum	Margie Welke		

WELCOME RENEE LOKA, GRACE'S DIRECTOR OF CONFIRMATION

Renee Loka was approved at the June Council meeting and hired upon completion of all required legalities. She began on July 1 for this position which will average six hours per week. She is participating in the "Faith Practices Review" on Sunday leading the focus group on youth. Renee is also one of the adults on the Wilderness Trip in deepening her relationship with her niece Maddie Carstensen.

JULY NEWSLETTER

Pick up your copy in the Gathering Area, at Outdoor Worship, or see it online on our website:
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FAMILY FAITH PRACTICES REVIEW - JULY 16

The form used in Sunday's 45 minute review is included in the bulletin. Please come for coffee, donuts, and juice in the Fellowship Room immediately after 8:30 worship! With our "Ministry Team" now complete we sincerely desire your input both to examine what is working effectively for the growth and development faith in our children, youth and young adults, and second to rate how Grace is doing. Patti Gaedtke will meet with children ages 0-entering grade 5, and Wendy Black will meet with the parents of those children. Renee Loka will lead focus group for parents and youth in grades 6-12. Margie Welke will lead parents and young adults (ages 18-30). Pastor Mark will lead a focus group for grandparents, mentors, coaches, prayer partners and all others who relate with children, youth and young adults.

SAVE THE DATE – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JULY 31 to AUGUST 4

Grace Lutheran Church will again be partnering with United Methodist Church to bring VBS to children. This five days of faith-filled fun is available to *all* children age 3½ *through* having completed Grade 5.

Registration forms are available on our web site: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org and in the Gathering Area.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP PLANNING & VOLUNTEERS

Summer Outdoor Worship is underway! Your help as Usher, Assisting Minister, Reader, Offering Delivery, Singer (individual, small group, large group), and Musician (guitar, piano, or any other instrument that can be used to lead music) is greatly appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, sign-up on the poster in the gathering space, or contact the church office (715) 453-4066 or Lisa Elliott (715) 551-7444. Thank you!

HYMNALS—Inspired by this year's emphasis on worship and praising God, the Worship Committee is pursuing 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.

STEWARDSHIP—We make financial decisions daily. We decide whether to spend our money, give it, lend it, save it, or invest it, and we need to be diligent in the handling of our money. God expects us to be wise in the management of the money that He entrusts to us (Matthew 25:14-30). Because money is part of life, it's important to come to know what our Lord teaches us about it in His Word. While money itself is neutral, we can make it either a positive or negative part of our lives. When God has first place in our lives rather than our love for money, a big obstacle to an intimate relationship with Christ is eliminated.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JULY – LEKUBU CRECHE

Mosa Kgari, Director of Lekubu's Keromang Early Learning Centre, did the Children's Message at Grace, and sang a solo during last summer's visit. What joy to have a face and voice when we hear about the Lekubu Creche, how helpful to have heard her story and plans, and how effective and efficient now that Grace has direct ways to communicate with Mosa and the Creche!

"Creche" is another word for Lekubu's Early Learning Centre which serves children from six months up to four years of age. This month's special offering goes toward underwriting part of each child's tuition and improvements on the facilities. Since 2014 when Grace joined Lekubu in assisting with this ministry the number of children attending has grown considerably.

All money contributed for the special offering in July will go toward the general costs and needs of the Creche. Or, you may choose to sponsor a child at \$125 for the entire year (you may make a onetime payment or divide it up, e.g., \$10 each month – always indicate it is for "Child Sponsorship"). Or, you may designate it for a specific project at the Creche, e.g. "ceiling replacement." Mosa will choose the youngest children to match with those who choose to sponsor a child so that you may follow that child for several years if you choose. She will also update us on specific projects and send us pictures of the progress.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE
2017

	June 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
JUNE	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$25,278	\$31,357	(\$6,079)	\$25,797	(\$519)
Building Fund	\$4,944	\$5,076	(\$135)	\$5,076	(\$132)
Total	\$30,222	\$36,433	(\$6,211)	\$30,873	(\$4,701)
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Needed for Budget	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL SPENDING	RECEIPTS vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$166,252	\$188,144	(\$21,892)	\$165,505	\$747
Building Fund	\$29,753	\$30,455	(\$702)	\$30,455	(\$702)
Total	\$196,005	\$218,599	(\$22,594)	\$195,960	\$45

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$5,988
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$41.86
<u>Attendance</u> 282

July 15 & 16	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Mason Peck	Martin Schmidt	Child of God
Greeters	Lynn Brown Child of God	Pete/Lynn Wurl Zoellner Family	
Readers	Jim Nelson	Sandy Wick	Dan Schuller
Ushers	Ron Lueneberg Darwin Kluball	Chris/Ed Raasch Jack Lauder Steve Kahle	
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Al Overhaug	Wendy Black	
Communion Assistants		Megan Marcks Child of God	
Projection	Kirk Kind	Zach Volz	
Altar Guild Gail Wilson Sandy Redmond Dotti Anderson	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Video Delivery Nancy Bronsted	Projection Set-up Karen Torkelson

July 22 & 23	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Grace Witulski	Geena Wanta	Child of God
Greeters	Dan & Kay Salewske	Jim/Jan VanNorman Bill/Arlene Strand	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Darwin Kluball	Chris Raasch	
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	Ed/Chris Raasch Renee Raasch Marie Knipfer	Tom/Donna Stone
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Herbison	Shirley Derleth	
Communion Assistants		Dave/Cathy Schmit	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Katy Volz	
Altar Guild Gail Wilson Sandy Redmond Dotti Anderson	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Video Delivery Torkelsons	Projection Set-up Lisa Elliott

PURSES, JEWELRY, AND SCARVES—Do you have purses, jewelry, and scarves that are in excellent condition, but you just don't wear them anymore? **BRING THEM TO GRACE!** We are planning to open the **Grace Boutique** for two days in late August. Watch for the receptacles outside the church office to place your purses, scarves, and jewelry donations in.

MADRIGAL COURT SINGERS

Ascension Lutheran in Minocqua invites you to a concert on Sunday, July 30th at 1:00 pm. The concert, "Christmas in July," will feature the Madrigal Court Singers from the Holcombe United Methodist Church. Ascension Lutheran is located at 7937 Hwy 51, Minocqua WI. If you have questions, call (715) 588-3721.

