

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships*

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**JULY 16 & 17, 2016**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday** – 5:00 pm

**Sunday** - 8:30 am & 10:00 am Outdoor Service at Schaefer's Wharf

**THANK YOU TO** Earl Thomas for his ministry of making walking sticks! Earl gifted each person on the Congregation Trip with a walking stick. At the Outdoor Worship we are blessing the walking sticks as we send off thirty-six people leaving this week for Montana. This trip is a direct experience of Grace's mission: **PRAISING GOD** – in the wonders of amazing scenery in the Beartooth Wilderness; **SERVING OTHERS** – relying and needing each other in the backpacking and day hikes; **BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS** – growing and deepening cross+generational relationships. Three groups will travel on the same bus and have much time for interaction:

- **Confirmation Group** – seven youth are the center point of this experience: Abby Norman, Kamron Olson, Whitney Osero, Kaylie Svacina, Sam vonSchrader, Jacqueline Wick, and James Zastrow, along with nine parents: Jim Norman, Jim Olson, John Osero, Kerri Svacina, Mark & Mindy vonSchrader, Mike & Sandy Wick, and Paul Zastrow plus Pastor Mark.
- **Reunion Group** – Dale & Lisa Elliott, Bob & Jackie Leonhard, Marne & Steven Renn, David & Cathy Schmit with Hannah, Caitlyn and Cathy's brother Dan, and Ron Wilson.
- **Christikon Group** – Pastor & Joan Check, Sherry Clements, Mark & Patti Gaedtke, Pam Kopp and Claudia Ziemer.

## CONGREGATIONAL TRIP – Beartooth Wilderness, Montana

The group departs this Friday from Grace at 5:00 PM and will overnight at an ELCA church or a motel in Albany, MN. Saturday will be lots of bus time and storytelling with an overnight in Montana. At noon on Sunday all groups hope to be at Christikon or on the trail deep in the wilderness soaking in the mountain scenery, campfire conversations, star studded nights, and deep wilderness peace. Friday, July 29 the plan is to hike out and overnight in Billings, Montana. Saturday will be more storytelling on the bus with an overnight, wrap-up and tour at Concordia College, Morehead, MN and return to Tomahawk on Sunday, July 31.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GRACE JOIN THE SAFARI FUN!

Prayer Safari Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be August 8-12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for children age four through those having completed grade five. Lunch will be included.

**See registration forms in the Gathering Area, the July newsletter, and on our website! Bring a friend or three or four or more!!!**

**Deadline to Register: July 29, 2016**

## HELP WANTED FOR VBS

We are excited about our Vacation Bible School August 8-12 but we need your help. If anyone from Grade six through age 99 is interested in being involved, we can use your gifts! We need "guide" leaders for various age groups, group assistants, lunch coordinators, servers, game leaders, service project helpers, and music leaders. We will also need donations of various food and craft items. Please prayerfully consider being involved with this fun, faith-building event for our young people. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Patti Gaedtke by phone (715) 612-2000 or email [patti@gracetomahawk.org](mailto:patti@gracetomahawk.org).

**DRIVERS LICENSE MILESTONE – TUESDAY, JULY 19 – 6:00 PM**

All students entering tenth grade and parents are invited to a special Drivers License Milestone on July 19, from 6-7:00 pm, at Grace for a meal and special blessing. Whether you have your license, your temps, or are thinking about it, please come! This is a celebration, prayer, blessing and commending into God’s hands at this significant step in the lives of youth, parents and families. Please call the church office at (715) 453-4066 with a “yes” or “no”, or text Margie at (715) 966-5497.

**PARISH NURSE VOLUNTEERS**

Grace is beginning a Parish Nurse or also called Faith Community Nursing ministry. Professional health care workers are especially helpful for this. An example is Pat Jeske who as a recently retired RN wants to now “pay it forward” in using her skills and experience in a volunteer manner in the name of Christ and the church. Call the church office, Pat Jeske at (715) 804-0878 or Kari Kruger at (715) 453-8241.

**RUTH CIRCLE** is again assembling Fabric Kits for Lutheran World Relief. This year the requirements are: three yard pieces of cotton fabric or cotton blend fabric, and 250-300 yards of matching thread. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the labeled box outside the office door.

**SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS IN FULL SWING**—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 appreciated at any of the outdoor services. To volunteer, contact the church office (715)-453-4066 or Lisa Elliott(715) 551-7444. **You may also sign-up on the poster in the gathering space.**

**JULY SPECIAL OFFERING: SALVATION ARMY BACK PACK PROGRAM**

The Stewardship Committee has designated the July special offering to go to the Salvation Army Back Pack Program. Last year over forty-four back packs were distributed each week. With approximately forty percent of the students in the Tomahawk school system receiving free or reduced lunches, it is anticipated the need will be just as great this new school year. During the month of July any food donated for the Back Pack Program may be placed in the Food Pantry box in the Gathering Area.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**— As Christian stewards, we serve God out of gratitude for all He's given us, realizing that it's not how much we have, but what we do with what we have that is important to God. In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), we find three servants who were entrusted by their master with varying numbers of talents. The first who got five earned five more; the second who received two earned two more. The third received only one, and he buried it! His master called him wicked and lazy. Knowing that the master is Jesus, what should we be doing with our talents?!

**Have you checked your giving lately?** If you do, you will notice that giving is falling behind the monies needed to keep our budget balanced. *Is your pledge up to date?*

<b>Our Financial Picture 2016</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	June 2016 Receipts	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	30,858.21	26,324.65	<b>(4,533.56)</b>
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,461.00	<b>(516.89)</b>
Total	36,836.10	31,785.65	<b>(5,050.45)</b>
<b>Year – To - Date</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	185,149.24	164,474.29	<b>(20,674.95)</b>
Building Fund	35,867.34	30,156.41	<b>(5,710.93)</b>
Total	221,016.58	194,630.70	<b>(26,385.88)</b>

**Weekly Financial News**  
 General Fund: \$4,887.00  
 Noisy Collection: \$63.51  
 Attendance: 298

For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.

June Special Offering - Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service: \$772.00

July 16/17	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Erik Decker	Cayden Johnson	
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy Price Dar Clements	Paul Zastrow Family Terry/Jean Zoellner	
<b>Readers</b>	Darwin Kluball	Jesse Stromberg	Lynn Brown
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin Kluball Fritz Jach	Jack Lauder Steve Kahle Jerry Jagmin Dan Schuller	
<b>Nursery</b>		Maggee Renn	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Gail Wilson	Shirley Derleth	Marie Stark
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Jan & Larry Hagen	
<b>Projection</b>	Don Tinker	Jackie Elliott	
<b>Altar Guild</b> Kari Strebig Sandy Redmond Dotti Andersen	<b>Counters</b> Jim/Julie Dentler Herb Heyne	<b>Video Delivery</b> Nancy Bronsted	<b>Projection Set-up</b> Bill Zorr

July 23/24	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Morgan Hansmann	Allison Schmidt	
<b>Greeters</b>	Bernice Mitchell Rose Hoff	Pete/Lynn Wurl Family Tobias Family	Tom & Donna Stone
<b>Readers</b>	Sharon Lamer	Ruth Heyne	Dan Schuller
<b>Ushers</b>	Jeanette Lovsletten Peggy Price	George/Lynn Derleth Marie Knipfer Kirstin Marcks	Tom & Donna Stone
<b>Nursery</b>		Renee Raasch	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Wendy Black	Herb Heyne	Shirley Derleth
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Ruth Heyne <b>Child of God</b>	
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Margie Welke	
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