

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

*Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships*

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**JULY 23 & 24, 2016**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday** – 5:00 pm

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

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** go out to the family of Robert "Bobby" Kahle. Robert's funeral was Tuesday, (7/19) at Grace. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY** to Lowell & Rita Meidam in the death of Lowell's father Arthur Meidam. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

### WELCOME PASTOR NORM PETERSON!

Pastor Peterson will be preaching at all services this weekend. Pastor Peterson was born and raised in Chicago. His family moved to Fence Lake on the Lac du Flambeau reservation in 1969 while he was in college at Augustana Lutheran College, Rock Island, Illinois. He attended seminary at Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in 1976. During the summer of 1974 Pastor Norm served as the summer minister on the Floating Chapel which was on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. He and his wife Mary were wed during this time and two weeks after the wedding took the first of two 250-mile youth group bike trips through Upper Michigan, the Porcupine Mountains and Northern Wisconsin that summer. Over the years there was a total of forty bike trips, approximately 250 miles each. More than once these groups stayed at Grace. Pastor Norm served Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rhinelander for over 33 years beginning in June 1st of 1980 and retiring mid-September 2013. Since that time he has served as interim-minister and in other roles in the northern Great Lakes Synod.

### CONGREGATIONAL TRIP TO MONTANA

Thirty-six people, including Pastor Mark and Pastor Check, left on Friday for southern Montana. Sunday they arrive at Christikon Bible Camp where seven will remain and the rest will backpack into the Lake Plateau area in the Beartooth Wilderness. They are **PRAISING GOD** – in the amazing scenery in the Beartooth Wilderness; **SERVING OTHERS** – relying and needing each other in the backpacking and day hikes; **BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS** –deepening cross-generational relationships. Friday, July 29 they plan to begin their storytelling on the bus overnighting in Billings. Saturday they will worship and tour 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).

### PARISH NURSING – BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC—AUGUST 21

**You are invited to a Blood Pressure Screening after worship on Sunday, August 21. It is free of charge.** This is the first activity of Grace's new Parish Nurse or "Faith Community Nursing" ministry. It is a voluntary ministry providing free health care as allowed by state regulations. As Jesus healed the sick, raised the dead, cleansed the lepers, and cared for all in need so this is a ministry rapidly catching on in churches across the United States by which churches address the health needs of people in Jesus' name. To participate, learn or discuss more, call Pat Jeske at 715 804-0878 or the church office.

**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.**

**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.

**FUN WITH OLD BAGS!!!**

Do you have a purse or three stashed in your closet that you haven't used in a while?



Is the idea of tossing them painful? Are they in good condition?

**We have a solution for you. This fall we are having an OLD BAG SALE!**

The date will be announced in August. Please bring your clean, gently used purses and totes to Grace Lutheran for our sale. The proceeds will be given to the Salvation Army. **What a great way to bless those less fortunate.** Another benefit is a chance to get a "new" purse at a great price, and who doesn't love a new purse?

See the tote in the hallway by the offices to drop your purses.

**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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,836.10</b>	<b>31,785.65</b>	<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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>221,016.58</b>	<b>194,630.70</b>	<b>(26,385.88)</b>
June Special Offering - Lutheran Immigration Refugee Service: \$772.00			

<b>Weekly Financial News</b> General Fund: \$5,346.00 Noisy Collection: \$39.48 Attendance: 246
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For more information or details on the Financial Report, please contact Sherry Clements, Financial Reporter.

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	Al Overhaug	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>	Al Overhaug	Al Overhaug	Shirley Derleth
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>Children of God</b>	
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Margie Welke	
<b>Altar Guild</b> Kari Strebig Sandy Redmond Dotti Andersen	<b>Counters</b> Jim/Julie Dentler Herb Heyne	<b>Video Delivery</b> Brian Schmidt	<b>Projection Set-up</b> Keri Kelley

July 30/31	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Garrett Nelson	Riely Geiger	
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan/Kay Salewske	Kincaid Family John/Kari Krueger	
<b>Readers</b>	Nona Arthur	Chris Raasch	Shirley Derleth
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Schuller John Kromm	Chris/Ed Raasch Jim VanNorman Dar Clements	
<b>Nursery</b>		Brynn Beaumier	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Nancy Kind	Dave Schmit	Mary Wilke
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		<b>John Krueger</b>	
<b>Projection</b>	Kirk Kind	Lane Beaumier	
<b>Altar Guild</b> Kari Strebig Sandy Redmond Dotti Andersen	<b>Counters</b> Jim/Julie Dentler Herb Heyne	<b>Video Delivery</b> Stan Torkelson	<b>Projection Set-up</b> Chris Raasch

**THRIVENT CELEBRATES HOPE ON THE 400 BLOCK IN WAUSAU!**

Francesca Battistelli will perform in a free concert Sunday, August 7th at 5:00pm at the 400 Block in downtown Wausau! Bring your blankets or chairs and join us for this free concert! Fun family activities in the Kid Zone start at 2:30 pm. Come by for face painting, tattoos, a painting craft and photo booth. Live generously and bring a backpack or school supplies for Fill A Backpack, Fill A Need and you could win a cool back to school prize package!