

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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JULY 22 & 23, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of John Bronsted who died July 13. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, July 29th at 11:00 a.m. at Grace with a visitation from 9:30 until the time of the service. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - The theme for this year's VBS is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose". Grace will again be partnering with United Methodist Church July 31 - August 4 from 9:00am to 12 noon each day. Registration is free and open to ALL CHILDREN ages 3-1/2 through having completed Grade 5. Registration forms are in the Gathering Space.

VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS - Grades 6-12 are invited to be junior leaders, but we also need adults. A wide variety of gifts & talents are needed! Please contact the Church Office at (715) 453-4066 or Patti Gaedtke at (715) 612-2000 for more information. You are also invited to donate various **food items**. A complete list of our food needs can be found on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Monetary donations would also be extremely helpful. Thanks in advance for your help, donations, and prayers for another successful VBS!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP – “**Building a House for Cristina**” – **AUGUST 19 – 27**. Education & More is sending a team of 8 to Panajachel, Guatemala to help a young woman who lost everything, including 8 family members in a mudslide in 2010. Members of Grace have been so supportive through work and donations at the Church Ladies Diner, monetary contributions and prayers. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we near our trip date. You may ask questions or get further information by contacting Al Overhaug at church or cell, (715) 612-1111. Thank you and God Bless.

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 began on July 1 for this position which will average six hours per week. She participated in the “Faith Practices Review” last 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.

PICK YOUR OWN BLUEBERRIES – Karen Olson has blueberries to be picked at her home. If you are interested, please call her at, (715) 453-1173.

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	DIFFERENCE	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> \$5,087
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$28.18
<u>Attendance</u> 299

July 22 & 23	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Grace Witulski	Geena Wanta	
Greeters	Dan & Kay Salewske	Jim/Jan VanNorman Bill/Arlene Strand	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Darwin Kluball	Chris Raasch	
Ushers	George/Lynn Derleth	Chris/Ed 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

July 29 & 30	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Lander Schade	Amalie Kurth	
Greeters	Bernice Mitchell Peggy Price	Gary/Judi Calhoun	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers		Child of God	
Ushers		Jan/Larry Hagen Bill Erickson Jerry Jagmin	Tom/Donna Stone
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Jane Schuller	Al Overhaug	
Communion Assistants	Child of God	Margie Welke	
Projection	Jason Mielke	Child of God	
Altar Guild Gail Wilson Sandy Redmond Dotti Anderson	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Video Delivery Torkelsons	Projection Set-up Paula Norman

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.

