

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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JULY 29 & 30, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY go out to the family of Pastor Sherman Iverson who passed away July 26. Pastor Iverson was the pastor at Grace from 1979 to 1994. He was the husband of Evelyn. Visitation for Pastor Iverson will be Sunday, July 30, 2017 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Burnham-Ours-Kolstad Family Funeral Home at 206 Schofield Street, Chetek WI; the funeral service will be Monday, July 31, at Chetek Lutheran Church, 1419 2nd St, Chetek, Wisconsin 54728-9132

THANK YOU Nancy Pertmer for making baptismal cloths with crosses embroidered on them. Your needle skills are gratefully appreciated.

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. Al Overhaug, Georgeanne Crass, and Jason Mielke from Grace will be taking part in this trip. Thank you and God Bless.

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— There are two kinds of people. People who share nothing and serve no one act as terminals. They will end life unhappy, empty, and stagnant. Our purpose is to be channels so that God's love and goodness may flow through us. By His grace, God transforms us into generous givers willing to love, share, and serve others. Individuals who act as channels of God's love and gifts put self aside. Jesus said, *“Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water’ ”* (John 7:38). God refills serving people with more love, time, gifts, and abilities to share with others. *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work”* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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* August 26 & 27. See the insert in this bulletin for more information.

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.

Special Offering for August will be the Salvation Army Backpack Program.

OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE 2017

	June 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>JUNE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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> \$3,161.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$39.24
<u>Attendance</u> 223

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

August 5 & 6	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Molly Mott	Haley Liebelt Kate Derleth	Child of God
Greeters	Rose Hoff Al Overhaug	Pete/Lynn Wurl Ed/Chris Raasch	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Al Overhaug	Rita Meidam	
Ushers	Georgeanne Crass John Kromm	George/Lynn Derleth Dar Clements Marie Knipfer	Tom/Donna Stone
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Gail Wilson	Corey Colburn	Rhonda Grabow
Communion Assistants		Shirley Derleth Lynn Brown	
Projection	Karen Torkelson	Jackie Elliott	
Altar Guild Janet Hagen Darlene Henning	Counters Duane/Irene Strauss Chris Raasch	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Keri Kelley