

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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Praising God + Serving Others + Building Friendships

JULY 8 & 9, 2017

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (through Memorial Day)

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

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to make the EYG Brat Stand a success!!!
We appreciate your help with grilling, food and monetary contributions, and your support of our group.
God bless you all. *EYG (ELCA Youth Gathering) Group*

FAMILY FAITH PRACTICES REVIEW – JULY 16

This will be a 45 minute event immediately following 8:30 worship on July 16. “Family” in this event includes anyone who is directly involved in the life, growth, and influence of children from birth to age 18. This includes, parents, grandparents, godparents, coaches, etc. The two purposes of this review is to first examine what is working effectively for you to empower and support the growth and development of the child(ren) in your life, and second to determine how Grace might best support you. The guide for this review was developed by Leif Kehrwald in his work with hundreds of families and is included in the book *Families at the Center of Faith Formation*.

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 has begun! 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!

COME JOIN US FOR LUNCH—Each Wednesday throughout the summer, there will be a lunch gathering at the Garden of Giving from 12-1:00 pm. Bring your own sack lunch and join us for eating and fellowship. This is a time to relax, have lunch, and enjoy the beauty of the garden. You are also welcome to join in the weeding and harvesting before or after lunch and to help with delivery of produce to the food pantry after 1:00 pm.



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— Gambling can devastate an individual and families. Often those who can least afford it are the ones who spend the greatest portion of their incomes on gambling. When the gambler is addicted, God and family lose importance. Is there an eleventh commandment that says, “Thou shalt not gamble”? Of course not, but there are Biblical principles that gambling violates. The Bible warns us of the dangers of greed (Luke 12:15), selfishness, and the desire to get rich quick (1 Timothy 6:9-10). Gambling encourages greed and materialism. Gambling says, “I don’t appreciate what God has provided. I deserve and want more.” With God’s help, we can turn away from things of this world and fix our eyes on Jesus.

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

	May 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
APRIL	Receipts	Budget	vs BUDGET	SPENDING	vs SPENDING
General Fund	\$26,207	\$31,357	(\$5,150)	\$30,573	(\$4,366)
Building Fund	\$4,741	\$5,076	(\$335)	\$5,076	(\$335)
Total	\$30,948	\$36,433	(\$5,485)	\$35,649	(\$4,701)
	YTD	YTD	DIFFERENCE	YTD	YTD
YEAR-TO-DATE	Receipts	Needed for	DIFFERENCE	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
General Fund	\$140,974	\$156,787	(\$15,813)	\$139,794	\$1,180
Building Fund	\$24,809	\$25,379	(\$570)	\$25,379	(\$570)
Total	\$165,783	\$182,166	(\$16,383)	\$165,173	\$610

Weekly Financial News
<u>General Fund</u> \$10,123.34
<u>Noisy Collection</u> \$42.86
<u>Attendance</u> 243

July 8 & 9	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Eli Mullen	Sadie Leibelt Scout Stromberg	Child of God
Greeters	Sherry Thompson Dar Clements	Stromberg Family Zastrow Family	Tom/Donna Stone
Readers	Chris Raasch	Jessie Stromberg	Shirley Derleth
Ushers	Ed & Chris Raasch	Jerry Jagmin Don/Carolyn Halverson	Tom/Donna Stone
Nursery		Child of God	
Assisting Ministers	Mark Gaedtke	Dave Schmit	
Communion Assistants		Whitney Osero Al Overhaug	
Projection	Sue Meilke	Karen Torkelson	
Altar Guild Gail Wilson Sandy Redmond Dotti Anderson	Counters Jim/Julie Dentler Betty Hudson	Video Delivery Al Overhaug	Projection Set-up Chris Raasch

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	Christ/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

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. ALSO, we are featuring summer purses (for free will donations) until all of our "summer stash" is gone. More details on ***Grace Boutique*** to come.