

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

June 11 & 12, 2016

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday** – 5:00 pm

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

**THANK YOU** to the large number of folks who helped plant our community garden. People ages eight to eighty happily chipped in with planting. Our work is NOT DONE! Please come to help weed over the summer. The rows are clearly marked so won't have to guess where the veggies are planted. If you have questions, please call Margie at (715) 966-5497.

### **PASTOR POGISO MOTLHABANE IS COMING!**

Pastor Pogiso will come with the Madikwe Circuit. His Visa was approved. This is the young man that you – Grace Lutheran – paid his tuition for seminary in South Africa! He will be with us in Tomahawk only briefly, June 26-30. The remainder of the visit he will be hosted by the three congregations in the Green Bay Conference with which Bethanie Parish is matched. Pogiso also requests the following prayers - on the 9th of June until the 19<sup>th</sup>, "I will be in Asia with Bishop MM Dithale. I will be presenting a paper on Religious Freedom in the consultation of Bishops. May you please include this trip on your prayers that we travel safe and come back safe."

### **DATES OF LEKUBU VISIT: June 26 – July 10**

There are several ways to join in welcoming our sisters and brothers from South Africa and walking with them in this relationship:

- **Worship** at Grace on Saturdays July 2 and 9, and Sunday July 3. They are likely to sing and bring greetings.
- **Fellowship meals** at Grace at 6:00 PM after Saturday worship on July 2 and 9.
- **Concerts will be** July 5, 6:30 PM at Saint Andrews, Wausau and July 8, 6:00 PM Memorial Park, Tomahawk by the entire group from Madikwe Circuit visiting throughout our Wisconsin River Valley Conference.
- **Fare Well Worship** at 1:00 PM July 9, at St. John's, Marion led by Bishop Mansholt and involving all South Africans visiting throughout our synod.
- **HOST one or two South Africans in your home for two to three nights. Call Sandy to inquire (715) 224-3273.**
- **Show them Wausau** on July 5 from noon until they warm up for the concert at Saint Andrews.

Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space and at Outdoor Worship has ways to assist with food donations for and help with the free Brat Fry on July 8 for all Tomahawk. Thank you Thrivent for substantial funds for the Brat Fry!

**SEEKING DIRECTOR OF CONFIRMATION** - Mindy Gabrich, Grace's Director of Confirmation for the last 3 years, has resigned her position due to conflicts with her full time job. Thank you, Mindy, for your faithful ministry and passion for Jesus! Council is seeking to hire a replacement as soon as possible. This is a great ministry opportunity for anyone who enjoys working with 8th and 9th graders, nurturing their growing faith, and building relationships. The job requires an average of approximately 6 hours per week, and includes every Wednesday evening during the school year. For a complete position description and an application, please stop by the church office or download one from Grace's website. Deadline to return an application is Monday, July 11.

### **YOUTH RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM**

The relay takes place on June 25 from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. Youth from grades six through twelve can join our team. All money we raise will go to the American Cancer Society.

To join the Team, call Margie at (715) 453-5797 or (715) 966-5497, or come to the meeting.

**YOUTH LOCK IN—JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>—10:00 PM**—The lock-in will begin after the Relay for Life Walk. This event is for youth from grades nine to twelve. We will attend the 8:30 am church service in the morning and parents can pick up the youth after the service and join us for breakfast at the church.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – AUGUST 8 – 12, 2016**

VBS will be here before you know it! This year's theme is "Kingdom of the Son – A Prayer Safari." ALL children ages 4\* through grade 5 are welcome. Registration forms are available on the table under the youth bulletin board or on Grace's website: [www.gracelutherantomahawk.org](http://www.gracelutherantomahawk.org) – click on downloadable forms.  
\*4-year-old children: Birthdate must be before August 31, 2012

**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 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.**

**2016 SUMMER STUDY – JOIN IN DWELLING IN GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER!**

Start any time this summer. This is a great way to deepen faith, friends, and focus in life. Call the church office (453-4066 or go to [www.gracetomahawk.org](http://www.gracetomahawk.org) for help in forming or finding a group. Remember – keep it short (45 minutes). Find interesting locations – house, fire pit, golf course, biking, hiking, etc. And be diligent – every week with at least 15 minutes in prayer.

**SILENT QUILT AUCTION WINNER – JANE LUENEBERG!**

Stay tuned for the next quilt to be displayed for silent auction. Proceeds from the silent quilt auctions will toward the purchase of an automatic door opener.

**AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENERS**—The PPP guys want to pursue installing automatic door openers at the entrance to the church. **We need less than \$200 to complete the funding for this project.** If you are interested in supporting this, please designate your offering to "Door Opener." Any funds received over the needed amount will be used for other building related needs. We thank you for your support!

**GRIEF SUPPORT** resumed on **Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 am** in the lounge at Grace. It will continue on Saturday mornings for five weeks. If you have questions, please call Mona Cannady at (715) 453-5017.

**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.

**JUNE SPECIAL OFFERING – LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION REFUGEE SERVICE**

Today, for the first time since World War II, there are more than 50 million refugees in the world. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are celebrating the power of God's love to transform the lives of those fleeing horrifying danger. June is our month to consider the courageous and often perilous journeys made by millions of refugees and to prepare our hearts to welcome each newcomer in Christ's name and support their new life in America. See the June newsletter ([www.gracelutherantomahawk.org](http://www.gracelutherantomahawk.org)), to read more about this.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**—Jesus said to His disciples, as He speaks to us, *"Ask the Lord of the harvest...to send out workers into His harvest field."* It is God's will that all people come to salvation (2 Peter 3:9). The harvest field belongs to the Lord, and God will see that the people needed for the harvest will be available. God invites all of us to be His workers in the harvest field. He gives us the privilege of using our time and our talents as He involves us in this important work. Through Christ, we can do work that will be blessed into eternity. We begin this all-important work by praying for a successful harvest with many workers being sent into the harvest field.

**PEOPLE OF GRACE**—Do you look at the box in the bulletin regarding our financial picture? If you do, you will notice that giving is falling behind the monies needed to keep our budget balanced. Heading into summer, this is not a desirable position. Is your pledge up to date?

<b>Our Financial Picture 2016</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	April 2016 Receipts	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	30,858.21	23,417.76	<b>(7,440.45)</b>
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,124.06	<b>(853.83)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,836.10</b>	<b>28,541.82</b>	<b>(8,294.24)</b>
<b>Weekly Financial News</b>			
General Fund: \$8,845.50			
Noisy Collection: \$44.57			
Special Offering: \$240.00			
Attendance: 245			
<b>Year – To - Date</b>	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<b>Difference</b>
General Fund	123,432.82	108,041.61	<b>(\$15,391.21)</b>
Building Fund	23,911.56	20,135.41	<b>(\$3,776.15)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,344.38</b>	<b>128,177.02</b>	<b>(\$19,167.36)</b>

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

June 11/12	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Martin Schmidt	Grace & Ellie Witulski	
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Children of God</b>	Pete & Lynn Wurl Terry & Jean Zoellner	Tom & Donna Stone
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Kind	Cathy Schmit	Shirley Derleth
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kromm Georgeanne Crass	Dar Clements Bill Erickson, John Krueger Jack Lauder	Tom & Donna Stone
<b>Nursery</b>		Abby Norman	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Nancy Kind	Herb Heyne	Lisa Elliott
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Larry & Jan Hagen	
<b>Projection</b>	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman	
<b>Altar Guild</b> Judi Calhoun Paul Kurth Ken Kincaid	<b>Counters</b> Georgie Crass Sharon Reichert Dan Schuller	<b>Video Delivery</b> Roger & Kathy Cook	<b>Projection Set-up</b> Paula Norman

June 18/19	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Elijahh Mullen	Jade Wanta	
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan & Kay Salewske	Jessie/Jason Stromberg Family	Tom & Donna Stone
<b>Readers</b>	Jim Nelson	Jean Rae Paulson	Marie Stark
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Dettmering Fritz Jach	Don & Carolyn Halverson Don & Jeanne Rae Paulson	Tom & Donna Stone
<b>Nursery</b>		Renee Raasch	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Ruth Heyne	Shirley Derleth	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Brian & Cindy Storm	
<b>Projection</b>	Karen Torkelson	Lane Beaumier	
<b>Altar Guild</b> Judi Calhoun Paul Kurth Ken Kincaid	<b>Counters</b> Georgie Crass Sharon Reichert Mary Wilke	<b>Video Delivery</b> Nancy Bronsted	<b>Projection Set-up</b> Jackie Leonhard