

# GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

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**JUNE 17 & 18, 2017**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE** (through Memorial Day)

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

**OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY** go out to the family of Sharon Lamer who died June 12. Sharon was the wife of Lonn, mother of Michele (Tom) Kahle, Monte (Shirley) Lamer, and sister of Jane LeMay. Sharon's funeral will be Monday, June 19 at 11:00 am. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00 am. May they be comforted with the hope of eternal life.

## **WELCOME PASTOR JIM HOLMBERG**

Pastor Holmberg, Lutheran Social Services' Director of Church Relations will be preaching at Grace **next weekend, June 24 & 25**. LSS is the local affiliate of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services that does the work of refugee resettlement in Wisconsin. The June special offering may be designated for "Food Pantry" or for "Refugee Resettlement". The portion designated for "Refugee Resettlement" will go to LSS for their refugee resettlement and will be matched by Siebert Lutheran Foundation up to \$30,000.

## **BISHOP MANSHOLT'S INVITATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

Our synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt was one of a handful of people invited to address refugee resettlement on June 7. Admiral Hall, President Trump's National Security Advisor on International Organizations and Alliances, led this meeting seeking the input on this worldwide crisis from representatives of the nine agencies that work with the federal government on refugee resettlement. Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services (LIRS) is the second largest of these agencies and Bp. Mansholt is the ELCA Conference of Bishops' liaison to LIRS.

## **PHONING PASTOR JACK MOGALE**

If interested join in on the phone conversation with Pastor Jack Mogale on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Grace. He is the pastor of Lekubu Parish which is Grace Lutheran's assigned international companion. The Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is our synod's companion. All sixty-five ELCA synods have official "companion relationships" with an international church body as arranged by the Lutheran World Federation ([lutheranworld.org](http://lutheranworld.org)) and its 145 international members of which our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one. Our synod is planning to visit the Western Diocese in 2018.

## **SUMMER STUDY ON GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

Most of us long to spend more time in prayer and scripture. We'd love to learn to do that with greater comfort, understanding and commitment. Here's how – join Grace's Summer Study! There are no restrictions on who participates – age, membership, knowledge, background does not matter. Four things are important to make this experience work well: 1) form a small group of 2-4 people, 2) keep it to 45 minutes, 3) use the bookmark to guide you, or go to [www.gracelutherantomahawk.org](http://www.gracelutherantomahawk.org) 4) contact the Church Office with questions or help on finding people or the procedure. You can find the bright green bookmarks in the Gathering Area.

## **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](http://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.

**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.

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR JUNE – FOOD PANTRIES AND/OR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**

In June the special offering will offer both a local and global option. You have the opportunity to choose to give to either the local food pantries – Nokomis and Tomahawk – or to LSS that does the work of refugee resettlement in Wisconsin.

**Food Pantries**

- **The Nokomis Food Pantry** is located at the Town Hall in the old firehouse. The pantry distributes groceries and some sundries to those in need. Folks who find themselves in a tight spot and in need of a little assistance are encouraged to contact Bette Stillman at 453-2415 or 612-2947 to make arrangements to meet you at the Town Hall.
- **Tomahawk United Methodist Church Food Pantry** serves Lincoln County residents in need who meet minimum requirements. Call United Methodist church office for more information at (715) 453-4378.

**Refugee Resettlement**

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) is one of nine approved organizations that work with the United States government that both cares for refugees and also does a thorough, multi-layered and comprehensive vetting process before any refugee is admitted into the United States. LSS (Lutheran Social Services) is the local affiliate of LIRS that does the work of refugee resettlement in Wisconsin.

**Challenge Match from Seibert Foundation**

Siebert Lutheran Foundation is matching up to \$30,000 donations given to LSS for resettlement. Rev. James Holmberg, LSS Director of Church Relations will be at Grace June 24-25 to explain the work of LSS and LIRS. Special offerings designated for refugee resettlement in June will be sent to LSS for this refugee resettlement work and eligible for this match

**OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE**  
**2017**

	May 2017	Needed for	RECEIPTS	ACTUAL	RECEIPTS
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>vs BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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	YTD	YTD	YTD
<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Needed for</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
		<u>Budget</u>		<u>SPENDING</u>	<u>vs SPENDING</u>
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

<b>Weekly Financial News</b>
<u>General Fund</u> \$4,388.00
<u>Noisy Collection</u> 25.78
<u>Attendance</u> 205

<b>June 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:00 am Outdoor</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Morgan Hansmann	Trey Baalke Ethan Traves	
<b>Greeters</b>	Dan/Kay Salewske	Paul/Dotti Andersen Fran Anderson	Tom/Donna Stone
<b>Readers</b>	Darlene Wurl	Renee Raasch	Marie Stark
<b>Ushers</b>	Kirk/Nancy Kind	Steve Kahle Jack Lauder Jan & Larry Hagen	Tom/Donna Stone
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Child of God</b>	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Nancy Herbison	Wendy Black	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Margie Welke <b>Child of God</b>	
<b>Projection</b>	Karen Torkelson	Karen Torkelson	
<b>Altar Guild</b> Judi Calhoun Paul Kurth Ken Kincaid	<b>Counters</b> Georgie Crass Sharon Reichert Dan Schuller	<b>Video Delivery</b> Nancy Bronsted	<b>Projection Set-up</b> Paula Norman

<b>June 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:00 am Outdoor</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ellie Witulski	Robin Schmidt Allison Schmidt	
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy Price Bernice Mitchell	John/Kari Krueger Tobias Family	Rich & Leslie Johnson
<b>Readers</b>	Kathy Wolff	Cathy Schmit	Rhonda Grabow
<b>Ushers</b>	George/Lynn Derleth	Kirstin & Megan Marcks Don & Carolyn Halverson	Rich & Leslie Johnson
<b>Nursery</b>		<b>Child of God</b>	
<b>Assisting Ministers</b>	Jane Schuller	Al Overhaug	Mary Wilke
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Dave & Cathy Schmit	
<b>Projection</b>	Jason Mielke	Paula Norman	
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**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.