

GOOD NEWS FROM GRACE

June 4 & 5, 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:00 pm

Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:00 am Outdoor Service

THANK YOU to the Prayer Paint Pound & Pie guys for coming to my rescue this week. *Karen Olson*

A BIG THANK YOU for the lovely retirement party. I was overwhelmed with everyone's best wishes. Special thank you to Leanne, Carol, and Corky for putting together the refreshments and decorations, and the Tuesday Quilters for all the delicious desserts. Thanks to Debbie & Sarah for planning this for me. Thank you for all the gift cards, monetary gifts, plaque, jewelry and beautiful flowers. I have been blessed by the Grace family with kindness over the years as your church custodian. I am enjoying retirement, but miss everyone. God bless you all! *Darlene Anderson*

THANK YOU FOR CONVERSATIONS WITH PASTOR SENNA!

To the Young Adults at Pine Tree, Men's Breakfast at Ingman's Parkway, Darlene Wurl, Grace staff, and Aspirus Hospice ministry – for your conversation with Pastor Senna from South Africa. He visited Tomahawk briefly on his way to the Shawano Conference. Pastor Senna is Dean of the Moretele Circuit and is visiting Shawano Conference to plan his Circuit's visit in 2017. Pastor Karla Kirkeby also hosted him in gratitude to his having hosted her during the 2013 Synod Visit to the Western Diocese. Pastor Karla sends her greetings to Grace.

PASTOR POGISO MOTLHABANE IS COMING!

Please pray for his Visa interview on June 8. As long as he is approved for a VISA Pastor Pogiso will come with the Madikwe Circuit. 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 19th 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.

GARDEN PARTY HELP NEEDED – Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 pm

Weather permitting, we will plant our Community Garden this Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 pm. No experience necessary. We need folks to help plant, rake, and make labels/tags for each row.

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. We will meet on June 8th at 4:00 pm to discuss raising money for the team and to sign up for walking times. 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 25TH—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.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP! This weekend is the first of our summer outdoor worships! 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.**

SUMMER STUDY 2016 - Join us in dwelling in God's Word and prayer!

Go to: www.gracelutherantomahawk.org. Each week, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Grace Church Council invites you to dwell in God's Word and prayer! Please join us in attuning ourselves in listening to God, opening ourselves to others, and learning to anchor ourselves in God's mission and call!

Three steps:

1. **Invite one or two people to join you** in this reading, reflection, and prayer. Preferably choose people outside of your family.
2. **Meet for 45 minutes each week** to reflect on the reading and to pray. It is very important and helpful to spend at least 15 minutes in prayer.
3. **Keep notes**, if possible, of your reflections and prayer concerns. This will help you see the progress in your reflection and prayer time.

When to meet: This is up to you – whether 6:30 a.m. at the coffee shop, noon at work, or whenever.

Procedure: Each time you meet do the following:

- A. **Check in** (5-10 minutes): How's it going? What's going on? The conversations we naturally do.
- B. **Conversation on the reading** (20-25 minutes): There are specific questions for each week.
- C. **Prayer:** at least 15 minutes of prayer together

How to find people, guidance and support:

- There is much more information on the Grace website at www.gracelutherantomahawk.org
- Call the church office with any questions or for suggestions of people with whom to meet.
- There will be a bookmark and a "Question & Answer" sheet in the bulletin and in the Gathering Space.

SILENT QUILT AUCTION – NEW QUILT!!

The 58" x 75" quilt in the Gathering Space has been "finished" by the Tuesday morning quilters. The material was donated by the family of Doris Collins. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of an automatic door opener at Grace Lutheran. Please write your bid on the sheet provided. **Bidding closes this Sunday, June 5.**

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.

AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENERS

The PPP guys want to pursue installing automatic door openers at the entrance to the church. We need about \$1,400 more 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!

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.

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?

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), to read more about this.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER— God has provided a support system for us as Christians through His Body, the Church. Within this Body, we participate together in Word and Sacrament along with speaking words of exhortation and encouragement to one another. *"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing"* (1 Thessalonians 5:11). It is necessary at times to speak Law in order to correct and discipline, and it is essential to speak Gospel to bring forgiveness and peace to the repentant. Fulfilling these duties complies with the command we receive through Paul who tells us, *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen"* (Ephesians 4:29).

Our Financial Picture 2016	Needed for Monthly Budget	April 2016 Receipts	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	30,858.21	23,417.76	(7,440.45)
Building Fund	5,977.89	5,124.06	(853.83)
Total	36,836.10	28,541.82	(8,294.24)
Year – To - Date			
	Needed for Monthly Budget	2016	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	123,432.82	108,041.61	(15,391.21)
Building Fund	23,911.56	20,135.41	(3,776.15)
Total	147,344.38	128,177.02	(19,167.36)

Weekly Financial News
General Fund: \$7,675.00
Noisy Collection: \$35.53
Attendance: 265

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

June 4/5	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Cayden Johnson	Geena Wanta	
Greeters	Sherry Thompson Lynn Brown	Ed & Chris Raasch Dave & Cathy Schmit	Tom & Donna Stone
Readers	Nona Arthur	Chris Raasch	
Ushers	Dar Kluball Jeanette Lovsletten	Wick Family	Tom & Donna Stone
Nursery		Kaylie Svacina	
Assisting Ministers	Gail Wilson	Al Overhaug	
Communion Assistants		Margie Welke Al Overhaug	Mary Wilke
Projection	Jason Mielke	Zach Volz	
Altar Guild Judi Calhoun Paul Kurth Ken Kincaid	Counters Georgie Crass Sharon Reichert Dan Schuller	Video Delivery Harold & Audrey Pedersen	Projection Set-up Karen Torkelson

June 11/12	5:00 pm	8:30 am	10:00 am Outdoor
Acolytes	Martin Schmidt	Grace & Ellie Witulski	
Greeters	Children of God	Pete & Lynn Wurl Terry & Jean Zoellner	Tom & Donna Stone
Readers	Darlene Wurl	Cathy Schmit	
Ushers	John Kromm Georgianne Crass	Dar Clements Bill Erickson, John Krueger Jack Lauder	Tom & Donna Stone
Nursery		Abby Norman	
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Kind	Herb Heyne	
Communion Assistants		Larry & Jan Hagen	
Projection	Sue Mielke	Paula Norman	
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